

# Wiltshire Playing Pitch Strategy Needs Assessment

NEEDS ASSESSMENT

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**Glossary of Terms**

AGP	Artificial Grass Pitch(es)
ANOG	Assessment of Needs and Opportunities Guide
APS	Active People Survey(s)
DPD	Development Plan Document(s)
ECB	England and Wales Cricket Board
EH	England Hockey
FA	Football Association
FIFA	Federation of International Football Associations
NPPF	National Planning Policy Framework
PPS	Playing Pitch Strategy
RFU	Rugby Football Union

**PART A: GENERAL**

# 1.0 INTRODUCTION

## Description of report

1.1 This is one of several documents that comprise a wider open space, sport and recreation study for Wiltshire. It considers the provision of playing pitches for the community.

## Study Overview

1.2 The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) requires local planning authorities to set out policies to help enable communities to access high quality open spaces and opportunities for sport and recreation. These policies need to be based on a thorough understanding of local needs for such facilities and opportunities available for new provision.

1.3 In view of the above, in 2014 Wiltshire Council appointed Ethos Environmental Planning in conjunction with Leisure and the Environment to produce a new open space, outdoor sport and recreation audit and assessment- a needs assessment and strategy to inform the decision making process up to 2026.

1.4 This report is a needs assessment covering the supply of and demand for playing pitch sports within Wiltshire. The Needs Assessment underpins a Playing Pitch Strategy (PPS) for Wiltshire. The PPS will cover the four key pitch sports of football, cricket, hockey, and rugby. Other pitch sports, have a relatively insignificant demand for space within the local authority, and tend to be provided on a restricted access basis, as they are available primarily for education or MoD personnel use.

## Vision and Objectives

1.5 The vision is “To achieve the best possible quality, quantity, and type of playing pitch provision to meet the varying needs of Wiltshire’s residents, throughout the local authority area.”

1.6 The objectives are:

- To develop a playing pitch strategy following the Sport England methodology that will:
- Provide an evidence base to underpin the statutory land-use planning process in respect of its forward planning and development control functions.
- Underpin a range of council policies and strategies, and especially the development plan framework; leisure strategies; and community infrastructure plans.
- Inform the council in its negotiation and securing of Section 106 agreements, and other developer contributions.
- Help in the overall management, protection, improvement and conservation of the playing pitch stock to the best advantage of the residents of Wiltshire.

1.7 The agreed time-horizon will be to 2026.

## Methodology

1.8 In terms of that part of the assessment dealing with playing pitches, the appropriate guidance to follow is provided by Sport England in its ‘Playing Pitch Strategy Guidance’ which is explained in Section 2.

1.9 The report is made up of **3 Parts and 10 main** sections:

- **Part A** contains three overarching sections relevant to all parts of the report: (this) Introduction, methodology, and context;
- **Part B** contains an overview section of pitch provision in general within the local authority; and, four sports specific sections dealing with key pitch sports of football, cricket, rugby, and hockey. The local authority has been divided into 18 sub areas reflecting the 18 Community Areas that have been established within the local authority; and, help promote local democracy and identify diverse local needs.
- **Part C** has two separate sections offering a strategy and action plan for playing, and this is a separate volume.

### **A remit that is based on Community Need**

1.10 Fundamentally, this report is an assessment of community needs for playing pitches of various kinds. Facilities required specifically by institutions, such as schools, and the Ministry of Defence (MoD), are only covered by this report if they also have a (potential) secondary function in meeting wider community needs. In parts of the country where recreation land is in short supply and expensive to create, the dual use of facilities to meet a variety of needs can be highly cost-effective.

### **A 'snapshot in time'**

The sporting landscape of Wiltshire is always changing- clubs and teams come and go, and facilities change. This strategy is based on a needs assessment that used data from a certain point in time. Already things have moved on. Improved sports infrastructure at sites in Royal Wootton Bassett and Calne (for example) are acknowledged in this document, but could not be fully incorporated. The Woolmore Farm development was nearing completion at the time of the audit. This will lead to the transfer of Melksham Rugby Club and Melksham Town Football Club from the Conigre site in Melksham to Woolmore Farm in Autumn 2016. For the purposes of continuity and to avoid duplication of club, team and usage analysis within the documentation, usage of Conigre (and Melksham Oak Community School by the football club), will be retained, but data projections will be given where feasible and reference made to the fact that this significant change will be taking place. The first refresh of the documentation will account fully for this change. Similarly, there are other planned changes in provision which are acknowledged but for which plans are not yet finalised, and therefore details of proposals and teams using them cannot be provided in this project. More generally, grass pitch sizes (for football in particular) can be remarked to meet changing age group needs. Sites can also become more or less heavily used as team numbers change.

**What is community use?**

At its simplest 'community use' is a term that is used to describe the extent to which a given sport or recreation facility is available for use by members of the general community- either on a pay-as-you go informal basis, or as part of an organised club or group.

In practice, the above definition of community use will include a wide range of management regimes whose admission policies will span informal 'pay-as-you-go' access, by the general community; and, through to use by organised clubs and groups by booking or longer-term agreements etc. Whether, individual facilities are considered to be available for significant community use depends of several factors, including:

- Type of facility (and whether its size and design might be of use to the community at large, or at least significant groups within the community);
- The cost of using facilities, and whether these might generally be considered to be affordable;
- The times and days of availability (times of most demand for the general community are likely to be in the evenings and at the weekends, as well as during mid-week lunchtime (a popular for people at work).
- The extent to which such use by the community is 'assured' over the longer-term.

In terms of utility for the general community different facilities will therefore have diverse value by nature of because of their varying scale, location, and management/pricing policies. This is not to deny the importance of other smaller provision for local clubs and groups, as well as those residents who prefer to pay for access to private/commercial facilities.

Determining which facilities offer a significant level of community use is therefore a matter of judgement.

In the context of this needs assessment the following categorisation has been used.

<b>A</b>	Sites available for community use and used
A1	<i>Local authority</i>
A2	<i>Club</i>
A3	<i>Education</i>
<b>B</b>	Sites available for community use and used
<b>C</b>	Sites unavailable for community use
<b>D</b>	Sites last used as playing pitches but currently unused, although undeveloped.

## 2.0 METHODOLOGY

### General

2.1 This Assessment has used current Sport England Playing Pitch Strategy (PPS) guidance as a methodology.

### The PPS Guidance (See Appendix 1 for a fuller description)

2.2 Sport England (Playing Pitch Guidance: an approach to developing and delivering a playing pitch strategy) 2013 advocates a 10 step approach to developing a PPS (divided in 5 discrete stages)

2.3 Under the PPS methodology, these 10 steps are linked under 5 stages as follows:

<b>Stage A</b>	Step 1	Prepare and tailor the approach
<b>Stage B</b>	Step 2	Gather supply information
	Step 3	Gather demand information
<b>Stage C</b>	Step 4	Understand the situation at individual sites
	Step 5	Develop the current and future pictures of provision
	Step 6	Identify the key findings
<b>Stage D</b>	Step 7	Develop the recommendations and action plan
	Step 8	Write and adopt the strategy
<b>Stage E</b>	Step 9	Apply and deliver the strategy
	Step 10	Keep the strategy robust

2.4 As mentioned, this Assessment was conducted as part of a wider dealing with Open Space, Outdoor Sport and Recreation within Wiltshire. A great deal of consultation and site audit work was conducted as part of this wider project, and the playing pitch Needs Assessment has made best use of this work, so as to avoid duplication of effort and conserve resources. In particular, there was coordination of effort in respect of consultation, and site audits and quality assessments, where possible.



## 3.0 CONTEXT

### General

3.1 This section includes important contextual information about Wiltshire Council relevant to the analysis contained in this report. It considers:

- The current demographic character of the local authority, and how it is likely to change in the coming years,
- A review of the particular characteristics of the population in respect of how this influences people's inclination to take part in sport and active recreation.
- A brief review of the policies and priorities of the local authority, as well as other key stakeholders and that have relevance to planning for sport and recreation within the local authority.
- An understanding of the local strategic context, population and sports participation trends is essential in order to ensure that facility provision is tailored to the characteristics, profile and aspirations for the local area.

### Population

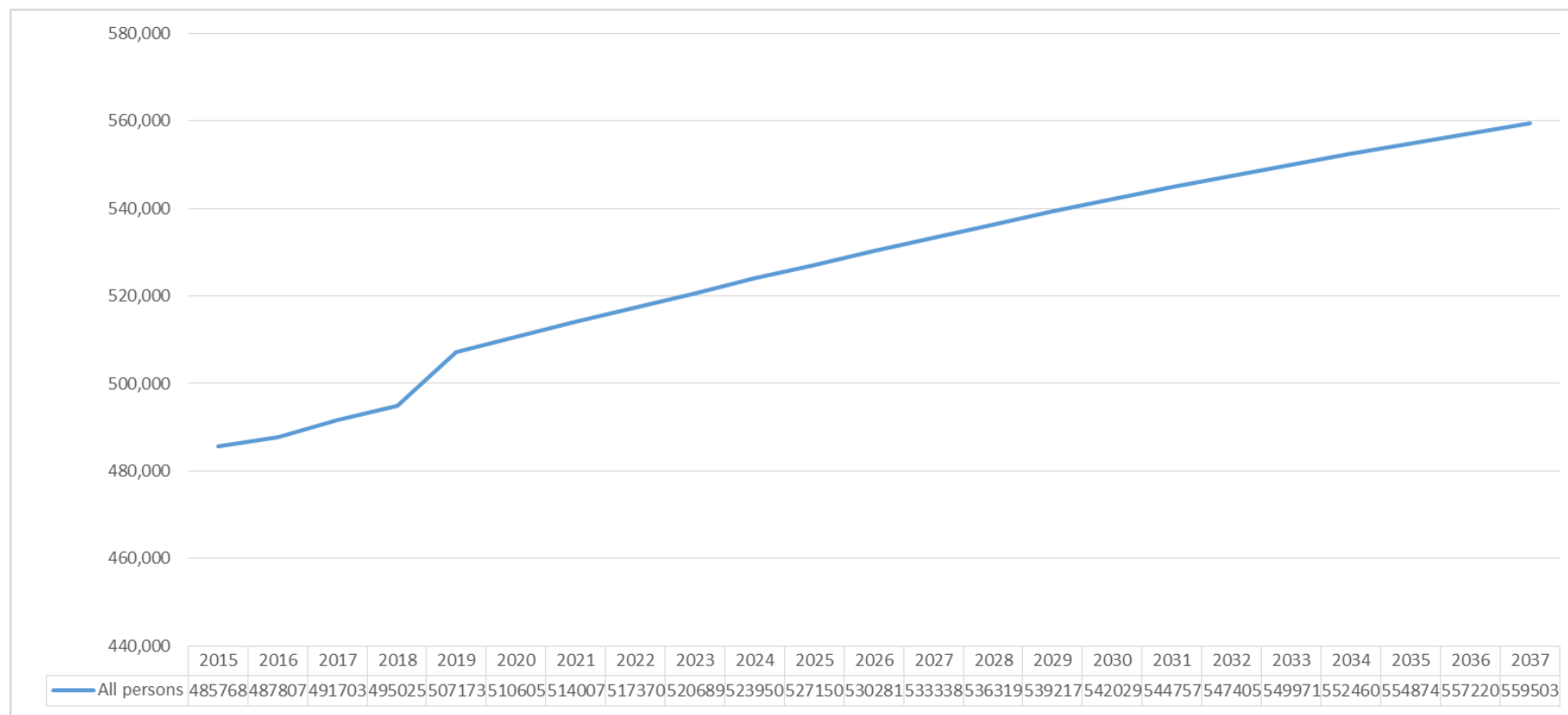
3.2 As at 2015 the Wiltshire Council area was estimated to have a population of 485,768. This figure is based upon population projections commissioned by the Council<sup>1</sup>. The same projections calculate that by the year 2026 the population will have increased to 530,281. This figure is itself only based upon previous trends, and does not necessarily take into account the impact of planned new residential growth yet to be determined.

3.3 **Figure 3.1** shows the overall predicted change in the general population level, up to and beyond 2026, and up to 2036 where the population is projected to increase to 559,503.

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<sup>1</sup> From a forecast produced by Wiltshire Council on 12/05/2015 using POPGROUP software developed by Bradford Council, the University of Manchester and Andelin Associates

**Figure 3.1: Changing local population<sup>2</sup>**

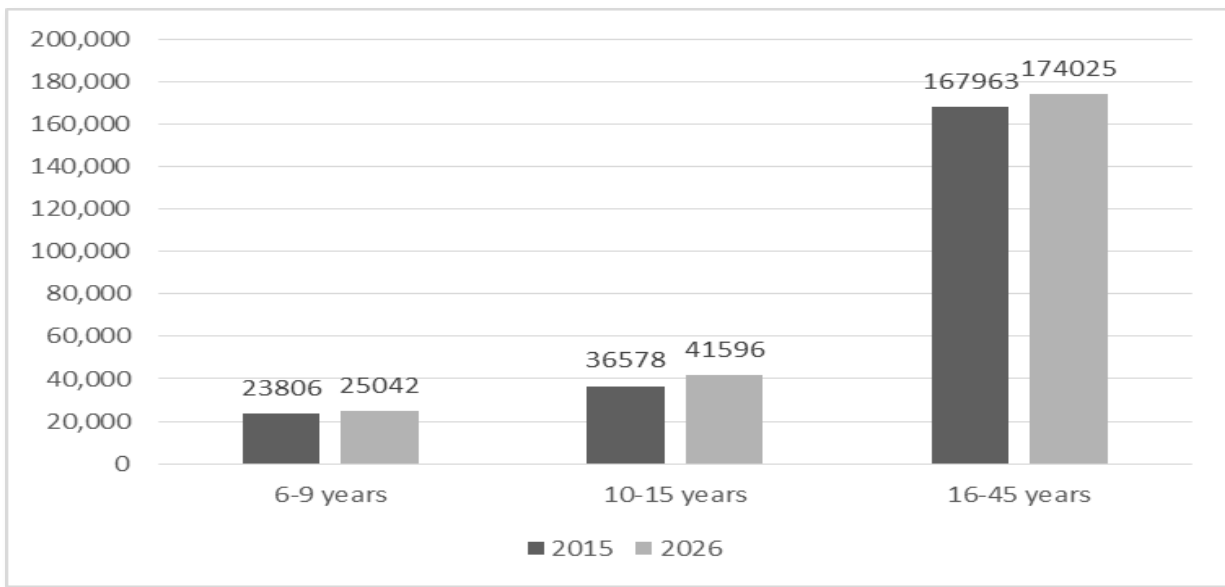


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<sup>2</sup> The step-change increase projected for around 2018-19 is as a result of Army Rebasing and the planned move of over 4,000 service personnel and their families.

3.5 As 'pitch sport' participation is dominated by the younger age groups it is very important to examine the likely changes in the relevant cohorts and these are shown between 2015 and 2026 in **Figure 3.2** below. The figure shows the change in overall populations between 2015 and 2026 for age groupings for, as an example, football (used by the Football Association (FA) to determine team and pitch sizes). FA age groupings have been used here because they tend to be quite similar for all major pitch sports, although cricket tends to retain participation amongst older players for longer than other pitch sports.

**Figure 3.2: Overall change in football age groups 2015 to 2026.**



*Compiled from a forecast produced by Wiltshire Council on 12/05/2015 using POPGROUP software developed by Bradford Council, the University of Manchester and Andelin Associates*

3.6 Although Figure 3.1 suggests an overall population increase of around 8.4% between 2015 and 2026, Figure 3.2 suggests:

- 4.5% for 16-45 years
- 16% for 10-15 years
- 5% for 6-9 years
- 5.1% for 6-45 years overall

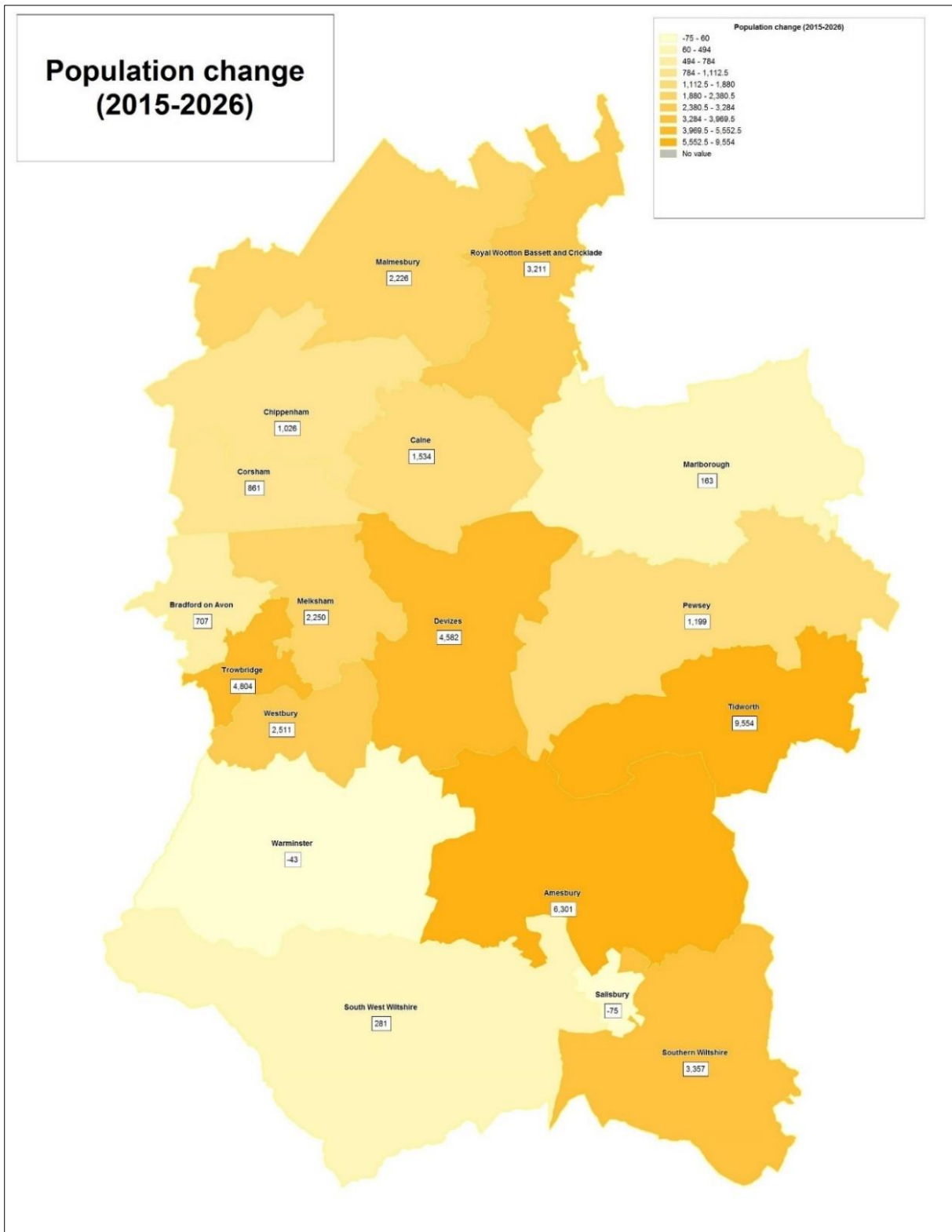
3.7 Generally speaking, the rate of rise in population within the pitch sport playing age groups will be lower than that for the population as a whole within Wiltshire. The overall, and cohort-specific rates of change will however vary across the Council area, and the former are shown by Community Area (CAs) below (**Figure 3.3 and Map 3.1**). Much of the change in Tidworth will be accounted for by movements of military personnel and their dependents.

**Figure 3.3: Population change by CA (2015-2026)<sup>3</sup>**

<b>Community Area</b>	<b>2015 population</b>	<b>2026 population</b>	<b>Population change (2015-2026)</b>
Salisbury	41,703	41,628	-75
Warminster	24,758	24,715	-43
Marlborough	18,142	18,305	163
South West Wiltshire	21,986	22,267	281
Bradford on Avon	18,293	19,000	707
Corsham	21,103	21,964	861
Chippenham	45,761	46,787	1,026
Pewsey	14,286	15,485	1,199
Calne	23,760	25,294	1,534
Malmesbury	20,104	22,330	2,226
Melksham	29,288	31,538	2,250
Westbury	20,505	23,016	2,511
Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade	30,083	33,294	3,211
Southern Wiltshire	23,272	26,629	3,357
Devizes	33,743	38,325	4,582
Trowbridge	43,638	48,442	4,804
Amesbury	34,292	40,593	6,301
Tidworth	20,971	30,525	9,554

<sup>3</sup> Compiled from a forecast produced by Wiltshire Council on 12/05/2015 using POPGROUP software developed by Bradford Council, the University of Manchester and Andelin Associates

Map 3.1: Population change (2015-2026)<sup>4</sup>

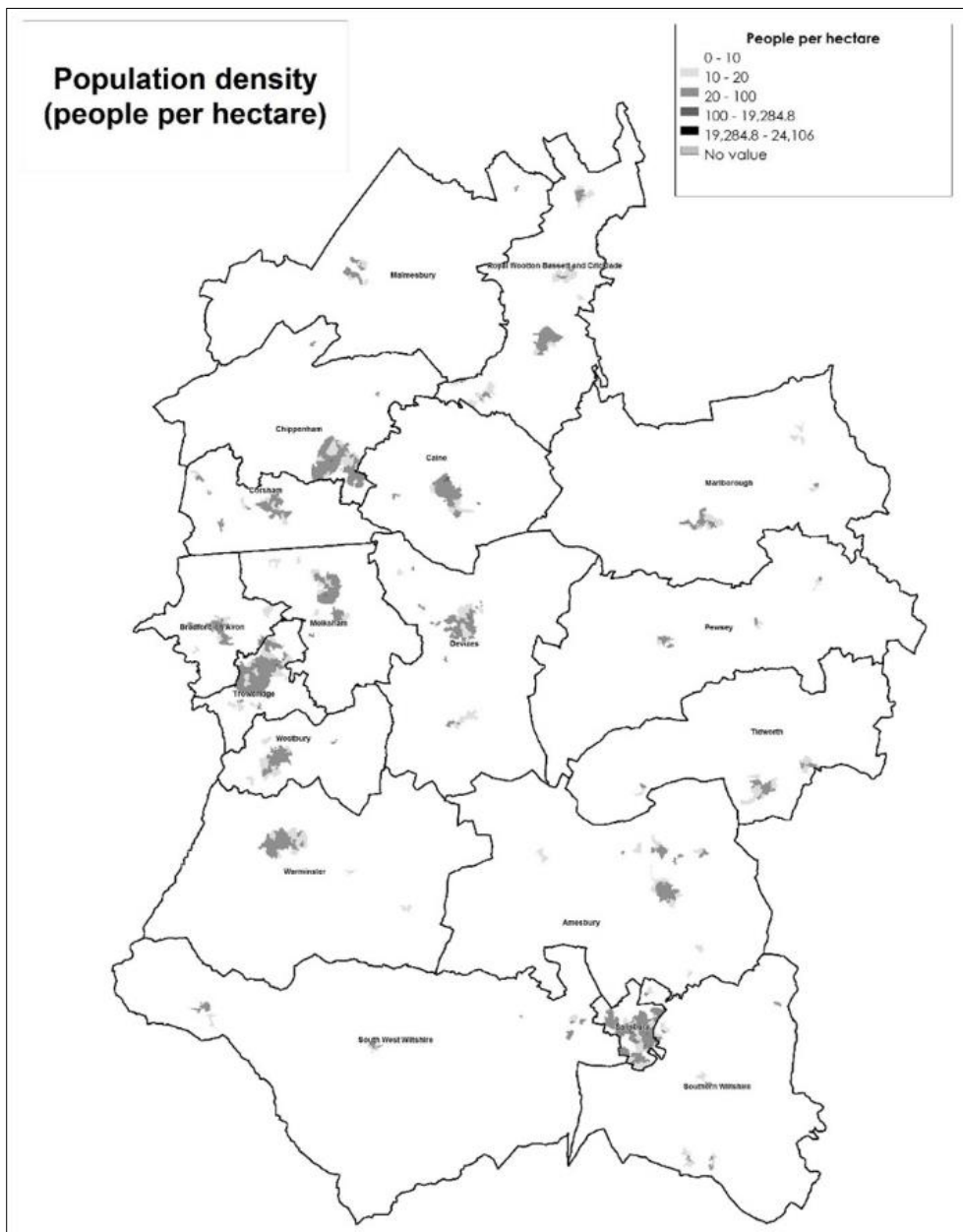


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3.8 Existing and potential need for playing pitches and other outdoor sports will be influenced by the distribution of the population throughout the local authority. All other things being equal, the more densely populated an area, the more potential need there will be for access to sports opportunities. The areas with the highest concentrations of population, are often those where it is difficult to find the space to provide additional facilities.

3.9 **Map 3.2** below shows the overall distribution of population within the local authority (and is based on population data available from the Census Output Area level from the 2011 Census).

**Map 3.2: Population density (based on 2011 Census)**

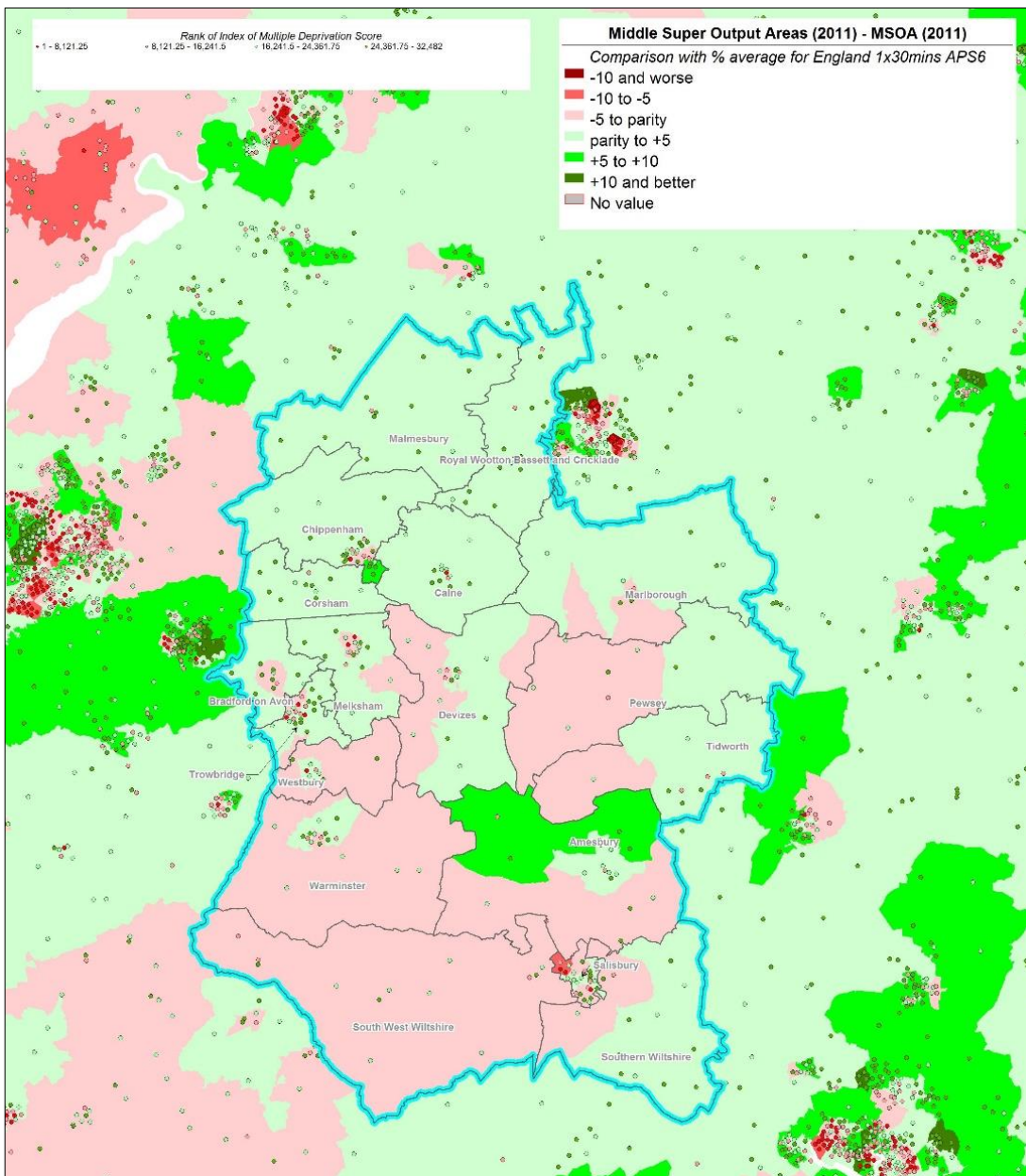


3.10 Perhaps the most striking characteristic of Wiltshire is its size, and the distances that therefore may need to be covered from rural areas to access sports facilities in general.

**Local participation levels in sport and active recreation**

3.11 The Sport England Active People surveys have now been running for several years. Further details of the Active People Surveys (APS) are contained in **Appendix 2**. Essentially, the analysis is based on a regular sample survey of participation by the adult public aged 16 years and over. The sequence of surveys has now reached Active People year eight (AP9). Data have been released by Sport England allowing for independent mapping of participation rates to a local Census Middle Super Output Area for APS 6. The results of this mapping are shown on the following **Map 3.3**.

**Map 3.3: Levels of sports participation and deprivation (sports participation is measured for the adult population (at least 1 x 30 minutes/week))**



3.12 Research has shown that there is a high correlation between levels of deprivation, and participation levels in sport and recreation.

3.13 Consistent with the relatively high levels of affluence enjoyed by most local residents, rates of regular participation in sport and active recreation are generally higher, and often significantly higher, than the national averages for England. However, the geographical areas where participation rates appear lower than those for England as a whole are where levels of measured deprivation are highest.

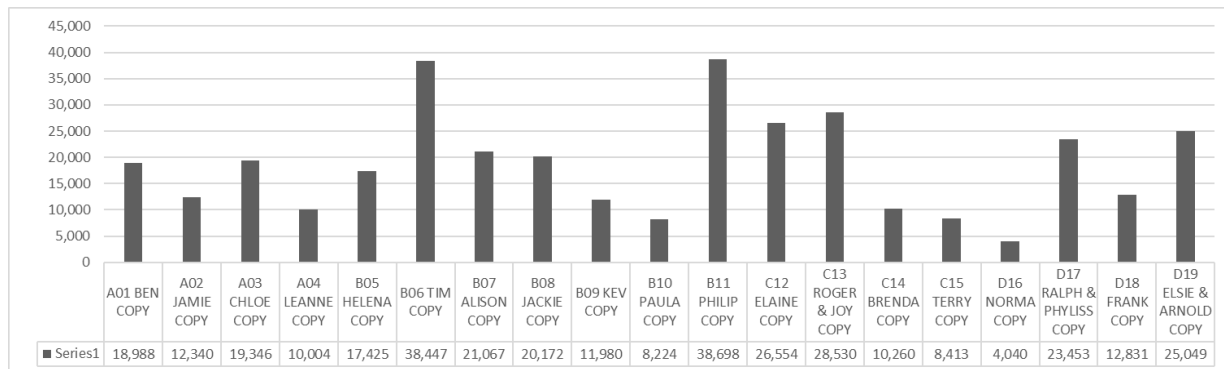
**Propensity to participate in sport and active recreation**

3.14 Sport England has developed a Market Segmentation analysis for adults over the age of 16 years. The adult population has been divided into 19 separate demographic groups within four overall categories (A, B, C, D) each embracing one of four age groups within the adult population (A being the youngest, and D being the oldest). Further information on this analytical method is contained within **Appendix 2**.

3.15 Each of the 19 age groups has been given a personalised title. The overall breakdown of the local authority’s population is shown in the **Figure 3.4** below. It will be seen that, numerically, the most dominant categories are Tim, Philip, Roger & Joy, and Elaine. Although, these groups are not the youngest within the adult population their characteristics yield a greater propensity to take part in sport and active recreation compared with some other groups.

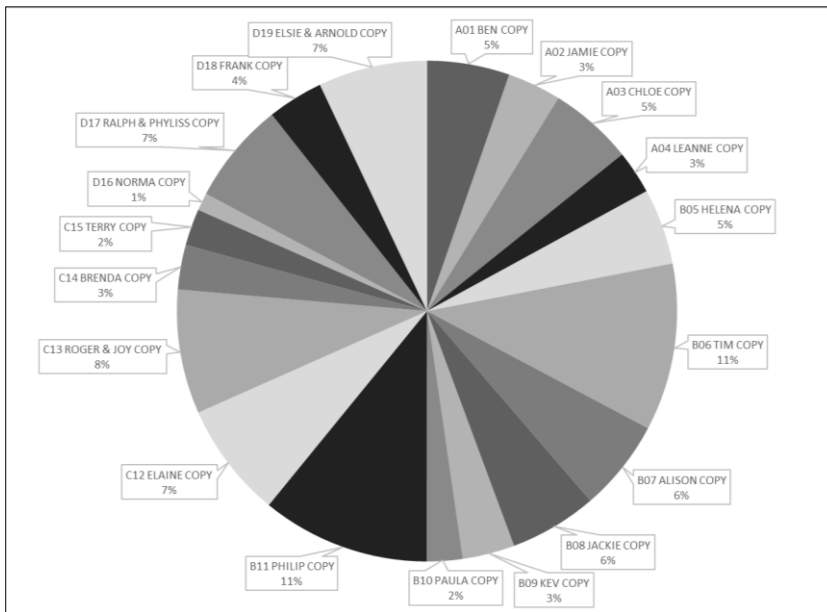
3.16 The segments most likely to play football in the adult population are ‘Ben’s’, ‘Jamies’, ‘Tims’, and ‘Kevs’ in the male groupings; and ‘Leannes’ in the female segments. The representation of these 19 groups within the population other is also expressed in percentage form in **Figure 3.5**.

**Figure 3.4: Numerical breakdown of adult population by Sport England Market Segmentation**



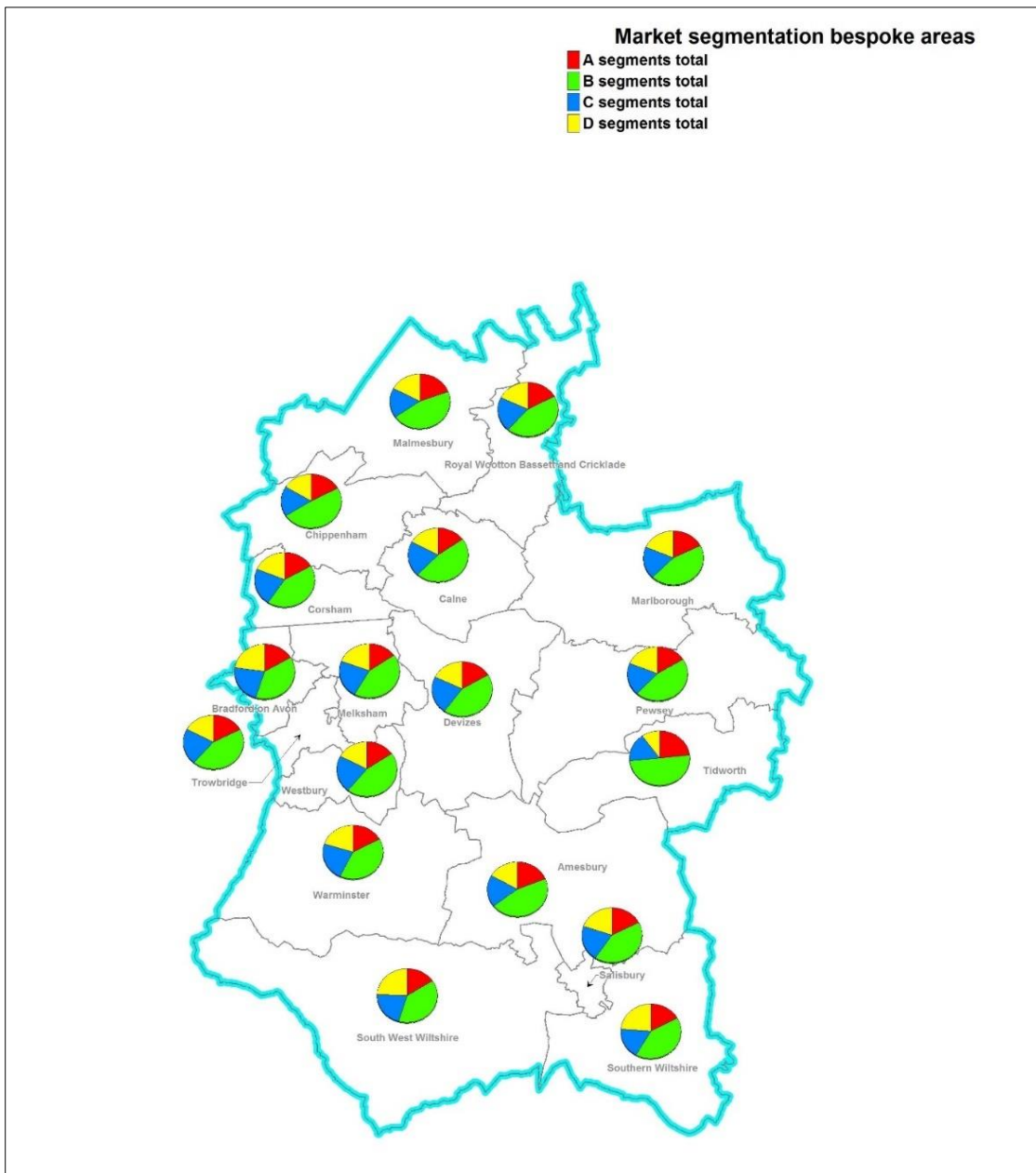


**Figure 3.5: Percentage breakdown of adult population by Sport England Market Segmentation**



3.17 **Figure 3.6** below combines the 19 different groups into the four overall categories (A, B, C, D) and displays them as pie charts for each of the Middle Super Output Areas (MSOAs) contained within the local authority. This provides a geographical representation of the dominance of particular categories throughout the local authority.

**Figure 3.6: Distribution of overall Sport England Market Segmentation Categories within the local authority**



3.18 As the population evolves the relative size for each of these four categories will change over time within any given area.

**National Policy**

3.19 At a national level, there are several key policies that impact upon the preparation of this PPS.

3.20 **The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)** clearly establishes the requirement that local plans ensure that there is proper provision of community and cultural facilities to meet local needs. The NPPF’s expectations for the development of local planning policy for sport and physical activity/recreation, is set out in paragraphs 73 and 74 which require there to be a sound (i.e. up-to-

date and verifiable) evidence base underpinning policy and its application. Paragraph 73 indicates that: *'Access to high quality open spaces and opportunities for sport and recreation can make an important contribution to the health and well-being of communities. 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. The assessments should identify specific needs and quantitative or qualitative deficits or surpluses of open space, sports and recreational facilities in the local area. Information gained from the assessments should be used to determine what open space, sports and recreational provision is required.'*

3.21 Paragraph 74 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.'

3.22 **Sporting Future - A New Strategy for an Active Nation.** This cross-government strategy seeks to address flatlining levels of sport participation and high levels of inactivity in this country. Through this strategy, government is redefining what success in sport means, with a new focus on five key outcomes: physical wellbeing, mental wellbeing, individual development, social and community development and economic development. In future, funding decisions will be made on the basis of the outcomes that sport and physical activity can deliver.

3.23 It is government's ambition that all relevant departments work closer together to create a more physically active nation, where children and young people enjoy the best sporting opportunities available and people of all ages and backgrounds can enjoy the many benefits that sport and physical activity bring, at every stage in their lives.

3.24 Government is reaffirming its commitment to Olympic and Paralympic success but also extending that ambition to non-Olympic sports where it will support success through grassroots investment in those sports, and by sharing UK Sport's knowledge and expertise. The strategy outlines what is expected of the sector to deliver this vision, and how the government will support it in getting there.

3.25 Public investment into community sport is to reach children as young as five as part of a ground-breaking new this new strategy. The move will see Sport England's remit changed from investing in sport for those aged 14 and over to supporting people from five years old right through to pensioners, in a bid to create a more active nation.

3.26 Investment will be targeted at sport projects that have a meaningful, measurable impact on how they are improving people's lives – from helping young people gain skills to get into work, to tackling social inclusion and improving physical and mental health.

3.27 Funding will also be targeted at groups who have low participation rates to encourage those who do not take part in sport and physical activity to get involved. This includes supporting women, disabled people, those in lower socio-economic groups and older people. Sport England will set up a new fund in 2016 to get inactive people physically active and will support and measure participation in sport and wider physical activity going forward.

**3.28 Sport England Strategy – ‘Towards and Active Nation’ 2016-2021.** In response to the Government’s strategy, Sport England’s new strategy vision is that that everyone in England, regardless of age, background or ability, feels able to take part in sport or activity. Sport England’s new vision and its supporting aims will therefore contribute to achieving the government’s. Key features of the new Strategy are:

- Dedicated funding to get children and young people active from the age of five, including a new fund for family based activities and offering training to at least two teachers in every secondary school in England to help them better meet the needs of all children, irrespective of their level of sporting ability.
- Working with the sport sector to put customers at the heart of everything they do, and using the principles of behaviour change to inform their work.
- Piloting new ways of working locally by investing in up to 10 places in England – a mix of urban and rural areas.
- Investing up to £30m in a new volunteering strategy, enabling more people to get the benefits of volunteering and attracting a new, more diverse range of volunteers.
- Helping sport keep pace with the digital expectations of customers – making it as easy to book a badminton court as a hotel room.
- Working closely with governing bodies of sport and others who support people who already play regularly, to help them become more efficient, sustainable and diversify their sources of funding.

3.29 With respect to the final bullet point (above) a projected 38% of Sport England controlled investment will be directed through the National Governing Bodies of Sport. This is the largest of Sport England’s funding programmes.

**3.30 National Governing Body (NGB) 2013-17 funding.** NGB 2013-17 funding is the centrepiece of Sport England’s strategy with over £450 million to be invested in work with NGBs. Young people (14-25 years old) will benefit from 60% of this investment. Programmes will include helping young people move from school sport into club sport and working with universities and colleges to create more sporting opportunities for students. Additional funding will be available to governing bodies that are successfully increasing participation.

3.31 The FA is now promoting strongly the provision of 3G AGPs for both training and now also for matchplay- the latter especially for junior/minisoccer age groups. This policy initiative is discussed further later in this section. However, it will have implications in respect of the demand for 3G AGPs at certain times of the day and, potentially, the encouragement of a move of teams training from other types of artificial surface.

3.32 Likewise, the RFU Council has recently approved a strategy to invest in Artificial Grass Pitches (AGP) which will see 100 artificial, floodlit pitches installed across the country over a four-year period. The strategy will see the creation of:

- 60 AGPs on rugby club sites to be used by the host club and other local clubs; and
- 40 on community sites with a guaranteed number of hours for use by rugby.

3.33 The key drivers for this are to sustain and grow participation while addressing the increasing pressure on natural turf pitches, changing player expectations, competition from other sports

investing in artificial pitches and changing weather conditions. It is evident nationally that the focus on increasing participation, links to the Council's own priorities of improving health and well-being through more active lifestyles and widening access to sport.

3.34 All these above strategies will require review, as appropriate, to reflect altered national government priorities.

### **Local Development Plans**

3.35 The Council formally adopted the Wiltshire Core Strategy Development Plan Document in January 2015. The Core Strategy replaces the south Wiltshire Core Strategy as well as a number of policies from the former district council's local plans.

3.36 The Core Strategy sets out a Spatial Vision for the planning of Wiltshire over the next decade.

3.37 *“By 2026 Wiltshire will have stronger, more resilient communities based on a sustainable pattern of development, focused principally on Trowbridge, Chippenham and Salisbury.*

3.38 *Market towns and service centres will have become more self-contained and supported by the necessary infrastructure, with a consequent reduction in the need to travel. In all settlements there will be an improvement in accessibility to local services, a greater feeling of security and the enhancement of a sense of community and place. This pattern of development, with a more sustainable approach towards transport and the generation and use of power and heat, will have contributed towards tackling climate change.*

3.39 *Employment, housing and other development will have been provided in sustainable locations in response to local needs as well as the changing climate and incorporating exceptional standards of design. Wiltshire's important natural, built and historic environment will have been safeguarded and, where necessary, extended and enhanced to provide appropriate green infrastructure, while advantage will have been taken of Wiltshire's heritage to promote cultural and lifestyle improvements as well as tourism for economic benefit. Partnership working with communities will have helped plan effectively for local areas and allow communities to receive the benefit of managed growth, where appropriate.”*

3.40 The strategy makes provision for at least 42,000 new homes in Wiltshire in the plan period from 2006 to 2026. It sets out a plan for an appropriate mix of types, sizes and tenures, particularly to address affordable housing needs, and will ensure a continuous supply of housing over the plan period that is aligned to job growth and the delivery of infrastructure.

3.41 The primary focus of new housing development will have been at Trowbridge, Chippenham and Salisbury and the market towns. More modest growth, proportionate to the size of the settlement, will have been delivered in smaller settlements through site allocation development plan documents, community-led planning policy documents, including neighbourhood plans, and partnership working with the local communities. The benefits from the development of new homes will have been successfully captured for local communities.

### **Wiltshire Corporate Business Plan (2013-17)**

3.42 The Council's business plan sets out how it intends to meet challenges whilst delivering its vision to create stronger, more resilient communities.

3.43 The Business Plan's priorities are to:

- protect those who are most vulnerable

- boost the local economy; and,
- bring communities together to enable and support them to do more for themselves

3.44 The Plan highlights that over its span funding from central government will reduce by £22 million and with the predicted increase in service demands, combined with inflation, it will mean pressures of around another £100 million. As a result, the plan outlines how the council will work innovatively to realign £120m over the next four years to deliver its priorities.

3.45 The plan explains how, among other things, the council will invest in highway maintenance, create a campus opportunity in each community area, stimulate economic growth and provide opportunities for every child and young person to improve their attainment and achieve their full potential

3.46 The Plan identified 12 key actions that are designed to achieve the above priorities; and 2 of these are especially relevant to this PPS:

- Create a campus opportunity in each community area; and,
- Integrate public health at the heart of all public services

#### **Wiltshire's Joint Health Health & Well Being Strategy 2015 – 2018**

3.47 Health and Wellbeing Board was formally established in 2013. It brings together the leaders of the health and social care system in Wiltshire to deliver a set of specific responsibilities which are set out in legislation and includes duties to:

- to prepare a Joint Strategic Assessment (JSA);
- prepare a Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy (JHWS); and,
- to encourage integrated working between health and social care.

3.48 A Joint Strategic Assessment has been published by the Health and Wellbeing Board. It provides a shared analysis of the health of Wiltshire's population – allowing the Council and its partners to look at and agree the key issues facing the area and providing an evidence base for developing future plans and strategies designed to deal with these issues.

3.49 The JSA for Health and Wellbeing has emerged as the assessment tool on which all commissioning decisions for the area are based and, as such, it provides detailed information on each community area in Wiltshire and covers a breadth of topics focusing on health and social needs as well as wider factors affecting the wellbeing of our community. The topics include climate change and the economy, recognising the dynamic nature of health and wellbeing and the factors that influence it. The role of the JSA for Health and Wellbeing includes providing knowledge of these influences so we can plan services and build resilient communities for Wiltshire.

3.50 The JSA shows that people in Wiltshire are living longer, healthier lives in Wiltshire. This is something to be celebrated – but it brings with it new challenges. Without action, the demand for health services is predicted to increase substantially, putting strain on carers and public services. Ill-health and physical inactivity are not only detrimental to individuals and wider communities, they also have financial implications for public services. Increased levels of demand and limits on funding means that new models of delivery need to be considered.

3.51 A refreshed Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy (2015-18) has been prepared for consultation in light of the new Joint Strategic Assessment and in recognition of further changes and opportunities since the first strategy was published.

3.52 It sets out our vision for encouraging integrated working in the future. It is not about taking action on everything at once. It sets out the main areas where working together will be vital for making a real difference to people's lives – breaking down the barriers in how care is provided.

3.53 It describes a road map to the future delivery of sustainable, integrated services to help the people of Wiltshire establish and maintain their wellbeing, as well as supporting those experiencing ill health.

### **Issues**

3.54 The character of the local authority's population continues to change, and this has a profound effect on the types of sport, play and leisure activity appealing to local people. However, sport is still a very important way of getting people active and living a healthier lifestyle.

3.55 Many 'conventional' sports and facilities are seeing a decline in popularity- and in some cases participation and use is unlikely to return up to former levels. Other activities (sometimes derivatives of traditional sports) are becoming increasingly popular. In a modern, fast-moving world income, time, and social media also help dictate what people can and do with their free-time

3.56 The Council is working in a financially challenging environment- this brings problems, but it also presents a clear opportunity for reviewing and transforming the way in which the Council and its partners delivers its service with respect to the sports covered in this report.

3.57 Similarly, many agencies, groups and organisations have shared aspirations in respect of the 'health agenda' and great potential exists for collaboration between public and voluntary sectors, as well as social and commercial enterprises to realise these aspirations

3.58 The various factors considered above suggest that the following will be the major determinants in the demand for pitch sports into the foreseeable future within the local authority:

- A growing population, which may be further accentuated by planned new residential growth that has not yet been allocated.
- The representation within the local population of adult age groups with characteristics that make them more likely to take part in sport and active recreation;
- New forms of the sports concerned, with the aim of appealing to children and young people, together with adults whose other 'life commitments' do not give them the opportunity to play traditional forms of the sports, and at the traditional times.
- High existing levels of regular adult participation in sport generally compared with the national averages, which suggest that any further growth in participation levels will have to progress from an already quite high base.

3.59 The relative affluence of the population facilitates relatively high levels of participation within the local population. However, there are geographical pockets within the urban area that exhibit quite high levels of economic and social deprivation, and where the levels of participation in sport and active recreation are depressed as a consequence. Improving prospects for participating should be a priority for the local authority and its partners in these areas, with the consequent health and economic benefits.

## 4.0 OVERVIEW OF PITCH PROVISION IN THE LOCAL AUTHORITY

### General

4.1 The following totals all known grass football, cricket, rugby grass pitches in the local authority. Not all of these will be theoretically available in practice for community use. The provision of pitches is analysed in more detail on a sport-by-sport basis later in this report.

**Table 4.1: Grass pitch provision in the local authority**

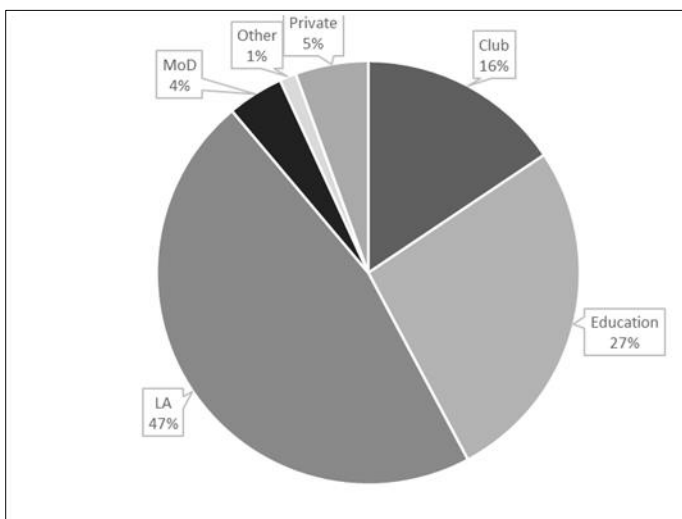
Adult Football	Youth Football (11v11)	Youth Football (9v9)	Minisoccer (7v7)	Minisoccer (5v5)	Cricket Fields	Adult Rugby	Mini Rugby
189	47	32	69	51	108	101	15

4.2 Of the 612 pitches in Table 4.1 most are noted as being in the ‘public sector’. The breakdown of ownership is as follows. Local authorities (which includes both Wiltshire Council and local town and parish councils) are by far the largest provider. The education sector and club sector are both also significant providers. The MoD also controls a significant stock of grass playing pitches, and these are sometimes made available for community use. However, the MoD pitches are rarely in secured community use for a variety of reasons, and are often ‘behind the wire’, and therefore largely unavailable with a few exceptions.

4.3 Not included in the above table are pitches that are categorized as ‘D’- pitches that were once available, but are on sites that are closed, or disused, but remain undeveloped. The only known example within the local authority is the Westinghouse Sportsground in Chippenham, which has permission for residential development but, at the time of this report, remained undeveloped. As a sportsground, it is strategically well-located in relation to other key sports sites within the Town.

4.4 There are also many examples of former pitches in recreation grounds throughout rural Wiltshire, which are no longer marked out and used for matches, but which have other recreational functions.

**Figure 4.1: Ownership by sector**





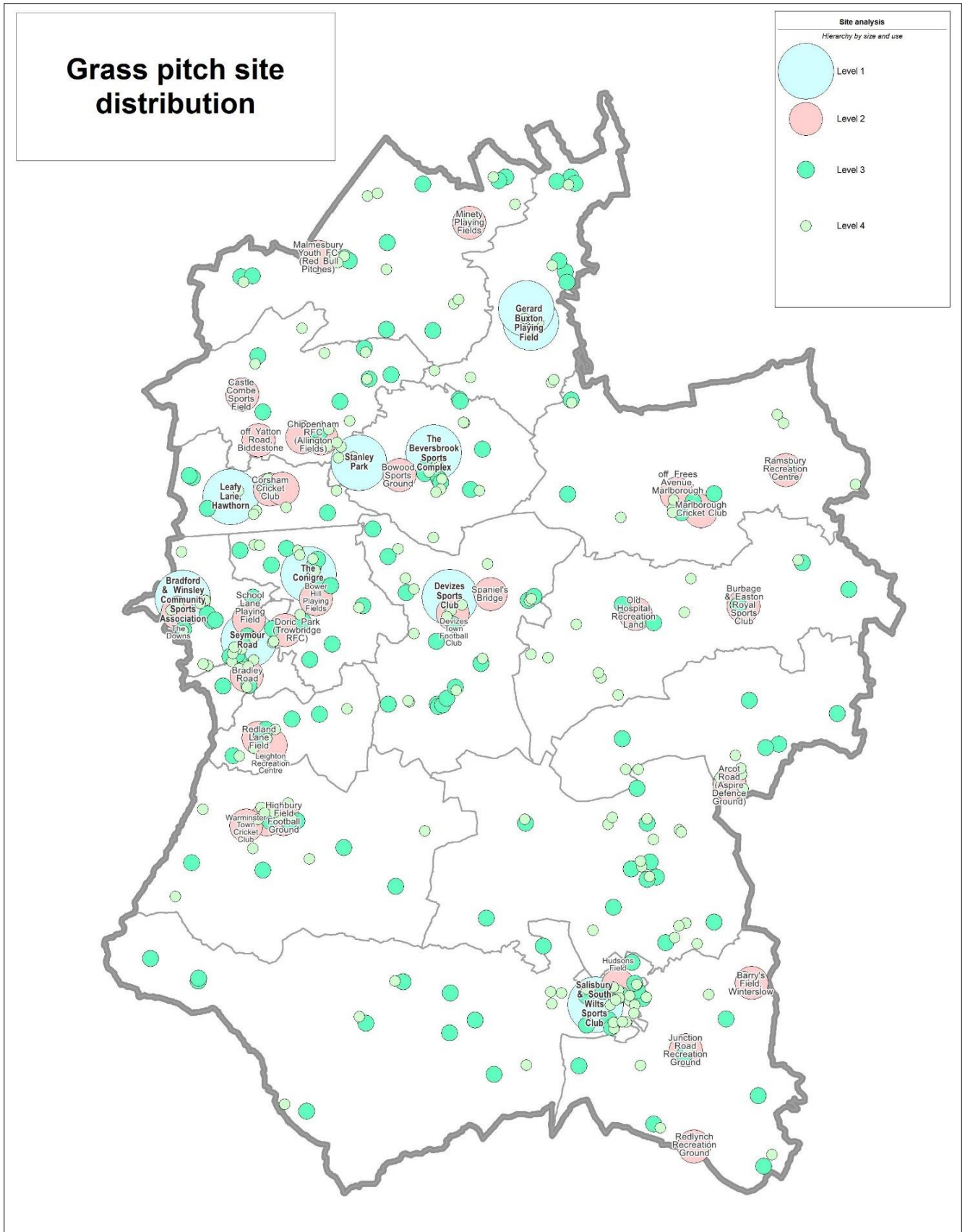
4.5 In addition, there are Artificial Grass Pitches (AGPs) at various locations, and which are more fully described in the relevant sections (primarily for football and hockey). The provision of pitches is analysed in more detail on a sport-by-sport basis later in this report. AGPs are now accepted as essential facilities for match play for hockey, as well as for football match play and rugby training.

4.6 Various sites (especially a significant number of primary/junior schools) have grass spaces, but which are not formally marked as pitches (at least at the time of the study). These have been identified as part of the wider assessment and site identification process, and background information is therefore held. Playing fields last used as such, but which are now closed, but undeveloped have also been identified.

4.7 Mini-soccer and some other junior provision appears to be relatively low compared to the number of such teams playing in local leagues. As will be explained in Section 5, it appears that many mini-soccer and other junior/youth teams share playing surfaces with teams from older age groups.

4.8 **Map 4.1** shows the distribution of provision through the local authority, and it is graded by a combination of the size of each site, and the amount of activity/pitch sport use taking place on each site.

Map 4.1: Overall grass pitch provision in the local authority



4.10 The grading of sites has been based principally on the following criteria:

- Level 1: very large sites accommodating relatively large numbers of pitches as well as teams- these tend to be found in the larger urban areas;
- Level 2: Other large sites, but with not quite the levels of pitch provision and team activity as the above- often these can highly important single-sport sites such as for rugby and cricket, for example.
- Level 3: Where there is some pitch provision and associated team activity, but not sufficient to warrant inclusion as Level 1 and 2 sites; and,
- Level 4: Site which have some pitch provision but no use by community teams, as far as has been ascertained.

4.11 The Level 1 and 2 sites have been named on the map, and will be further analysed in later sports-specific sections. All but one of the defined Level 1 sites are located in the northern half of the local authority.

4.12 In some areas, because of the absence of Level 1 and 2 sites, Level 3 sites will assume greater importance.

4.13 Grass and artificial pitch provision is analysed in detail in the various sport-by-sport sections.

#### **Sites that are wholly or partly excluded from the study analysis.**

4.14 This report acknowledges the existence of playing pitches on many infant/junior/primary school sites. Where such facilities are known to be available for community use they have been included in the analysis. Other small school sites may though have some potential to be used by community teams at some point in the future.

4.15 Many small school sites have grass space, but pitches won't be marked out.

#### **Multi-Functional Recreation Grounds**

4.16 There is a significant number of sites around the local authority that host more than one pitch sport, and these can therefore be particularly important local sports venues. Whilst the analysis in the following four sections is largely sports-specific, those sites hosting more than one pitch sport will be acknowledged.

#### **A constantly evolving picture**

4.17 The audit of both pitches and teams conducted for this study, can only represent a snapshot in time. The numbers of clubs and teams will change year-in, year-out. Likewise, the stock of sports pitches will change over time, although more gradually.

4.18 To evidence the above point, there have been some recent and significant changes in the provision of pitches in some locations, for example:

4.19 The provision of a new full-size AGP as part of the redevelopment of Springfield School, as part of a 'community campus' development for the Corsham Community Area; and,

4.20 The recent opening of a new 'sports hub' based at the Gerard Buxton Sports Ground in Royal Wootton Bassett.

4.21 There are also changes in Melksham, with the co-relocation of the Melksham Town Football and Rugby Clubs to Woolmore Farm in Autumn 2016, again, as part of a Community Area Campus scheme. In fact, the Wiltshire Council Community Campus development programme, although still

itself evolving, is likely to be a driver for the upgrading and rationalization of sports facilities in other parts of Wiltshire. Some of these schemes will not be at a stage to be properly captured by this study. Indeed, the use of new provision at the (above) Gerard Buxton Sports Ground could not be fully captured. However, for each of the four sports covered by this report, recent as well as proposed developments likely to alter the local supply of playing pitches will be identified.

## 5.0 FOOTBALL

### Introduction

5.1 This section assesses the adequacy of pitches for football in the local authority by presenting the following:

- an overview of pitch supply;
- an overview of demand for football;
- the pattern of play of football;
- a review of the capacity and adequacy of current provision across the local authority, including an understanding of activity at individual sites;
- the future picture of provision for football across the local authority; and,
- a summary of findings and the key issues for the strategy to address.

### Supply: Overview of Pitches

5.2 There are 18 Community Areas within the local authority, and it is important therefore to conduct some of the analyses and reporting at the Community Area level, to better reflect local characteristics and needs.

5.3 There are estimated to be 404 individual formal grass football pitches in the local authority currently marked out for play. This figure therefore excludes 36 AGPs of varying size, many of which are used for football, but which are subject to a related assessment in a later section of this report.

5.4 Other sites (especially a significant number of primary/junior schools) have grass spaces, but which are not formally marked as pitches (at least at the time of the study).

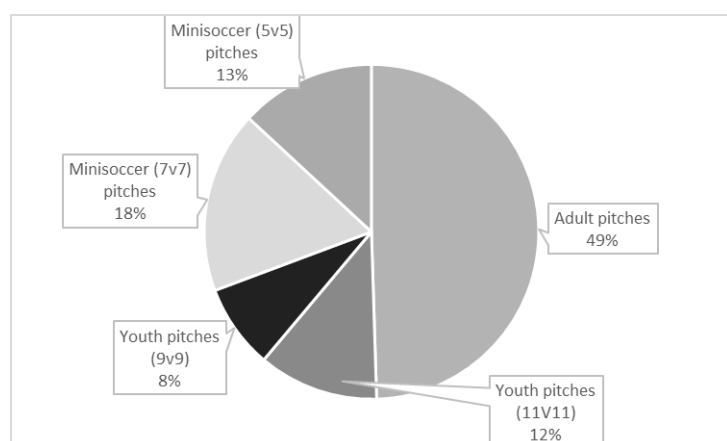
5.5 **Table 5.1** summarises the breakdown of pitch sizes that are available across the local authority. The table also outlines the level of community access that is available. Further detail is provided in **Appendix 3**

**Table 5.1: Total grass football pitches in the local authority**

Availability	Adult pitches	Youth pitches (11v11)	Youth pitches (9v9)	Minisoccer (7v7) pitches	Minisoccer (5v5) pitches
'A' Total- Pitch Provision Available to the Community (Used)	154	35	23	54	39
'B' Total- Pitch Provision Available to the Community (Not used)	22	4	2	4	4
'C' Total- Pitch Provision Not Available to the Community	24	8	8	13	10

Figure 5.2 breaks the above provision down by % segments

**Figure 5.2: Stock by pitch type**



5.6 It can be seen that the overall pitch stock is dominated by adult pitch provision. The extent of this dominance has to be offset by the fact that adult pitches will also be sometimes ‘over-marked’ to take into account recent rule changes introduced by the FA to ensure that teams of various ages play on appropriately sized pitches.

### Overall quality of pitch stock: summary

5.7 The scores given to both the pitch quality and built facilities are based upon Sport England’s playing pitch guidance – Appendix 2d. (<http://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/planning-for-sport/planning-tools-and-guidance/playing-pitch-strategy-guidance/>)

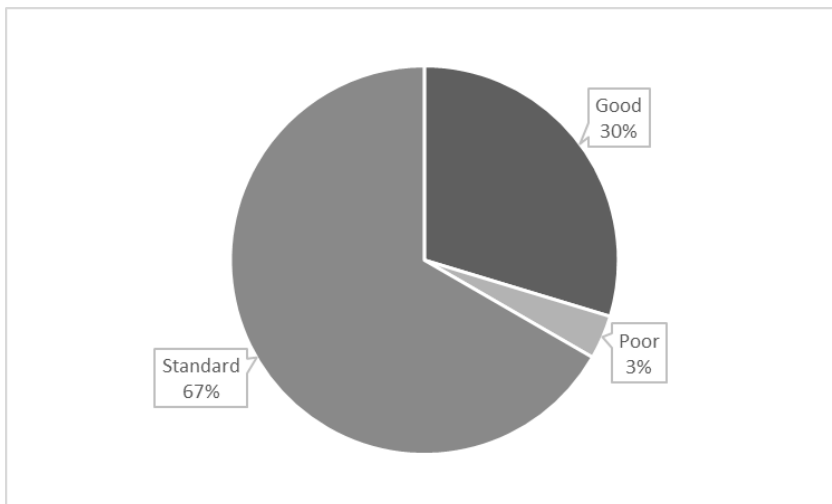
5.8 The final pitch quality scores were based upon the amalgamation of scores for the playing surface (grass length/cover, size/slope/evenness of pitch and any problem areas) with scores for the pitch maintenance programme (frequency and adequacy of grass cutting, seeding and application of remedial dressings). The majority of sites with community use have been assessed with on-site assessments. These scores were reviewed and sometimes amended to take into account the views of local clubs, league and NGB reps, as well as site managers, so as to achieve a rounded assessment, not dependent on the outcome of a single visit on a given day. Where on-site visits were not possible in the time available (such as small schools and on private sites), the comments of clubs and schools (where provided) were the primary source of information, albeit with additional checking of secondary sources, as well as external viewings from off the site.

5.9 The final ‘quality scores’ are therefore as a result of ‘triangulating’ using information from a variety of sources.

### Quality Summary Assessment

5.10 The quality of such pitches is considered further in the site/area-based review provided later in this section. However, the following is a general summary:

**Figure 5.3: football pitch/site quality**



5.11 The vast majority of pitches and sites were assessed to be of ‘standard’ quality. It is also noted (**Figure 5.4**) that a sizable proportion of the local authority stock of pitches were rated as being of Good quality.

5.12 This is at variance with the findings of many other similar studies conducted, but could be explained by the large stock of parish council-controlled pitches, which might, overall, receive a relatively low amount of use compared to urban-based local authorities, and therefore retaining a higher quality score.

5.13 There are few sites/pitches that are considered to be in Poor condition overall, although it is to be noted that extreme weather conditions have made several sites unusable for football for considerable periods over recent seasons- this is an issue that cannot necessarily be attributed to poor quality, although inadequate and poorly maintained drainage will have its effect.

**Table 5.4: Site/pitch quality**

	Number of sites	Good	Standard	Poor
<b>Club</b>	22	8 (36%)	14 (64%)	0
<b>Education</b>	57	(2%)	56 (98%)	0
<b>LA</b>	121	52 (43%)	61 (50%)	8 (7%)
<b>Other</b>	18	3 (17%)	16 (23%)	0

5.14 The site assessments also recorded the existence of changing facilities, and made an assessment of their quality as far as possible. In almost all cases it was not possible to access these facilities to make internal assessments. This is where the views of clubs obtained from the club questionnaire survey were especially helpful.

#### **Generic Quality Issues Constraining Development of Clubs**

5.15 Various clubs have made comments about the quality of local facilities and how they impact on their aspirations to 'grow' and potentially field more teams, and these are identified later in this section.

#### **Overview of demand: participation and teams**

##### **Active People and Market Segmentation (Sport England)**

5.16 Analysis of the Sport England Active People and Market Segmentation data suggests that there are certain groups which are significant within the overall population that will have a propensity to play football. These will be focused on young people within their twenties and thirties. The context (Section 3) describes the representation of these groups within the overall population. However, football is also hugely popular amongst children and youth population groups, and these are not covered by the Market Segmentation data. Because the assessments of demand conducted for this study involve counts of 'teams' it is likely to provide a far more accurate assessment of local participation (in codified football) than offered by the sample-based estimates provided by either Active People, or Market Segmentation analysis. However, on the basis that some of numbers provided by the Sport England data might be considered to offer aspirational targets, local participation counts might be indirectly compared with these figures to assess how the local authority area is performing relatively.



### **Current Football Participation – Match Play**

5.17 The Wiltshire FA maintains records of numbers of affiliated clubs in the local authority, and their most recent participation report estimates have also been compared with the answers from club questionnaires to generate an estimate of teams that are playing within the Wiltshire local authority area.<sup>5</sup>

5.18 The administrative boundaries of the Wiltshire FA do not coincide with those of Wiltshire Council. For example, Wiltshire FA administers the Swindon area. Clubs and teams based outside the Wiltshire Council area have therefore been largely excluded from the assessment, the only exceptions being where there is evidence of local clubs and teams having to use facilities outside the area of their choice because of lack of suitable provision within the local authority. In this regard, perhaps the most significant example is in the Salisbury area, due to the need of several Salisbury Youth FC teams to travel outside the City area to find venues for training and matchplay.

5.19 Even when ‘external clubs’ are excluded, the vastness of Wiltshire Council means that it accommodates some teams playing in leagues that draw most of their teams/players from neighbouring local authorities in Hampshire, Somerset, and Bath and North East Somerset.

5.20 The principal leagues operating within Wiltshire are:

#### **Adult (Saturday)**

- Wiltshire Football League
- Swindon & District League
- Trowbridge & District League
- Salisbury & District League

Some clubs affiliated to the Wiltshire County FA play in the following leagues within the FA National Football Pyramid:

- Hellenic League (Premier Division)
- Western League (Premier Division)
- Wessex League
- Southern League
- Conference South
- Conference Premier

#### **Adult (Sunday)**

- Chippenham & District League
- Swindon Sunday League
- Salisbury & District League

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<sup>5</sup> The Wiltshire FA area also includes the Swindon local authority areas, but teams playing in this part of the County FA area have been excluded from this study, except where they make use of sites in Wiltshire local authority.

**Youth**

- Mid Wilts Youth & Minor League
- North Wilts Youth & Minor League
- South Wilts Youth & Minor League
- Wiltshire County FA Youth Floodlight League

**Womens & Girls**

- Wiltshire Womens & Girls League

Some female clubs affiliated to the Wiltshire County FA play in the following leagues within the FA

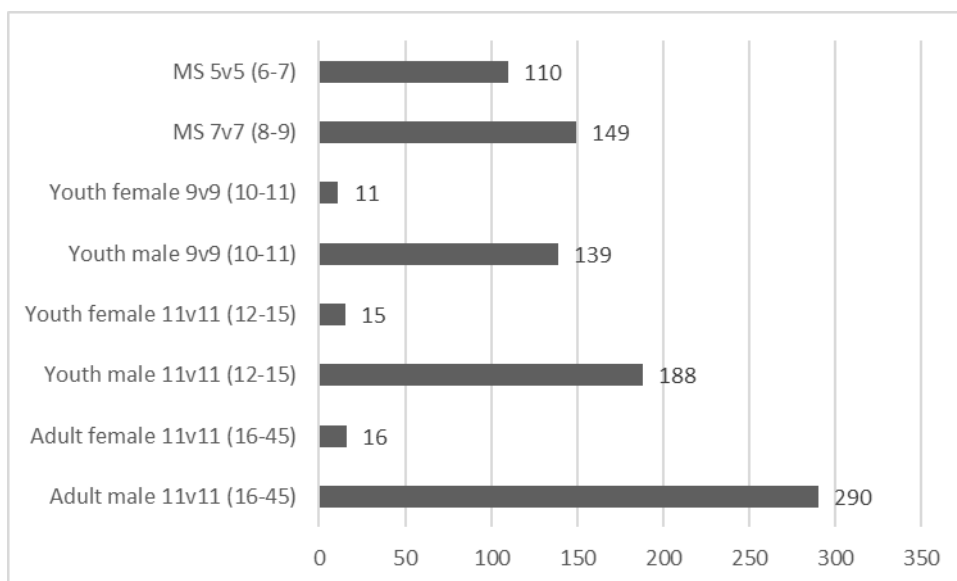
- South West Regional Division 1
- South West Regional League Premier Division (step 4)
- South West Combination League
- FA Womens Southern Premier League
- FA Womens National Premier League
- FA Womens Super League

**Disability Football**

- Dorset & Wiltshire Ability Counts League
- Social Inclusion
- Wiltshire Social Inclusion League

5.21 Football is the most popular pitch sport in the local authority. **Figure 5.5** summarises the number of teams and indicates that while there are strong participation rates for males and junior boys, senior and junior female game is less well established. In total there are **918 teams** playing, as follows.

**Figure 5.5: Football teams in the local authority (as at mid-year 2015)**



5.22 These figures are 'best estimate' based on data from the FA and will in any event change over the course of time. Trends in football participation tend to ebb and flow, and can be influenced by demographics, sports development campaigns, and international success amongst other things.

5.23 The figures also exclude adult teams playing in 'Futsal'<sup>6</sup> and other small-sided leagues that will play either outdoors on AGPs or else indoors in larger leisure centres.

#### **Trends in numbers of teams**

5.24 The club questionnaire survey asked whether clubs felt that team numbers had increased, stayed the same, or declined in recent years, with the following results.

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<sup>6</sup> Futsal is a variant of association football that is played on a smaller field and mainly played indoors. It can be considered a version of five-a-side football. Its name comes from the Portuguese Futebol de salão, which can be translated as "room football". It was developed in Brazil in the 1930s and 1940s.

**Table 5.6: Trend in team numbers**

Please can you tell us if, in the previous three years, the number of teams in your club has:				
	Increased	Decreased	Stayed the same	Response Total
Adult Male	16%	26%	58%	50
Adult Ladies	13.3%	13.3%	73.3%	15
Youth Male	33.3%	33.3%	33.3%	36
Youth Female	17.6%	23.5%	58.8%	17
Mini-soccer	41.4%	20.7%	37.9%	29

5.25 The observations here are that for the various age and gender categories the *majority* of clubs observed:

- Adult male teams had remained the same (although a significant minority of respondents felt numbers had declined);
- Adult female teams had largely remained the same in numbers;
- A general stasis in the numbers of youth teams (although perhaps female teams had increased in numbers slightly); and,
- An increase in mini-soccer teams.

5.26 The comparatively recent introduction of smaller team and pitch sizes will have accounted for an increase in teams and players, and therefore demand for junior and mini-soccer pitches. This is because smaller teams will allow for more players to play, and therefore increase the demand for pitches in the younger age-groups' in particular.

### **Club player catchments**

5.27 The club questionnaire asked how far their players travelled to get to their 'home ground', with the following results.

**Table 5.7: We would like to understand the area from which your members are drawn. Please state approximately, the percentage of where your members live.**

Percentage of members	10%	20%	30%	40%	50%	60%	70%	80%	90%	100%
Less than 1 mile from your main venue	40%	30%	7%	5%	5%	0%	5%	7%	0%	2%
Between 1 and 5 miles from main venue	10%	6%	4%	10%	12%	4%	20%	26%	2%	6%
More than 5 miles from main venue	47%	17%	4%	6%	4%	0%	2%	6%	6%	6%

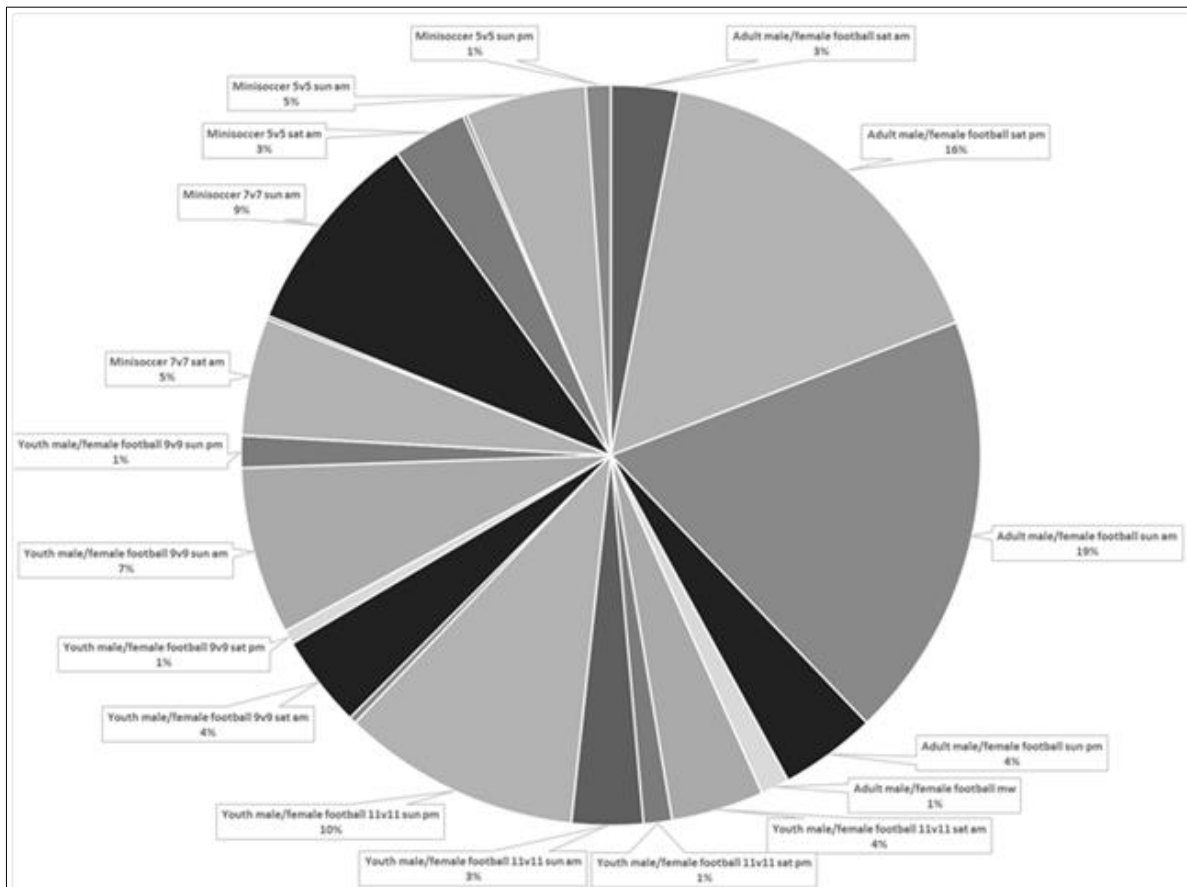
5.28 The above responses suggest that the travel distance from a players live and where they play most games can often be further than 5 miles, and this is perhaps explained by the rural nature of much of the local authority.

#### **Time of match play**

5.29 This figure indicates the general times of match play for the various age/gender groups. Kick-off times can sometimes vary resulting from local agreements, and so the figure is based on the best available estimates.

5.30 The figure highlights the importance of weekend play in respect of matches played on grass pitches. (There are small-sided football leagues as well as training activity held on artificial surfaces during the week, but this type of activity is covered elsewhere in this section).

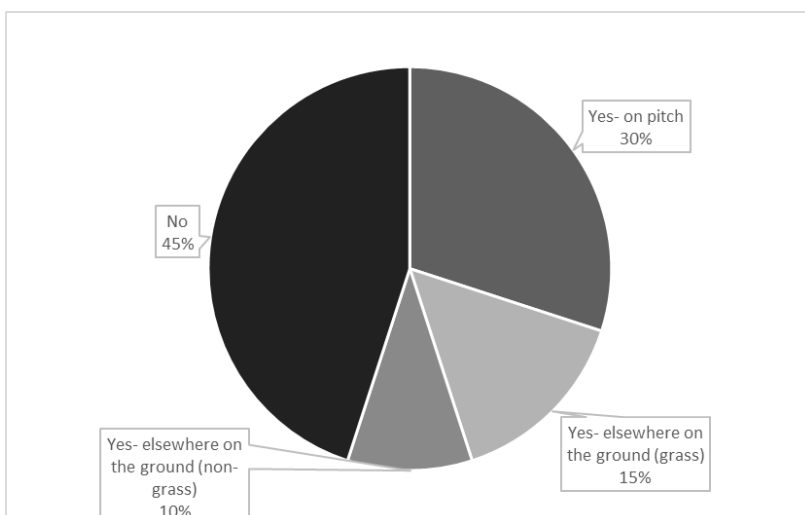
Figure 5.8: Time of match play



### Training patterns

5.31 Training is an important part of playing in competitive football- the majority of clubs and teams will train in some way, albeit that the intensity and regularity of training will vary according to the level of performance. Of the clubs responding to the questionnaire survey the following pattern of responses was received for where clubs train.

Figure 5.9: Where teams train



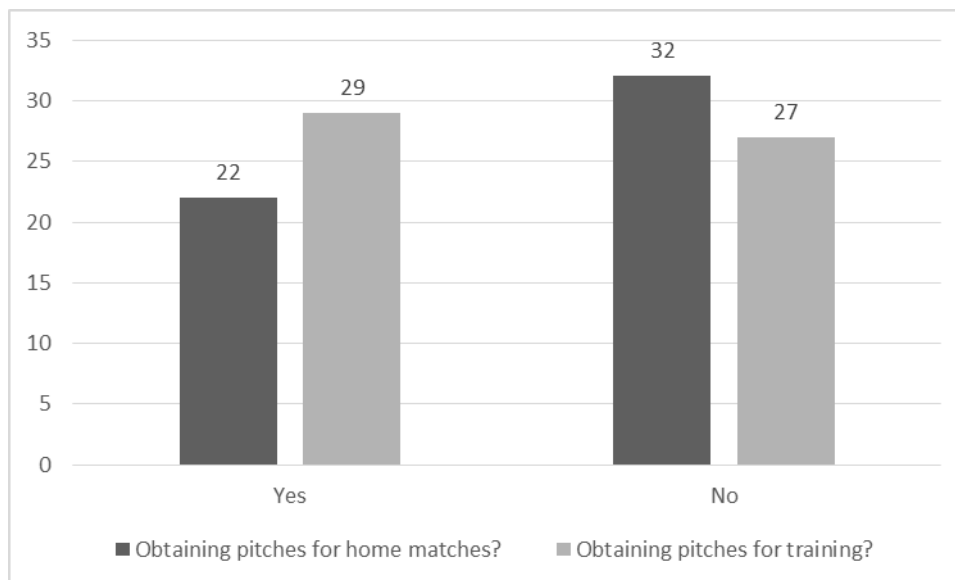
5.32 It will be seen that a large majority of clubs and teams train away from their home ground. 55% however, do train on their home ground, and a significant minority (30%) train on the pitch. Training on a pitch that is also used for matches will add to the wear and tear of the pitch.

5.33 Where clubs indicated that they trained away from their home ground, they were invited to identify the locations for training, and the type of facility. The overwhelming response in this regard highlighted the importance of both indoor provision, such as sports halls; and, AGPs for midweek training. For most teams training takes place mid-week, and in the autumn and winter months there is a requirement for lighting. Synthetic surfaces also ensure a robust medium that is not subject to the variable whether/climatic conditions.

### Availability of facilities

5.34 Clubs were asked if they had experienced difficulty either accessing pitches/facilities for home matches, or training, with the below overall responses, and followed by some verbatim comments about why clubs felt they experienced any difficulty.

**Figure 5.10: Difficulty in obtaining pitches for training and/or match play**



5.35 The detailed comments made by responding clubs have, where appropriate, been taken into account in the site-by-site analysis. Overall, there are some strong issues that emerge from the comments:

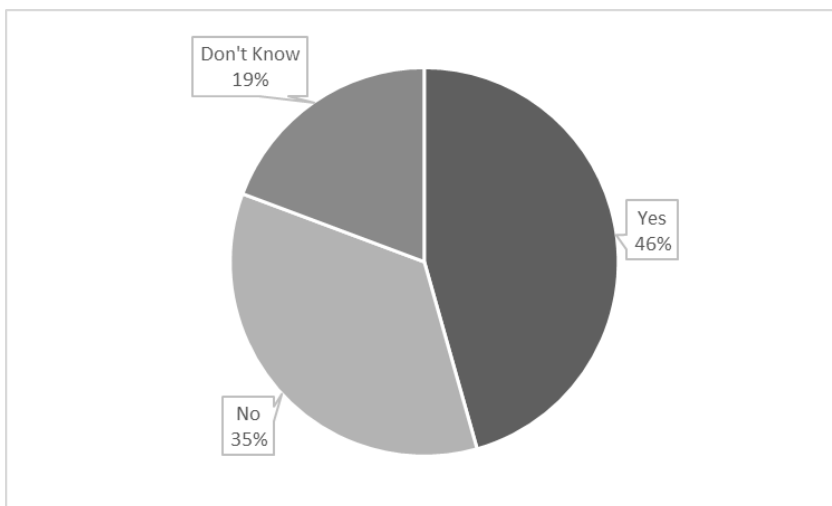
- Firstly, the sometimes poor condition found on various pitches and venues, which can often be a combination of too many games being played, and especially when weather is bad.
- Very adverse climatic conditions in recent years that have made some pitches unplayable for weeks on end.
- The lack of availability of AGPs (and especially those with the generic 3G surface) on which to train (and sometimes play). This is combined with the perceived high cost of those that might otherwise be available.
- Sharing pitches with cricket, causes seasons to be curtailed.
- Expense of non-turf winter training.

## Multi-functional venues

5.36 Many pitches are located in public parks and recreation grounds and they often therefore have many functions. This can cause problems for football matches when these other uses cause wear and tear, and other damage. The following indicates that many responding clubs to the survey do in fact 'share' their pitches with other activities.

### Figure 5.11: Are venues shared with other activities?

The nature of these other activities can be varied, and covers, dog-walking; informal sport; 'other teams' training, occasional events (such as fairs etc). There can be illicit activity and vandalism that damages surfaces and facilities.



5.37 As many playing fields in the local authority also function as public recreational areas and as such are also used for more informal recreation. This certainly impacts upon the quality of some pitches, particularly with regards dog fouling. During the football season, the use is not sufficiently extensive to reduce the capacity of pitches, but it does have an impact in terms of the quality of facilities.

5.38 The majority of schools in the local authority have their own playing fields and only a small proportion do not have any outdoor space at all. Not all schools mark out their playing field area as formal pitches, but most have the capacity so to do. There do not therefore appear to be any significant examples of schools using external grass pitches (such as local authority sites). If this does happen, their pattern of play would be largely complementary to other users.

## Local Demand and Supply

5.39 Supply and demand is measured through the use of 'match equivalents' and 'match capacity' to ensure that a comparison is possible. Both the adequacy of pitch provision to meet demand over the course of a week; and the capacity of a pitch to meet demand at peak time are measured. To measure demand, a team playing home fixtures every other week would generate the equivalent of 0.5 match equivalents per week (one fixture every other week).

5.40 Match equivalent values are also used to measure the use of pitches by educational establishments and the impact of casual access and training. Weightings have been factored in to take account of considerations like shared education use, and pitch quality.

## Peak Time Demand



5.41 The ability of a pitch to accommodate demand at peak time is as important as the overall capacity of the site over a week. The local leagues all have specific kick off times and while these are flexible to a degree, it is important that there are enough pitches available when teams wish to use them. It should be noted that pitches can only be considered to have spare capacity at peak time when they are not already utilised to their full capacity over the course of a week. An adult pitch that is not used on a Saturday afternoon (local authority-wide peak time), but is used three times per week at other times (Sunday morning, Sunday afternoon and midweek for example) would not be considered able to sustain additional play at peak-time, even though no one would be using the facility then, as this would be detrimental to the quality of the pitch.

### Capacity Scores

5.42 FA guidelines on playing pitch capacity are used to measure supply – pitch capacity is based upon the quality of the pitch and the consequential number of matches that it can sustain per week. The assumptions used are set out in **Table 5.11**

**Table 5.11: Capacity Scores based upon Pitch Quality**

Agreed pitch quality rating	Number of match equivalent sessions a week		
	Adult football	Youth football	Mini soccer
Good	3	4	6
Standard	2	2	4
Poor	1	1	2

5.43 The following table sets out the pitches junior teams should be playing on based on FA regulations.

**Table 5.12: FA recommended pitch sizes**

Age	Type	Recommended size without run-off	Recommended size including runoff		Recommended size of goalposts	
			Length x width (m)	Length x width (m)	Height x width (m)	
Mini soccer U7/U8	5v5	37 x 27	43	33	1.83	3.66
Mini soccer U9/U10	7v7	55 x 37	61	43	1.83	3.66
Youth U11/U12	9v9	73 x 46	79	52	2.13	4.88
Youth U13/U14	11v11	82 x 50	88	56	2.13	6.40
Youth U15/U16	11v11	91 x 55	97	61	2.44	7.32
Youth u17/U18	11v11	100 x 64	106	70	2.44	7.32
Over 18 (senior ages)	11v11	100 x 64	106	70	2.44	7.32

5.45 The following matrix **Table 5.13** summarises the use of local pitches relative to their assessed capacity on a site-by site-basis. The site pitch capacities were derived from site pitch quality assessments undertaken in February 2015 using the recommended Sport England approach. Various characteristics of sites' pitches (and also, wherever possible, ancillary facilities) were assessed, leading to an overall quality score being generated- this in turn provided a match rating, offering a guide to how many matches a week a pitch of a given standard might sustain on a regular basis, without undue wear and tear.

5.46 In the Table, where estimated usage of pitches is calculated to exceed notional capacity, the Match Capacity figures are shown in **Red** in the tables. In respect of references to ownership 'LA' means Local Authority- this can mean either the Wiltshire Council, or else a parish council.

5.47 For different types of pitches on a given site, the table (and the maps) total up the Match Capacity (that is the amount of match play (or its equivalent) that can be absorbed each week without undue wear and tear on the pitches). It then compares this with the estimated total Match Equivalents that are hosted by pitches on a given site.

5.48 Match Equivalents are derived from an assessment of the number of match equivalent sessions taking place on a weekly basis in the season. These will include both the matches themselves, as well as training activity. The amount of training activity that takes place on a pitch is a key determinant of its overall susceptibility to wear and tear. Where club training activity was known or thought to take place wholly on a grass pitch, an estimate was made of 'squad sizes' (expressed as a multiple of the team (as squads are normally bigger than teams), and the length and frequency of training sessions. The information sources used in this regard were club questionnaire returns, and club websites. Often teams will train on the grass pitches during the

later evenings at the beginning and end of the season, and train either on an AGP or indoors (usually in a sports hall) during the darker mid-season period. To reflect this pattern the multiple factored in to reflect squad training sizes is usually reduced (to 0.75 of a team).

5.49 Different age groups will have varying impacts upon the wear and tear of pitches. For example, an adult male team will produce more wear and tear than a youth 11 v 11 team. The latter will in turn produce more wear and tear than a mini-soccer team. The Sport England guidance relating to the weighting attached to each age-group has been taken into account in the various calculations.

5.50 At some venues casual activity (such as informal matches in public parks and recreation grounds) can add to wear and tear on pitches. Where there is a known tendency for this to happen it has been noted. Where pitches are located on education sites, the usage of curriculum activity must also be taken into account. To reflect this, the Pitch Quality Ratings in Table 5.11 were halved. For example, if a Good quality adult pitch can under other circumstances be rated as able to host 3 adult community games a week, if it is on a school site the allowance is reduced to 1.5 games/week.

5.51 The calculations and assumptions underlying Equivalent Match Capacity and Match Equivalents are more fully explained in the **Appendix 4**.

Table 5.13: Site usage compared to site capacity

Name	Availability	Ownership	Sub Area	A. Total adult match equivalents/week	B. Total junior match equivalents/week	C. Total minisoccer match equivalents/week	D. Total adult pitches	E. Total youth pitches (11v11)	F. Total youth pitches(9v9)	G. Total mini soccer pitches (7v7)	H. Total mini soccer pitches (5v5)	I. Football pitch rating	J. Adult pitches: Number of match equivalent sessions a week/pitch	K. Junior pitches: Number of match equivalent sessions a week/pitch	L. Minisoccer pitches: Number of match equivalent sessions a week/pitch	M. Adult pitches MATCH CAPACITY (D*J)	N. Junior pitches (all sizes) MATCH CAPACITY (E + F) * K	O. Minisoccer pitches (all sizes) MATCH CAPACITY (G + H) * L	P. Adult pitch net site capacity (M-A)	Q. Junior pitch net site capacity (N-B)	R. Mini pitch net site capacity (O-C)
Abbeyfield School	C	Education	Calne	0	0	0	1					Standard	2	2	4	2	0	0	2	0	4
Airfield Camp	C	MoD	Amesbury	0	0	0	1					Standard	2	2	4	2	0	0	2	0	4
Aldbourn Sports Field	A1	LA	Marlborough	0	0	0	1		1			Standard	2	2	4	2	2	0	2	2	4
Alderbury Football Club	A2	Club	Southern Wiltshire	2.63	0	0	1					Good	3	4	6	3	0	0	0.37	0	6
All Cannings School, Chandlers Lane, All Cannings	C	Education	Devizes	0	0	0					2	Standard	2	2	4	0	0	8	0	0	4
All Cannings Village Green	A1	LA	Devizes	0.5	0	0	1					Good	3	4	6	3	0	0	2.5	0	6
All Cannings Bridge House Cricket Pitch	A1	LA	Devizes	0	0	0						Standard	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
All Saints C of E Primary School, Netheravon	C	Education	Tidworth	0	0	0				1		Standard	2	2	4	0	0	1	0	0	4
Aloeric Primary School	C	Education	Melksham	0	0	0					2	Standard	2	2	4	0	0	8	0	0	4
Amesbury Sports Centre	A1	LA	Amesbury	0.5	0	0	2					Good	3	4	6	6	0	0	5.5	0	6
Andover Road, Rushall	A1	LA	Pewsey	0	0	0	1					Good	3	4	6	3	0	0	3	0	6
Appleford School	C	Education	Amesbury	0	0	0				2		Standard	2	2	4	0	0	2	0	0	4
Archers Gate & Boscombe Down	A2	MoD	Amesbury	0	3.5	0.25						Standard	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	-3.5	3.75
Arcot Road (Aspire Defence Ground)		MoD	Tidworth	0.5	3	0.63	1					Good	3	4	6	3	0	0	2.5	-3	5.37
Atworth Recreation Ground	A1	LA	Melksham	1	0	0	1			1		Poor	1	1	2	1	0	1	0	0	2
Avebury Sports Field	A2	Other	Marlborough	0.88	0.88	1.13	1					Standard	2	2	4	2	0	0	1.12	-0.88	2.87
Avon Valley College	B	Education	Amesbury	0	0	0	1			1		Standard	1	1	2	1	0	1	1	0	2
Awdry Avenue Football Pitch	A1	LA	Melksham	3	0.5	0	1					Poor	1	1	2	1	0	0	-2	-0.5	2
Ballards Ash Sports Ground	A1	LA	Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade	2.88	9	1.25	1	1		1	1	Standard	2	2	4	2	1	5	-0.88	-8	2.75
Barry's Field, Winterslow	A1	LA	Southern Wiltshire	1	4.75	5	1	1				Good	3	4	6	3	1	0	2	-3.75	1
Battlebury Barracks (east)		MoD	Warminster	1	1	0.13	1					Standard	2	2	4	2	0	0	1	-1	3.87
Battlebury Barracks (west)	C	MoD	Warminster	0	0	0	1					Standard	2	2	4	2	0	0	2	0	4
Bearfield Playing Field pitch (closed?)		LA	Bradford on Avon	0	0	0						Standard	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
Bellefield Primary & Nursery School	C	Education	Trowbridge	0	0	0				1		Standard	2	2	4	0	0	1	0	0	4
Bemerton Heath Harlequins Football Club	A2	Club	Salisbury	1.5	1	0.13	1					Standard	2	2	4	2	0	0	0.5	-1	3.87

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Bishop Wadworth's School	B	Education	Salisbury	0	0	0				1	2	Standard	1	1	2	0	0	5	0	0	2
Bishopdown	A1	LA	Salisbury	3	0	0	1					Poor	1	1	4	1	0	0	-2	0	4
Bishops Cannings C of E Primary School	C	Education	Devizes	0	0	0					1	Standard	2	2	4	0	0	4	0	0	4
Bishopstone Recreation Ground	A1	LA	South West Wiltshire	0	0	0	1					Standard	2	2	4	2	0	0	2	0	4
Bonnymead	A2	Club	Amesbury	1.5	0	0	1					Standard	2	2	4	2	0	0	0.5	0	4
Boscombe Down Sports Field	C	MoD	Amesbury	0	0	0	1					Good	3	4	6	3	0	0	3	0	6
Bower Hill Playing Fields	A1	LA	Melksham	1	3.5	0.88	3			2	1	Good	3	4	6	9	0	8	8	-3.5	5.12
Bowood Sports Ground	A2	Private	Calne	0.5	4	0.38		1	1	2	2	Standard	2	2	4	0	3	10	-0.5	-1	3.62
Box Recreation Ground	A1	LA	Corsham	0.5	0	0	1					Good	3	4	6	3	0	0	2.5	0	6
Bradenstoke Recreation Ground	A1	LA	Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade	0	0	0	1					Standard	2	2	4	2	0	0	2	0	4
Bradford & Winsley Community Sports Association	A2	Club	Bradford on Avon	1	7	1.5		2		3	1	Standard	2	2	4	0	2	7	-1	-5	2.5
Bradford on Avon Sports and Social Club	A2	Club	Bradford on Avon	1	0	0	1					Standard	2	2	4	2	0	0	1	0	4
Bradley Road	A2	Club	Trowbridge	2	1.5	1.75	1		1	2	2	Poor	1	1	2	1	1	6	-1	-0.5	0.25
Bradon Forest School	A3	Education	Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade	0	1	0.5	2		1			Standard	1	1	2	2	1	0	2	0	1.5
Bradstone Sports Field	A1	LA	Malmesbury	1	0	0	1					Standard	2	2	4	2	0	0	1	0	4
Bratton Recreation Ground	A1	LA	Westbury	1	0	0	1					Good	3	4	6	3	0	0	2	0	6
Brian White Head Sports and Social Club	A1	LA	Southern Wiltshire	1	0	0	1					Good	3	4	6	3	0	0	2	0	6
Broad Hinton C of E Primary School	C	Education	Marlborough	0	0	0					1	Standard	2	2	4	0	0	4	0	0	4
Broughton Gifford Common	A1	LA	Melksham	0	0	0.38	1					Standard	2	2	4	2	0	0	2	0	3.62
Bulford Barracks Sports Ground	C	MoD	Amesbury	0	0	0	1					Standard	2	2	4	2	0	0	2	0	4
Bulford Recreation Ground	A1	LA	Amesbury	0.5	0	0	1				1	Standard	2	2	4	2	0	4	1.5	0	4
Burbage & Easton Royal Sports Club	A2	Club	Pewsey	0	0	0						Standard	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
Calne Recreation Ground	A1	LA	Calne	0	0	0	1					Good	3	4	6	3	0	0	3	0	6
Calne Town Football Club	A2	Club	Calne	1.5	0	0	1					Good	3	4	6	3	0	0	1.5	0	6
Castle Combe Sports Field	A1	LA	Chippenham	1.5	3.5	0.88	1		1		1	Good	3	4	6	3	4	6	1.5	0.5	5.12
Castle Meadow Playing Field	A1	LA	South West Wiltshire	0	0	0	1					Standard	2	2	4	2	0	0	2	0	4

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Chafyn Grove School	C	Education	Salisbury	0	0	0				1		Standard	2	2	4	0	0	1	0	0	4
Chalke Valley Sports Centre	A1	LA	South West Wiltshire	2	1	0	1			2	2	Standard	2	2	4	2	0	10	0	-1	4
Charter Primary School	C	Education	Chippenham	0	0	0						Standard	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
Cherhill C of E Primary School	C	Education	Calne	0	0	0					1	Standard	2	2	4	0	0	4	0	0	4
Cherhill CC (Quernford Gate)	A1	LA	Calne	0	0	0						Standard	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
Chesnut Springs Playing Field	A1	LA	Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade	0	3	0.5		1	1	2	1	Good	3	4	6	0	5	8	0	2	5.5
Chilmark Cricket Ground	A2	Club	South West Wiltshire	0	0	0						Standard	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
Chippenham RFC (Allington Fields)	A2	Club	Chippenham	0	0	0						Standard	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
Chippenham Sports Club/Hardenhuish Park	A2	Club	Chippenham	2	0	0	1					Standard	2	2	4	2	0	0	0	0	0
Chippenham Sports Club cricket field	A2	Club	Chippenham	0	0	0						Standard	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
Chirton Primary School	C	Education	Pewsey	0	0	0					1	Standard	2	2	4	0	0	4	0	0	4
Chitterne Recreation Ground	A2	Club	Warminster	0	0	0						Standard	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
Church Road Grass Pitches	C	Education	Southern Wiltshire	0	0	0	2	1	1			Standard	2	2	4	4	3	0	4	3	4
Codford Village Hall and Playing Field	A1	LA	Warminster	1	0	0	1					Standard	2	2	4	2	0	0	1	0	4
Coldharbour Playing Fields (Warminster School)	C	Education	Warminster	0	0	0						Standard	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
Colerne RUFC (Higgins Field)	C	MoD	Corsham	0	0	0						Standard	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
Collingbourne Dulcis Recreation Ground	A1	LA	Tidworth	0.88	0	0	1					Good	3	4	6	3	0	0	2.12	0	6
Compton Bassett Cricket Club	A2	Private	Calne	0	0	0						Standard	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
Cornflower Play Area	A1	LA	Melksham	0	0	0.88			1			Standard	2	2	4	0	2	0	0	2	3.12
Coronation Field	A1	LA	Southern Wiltshire	0	0	0						Standard	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
Corsham Cricket Club	A1	LA	Corsham	0	0	0						Standard	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
Corsham Primary School	C	Education	Corsham	0	0	0			1			Standard	2	2	4	0	2	0	0	2	4
Corsham School & Visual Arts Centre	B	Education	Corsham	0	0	0						Standard	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
Corsham Town Football and Rugby Clubs	A1	LA	Corsham	1.88	0	0	1					Good	3	4	6	3	0	0	1.12	0	6
Corsley War Memorial Field	A1	LA	Warminster	0	0	0						Standard	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
Corston Regis County Primary School (grass pitch)	C	Education	Corsham	0	0	0			1			Standard	2	2	4	0	2	0	0	2	4
cricket field at Compton Chamberlayne	A2	Club	South West Wiltshire	0	0	0						Standard	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	4

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cricket field at Coombe Bissett	A2	Club	Southern Wiltshire	0	0	0						Standard	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
cricket field off Frome Road, Wingfield	B	Private	Bradford on Avon	0	0	0						Standard	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
cricket field off Hackett Place	C	Education	Trowbridge	0	0	0						Standard	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
cricket field off Salisbury Road, Tidworth	C	MoD	Tidworth	0	0	0						Standard	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
cricket ground, West Lavington	A3	Education	Devizes	0	0	0						Standard	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
Cricklade Leisure Centre	A1	LA	Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade	2	1	0.63	2					Standard	2	2	4	4	0	0	2	-1	3.37
Crudwell C of E Primary School	C	Education	Malmesbury	0	0	0				1		Standard	2	2	4	0	0	1	0	0	4
Crudwell Village Hall	A1	LA	Malmesbury	0	0	0	1			1		Standard	2	2	4	2	0	1	2	0	4
Culver Close Playing Field	A1	LA	Bradford on Avon	1	0	0	1					Good	3	4	6	3	0	0	2	0	6
Dauntsey's School	A3	Education	Devizes	0.88	0	0						Standard	1	1	1	0	0	0	-0.88	0	1
Deverills Cricket Field	A2	Private	Warminster	0	0	0						Standard	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
Devizes School & Leisure Centre	B	Education	Devizes	0	0	0	1					Standard	2	2	4	2	0	0	2	0	4
Devizes Sports Club	A2	Club	Devizes	0.5	0	0						Standard	2	2	4	0	0	0	-0.5	0	4
Devizes Town Football Club	A2	Club	Devizes	2.5	3.5	0.13	1					Standard	2	2	4	2	0	0	-0.5	-3.5	3.87
Dilton Marsh Playing Field	A1	LA	Westbury	0.5	0	0.38	1			1		Standard	2	2	4	2	0	1	1.5	0	3.62
Dilton Marsh Primary School	C	Education	Westbury	0	0	0				1		Standard	2	2	4	0	0	1	0	0	4
Dinton Recreation Ground	A1	LA	South West Wiltshire	0	0	0						Good	3	4	6	0	0	0	0	0	6
Donhead Sports Club	A2	Club	South West Wiltshire	1	0	0	1					Standard	2	3	4	2	0	0	1	0	4
Doric Park (Trowbridge RFC)	A2	Club	Trowbridge	0	0	0						Standard	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
Downland School	C	Education	Devizes	0	0	0			1			Standard	2	2	4	0	2	0	0	2	4
DTSL Sports Ground, Porton Down		MoD	Amesbury	1	2	0.13	1					Standard	2	2	4	2	0	0	1	-2	3.87
Duchy Manor	A1	LA	South West Wiltshire	0	1.5	0.25	1			2		Standard	2	2	4	2	0	2	2	-1.5	3.75
Durrington Recreation Ground	A1	LA	Amesbury	1	1	0.63	1					Standard	2	2	4	2	0	0	1	-1	3.37
Earl Danby's C of E Primary School	C	Education	Malmesbury	0	0	0						Standard	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
Earlestone & Coulston Cricket Club	A2	Club	Devizes	0	0	0						Standard	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
Elcot Lane Playing Field	A1	LA	Marlborough	2	1.5	0.5	2					Standard	2	2	4	4	0	0	2	-1.5	3.5
end of East Gormeldon road, Gormeldon	A1	LA	Amesbury	0	0	0					1	Standard	2	2	4	0	0	4	0	0	4

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Enford Recreation Ground	A1	LA	Tidworth	1	0	0		1				Good	3	4	6	0	1	0	-1	1	6
Fairview Field, Cricklade	A1	LA	Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade	0	0	0						Standard	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
Figheldean Recreation Ground	A1	LA	Amesbury	0.5	0	0	1					Standard	2	2	4	2	0	0	1.5	0	4
Fisherton Recreation Ground (closed?)		LA	Amesbury	0	0	0						Standard	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
Five Rivers Leisure Centre	A1	LA	Salisbury	0	1	0				2		Standard	2	2	4	0	0	2	0	-1	4
Folly Lane pitches (Warminster RFC)	A2	Club	Warminster	0	0	0						Standard	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
Fovant CC (East Farm)	A2	Private	South West Wiltshire	0	0	0						Standard	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
Frogwell Primary School	C	Education	Chippenham	0	0	0						Standard	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
Gerard Buxton Playing Field	A2	Club	Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade	2	0	0	1					Standard	2	2	4	2	0	0	0	0	4
Goatacre Cricket Club	A2	Club	Calne	0	0	0						Standard	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
Goatacre Recreation Ground	A1	LA	Calne	1	0	0	2					Good	3	4	6	6	0	0	5	0	6
Gormeldon Primary School	C	Education	Amesbury	0	0	0						Standard	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
Great Somerford FC	A2	Private	Malmesbury	0.5	0	0	1					Standard	2	2	4	2	0	0	1.5	0	4
Green Lane Recreation Centre	A1	LA	Corsham	0.5	1	0.5	1					Good	3	4	6	3	0	0	2.5	-1	5.5
Grittleton House School	C	Education	Chippenham	0	0	0						Standard	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
Hampton Park Pavilion	A1	LA	Salisbury	0	0	0				1		Standard	2	2	4	0	0	1	0	0	4
Harnham C of E Junior School	C	Education	Salisbury	0	0	0						Standard	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
Harnham Cricket Ground	B	LA	Salisbury	0	0	0						Standard	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
Harnham Recreation Ground	A1	LA	Salisbury	1.5	1.5	0.13	1					Good	2	2	4	2	0	0	0.5	-1.5	3.87
Heddington C of E Primary School (r/o)	C	Education	Calne	0	0	0						Standard	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
Highbury Field Football Ground	A2	Club	Warminster	0	5	0.5	1					Standard	2	2	4	2	0	0	2	-5	3.5
Hilmarton Primary School	C	Education	Calne	0	0	0						Standard	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
Hilmarton Recreation Ground	A1	LA	Calne	0	0	0				1		Standard	2	2	4	0	0	1	0	0	4
Holbrook Primary School	C	Education	Trowbridge	0	0	0						Standard	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
Holt Playing Field	A1	LA	Bradford on Avon	1	0.88	0	1					Good	3	4	6	3	0	0	2	-0.88	6
Holy Trinity C of E Primary School	C	Education	Calne	0	0	0						Standard	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	4



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Hornshingham Playing Fields	A1	LA	Warminster	0	1	0			1			Standard	2	2	4	0	2	0	0	1	4
Hudsons Field	A1	LA	Salisbury	3	0	0	3			2	1	Standard	2	2	4	6	0	6	3	0	4
Hullavington CofE Primary School	C	Education	Chippenham	0	0	0				1		Standard	2	2	4	0	0	1	0	0	4
Idmiston Primary School	C	Education	Amesbury	0	0	0						Standard	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
Ivy Lane Primary School	C	Education	Chippenham	0	0	0						Standard	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
John of Gaunt School	A3	Education	Trowbridge	0	4	0	2					Standard	1	1	2	2	0	0	2	-4	2
Jubilee Field	A1	LA	Devizes	0.5	2	0	1		1			Good	3	4	6	3	4	0	2.5	2	6
Jubilee Playing Field	A1	LA	Chippenham	0	0.5	0	1					Standard	2	2	4	2	0	0	2	-0.5	4
Junction Road Recreation Ground	A1	LA	Southern Wiltshire	0	10.5	7.88	2					Good	1	1	6	2	0	0	2	-10.5	-1.88
Kennett Valley Village Hall	A1	LA	Marlborough	0	0	0						Standard	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
Kilmington & Stourton Cricket Club	A2	Club	South West Wiltshire	0	0	0						Standard	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
King George V Playing Field	A1	LA	Tidworth	0	0	0	1					Standard	2	2	4	2	0	0	2	0	4
King George V Playing Fields	A1	LA	Melksham	0	2	0	1					Poor	1	1	2	1	0	0	1	-2	2
Kington Langley Playing Field	A1	LA	Chippenham	0.5	0	0	1				1	Good	3	4	6	3	0	6	2.5	0	6
Lambrok Playing Field	A1	LA	Trowbridge	4.88	0	0	2					Poor	1	1	2	2	0	0	-2.88	0	2
Land Warfare Centre, Warminster	C	MoD	Warminster	0	0	0	3					Standard	2	2	4	6	0	0	6	0	4
Landford Recreation Ground	A1	LA	Southern Wiltshire	0	0	0	1					Standard	2	2	4	2	0	0	2	0	4
Langley Burrell Playing Field	A1	LA	Chippenham	0	0	0	1					Good	3	4	6	3	0	0	3	0	6
Laverstock & Ford Sports Club	A2	Club	Southern Wiltshire	4.25	0.5	0.13	2					Good	3	4	6	6	0	0	1.75	-0.5	5.87
Lavington School	A3	Education	Devizes	0	0.5	0	2			1		Standard	1	1	2	2	0	1	2	-0.5	2
Lea and Garsdon C of E Primary School	C	Education	Malmesbury	0	0	0						Standard	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
Leafy Lane, Hawthorn	A1	LA	Corsham	2.5	4	1.25	3	1	1	4		Good	3	4	6	9	5	4	6.5	1	4.75
Leehurst Swan School	C	Education	Salisbury	0	0	0	1					Standard	2	2	4	2	0	0	2	0	4
Leighton Recreation Centre	A1	LA	Westbury	3.5	1	0	2					Standard	2	2	4	4	0	0	0.5	-1	4
Little Marsh Playing Field	A1	LA	Melksham	1.5	0.5	0						Standard	2	2	4	0	0	0	-1.5	-0.5	4
Longleaze Primary School	C	Education	Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade	0	0	0						Standard	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
Ludgershall Sports & Social Club Football Ground	A2	Club	Tidworth	1.5	3.13	1.13	1					Standard	2	3	4	2	0	0	0.5	-3.13	2.87

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Malmesbury C of E Primary School	C	Education	Malmesbury	0	0	0						Standard	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
Malmesbury School	C	Education	Malmesbury	0	0	0						Standard	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
Malmesbury Victoria Football Ground	A2	Club	Malmesbury	2.5	1	0	1					Poor	1	1	2	1	0	0	-1.5	-1	2
Malmesbury Youth FC (Red Bull Pitches)	A2	Club	Malmesbury	0	7	6.75		3	1	2	3	Standard	2	2	4	0	5	14	0	-2	-2.75
Marlborough College	C	Education	Marlborough	0	0	0						Standard	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
Marlborough Cricket Club	A2	Club	Marlborough	0	0	0						Standard	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
Marlborough School	C	Education	Marlborough	0	0	0		1				Standard	2	2	4	0	1	0	0	1	4
Marlborough School Pitches	C	Education	Marlborough	0	0	0						Standard	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
Matravers School	B	Education	Westbury	0	0	0	1	1				Standard	1	1	2	1	1	0	1	1	2
Melksham Oak Community School	A3	Education	Melksham	1.5	1.5	0	4	2				Standard	1	1	2	4	2	0	2.5	0.5	2
Memorial Ground, Romsey Road	A1	LA	Southern Wiltshire	0.5	0	0	1					Standard	2	2	4	2	0	0	1.5	0	4
Mere Peace Memorial Sports & Recreation Ground	A1	LA	South West Wiltshire	2	0	0	2					Good	3	4	6	6	0	0	4	0	6
Meriton Recreation Ground, Corsham	A1	LA	Corsham	0.5	0	0	1					Good	3	4	6	3	0	0	2.5	0	6
Middle Street Meadow	A1	LA	Salisbury	1.5	0	0	1					Good	3	4	6	3	0	0	1.5	0	6
Mildenhall CC	A1	LA	Marlborough	0	0	0						Standard	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
Minety C of E Primary School	C	Education	Malmesbury	0	0	0					1	Standard	2	2	4	0	0	4	0	0	4
Minety Playing Fields	A1	LA	Malmesbury	1	0	0						Standard	2	2	4	0	0	0	-1	0	4
Monkton Farleigh Primary School (closed?)	C	Education	Bradford on Avon	0	0	0						Standard	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
Monkton Park Primary School pitch	C	Education	Chippenham	0	0	0						Standard	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
Noremars Community Junior School	C	Education	Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade	0	0	0						Standard	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
Normansland Recreation Ground	A1	LA	Southern Wiltshire	0.5	0	0	1			1		Good	3	4	6	3	0	1	2.5	0	6
North Bradley C of E Primary School	C	Education	Trowbridge	0	0	0						Standard	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
North Bradley Peace Memorial Recreation Ground	A1	LA	Trowbridge	0.5	0	0	1					Standard	2	2	4	2	0	0	1.5	0	4
Nuntgon Recreation Ground	A1	LA	Southern Wiltshire	0	0	0	1					Standard	2	2	4	2	0	0	2	0	4
Oaksey Playing Field	A1	LA	Malmesbury	0	0	0.25	1	1				Standard	2	2	4	2	1	0	2	1	3.75
off Alton Road, Wilcot	A2	Club	Pewsey	0	0	0						Standard	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
off Bradley Lane, Maiden Bradley	A1	LA	Warminster	0	0	0		1				Standard	2	2	4	0	1	0	0	1	4

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off Britford Road, Salisbury (Bishop Wordworth's School)	C	Education	Salisbury	0	0	0						Standard	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
off Church Lane, Rushall	B	Other	Pewsey	0	0	0						Standard	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
off Church Lane, Stanton St Quintin	C	MoD	Chippenham	0	0	0	1					Standard	2	2	4	2	0	0	2	0	4
off Farm Lane, Bedwyn	A1	LA	Pewsey	0	0	0	1					Standard	2	2	4	2	0	0	2	0	4
off Frees Avenue, Marlborough	A1	LA	Marlborough	0	3	0.88			1	2	2	Standard	2	2	4	0	2	10	0	-1	9.12
off Frog Lane Bedwyn	A1	LA	Pewsey	0	0	0						Standard	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
off Green Lane, Devizes	A1	LA	Devizes	0.5	1	0.88		1		1	1	Good	2	2	4	0	1	5	-0.5	0	3.12
off Henrys Garth, Burbage	A1	LA	Pewsey	0.5	0	0	1		1			Good	3	4	6	3	4	0	2.5	4	6
off High Road, Ashton Keynes	A1	LA	Malmesbury	0	2.5	0.5	1		1	2	1	Standard	2	2	4	2	2	6	2	-0.5	3.5
off High Street, Sutton Veny	A1	LA	Warminster	0	0	0	1			1		Standard	2	2	4	2	0	1	2	0	4
off Highfield, Bromham	A1	LA	Devizes	0	0	0				1		Standard	2	2	4	0	0	1	0	0	4
off Hillside, Leigh	A1	LA	Malmesbury	0	0	0					1	Standard	2	2	4	0	0	4	0	0	4
off Jubilee Hill, Durnford	A2	Private	Amesbury	0	0	0						Standard	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
off Lipgate	A1	LA	Devizes	0	0	0				1		Standard	2	2	4	0	0	1	0	0	4
off Manor Lane, Broad Hinton	A2	Private	Marlborough	0	0	0						Standard	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
off Meerut Road, Tidworth	C	MoD	Tidworth	0	0	0	1					Standard	2	2	4	2	0	0	2	0	4
Off Netherhampton Road	A2	Other	South West Wiltshire	1.5	0.88	0.5	2	1				Standard	2	2	4	4	1	0	2.5	0.12	-0.5
off Park Street	A2	Club	Warminster	1	0	0	1					Standard	2	2	4	2	0	0	1	0	4
off Pool Green, Neston	A1	LA	Corsham	0	0	0					1	Standard	2	2	4	0	0	4	0	0	4
off Portway, Gomeldon	A1	LA	Amesbury	0	0	0						Standard	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
off Redhills, Broadtown	A1	LA	Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade	0	0	0				1		Standard	2	2	4	0	0	1	0	0	4
off Riverside Drive, Melksham	A1	LA	Melksham	0	0	0					1	Good	3	4	6	0	0	6	0	0	6
off Stag Lane, Chilton Foliat	A1	LA	Marlborough	0	0	0			1			Standard	2	2	4	0	2	0	0	2	4
off Stoneover Lane, Wootton Bassett	A1	LA	Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade	0	0	0						Standard	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
off Swindon Road, Brinkworth	A1	LA	Malmesbury	0	0	0			1			Standard	2	2	4	0	2	0	0	2	4

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off Tetbury Lane, Chartlon	A1	LA	Malmesbury	0	0	0						Standard	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
off The Butts, Potterne	C	Education	Marlborough	0	0	0				1		Standard	2	2	4	0	0	1	0	0	4
off The Lynch, Shalbourne	A1	LA	Pewsey	0.5	0	0	1					Poor	3	4	6	3	0	0	2.5	0	6
off The Street, Grittleton	A1	LA	Chippenham	0	0	0						Standard	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
off The Street, Marden	B	Private	Pewsey	0	0	0						Standard	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
off The Street, Milton Lilbourne	A1	Education	Pewsey	0	0	0	1					Good	3	4	6	3	0	0	3	0	6
off Westbury Road, Edington	A1	LA	Westbury	0	0	0					1	Standard	2	2	4	0	0	4	0	0	4
off Yatton Road, Biddestone	A2	Club	Chippenham	2.5	1	0	1					Standard	2	2	4	2	0	0	-0.5	-1	4
Old Hospital Recreation Land	A1	LA	Pewsey	0	3	0.38	1		1	1	1	Standard	2	3	4	2	3	5	2	0	3.62
Pembroke Park Primary School	A3	Education	Salisbury	1	3	0.5			1			Standard	1	1	2	0	1	0	-1	-2	1.5
Pennymead	A1	LA	Malmesbury	0	0	0				1		Standard	2	2	4	0	0	1	0	0	4
Pewsey Vale Football Club	A2	Club	Pewsey	3.13	0	0	1					Good	3	4	6	3	0	0	-0.13	0	6
Pewsey Vale School	B	Education	Pewsey	0	0	0	2	1				Standard	1	1	2	2	1	0	2	1	2
pitch at Chilmark School	C	Education	South West Wiltshire	0	0	0				1		Standard	2	2	4	0	0	1	0	0	4
pitch off Bath Road, Shaw	B	Other	Melksham	0	0	0			1			Standard	2	2	4	0	2	0	0	2	4
pitch off Coppershell	A1	LA	Corsham	0	0	0					1	Standard	2	2	4	0	0	4	0	0	4
pitch off Forest Road, Wootton Rivers	A1	LA	Pewsey	0	0	0					1	Standard	2	2	4	0	0	4	0	0	4
pitch off Limpley Stoke Road, Winsley	A1	LA	Bradford on Avon	0	0	0		1				Standard	2	2	4	0	1	0	0	1	4
pitch off Priestley Grove, Calne	A1	LA	Calne	0.5	0	0	1					Good	3	4	6	3	0	0	2.5	0	6
pitch off Winterslow Road, Idmiston	C	Education	Amesbury	0	0	0				1		Standard	2	2	4	0	0	1	0	0	4
pitches off Grand Trunk Road, Tidworth Garrison	C	MoD	Tidworth	0	0	0	1					Standard	2	2	4	2	0	0	2	0	4
Pitton C of E Primary School	C	Education	Southern Wiltshire	0	0	0						Standard	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
Potterne Cricket Club	A2	Private	Devizes	0	0	0						Standard	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
Poulton Playing Field (inc Bradford News FC)	A1	LA	Bradford on Avon	1	0	0	1					Standard	2	2	4	2	0	0	1	0	4
Priestley Primary School	C	Education	Calne	0	0	0						Standard	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
Princecroft Primary School	C	Education	Warminster	0	0	0						Standard	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
Prinkney Park, Sherston	A2	Club	Malmesbury	0	0	0						Standard	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	4

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Prior Park Preparatory School	C	Education	Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade	0	0	0						Standard	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
Purton Cricket Club	A2	Club	Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade	0	0	0						Standard	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
RAF Larkhill (football pitch of Brackenbury Road)	C	MoD	Amesbury	0.5	0	0	1					Standard	2	2	4	2	0	0	1.5	0	4
RAF Larkhill, (Bell Road Cricket Field)		MoD	Amesbury	0	0	0						Standard	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
Ramsbury Primary School	C	Education	Marlborough	0	0	0						Standard	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
Ramsbury Recreation Centre	A1	LA	Marlborough	1.75	4.38	4.5	1	1	1		1	Good	3	4	6	3	5	6	1.25	0.62	1.5
Redland Lane Field	A1	LA	Westbury	0.88	11.25	6.75	1	1				Standard	2	2	4	2	1	0	1.12	-10.25	-2.75
Redlynch Recreation Ground	A1	LA	Southern Wiltshire	2.5	0	0	2					Good	3	4	6	6	0	0	3.5	0	6
Rowdeford School	C	Education	Devizes	0	0	0		1				Standard	2	2	4	0	1	0	0	1	4
Royal Wootton Bassett Academy	B	Education	Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade	0	0	0						Standard	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
Rudloe Recreation Ground	A1	LA	Corsham	0	0	0					1	Good	3	4	6	0	0	6	0	0	6
rugby field off Chatham Close	C	MoD	Salisbury	0	0	0						Standard	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
Rushall C of E Primary School	C	Education	Pewsey	0	0	0						Standard	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
Salisbury & South Wilts Sports Club	A2	Club	Salisbury	0	0.5	0	2					Good	3	4	6	6	0	0	6	-0.5	0
Salisbury City Football Club	A2	Club	Southern Wiltshire	2	0	0	1					Standard	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Salisbury Road Recreation Ground	A1	LA	Marlborough	0	2.5	0	1					Good	3	4	6	3	0	0	3	-2.5	6
Sands Lane, Rowde	A1	LA	Devizes	1.5	0	0	2					Good	3	4	6	6	0	0	4.5	0	6
Sarum Academy	C	Education	Salisbury	0	0	0	1					Standard	2	2	4	2	0	0	2	0	4
School adj to Westinghouse Cricket Club	C	Education	Chippenham	0	0	0						Standard	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
School at Longbridge Deverill	C	Education	Warminster	0	0	0						Standard	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
school at Middle Woodford	C	Education	Amesbury	0	0	0			1			Standard	2	2	4	0	2	0	0	2	4
School Lane Playing Field	A3	Education	Bradford on Avon	0	5.75	6.75					2	Standard	1	1	2	0	0	4	0	-5.75	-4.75
school north west of Potterne village	C	Education	Devizes	0	0	0						Standard	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
school of Broad Cloth Lane	C	Education	Trowbridge	0	0	0						Standard	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
school off Arundel Close, Westbury	C	Education	Westbury	0	0	0						Standard	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
school off Bedford Road	C	Education	Salisbury	0	0	0						Standard	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	4

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school off Bishopdown Road	C	Education	Salisbury	0	0	0						Standard	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
school off Bradford Road, Atworth	C	Education	Melksham	0	0	0						Standard	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
school off Brickley Lane, Devizes	C	Education	Devizes	0	0	0						Standard	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
school off Broad Street, Woodborough	C	Education	Pewsey	0	0	0						Standard	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
school off Broad Town Road, Broadtown	C	Education	Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade	0	0	0						Standard	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
school off Burcombe Lane, Wilton	C	Education	South West Wiltshire	0	0	0					1	Standard	2	2	4	0	0	4	0	0	4
school off Church Rise, Neston	C	Education	Corsham	0	0	0						Standard	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
school off Devizes Road, Rowde	C	Education	Devizes	0	0	0						Standard	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
School off Drove Lane, Market Lavington	A2	Club	Devizes	0	0.5	0.38	1					Standard	2	2	4	2	0	0	2	-0.5	3.62
School off Firs Road, Alderbury	C	Education	Southern Wiltshire	0	0	0				1		Standard	2	2	4	0	0	1	0	0	4
school off Gosditch, Ashton Keynes	C	Education	Malmesbury	0	0	0						Standard	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
school off Hackett Place	C	Education	Trowbridge	0	0	0						Standard	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
school off Hazel Grove, Trowbridge	C	Education	Trowbridge	0	0	0						Standard	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
school off Hubert Hamilton Road, Bulford	C	Education	Amesbury	0	0	0						Standard	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
school off Imber Close, Warminster	C	Education	Warminster	0	0	0						Standard	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
school off Parsonage Road, Amesbury	C	Education	Amesbury	0	0	0						Standard	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
school off Pound Lane, Semington	C	Education	Melksham	0	0	0						Standard	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
school off Preston Road, Lyneham	C	Education	Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade	0	0	0						Standard	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
school off Sandalwood Road, Westbury	C	Education	Westbury	0	0	0						Standard	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
school off Shears Drive, Amesbury	C	Education	Amesbury	0	0	0						Standard	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
school off St Thomas Way, Laverstock	C	Education	Salisbury	0	0	0						Standard	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
school off The Oaks, Chippenham	C	Education	Chippenham	0	0	0						Standard	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
school off Tynning Road, Winsley	C	Education	Bradford on Avon	0	0	0						Standard	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
school off Wick Lane, Devizes	C	Education	Devizes	0	0	0						Standard	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
schools off High Street, Cheverell Magna	C	Education	Devizes	0	0	0				1		Standard	2	2	4	0	0	1	0	0	4
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Seagry C of E Primary School	C	Education	Chippenham	0	0	0						Standard	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
Seagry Cricket Club	A2	Private	Chippenham	0	0	0						Standard	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
Seend C of E Primary School	C	Education	Melksham	0	0	0						Standard	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
Seymour Playing Fields	A1	LA	Trowbridge	0.5	0	0	1					Poor	1	1	2	1	0	0	0.5	0	2
Seymour Road	A2	Club	Trowbridge	0.5	1	0.38						Standard	2	2	4	0	0	0	-0.5	-1	3.62
Sheldon School	A3	Education	Chippenham	2	0	0	3					Standard	1	1	2	3	0	0	1	0	2
Shrewton Recreation Ground	A1	LA	Amesbury	0.88	0.5	0	1					Standard	2	2	4	2	0	0	1.12	-0.5	4
South Newton Recreation Ground	A1	LA	South West Wiltshire	0.5	1	0.38	1					Standard	2	3	6	2	0	0	1.5	-1	5.62
South Wilts Grammar School for Girls	C	Education	Salisbury	0	0	0						Standard	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
Southam and the Water Pitches	C		Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade	0	0	0						Standard	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
Southbroom St James Church Academy	C	Education	Devizes	0	0.5	0.75		2				Standard	2	2	4	0	2	0	0	1.5	3.25
Spaniel's Bridge	A2	Club	Devizes	0	0	0						Standard	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
Springfields School	A3	Education	Calne	0	2	0.25		1	1	1		Standard	1	1	2	0	2	1	0	0	1.75
Spye Park Cricket Club	A2	Club	Devizes	0	0	0						Standard	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
St Augustine's Catholic Technology College	C	Education	Trowbridge	0	0	0		1	1			Standard	2	2	4	0	3	0	0	3	4
St Dunstan C of E Primary School	C	Education	Calne	0	0	0						Standard	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
St Edmunds RC Primary School	C	Education	Calne	0	0	0						Standard	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
St John's Catholic Primary School	C	Education	Trowbridge	0	0	0						Standard	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
St John's School & Community College	A3	Education	Marlborough	0.5	0	0	2					Standard	1	1	2	2	0	0	1.5	0	2
St Laurence School	A3	Education	Bradford on Avon	0	1.5	0	2					Standard	1	1	2	2	0	0	2	-1.5	2
St Mary's Recreation Field	A1	LA	Melksham	1	0.88	0	1	1				Good	3	4	6	3	1	0	2	0.12	6
St Mary's School	C	Education	South West Wiltshire	0	0	0						Standard	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
St Mary's Sports Centre	A1	LA	Calne	0	0	0						Standard	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
Stallards Recreation Ground	A1	LA	Trowbridge	0	0	0		1				Poor	1	1	2	0	1	0	0	1	2
Stanley Park	A1	LA	Calne	9	13	2.63	5		1	5	4	Good	3	4	6	15	4	29	6	-9	3.37
Steeple Langford Recreation Ground	A1	LA	Amesbury	0	0	0						Standard	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
Stonar School	A3	Education	Melksham	0	1	0.25				1	1	Standard	1	1	2	0	0	3	0	-1	1.75

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Studley Green Primary School	C	Education	Trowbridge	0	0	0						Standard	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
Sutton Benger C of E Primary School	C	Education	Chippenham	0	0	0						Standard	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
Sutton Benger Recreation Ground	A1	LA	Chippenham	1	0	0	1	1			1	Standard	2	2	4	2	1	4	1	1	4
The Avenue Primary School & Children's Centre	C	Education	Warminster	0	0	0						Standard	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
The Beeches	A1	LA	Melksham	1.5	1	0	1					Poor	1	1	2	1	0	0	-0.5	-1	2
The Beversbrook Sports Complex	A1	LA	Calne	8.5	17	1.5	3	2	1	3		Good	3	4	6	9	6	3	0.5	-11	4.5
The Clarendon College	A3	Education	Trowbridge	1	0	0		2	1			Standard	1	1	2	0	3	0	-1	3	2
The Conigre Woolmore Farm (from Autumn 2016)	A1 (A1)	LA (LA)	Melksham (Melksham)	4 (4.5)	0 (10)	0.38 (2.75)	1 (2)		(4)	(2)	(2)	Poor (Good)	1 (3)	2 (4)	2 (6)	1 (6)	0 (24)	0 (24)	-3 (1.5)	0 (14)	1.62 (21.25)
The Downs	A2	Club	Bradford on Avon	0	0	0						Standard	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
The Elisha Field, Market Lavington	A1	LA	Devizes	0	0	1.13		1	1			Standard	2	2	4	0	3	0	0	3	2.87
The George Ward School (closed?)	C	Education	Melksham	0	0	0						Standard	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
The Godolphin School	C	Education	Salisbury	0	0	0						Standard	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
The Green Recreation Ground, Christian Malford	A1	LA	Chippenham	0	0	0					1	Standard	2	2	4	0	0	4	0	0	4
The Green, Dauntsey	A1	LA	Malmesbury	0	0	0						Standard	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
The Grove Recreation Ground	A1	LA	Trowbridge	0	0	0				1		Standard	2	2	4	0	0	1	0	0	4
The John Bentley School	B	Education	Calne	0	0	0	2					Standard	1	1	2	2	0	0	2	0	2
The Lye Field	A1	LA	Melksham	1	0.5	0.63	1					Good	3	4	6	3	0	0	2	-0.5	5.37
The Manor C of E VC Primary School	C	Education	Melksham	0	0	0						Standard	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
The Manor, High Street, Keevil	A2	Private	Melksham	0	0	0						Standard	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
The Playing Field (Lacock)	A2	Other	Corsham	1	0	0	1					Good	3	4	6	3	0	0	2	0	6
The Playing Field at Southwick	A1	LA	Trowbridge	0	0.5	0	1					Poor	1	1	2	1	0	0	1	-0.5	2
The Portway	A1	LA	Salisbury	0	0	0		1				Standard	2	2	4	0	1	0	0	1	4
The Red House	A1	LA	Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade	1.5	0	0	1					Standard	2	2	4	2	0	0	0.5	0	4
The Sports Field, Sherston	A1	LA	Malmesbury	1.88	0	0	1					Good	3	4	6	3	0	0	1.12	0	6
The Wellington Academy	A3	Education	Tidworth	0.5	0	0	1	1				Standard	1	1	2	1	1	0	0.5	1	2
The Worthys	A2	Club	Malmesbury	0	0	0						Standard	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	4



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Tidworth Oval	C	MoD	Tidworth	0	0	0	1					Standard	2	2	4	2	0	0	2	0	4
Tisbury & District Sports Centre	A1	LA	South West Wiltshire	0	0	0					1	Standard	2	2	4	0	0	4	0	0	4
Tisbury Lower Recreation Ground	A1	LA	South West Wiltshire	1	0	0	1					Good	3	4	6	3	0	0	2	0	6
Trafalgar School at Downton	C	Education	Southern Wiltshire	0	0	0	1	2				Standard	2	2	4	2	2	0	2	2	4
Urchfont C of E Primary School	C	Education	Devizes	0	0	0						Standard	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
Urchfont Cricket Club	A2	Club	Devizes	0	0	0						Standard	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
Victoria Park pitch	A1	LA	Salisbury	2	0	0	1					Poor	1	1	2	1	0	0	-1	0	0
Victory Field Recreation Ground (might be Culver Close Playing Field)	A1	LA	Bradford on Avon	0	3	0						Standard	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	-3	4
Walwayne Court School	C	Education	Trowbridge	0	0	0						Standard	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
Warminster Kingdown/St John's CE Primary School	A3	Education	Warminster	1	0	0		1				Standard	1	1	2	0	1	0	-1	1	2
Warminster School & Preparatory School	C	Education	Warminster	0	0	0						Standard	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
Warminster Town Cricket Club	A2	Club	Warminster	0	0	0						Standard	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
Warminster Town Football Club	A2	Club	Warminster	2	0.5	0	1					Good	3	4	6	3	0	0	1	-0.5	6
West Lavington Playing Field	A1	LA	Devizes	0	1	0	1	1				Good	3	4	6	3	1	0	3	0	6
Westbury C of E Junior School	A3	Education	Westbury	0	1.5	0			1			Standard	1	1	2	0	1	0	0	-0.5	2
Westbury RFC (Westbury Country Park)	A2	Club	Westbury	0	0	0						Standard	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
Westbury United Football Club	A2	Club	Westbury	2.38	0	0	1					Standard	2	2	4	2	0	0	-0.38	0	4
Westinghouse Cricket Club (Closed)	A2	Private	Chippenham									Standard									
Westwood Playing Field	A1	LA	Bradford on Avon	0.5	0	0	1					Standard	2	2	4	2	0	0	1.5	0	4
Westwood Playing Field	A1	LA	Bradford on Avon	0	0	0						Standard	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
Whaddon Lane Playing Field	A1	LA	Trowbridge	1	0	0	1					Poor	1	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	2
Whitelion Park (closed?)		LA	Malmesbury	0	0	0		2				Good	3	4	6	0	2	0	0	2	6
Wilton Middle School (closed?)		Education	South West Wiltshire	0	0	0						Standard	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
Wiltshire College (Chippenham)	C	Education	Chippenham	0	0	0	1					Standard	2	2	4	2	0	0	2	0	4
Wiltshire College (Lackham)	B	Education	Corsham	0	0	0	2					Standard	1	1	2	2	0	0	2	0	2
Wingfield C of E Primary School (closed?)	C	Education	Bradford on Avon	0	0	0						Standard	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
Winterslow Recreation Ground	A1	LA	Southern Wiltshire	0	0	0		1				Standard	2	2	4	0	1	0	0	1	4

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Zouch Primary School (closed?)		Education	Tidworth	0	0	0						Standard	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	4

NB: The figures provided for Woolmore Farm relate to the re-location of Melksham Town Football Club from the Conigre site to Woolmore Farm in Autumn 2016. The data is based on Melksham Town Football Club and its volume of teams, with the assumption that the teams are able to train off the main playing pitch.

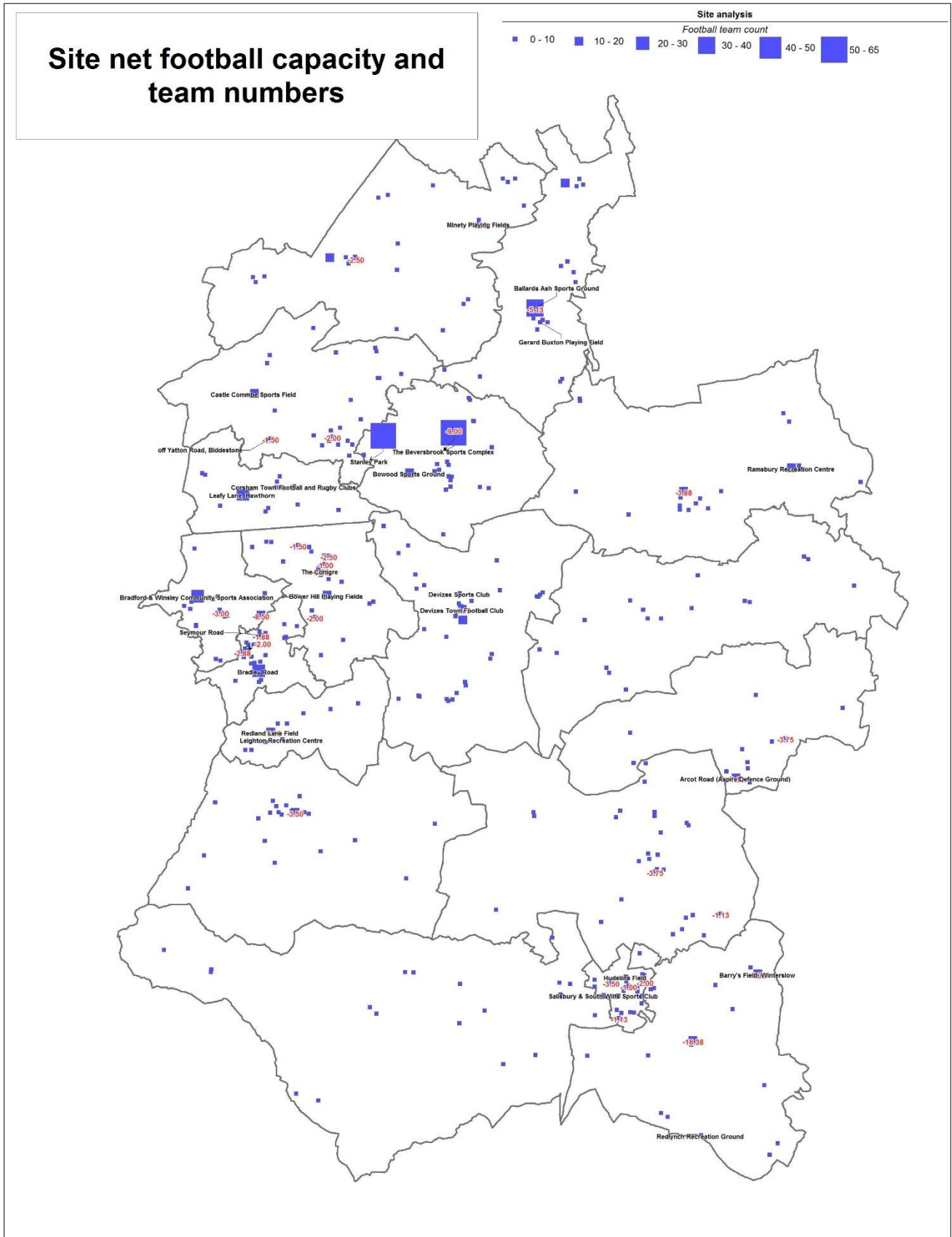
**Comment**

5.52 In reality much of this apparent 'overplay' is due to the fact that junior and mini soccer teams often play on 'over-marked' larger pitches, and do not have dedicated pitch space of their own.

5.53 The scores provided in **Tables 5.13** are derived largely from sites audits conducted on a given day. And whilst the audits were planned to coincide with the 'winter' part of the football season, the results do not necessarily reflect conditions that clubs and teams face when weather conditions are extremely adverse. Over recent seasons, autumn and winter rainfall has been heavy, and often for protracted periods, and this has resulted in major fixture disruptions due to flooding and waterlogging. Perhaps if all pitches were constructed and maintained to a high technical specification some of the disruption could have been avoided, but this is unlikely ever to be economically viable for the majority of pitches.

5.54 The above technical assessment therefore also needs to be informed from other sources, including those who actually use the facilities. The 'Red Figure' sites have been distilled from the above table and are summarised in **Map 5.1** and **Table 5.14** below, together with a summary of relevant comments received from clubs responding to the questionnaire survey.

Map 5.1: Estimated team numbers on site and net football capacity inc. over-use (red figures)



NB: Site capacity and over-use at the Conigre site in Melksham will be alleviated in Autumn 2016, due to Melksham Town FC and Melksham RFC moving to Woolmore Farm.

**Table 5.14: 'Red figure' sites** (the full dataset is contained in **Appendix 3: All Data Spreadsheet**)

The final additional column D aggregates overall net deficits for each site by combining the totals in A, B, and C. The figures in Column D are provided as a guide, and should not be read in isolation from those in A, B, and C.

Name	Availability	Ownership	Sub Area	Football pitch rating	A. Adult pitch net site capacity	B. Junior pitch net site capacity	C. Mini pitch net site capacity	Combined net site capacity (A+B+C)	Comments from consultation
Redland Lane Field	A1	LA	Westbury	Standard	1.12	-10.25	-2.75	-11.88	Site is congested with pitches- need bigger site. Club would prefer all its teams to play on site, but school facilities also have to be used. Club claims that standard of facilities stop it from developing further- floodlights would be welcomed.
School Lane Playing Field	A3	Education	Bradford on Avon	Standard	0	-5.75	-4.75	-10.50	
Junction Road Recreation Ground	A1	LA	Southern Wiltshire	Good	2	-10.5	-1.88	-10.38	
Ballards Ash Sports Ground	A1	LA	Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade	Standard	-0.88	-8	2.75	-6.13	
The Beversbrook Sports Complex	A1	LA	Calne	Good	0.5	-11	4.5	-6.00	"Very high pitch use at Beversbrook as a lot of different teams from FC Calne and from other clubs play there. Probably close to maximum capacity."
Malmesbury Youth FC (Red Bull Pitches)	A2	Club	Malmesbury	Standard	0	-2	-2.75	-4.75	
Bradford & Winsley Community Sports Association	A2	Club	Bradford on Avon	Standard	-1	-5	2.5	-3.50	Major problems resulting from wet weather/water-logging
Pembroke Park Primary School	A3	Education	Salisbury	Standard	-1	-2	1.5	-1.50	
The Conigre	A1	LA	Melksham	Poor	-3	0	1.62	-1.38	
Bradley Road	A2	Club	Trowbridge	Poor	-1	-0.5	0.25	-1.25	
Lambrok Playing Field	A1	LA	Trowbridge	Poor	-2.88	0	2	-0.88	
Barry's Field, Winterslow	A1	LA	Southern Wiltshire	Good	2	-3.75	1	-0.75	
Awdry Avenue Football	A1	LA	Melksham	Poor	-2	-0.5	2	-0.50	

Name	Availability	Ownership	Sub Area	Football pitch rating	A. Adult pitch net site capacity	B. Junior pitch net site capacity	C. Mini pitch net site capacity	Combined net site capacity (A+B+C)	Comments from consultation
Pitch									
Malmesbury Victoria Football Ground	A2	Club	Malmesbury	Poor	-1.5	-1	2	-0.50	
Devizes Town Football Club	A2	Club	Devizes	Standard	-0.5	-3.5	3.87	-0.13	
John of Gaunt School	A3	Education	Trowbridge	Standard	2	-4	2	0.00	
Dauntsey's School	A3	Education	Devizes	Standard	-0.88	0	1	0.12	
off Frees Avenue, Marlborough	A1	LA	Marlborough	Standard	0	-3	3.12	0.12	
Ludgershall Sports & Social Club Football Ground	A2	Club	Tidworth	Standard	0.5	-3.13	2.87	0.24	
Archers Gate & Boscombe Down	A2	MoD	Amesbury	Standard	0	-3.5	3.75	0.25	
Stanley Park	A1	LA	Calne	Good	6	-9	3.37	0.37	
Highbury Field Football Ground	A2	Club	Warminster	Standard	2	-5	3.5	0.50	
The Beeches	A1	LA	Melksham	Poor	-0.5	-1	2	0.50	
Stonar School	A3	Education	Melksham	Standard	0	-1	1.75	0.75	
King George V Playing Fields	A1	LA	Melksham	Poor	1	-2	2	1.00	
Victoria Park pitch	A1	LA	Salisbury	Poor	-1	0	2	1.00	
Victory Field Recreation Ground (might be Culner Close Playing Field)	A1	LA	Bradford on Avon	Standard	0	-3	4	1.00	
Westbury C of E Junior School	A3	Education	Westbury	Standard	0	-0.5	2	1.50	
Atworth Recreation Ground	A1	LA	Melksham	Poor	0	0	2	2.00	

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Bishopdown	A1	LA	Salisbury	Poor	-2	0	4	2.00	
Chippenham Sports Club	A2	Club	Chippenham	Standard	-2	0	4	2.00	
Little Marsh Playing Field	A1	LA	Melksham	Standard	-1.5	-0.5	4	2.00	
Warminster Kingdown/St John's CE Primary School	A3	Education	Warminster	Standard	-1	1	2	2.00	
Bowood Sports Ground	A2	Private	Calne	Standard	-0.5	-1	3.62	2.12	
Seymour Road	A2	Club	Trowbridge	Standard	-0.5	-1	3.62	2.12	
off Yatton Road, Biddestone	A2	Club	Chippenham	Standard	-0.5	-1	4	2.50	
St Laurence School	A3	Education	Bradford on Avon	Standard	2	-1.5	2	2.50	
The Playing Field at Southwick	A1	LA	Trowbridge	Poor	1	-0.5	2	2.50	
off Green Lane, Devizes	A1	LA	Devizes	Good	-0.5	0	3.12	2.62	
DTSL Sports Ground, Porton Down		MoD	Amesbury	Standard	1	-2	3.87	2.87	
Harnham Recreation Ground	A1	LA	Salisbury	Good	0.5	-1.5	3.87	2.87	
Chalke Valley Sports Centre	A1	LA	South West Wiltshire	Standard	0	-1	4	3.00	
Five Rivers Leisure Centre	A1	LA	Salisbury	Standard	0	-1	4	3.00	
Minety Playing Fields	A1	LA	Malmesbury	Standard	-1	0	4	3.00	
Avebury Sports Field	A2	Other	Marlborough	Standard	1.12	-0.88	2.87	3.11	
Bemerton Heath Harlequins Football Club	A2	Club	Salisbury	Standard	0.5	-1	3.87	3.37	
Durrington Recreation Ground	A1	LA	Amesbury	Standard	1	-1	3.37	3.37	
Devizes Sports Club	A2	Club	Devizes	Standard	-0.5	0	4	3.50	

Name	Availability	Ownership	Sub Area	Football pitch rating	A. Adult pitch net site capacity	B. Junior pitch net site capacity	C. Mini pitch net site capacity	Combined net site capacity (A+B+C)	Comments from consultation
Lavington School	A3	Education	Devizes	Standard	2	-0.5	2	3.50	
Leighton Recreation Centre	A1	LA	Westbury	Standard	0.5	-1	4	3.50	
Westbury United Football Club	A2	Club	Westbury	Standard	-0.38	0	4	3.62	
Battlebury Barracks (east)		MoD	Warminster	Standard	1	-1	3.87	3.87	
Elcot Lane Playing Field	A1	LA	Marlborough	Standard	2	-1.5	3.5	4.00	
The Clarendon College	A3	Education	Trowbridge	Standard	-1	3	2	4.00	
Duchy Manor	A1	LA	South West Wiltshire	Standard	2	-1.5	3.75	4.25	
Cricklade Leisure Centre	A1	LA	Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade	Standard	2	-1	3.37	4.37	
Salisbury City Football Club	A2	Club	Southern Wiltshire	Standard	3	-2	3.62	4.62	
Shrewton Recreation Ground	A1	LA	Amesbury	Standard	1.12	-0.5	4	4.62	
Arcot Road (Aspire Defence Ground)		MoD	Tidworth	Good	2.5	-3	5.37	4.87	
off High Road, Ashton Keynes	A1	LA	Malmesbury	Standard	2	-0.5	3.5	5.00	
School off Drove Lane, Market Lavington	A2	Club	Devizes	Standard	2	-0.5	3.62	5.12	
Jubilee Playing Field	A1	LA	Chippenham	Standard	2	-0.5	4	5.50	
Salisbury & South Wilts Sports Club	A2	Club	Salisbury	Good	5.5	-5	5	5.50	
Pewsey Vale Football Club	A2	Club	Pewsey	Good	-0.13	0	6	5.87	Issues with potential overuse of pitch, and especially in relation to training in winter months. The most pressing issue is that ground grading does not achieve level H and has allowed the FA to withdraw club



Name	Availability	Ownership	Sub Area	Football pitch rating	A. Adult pitch net site capacity	B. Junior pitch net site capacity	C. Mini pitch net site capacity	Combined net site capacity (A+B+C)	Comments from consultation
									from the FA Cup and Vase. Potentially if not rectified club will also be relegated from the Sydenhams League.
Enford Recreation Ground	A1	LA	Tidworth	Good	-1	1	6	6.00	
South Newton Recreation Ground	A1	LA	South West Wiltshire	Standard	1.5	-1	5.62	6.12	
Salisbury Road Recreation Ground	A1	LA	Marlborough	Good	3	-2.5	6	6.50	
Warminster Town Football Club	A2	Club	Warminster	Good	1	-0.5	6	6.50	
The Lye Field	A1	LA	Melksham	Good	2	-0.5	5.37	6.87	
Green Lane Recreation Centre	A1	LA	Corsham	Good	2.5	-1	5.5	7.00	
Holt Playing Field	A1	LA	Bradford on Avon	Good	2	-0.88	6	7.12	
Laverstock & Ford Sports Club	A2	Club	Southern Wiltshire	Good	1.75	-0.5	5.87	7.12	
Bower Hill Playing Fields	A1	LA	Melksham	Good	8	-3.5	5.12	9.62	

NB: Site capacity and over-use at the Conigre site in Melksham will be alleviated in Autumn 2016, due to Melksham Town FC and Melksham RFC moving to Woolmore Farm.

5.55 Combined, the above Tables 5.13 and 5.14 above list includes some key grass pitch sites in respect of local football. The following table lists the main 'community football' sites by pitch numbers, and the large majority (in italics) have been cited in the Tables 5.13 and 5.14.

**Table 5.15: Key football sites, showing those that have been identified as problematic**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Sub Area</b>	<b>Football team count</b>	<b>Site Level Order (1,2,3,4)- see Section 4</b>	<b>Total football pitches</b>	<b>In Tables 5.13/14?</b>
Stanley Park	Calne	65	1	15	Yes
The Beversbrook Sports Complex	Calne	55	1	9	Yes
Ballards Ash Sports Ground	Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade	30	1	4	Yes
Bradford & Winsley Community Sports Association	Bradford on Avon	28	1	6	Yes
Leafy Lane, Hawthorn	Corsham	23	1	9	No
Bradley Road	Trowbridge	21	2	6	No
Junction Road Recreation Ground	Southern Wiltshire	19	2	2	Yes
Redland Lane Field	Westbury	19	2	2	Yes
Devizes Town Football Club	Devizes	18	2	1	Yes
Castle Combe Sports Field	Chippenham	17	2	3	No
Salisbury & South Wilts Sports Club	Salisbury	16	1	2	Yes
Malmesbury Youth FC (Red Bull	Malmesbury	15	2	9	No

Name	Sub Area	Football team count	Site Level Order (1,2,3,4)- see Section 4	Total football pitches	In Tables 5.13/14?
Pitches)					
Barry's Field, Winterslow	Southern Wiltshire	15	2	2	Yes
Highbury Field Football Ground	Warminster	14	2	1	Yes
School Lane Playing Field	Bradford on Avon	13	2	2	Yes
off Frees Avenue, Marlborough	Marlborough	13	2	0	Yes
Bowood Sports Ground	Calne	12	2	6	Yes
Pembroke Park Primary School	Salisbury	12	3	1	Yes
Arcot Road (Aspire Defence Ground)	Tidworth	12	2	1	Yes
Ramsbury Recreation Centre	Marlborough	11	2	4	Yes
The Conigre	Melksham	11	1	1	Yes
Bower Hill Playing Fields	Melksham	10	2	6	Yes
Salisbury City Football Club	Southern Wiltshire	10	3	4	Yes
off Green Lane, Devizes	Devizes	10	3	3	Yes
Cricklade Leisure Centre	Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade	10	3	2	Yes
<i>Woolmore Farm</i>	<i>Melksham</i>	<i>Autumn 2016</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>5.13</i>

5.56 The above list does not diminish the importance of smaller sites for local teams.

5.57 The preceding site-by-site analysis can be converted into a sub area-wide picture of use and capacity. In terms of estimated use of grass pitches relative to notional capacity, the **Table 5.16** aggregates the figures for all the sites to form the sub area-wide totals, for the main pitch types: adult; youth/junior; and, mini-soccer. As will be seen, for adult football pitches usage is estimated to be well below notional capacity. For youth/junior pitches and mini-soccer the situation worse, with usage outstripping notional capacity.

**Table 5.16: Estimated capacity of pitches relative to estimated use**

Sub Area	Adult pitch net capacity	Junior pitch net capacity	Mini pitch net site capacity
Amesbury	22.62	-7.00	3.49
Bradford on Avon	17.00	-13.63	-2.75
Calne	40.50	-13.50	17.24
Chippenham	17.50	2.50	9.12
Corsham	32.12	2.50	7.25
Devizes	27.62	4.50	1.98
Malmesbury	15.62	7.50	5.50
Marlborough	18.87	1.24	-4.01
Melksham	26.50	-0.88	5.60
Pewsey	28.87	10.50	5.12
Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade	9.62	-4.00	4.62
Salisbury	23.00	-8.50	5.24
South West Wiltshire	34.00	-2.00	7.37
Southern Wiltshire	46.62	-14.25	-12.39
Tidworth	13.62	-3.13	-1.76
Trowbridge	6.62	2.00	3.37
Warminster	15.00	-1.50	-0.13
Westbury	12.74	-9.25	-4.63

### **Spare capacity**

5.58 On the face of it Table 5.13 identifies a considerable number of sites with football pitches that are not being used up to their full capacity. The 'All Data' spreadsheet included as **Appendix 3** includes data on estimated use of all sites by teams playing there, based on times of peak demand. The data suggest that there is some spare capacity at times of peak demand for adult and junior play on some of the sites that don't appear to be used to their full capacity. However, many of these sites are relatively small, and isolated, and would not be suited to meeting the needs of existing clubs whose teams find themselves playing on overused pitches: some others, however, may be suited to meeting the needs of existing clubs with the above problems- importantly, the background data now exist to help match clubs experiencing problems, with sites that might help them address these problems.

5.59 It would be wrong to interpret MoD controlled sites as having the potential to absorb additional community use, as they are largely not afforded long-term protection in terms of community use, and any use that they do have by outside teams is largely incidental to military operational requirements.

5.60 Education sites are clearly part of a sector that potentially offers scope for additional use of grass pitches, excepting the fact that their primary function is to meet curricular needs, and this will reduce their capacity to host matches involving teams from the community. Future Community Campus developments as part of the Wiltshire Council's programme may involve schools in some way, and there could be opportunities to secure and upgrade grass pitch provision on education sites as part of this programme- this will mean schools entering into binding agreements to allow such use.

5.61 The weight of evidence does suggest though that the main issues facing community football in many parts of Wiltshire is that of burgeoning multi-team/age-group clubs requiring larger and improved facilities to enable them to grow further and field more teams. Traditionally clubs would have had to seek either a single new larger site (which can be difficult to find and expensive to finance); or else, rent/lease facilities a second venue (which amongst other things means spreading the club over a larger geography and diluting focus and sense of identity).

5.62 Many of the problems relating to apparent 'overuse of pitches' and difficulty in finding robust venues for winter training are part of the wider state-of- affairs outlined above.

### **Security of tenure**

5.63 A significant number of clubs have long-term leases or outright ownership of their facilities. Other clubs, although perhaps only renting facilities, will often use facilities that are either local authority owned, or else vested in some form of trust. The latter, although not allowing for clubs to 'put down their roots' and further develop facilities, will afford some limited form of security of tenure.

5.64 The majority of clubs may not have any realistic aspirations to own their own grounds, and most small clubs will continue to be reliant on hiring pitches from local authorities, education establishments and others. Problems in this regard will only tend to arise if there is no certainty of tenure; and/or clubs would like to develop their own facilities, but are thwarted by lack of long-term control of their home base. Larger clubs tend to have greater control of their own destiny as a result of having some control of some or all of their facilities (perhaps on a long-term lease, if not outright ownership).

5.65 The responses to the club questionnaire survey did not indicate any major concerns about the lack of future security, although one of the football clubs using Ballards Ash Sportsground in Wootton Bassett, expressed concerns about the aspirations of the resident rugby club to field more teams, and the impact this might have on the supply of football pitches at this venue.

#### **The role of AGPs in meeting Local Football Needs**

5.66 Throughout this section there have been references to the use of AGPs by local football clubs. Their use for casual, small-sided football, as well as football training is now commonplace. However, the later FA supported Third Generation (3G) surfaces can also support competitive play, with the endorsement of local leagues. This is increasingly the case with mini-soccer in some parts of the country.

5.67 A significant number of local clubs have expressed a desire access to AGP to satisfy at least some of their training needs. The remainder of this section explores the existing and potential roles of such facilities.

#### **Overview**

5.68 AGPs are frequently used for football training and are becoming more commonplace for competitive play (and are now approved surfaces by FIFA). There are a variety of different surfaces of AGPs and their suitability for football is as follows;

- Long pile 3G with shock pad – suitable
- Long pile 3G – preferred surface for football
- Short pile 3G – acceptable surface for some competitive football and football training
- Sand filled – acceptable surface for football training
- Sand dressed – acceptable surface for football training
- Water based – acceptable surface for football training if irrigated.

## Quantity

5.69 In the Wiltshire local authority, there is a varied stock of AGPs that might be used for football training or competition in some way, albeit most not meeting current FA requirements for competitive play. The following Table and associated Map provide detail.

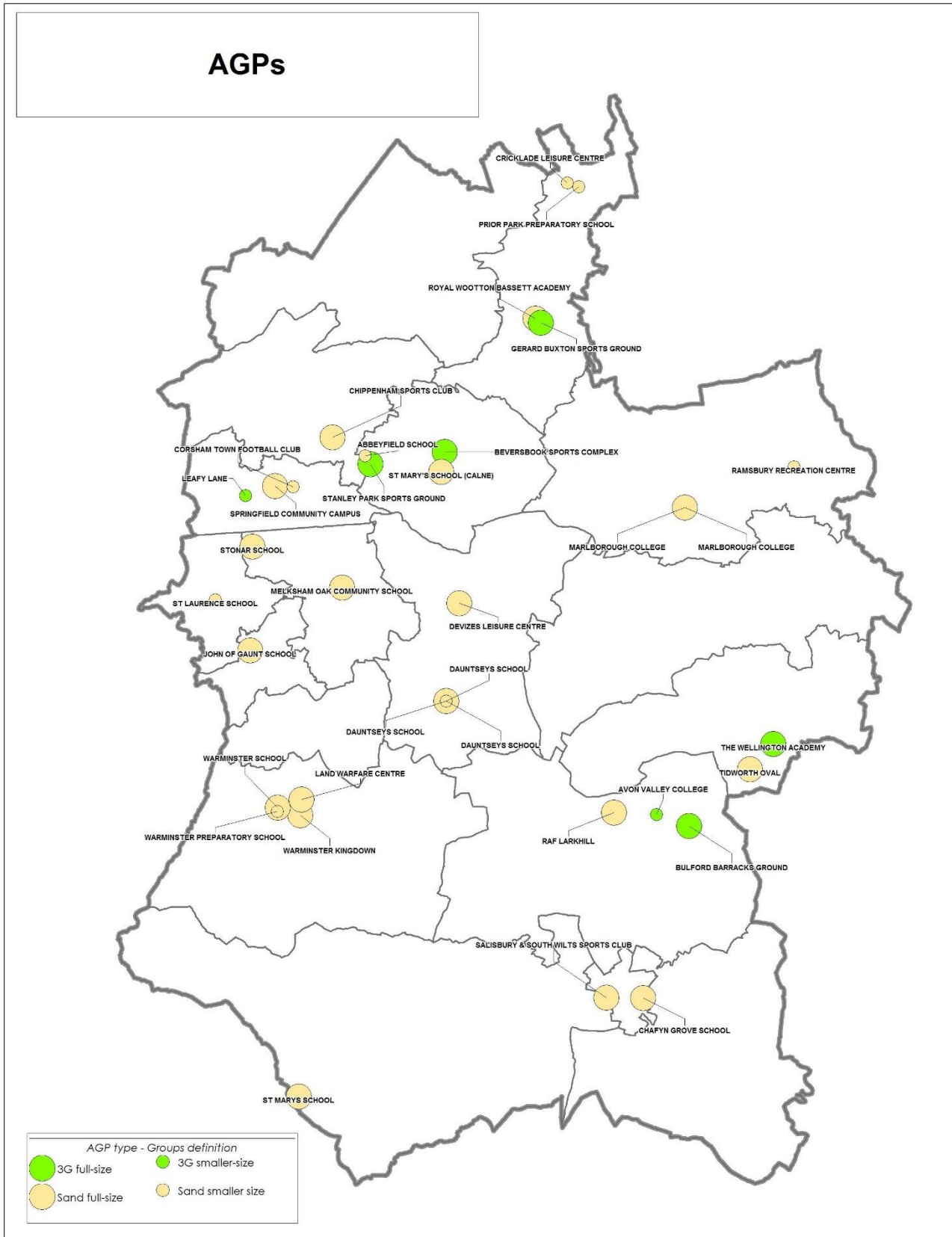
5.70 The most recent addition is the new full-size facility at the Gerard Buxton Sports Ground sport hub in Royal Wootton Bassett, which was completed in late 2015. Elsewhere, proposals regularly emerge for additional AGP facilities, although some of these never come to fruition.

5.71 At the time of writing this report a full-size 3G facility at the Beversbrook Sports Ground in Calne was being completed; and, potentially, for a similar facility at a new sports hub in Melksham to accommodate Melksham Town FC and RFC, (as part of a wider campus redevelopment), and in Devizes. In summary the *existing stock* of facilities comprise:

- 5 x full size, floodlit, 3G pitches – the preferred surface for football;
- 2 x smaller/reduced-size 3G pitches – one on a club site, and one on a school site, with both being floodlit;
- 20 x sand-based full-size pitches, with varied availability and suitability for football training; and,
- 8 x reduced--size sand-based pitches, again with varied availability and suitability for football training.
- Of the above 3G pitches, only three (at Chippenham (Stanley Park), Calne (Beversbrook), and Royal Wootton Bassett) have so far been approved by the FA for matchplay.
- The above numbers do not include a facility at RAF Boscombe Down, which has been condemned and is unusable.

5.72 Clearly, the geographical distribution of the above facilities will influence the extent to which they are accessible for local clubs to use, in addition to their ownership and the way they are managed. **Map 5.2** shows their distribution.

Map 5.2: AGPs in Wiltshire





**Table 5.17: AGPs in the local authority**

Name	Sub area	Availability (see Para 1.10 for definition)	Floodlit?	AGP type	Facility Status	Access Type	Ownership Type	Management Type	Year Built
AVON VALLEY COLLEGE	Amesbury	A3	Yes	3G reduced-size	Operational	Pay and Play	Foundation School	Commercial Management	2013
BULFORD BARRACKS GROUND	Amesbury	B	Yes	3G full-size	Operational	Pay and Play	MOD	MOD	2013
RAF LARKHILL	Amesbury	C	Yes	Sand full-size	Operational	Private Use	MOD	MOD	
ST LAURENCE SCHOOL	Bradford on Avon	B	No	Sand reduced-size	Operational	Private Use	Academies	School/College/University (in house)	2010
ABBEYFIELD SCHOOL	Calne	C	No	Sand reduced-size	Operational	Private Use	Community school	School/College/University (in house)	2008
BEVERSBOOK SPORTS COMPLEX	Calne	A1	Yes	3G full-size	Operational	Pay and Play	Local Authority	Local Authority (in house)	2016
ST MARY'S SCHOOL (CALNE)	Calne	C	Yes	Sand full-size	Operational	Private	Other Independent School	School/College/University (in house)	2015
STANLEY PARK SPORTS GROUND	Calne	A1	Yes	3G full-size	Operational	Pay and Play	Local Authority	Local Authority (in house)	2011
CHIPPENHAM SPORTS CLUB	Chippenham	A2	Yes	Sand full-size	Operational	Sports Club / Community Association	Sports Club	Sport Club	

Name	Sub area	Availability (see Para 1.10 for definition)	Floodlit?	AGP type	Facility Status	Access Type	Ownership Type	Management Type	Year Built
CORSHAM TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB	Corsham	A2	No	Sand reduced-size	Operational	Pay and Play	Commercial	Sport Club	
LEAFY LANE	Corsham	A2	Yes	3G reduced-size	Operational	Pay and Play	Commercial	Commercial Management	2008
SPRINGFIELD COMMUNITY CAMPUS	Corsham	A3	Yes	Sand full-size	Operational	Pay and Play	Community school	Local Authority (in house)	2014
DAUNTSEYS SCHOOL	Devizes	C	No	Sand full-size	Operational	Private Use	Other Independent School	School/College/University (in house)	1992
DAUNTSEYS SCHOOL	Devizes	C	No	Sand reduced-size	Operational	Private Use	Other Independent School	School/College/University (in house)	2008
DAUNTSEYS SCHOOL	Devizes	C	Yes	Sand full-size	Operational	Private Use	Other Independent School	School/College/University (in house)	2008
DEVIZES LEISURE CENTRE	Devizes	A1	Yes	Sand full-size	Operational	Pay and Play	Local Authority	Local Authority (in house)	2006
MARLBOROUGH COLLEGE	Marlborough	A3	Yes	Sand full-size	Operational	Sports Club / Community Association	Other Independent School	School/College/University (in house)	1998
MARLBOROUGH COLLEGE	Marlborough	A3	Yes	Sand full-size	Operational	Sports Club / Community	Other Independent	School/College/University (in house)	1998

Name	Sub area	Availability (see Para 1.10 for definition)	Floodlit?	AGP type	Facility Status	Access Type	Ownership Type	Management Type	Year Built
						Association	School		
RAMSBURY RECREATION CENTRE	Marlborough	A1	No	Sand reduced-size	Operational	Pay and Play	Other	Trust	2005
MELKSHAM OAK COMMUNITY SCHOOL	Melksham	A3	Yes	Sand full- size	Operational	Sports Club / Community Association	Academies	School/College/University (in house)	2010
STONAR SCHOOL	Melksham	A2	Yes	Sand full- size	Operational	Sports Club / Community Association	Other Independent School	School/College/University (in house)	1994
CRICKLADE LEISURE CENTRE	Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade	A1	Yes	Sand reduced-size	Operational	Pay and Play	Community Organisation	Community Organisation	2010
GERARD BUXTON SPORTS GROUND	Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade	A1	Yes	3G full-size					
PRIOR PARK PREPARATORY SCHOOL	Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade	C	No	Sand reduced full- size	Operational	Private Use	Other Independent School	School/College/University (in house)	2007
ROYAL WOOTTON BASSETT ACADEMY	Royal Wootton	A3	Yes	Sand full- size	Operational	Pay and Play	Community school	Commercial Management	2002

Name	Sub area	Availability (see Para 1.10 for definition)	Floodlit?	AGP type	Facility Status	Access Type	Ownership Type	Management Type	Year Built
	Bassett and Cricklade								
CHAFYN GROVE SCHOOL	Salisbury	B	No	Sand full-size	Operational	Private Use	Other Independent School	School/College/University (in house)	2003
SALISBURY & SOUTH WILTS SPORTS CLUB	Salisbury	A2	Yes	Sand full-size	Operational	Pay and Play	Sports Club	Sport Club	1998
ST MARYS SCHOOL	South West Wiltshire	A2	Yes	Sand full-size	Operational	Sports Club / Community Association	Other Independent School	School/College/University (in house)	2001
THE WELLINGTON ACADEMY	Tidworth	A3	Yes	3G full-size	Operational	Pay and Play	Academies	School/College/University (in house)	2012
TIDWORTH OVAL	Tidworth	C	Yes	Sand full-size	Operational	Private Use	MOD	MOD	2000
JOHN OF GAUNT SCHOOL	Trowbridge	A3	Yes	Sand full-size	Operational	Sports Club / Community Association	Community school	School/College/University (in house)	1998
LAND WARFARE CENTRE	Warminster	C	Yes	Sand full-size	Operational	Private Use	MOD	MOD	
WARMINSTER KINGDOWN	Warminster	A2	Yes	Sand full-size	Operational	Sports Club / Community	Community school	School/College/University (in house)	2003

Name	Sub area	Availability (see Para 1.10 for definition)	Floodlit?	AGP type	Facility Status	Access Type	Ownership Type	Management Type	Year Built
						Association			
WARMINSTER PREPARATORY SCHOOL	Warminster	C	No	Sand reduced-size	Operational	Private Use	EY Setting	School/College/University (in house)	2009
WARMINSTER SCHOOL	Warminster	A3	Yes	Sand full- size	Operational	Pay and Play	Other Independent School	School/College/University (in house)	1991

### **Adequacy of AGP Provision**

5.73 An attempt has been made to estimate supply and demand on a site-specific basis considering:

- the amount of play that a site is able to sustain - based upon the number of hours that the pitch is accessible to the community during peak periods (up to a maximum of 34 hours per week). Peak periods have been deemed to be Monday to Thursday 17:00 to 21:00; Friday 17:00 to 19:00 and Saturday and Sunday 09:00 to 17:00, although individual sites differ according to their own policy, planning restrictions etc;
- the amount of play that takes place (measured in hours); and,
- whether there is any spare capacity at the site based upon a comparison between the capacity of the site and the actual usage.

5.74 It should be noted that pitch bookings and conversations with pitch operators has been used to compile usage for AGPs. Whilst the analysis seeks to represent the regular weekly usage, it is clear that there is significant variation in usage from season to season, and maybe even from week to week. The peak time capacity for AGPs is midweek evenings.

5.75 **Table 5.18** estimates usage in relation to capacity. From these it is clear that some spare capacity may exist at particular venues, but it is uncertain whether a) this is at times suited to those clubs looking for training facilities; b) it is located in in relation to this demand; and c) it is affordable. With regard to the last of these points several clubs have expressed a concern about the cost of hiring AGP space for training, and perhaps this is a reflection of a lack of facilities relative to demand, which allows some providers to charge more for usage than might be the case if the choice of facilities was wider, and therefore greater competition amongst providers to attract users. Other relevant points are made in the Note column in Table 5.18.

**Table 5.18: capacity of existing AGPs to absorb additional; community football activity**

Name	Sub area	AGP type	Floodlit	Access Type	Estimated community use capacity (hours)	Estimated community use (hours)	Significant availability on weekday evenings (10 hours +)?	Significant availability on weekends (10 hours +)?	Note
STANLEY PARK SPORTS GROUND	Calne	3G full-size	Yes	Pay and Play	86	35-50	No	No	Modern and heavily subscribed facility, by teams using Stanley Park
THE WELLINGTON ACADEMY	Tidworth	3G full-size	Yes	Pay and Play	44	35	No	Yes	This is not an FA accredited pitch and so cannot be used for match play
BULFORD BARRACKS GROUND	Amesbury	3G full-size	Yes	Pay and Play	20	20	No	No	This is an MoD controlled facility, and will have quite limited times of access. There is also no assured community access. This is not an FA accredited pitch and so cannot be used for match play
GERARD BUXTON SPORTS GROUND	Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade	3G full-size	Yes	Pay and Play	86	35			This is a brand new facility, and programming is yet to reach maturity. It

Name	Sub area	AGP type	Floodlit	Access Type	Estimated community use capacity (hours)	Estimated community use (hours)	Significant availability on weekday evenings (10 hours +)?	Significant availability on weekends (10 hours +)?	Note
									is likely that use will be club-dominated. This is not yet an FA accredited pitch and so cannot be used for match play
LEAFY LANE	Corsham	3G reduced-size	Yes	Pay and Play	86	35	No	No	Heavily used by resident club at peak times.
AVON VALLEY COLLEGE	Amesbury	3G reduced-size	Yes	Pay and Play	35	25	No	No	Small pitch on school site, unlikely to have much spare capacity for use by community teams.
DEVIZES LEISURE CENTRE	Devizes	Sand full-size	Yes	Pay and Play	41	35+	No	No	Heavily used venue, that is used by local schools during the day. This is also an important venue for local hockey.
STONAR SCHOOL	Melksham	Sand full-size	Yes	Sports Club / Community Association	10	10	No	No	Limited potential use by the community of this public school venue.



Name	Sub area	AGP type	Floodlit	Access Type	Estimated community use capacity (hours)	Estimated community use (hours)	Significant availability on weekday evenings (10 hours +)?	Significant availability on weekends (10 hours +)?	Note
ST MARY'S SCHOOL (CALNE)	Calne	Sand full-size	Yes	Sports Club / Community Association	10	10	No	No	Limited potential use by the community of this public school venue.
SALISBURY & SOUTH WILTS SPORTS CLUB	Salisbury	Sand full-size	Yes	Pay and Play	86	60	No	No	Thriving facility for hockey, and unlikely to have extra capacity for football activity
ST MARYS SCHOOL	South West Wiltshire	Sand full-size	Yes	Sports Club / Community Association	10	10	No	No	Limited potential use by the community of this public school venue. (What availability there is allocated to Gillingham Hockey Club)
WARMINSTER KINGDOWN	Warminster	Sand full-size	Yes	Sports Club / Community Association	41	35	No	No	Heavily used venue, that is used by local schools during the day, and well used for hockey and football at other times.
CHIPPENHAM	Chippenham	Sand full-	Yes	Sports Club / Community	86	60-65	No	No	Thriving facility for hockey, and unlikely

Name	Sub area	AGP type	Floodlit	Access Type	Estimated community use capacity (hours)	Estimated community use (hours)	Significant availability on weekday evenings (10 hours +)?	Significant availability on weekends (10 hours +)?	Note
SPORTS CLUB		size		Association					to have extra capacity for football activity. There is an 'air-dome' that can be used for 5-a-side football.
JOHN OF GAUNT SCHOOL	Trowbridge	Sand full-size	Yes	Sports Club / Community Association	35	30	No	No	Understood to be some football training and 5-a-side, but little scope for more.
ROYAL WOOTTON BASSETT ACADEMY	Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade	Sand full-size	Yes	Pay and Play	35	30	No	No	During community hours the site is already used heavily for hockey and for some football. Limited potential for additional football training.
WARMINSTER SCHOOL	Warminster	Sand full-size	Yes	Pay and Play	10	10	No	No	Limited potential use by the community of this public school venue.
MARLBOROUGH COLLEGE x 2	Marlborough	Sand full-size	Yes	Sports Club / Community Association	15	15	No	No	Community use by local hockey teams, and no scope for

Name	Sub area	AGP type	Floodlit	Access Type	Estimated community use capacity (hours)	Estimated community use (hours)	Significant availability on weekday evenings (10 hours +)?	Significant availability on weekends (10 hours +)?	Note
									community football use.
SPRINGFIELD COMMUNITY CAMPUS	Corsham	Sand full-size	Yes	Pay and Play	40	30	?	?	This is a brand new facility, and programming is yet to be reach maturity. It is already being used for hockey by a newly established club, and there is some football activity.
MELKSHAM OAK COMMUNITY SCHOOL	Melksham	Sand full-size	Yes	Sports Club / Community Association	35	25	No	No	Of the hours available for community use there appears limited scope for additional football
ST LAURENCE SCHOOL	Bradford on Avon	Sand full-size	No	Private Use	10	10	No	No	Very limited community use.
CHAFYN GROVE SCHOOL	Salisbury	Sand full-size	No	Private Use	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	Limited, if any, community use.
TIDWORTH OVAL	Tidworth	Sand full-size	Yes	Private Use	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	Limited, if any, community use.
PRIOR PARK	Royal Wootton	Sand full-	No	Private Use	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	Limited, if any,

Name	Sub area	AGP type	Floodlit	Access Type	Estimated community use capacity (hours)	Estimated community use (hours)	Significant availability on weekday evenings (10 hours +)?	Significant availability on weekends (10 hours +)?	Note
PREPARATORY SCHOOL	Bassett and Cricklade	size							community use.
DAUNTSEYS SCHOOL	Devizes	Sand full-size	No	Private Use	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	Limited, if any, community use.
DAUNTSEYS SCHOOL	Devizes	Sand full-size	Yes	Private Use	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	Limited, if any, community use.
LAND WARFARE CENTRE	Warminster	Sand full-size	Yes	Private Use	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	Limited, if any, community use for football. What community availability there exists is allocated to club hockey.
RAF LARKHILL	Amesbury	Sand full-size	No	Private Use	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	Some occasional community use for hockey, but not for football.
CRICKLADE LEISURE CENTRE	Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade	Sand reduced-size	Yes	Pay and Play					
RAMSBURY RECREATION CENTRE	Marlborough	Sand reduced-size	Yes	Pay and Play					

Name	Sub area	AGP type	Floodlit	Access Type	Estimated community use capacity (hours)	Estimated community use (hours)	Significant availability on weekday evenings (10 hours +)?	Significant availability on weekends (10 hours +)?	Note
CORSHAM TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB	Corsham	Sand reduced-size	No	Pay and Play	80	50	No	No	Heavily used by club.
ABBEYFIELD SCHOOL	Calne	Sand reduced-size	No	Private Use	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	Little or no community use.
ST EDMUNDS RC PRIMARY SCHOOL	Calne	Sand reduced-size	No	Private Use	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	Little or no community use.
WARMINSTER PREPARATORY SCHOOL	Warminster	Sand reduced-size	No	Private Use	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	Little or no community use.

## FA Calculated requirements

5.76 Discussions held with the FA Regional and County Facility Development Officers, as well as league secretaries tend to confirm the view expressed by many local clubs (and some operators) that there are insufficient 3G pitches available for training, in particular.

5.77 Information provided by the FA suggest a need for just under 21 full-size 3G pitches (for football training) based on an assumption of 918 teams within the local authority; and, that 42 teams could be allocated viable training slots on a single such pitch. As there are 5 full-size 3G pitches currently in the local authority, this leaves a deficit of around 17 full-size 3G pitches.<sup>7</sup> In fact if only those full-size 3G pitches included on the FA register of accredited pitches are included (of which there are 3- at Royal Wootton Bassett (Gerard Buxton), Calne (Beverbrook), and Chippenham (Stanley Park)) there would be a calculated need for 19 additional pitches.

5.78 If another full-size 3G pitch (at the Wellington Academy) is included in the calculations the deficit would reduced to 18. There is also a small number of smaller-size pitches, that can also make a contribution to meeting team training needs.

5.79 These pitches do not take into account existing pitches that are sand-based, and/or those that are less than full-size (irrespective of whether they are 3G or sand-based surface).

5.80 To implement this standard of provision would require a prodigious financial investment, and so there is therefore a need to prioritise geographical areas where provision needs to be improved. The following **Map 5.3** overlays the notional 15-minute drivetime catchments of the only three full-size 3G AGPs in full community use onto the previous Map 5.1, which showed the concentration of team numbers and sites with apparent over-use of their turf pitches.

5.81 By some reckoning perhaps no part of Wiltshire is as well-served with this type of facility as it should be: however, there are some very obvious geographical blackspots in current provision:

5.82 The Trowbridge/Melksham/Bradford on Avon area is currently the most serious and obvious blackspot, given the weight of team numbers and the apparent over-use of grass pitches. Although a full-AGP could be provided in the future at the new Woolmore Farm development (involving the co-relocation of the Town Football and Rugby Clubs), this is unlikely to have anywhere near the capacity and geographical location to satisfy the needs of teams in the Trowbridge and Bradford areas.

5.83 Further to the south, in the Warminster and Westbury areas there are large concentrations of teams, and especially when considered together.

5.84 Salisbury and the South Wiltshire areas have some large concentrations of teams, overplay, but no full-size 3G pitch.

5.85 Devizes is a market town with an essentially very rural hinterland, but it does have a strong tradition of local club football, and perhaps would merit provision, and especially if it could be made in conjunction with local rugby interests on a mutually compliant 3G surface.

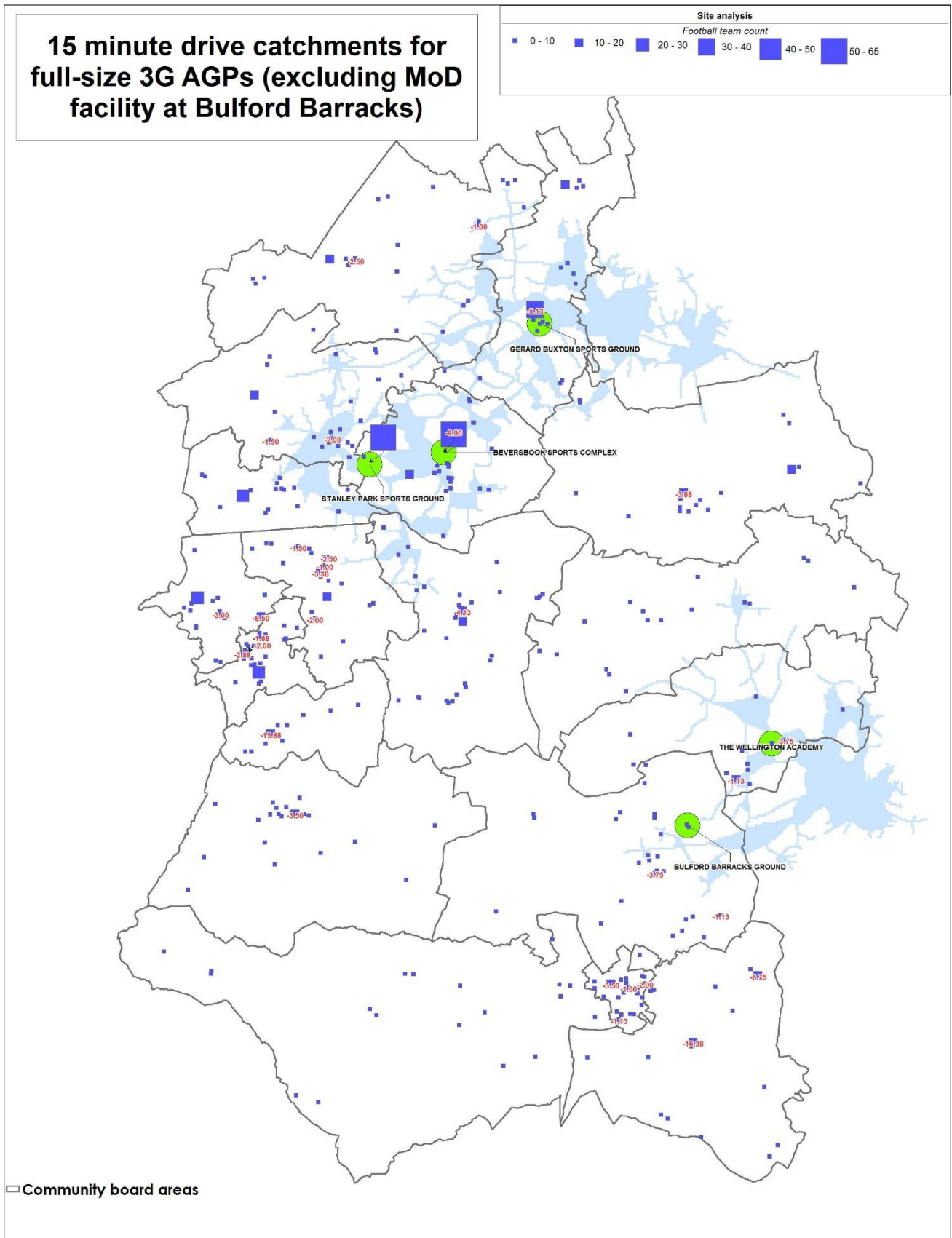
5.86 In other locations, such as in the Marlborough, Pewsey, Tidworth, and South West Wiltshire Community Areas, it may be more difficult to justify provision of 3G pitches as an immediate

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<sup>7</sup> This guidance may be reviewed in the coming months, but was not available for use at the time of preparing this report.

priority, if based on the needs of clubs alone. However, it is very conceivable that provision could be made on school sites with joint education/other funding.

**Map 5.3: Full-size 3G AGPs in community use with their 15-minute drive catchments**



## **Scenario Testing (b): The Future**

### **Future Picture of Provision**

5.87 The future requirement for playing pitches will be impacted by several factors, including:

- changes to the number of people living in the area and / or to the demographic profile of the population;
- changes in participation trends and in how pitch sports are played;
- club specific development plans and aspirations; and
- amendments to the current facility stock either through the provision of new pitches or the loss of current pitches.

5.88 These issues are considered in turn in order to build a picture of future demand for playing pitches.

### **A Population Change**

#### ***Team Generation Rates and future natural population change in the population***

5.89 Team Generation Rates (TGRs) indicate how many people in a specified age group are required to generate one team. TGRs are derived by dividing the appropriate population age band by the number of teams playing within that area in that age band. By applying TGRs to natural population growth projections, we can project the theoretical number of teams that would be generated from natural population growth and gain an understanding of future demand.

5.90 **Table 5.19** summarises the current TGRs for football in the local authority, and uses them to assess the potential impact of projected changes to the population profile on demand for football.



**Table 5.19: TGRs and potential change to number of football teams in the local authority: 2015-2036<sup>8</sup>**

2015 AGE GROUPS	2015 AGE GROUP POPULATION	2015 TEAMS	2015 TGRs	2026 AGE GROUPS	2026 TEAMS	CHANGE(+/-)
Mini-soccer (6-9 mixed gender)	23,806	259	92	25,042	272.4	13.4
Junior football (10-15 male)	19,990	327	61	22,680	371.0	44.0
Junior football (10-15 female)	16,590	26	638	18,919	29.7	3.7
Senior football (16-45 male)	85,260	290	294	90,605	308.2	18.2
Senior football (16-45 female)	82,704	16	5,169	83,421	16.1	0.1

5.91 These are for local authority as a whole and it is important to consider the same analysis for the 18 Community Areas. This information is provided in **Appendix 5**.

5.92 The above suggests a growth in all age/gender groups in team numbers by 2026 and, in particular in the junior male and adult male age groups. The population data on which the above calculations are predicated<sup>9</sup> are themselves only based upon previous trends, and do not necessarily take into account the impact of planned new residential growth yet to be determined.

#### **Projected change in the population resulting from planned new growth**

5.93 The above projects the change in team numbers arising out of natural change in the population up to 2026. There is also a need to consider any additional teams generated from localised population change resulting from planned new development. This new development may give rise to a significant local redistribution of the population, and conceivably in the spatial demand for playing pitches. The precise housing growth allocations to be catered for in the emerging new development plan are currently not determined

#### **B Changes in participation trends and how football is played**

5.94 Although population growth will influence demand, changes in participation may perhaps have the most significant impact on demand for playing pitches.

5.95 Changes to youth football have only been introduced very recently (including the creation of 5 v 5 and 9 v 9) and as such, the impact is not yet fully apparent. The FA indicate that in pilot areas, the introductions of these new formats has seen an increase in the number of teams playing and greater retention of players through the older age groups. In particular:

<sup>8</sup> Compiled from a forecast produced on 12/05/2015 using POPGROUP software developed by Bradford Council, the University of Manchester and Andelin Associates

<sup>9</sup> Compiled from a forecast produced on 19/03/2015 using POPGROUP software developed by Bradford Council, the University of Manchester and Andelin Associates

5.96 where historically two 7 v 7 teams would merge to become one 11 v 11 team when starting to play junior football, now the two teams will seek additional players and instead of merging will remain as two 9 v 9 teams; and

5.97 the same will happen at 9 v 9 age groups, where 9 v 9 teams transition to 11 v 11 teams, they will stay as two teams and seek additional players instead of merging.

5.98 The FA therefore believe that there will be an increase in the overall number of teams (and participants) in future years as a result of the youth review and that higher levels of demand will occur as a result. In this event:

5.99 the already insufficient stock of age appropriate junior football pitches would become even more constrained, and mini soccer pitches (7 v 7 and 5 v 5) would also become insufficient; and

5.100 if issues relating to the drop off in the transition between junior and senior football were addressed however, the spare capacity currently seen in adult football pitches may also become constrained.

5.101 A number of football initiatives are also being implemented by Sport England, focusing on 14 – 24 year olds, and this is similarly expected by the FA to increase the number of teams being formed.

#### **Club development plans and aspirations**

5.102 Several football clubs have aspirations to grow and this will impact both on demand across the local authority as a whole but also more locally at a site specific level. Club aspirations are set out in **Table 5.20**.

**Table 5.20: Club aspirations to field more teams**

Does your club plan to run more teams?	Response Percent	Response Total
Yes	53%	32
No	47%	28
	answered	60
	skipped	2

5.103 Slightly more than half of the responding clubs said that they would like to field more teams. Of those clubs stating that they would like to field additional teams

5.104 These are bone fide statements on the clubs' part. Where clubs stated that they would like to field teams in a particular category, we have provided a very indicative quantification of how many teams this might be.

**Table 5.21: Estimate of additional teams that responding clubs might field**

Adult men’s teams	Adult women’s teams	Youth boys’ teams	Youth girls’ teams	Mini soccer teams	Other (e.g. Vets)
13	2	18	8	17	0

5.105 Taking into account the necessary caveat, the above aspirations suggest that responding team might like to field an additional:

- 25 adult teams;
- 26 junior teams; and,
- 17 mini soccer teams.

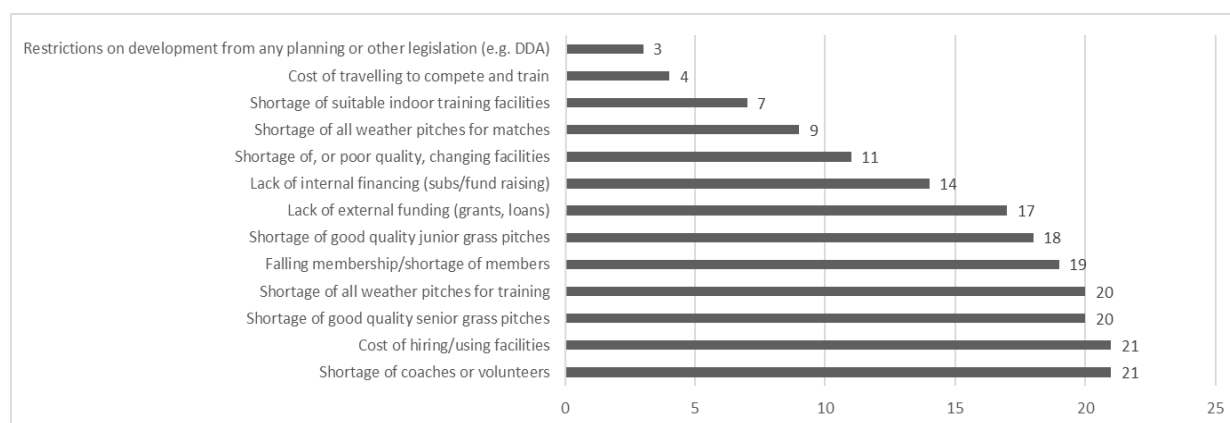
5.106 The clubs responding to the questionnaire survey represented about 50% of the teams estimated to exist within the Wiltshire local authority. Assuming the above moderated aspirational figures are reasonable, they might be doubled to reflect the remainder of the local authority’s clubs and teams. This would provide:

- 50 adult teams;
- 52 junior teams; and,
- 34 mini soccer teams

5.107 This represents about 14/15% of the current total number of teams in the local authority.

5.108 The clubs have also stated some of the obstacles that, they feel, stand in the way of them realising these aspirations. In practice, there may be little that can be done to reduce some of these obstacles, especially in the current financial climate. However, the statements serve to emphasise that some clubs would like to expand their activities were it not for the existence of certain obstacles- one of the goals of the strategy which this needs assessment underpins should be to seek ways in which these obstacles can be mitigated.

**Figure 5.12: Obstacles given by clubs as stopping them fielding more teams.**



5.109 As can be seen, the jointly most cited reason was shortage of coaches and volunteers: this is undoubtedly a huge issue that affects the future health and growth of many sports provided by the voluntary sector. However, many of the other most cited reasons have already been discussed in this section, and the fact that they are given prominent attention by clubs confirms the importance of them as issues to be addressed as far as possible in the strategy.

5.110 When adding the ‘aspiration-driven’ extra teams to additional teams arising from projected population growth (2026), the total increased future demand will be:

**Table 5.22: Summary potential overall growth in team numbers**

Extra teams from population growth		Extra teams for aspirational growth		Extra teams (A+B)	Grass pitches required	Note
Adult	18	Adult	50	68	17	Assumes 2 games/pitch/week
Junior	48	Junior	52	100	25	Assumes 2 games/pitch/week
Mini	13	Mini	34	47	12	Assumes 4 games/pitch/week

5.111 The population projections underpinning Table 5.19 are trend-based, and will therefore take into account previous housebuilding rates within the local authority. However, future development plan allocations will need to be confirmed, and the estimates in Table 5.19 should be amended when new population data are available.

5.112 This section has identified that there are some playing pitch locations that appear to be used to less than their likely carrying capacity and, in all likelihood, some of these will be available to meet the needs of existing and future clubs at times they wish to play.

5.113 It is therefore entirely conceivable that some of the existing football pitch venues can be used to address the demographic and aspiration-driven needs identified above: the data provided in **Appendix 5** for the 18 Community Areas will help to inform the process at the more local level.

#### **Key issues for the strategy to address**

5.114 Wet weather really impacts upon the ability of pitches to absorb play and training.

5.115 There is a need for more AGPs both for training and, increasingly, for matchplay to help deal with wet weather, and increased demand leading to wear and tear.

5.116 The FA should play a central role in advising on the establishment of such venues.

5.117 If there were to be geographical priority areas for additional facilities they would be located in the vicinity of existing hub and spoke clubs; on school sites; and on good communication links. The immediate priority areas for new provision should be:

- The Trowbridge/Melksham/Bradford on Avon areas
- The Calne area

- the Warminster/Westbury areas
- Salisbury/South Wiltshire
- Devizes

5.118 The Strategy and Action Plan should provide detail on the specific needs of each community area, and how and where they might best be met locally.

5.119 Some of these schemes might be achieved via the Community Campus development programmes, and could be larger hub venues for football and other sports, and including new grass pitches. 'Land swaps' might help to initiate such schemes, with existing underused and badly located venues being identified and released for development to fund new or upgraded facilities in better locations.

5.120 The strategy should consider the development of a grass pitch improvement programme, given issues highlighted with regard to wet weather/waterlogging.

5.121 There are geographical hotspots of demand where access to good quality pitches is problematic

5.122 It might be an aim to get as much junior matchplay onto AGPs as possible.

5.123 The FA and Wiltshire local authority should work together to initiate a volunteers training/experience programme to help bolster the volunteer base for local football, but which will enhance the curricular vitae of young people, and widen their portfolio of transferable skills.

## 6.0 CRICKET

### General

6.45 This section evaluates the adequacy of pitches for cricket and provides:

- an overview of the supply and demand for cricket pitches;
- an understanding of activity at individual sites in the local authority;
- a picture of the adequacy of current provision;
- the future picture of provision for cricket; and,
- a summary of key issues.

### Pitch Supply

6.46 There are 104 sites containing grass fields used for cricket. This figure includes all known public, private, school and other pitches whether or not they offer community use, as summarised in **Table 6.1**. The list does not include sites outside the local authority. The Wiltshire Cricket Board administrative border is not the same as that for the Wiltshire local authority, and pitches located in the former but outside the latter have been excluded.

6.47 In addition to the cricket fields, there will be some non-turf wickets located on school sites, but which have not been included, because they are not sited within a recognised cricket field, that is regularly used as such. **Map 6.1** (included in **Appendix 6**) locates all the sites listed in the Table 6.1.

**Table 6.1: Cricket fields in Wiltshire**

Sub Area	Name	Availability	Ownership	Number of grass cricket wicket strips	Number of artificial cricket wicket strips
Amesbury	off Portway, Gomeldon	A1	LA	8	0
Amesbury	Shrewton Recreation Ground	A1	LA	8	1
Amesbury	Steeple Langford Recreation Ground	A1	LA	8	1
Amesbury	Bonnymead	A2	Club	8	1
Amesbury	off Jubilee Hill, Durnford	A2	Private	8	0
Amesbury	DTSL Sports Ground, Porton Down		MoD		
Amesbury	RAF Larkhill, (Bell Road Cricket Field)		MoD		
Bradford on Avon	Victory Field Recreation Ground (or Culver Close	A1	LA	8	0

Sub Area	Name	Availability	Ownership	Number of grass cricket wicket strips	Number of artificial cricket wicket strips
	Playing Field)				
Bradford on Avon	The Downs	A2	Club	8	0
Bradford on Avon	cricket field off Frome Road, Wingfield	B	Private	8	0
Calne	Calne Recreation Ground	A1	LA	8	1
Calne	Cherhill CC (Quemerford Gate)	A1	LA	8	0
Calne	Goatacre Cricket Club (x 2 fields)	A2	Club	8 x2	1
Calne	The Beversbrook Sports Complex	A1	LA	10	0
Calne	Compton Bassett Cricket Club	A2	Private	8	0
Chippenham	Kington Langley Playing Field	A1	LA	8	0
Chippenham	off The Street, Grittleton	A1	LA	8	0
Chippenham	Sutton Benger Recreation Ground	A1	LA	8	0
Chippenham	The Green Recreation Ground, Christian Malford	A1	LA	8	0
Chippenham	Chippenham Sports Club cricket field	A2	Club	10	0
Chippenham	off Yatton Road, Biddestone	A2	Club	16	1
Chippenham	Seagry Cricket Club	A2	Private	8	0
Chippenham	Westinghouse Cricket Club (Closed)	A2	Private		
Corsham	Box Recreation Ground	A1	LA	8	1
Corsham	Corsham Cricket Club	A1	LA	8	1
Corsham	Leafy Lane, Hawthorn	A1	LA	8	1

Sub Area	Name	Availability	Ownership	Number of grass cricket wicket strips	Number of artificial cricket wicket strips
Corsham	The Playing Field (Lacock)	A2	Other	8	0
Devizes	All Cannings Bridge House Cricket Pitch	A1	LA	8	1
Devizes	The Elisha Field, Market Lavington	A1	LA	8	0
Devizes	Devizes Sports Club	A2	Club	20	1
Devizes	Earlestone & Coulston Cricket Club	A2	Club	8	0
Devizes	Potterne Cricket Club	A2	Private	8	1
Devizes	Spaniel's Bridge (Bishop Cannings and Potterne CCs)	A2	Club	8	1
Devizes	Spye Park Cricket Club	A2	Club	8	0
Devizes	Urchfont Cricket Club	A2	Club	8	0
Devizes	cricket ground, West Lavington	A3	Education	8	0
Malmesbury	Bradstone Sports Field	A1	LA	8	0
Malmesbury	Minety Playing Fields	A1	LA	8	0
Malmesbury	Oaksey Playing Field	A1	LA	8	0
Malmesbury	off Tetbury Lane, Charlton	A1	LA	8	0
Malmesbury	Prinkney Park, Sherston	A2	Club	8	0
Malmesbury	The Worthys	A2	Club	8	0
Marlborough	Kennett Valley Village Hall	A1	LA	8	0
Marlborough	Mildenhall CC	A1	LA	8	0
Marlborough	Ramsbury Recreation Centre	A1	LA	8	1
Marlborough	Avebury Sports Field	A2	Other	8	0
Marlborough	Marlborough Cricket Club (x2)	A2	Club	18	0



Sub Area	Name	Availability	Ownership	Number of grass cricket wicket strips	Number of artificial cricket wicket strips
	fields)				
Marlborough	off Manor Lane, Broad Hinton	A2	Private	8	0
Marlborough	Marlborough School Pitches	C	Education		3
Melksham	Broughton Gifford Common	A1	LA	8	0
Melksham	King George V Playing Fields	A1	LA	8	0
Melksham	The Conigre	A1	LA	8	1
Melksham	The Lye Field	A1	LA	8	1
Melksham	The Manor, High Street, Keevil	A2	Private	8	0
Melksham	Melksham Oak Community School	A3	Education	8	1
Pewsey	off Frog Lane Bedwyn	A1	LA	8	0
Pewsey	off The Lynch, Shalbourne	A1	LA	8	0
Pewsey	Burbage & Easton Royal Sports Club	A2	Club	8	1
Pewsey	off Alton Road, Wilcot	A2	Club	8	1
Pewsey	off The Street, Marden	B	Private	8	0
Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade	Ballards Ash Sports Ground	A1	LA	8	0
Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade	Gerard Buxton Playing Field	A2	Club	10	0
Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade	Purton Cricket Club	A2	Club	8	0
Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade	Southam and the Water Pitches	C		8	1

<b>Sub Area</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Availability</b>	<b>Ownership</b>	<b>Number of grass cricket wicket strips</b>	<b>Number of artificial cricket wicket strips</b>
Salisbury	Hampton Park Pavilion	A1	LA	8	0
Salisbury	Salisbury & South Wilts Sports Club	A2	Club	20	1
Salisbury	Bishop Wadworth's School	B	Education	8	0
Salisbury	Harnham Cricket Ground	B	LA	8	0
Salisbury	Chafyn Grove School	C	Education		
South West Wiltshire	Chalke Valley Sports Centre	A1	LA	8	0
South West Wiltshire	Dinton Recreation Ground	A1	LA	8	0
South West Wiltshire	Duchy Manor	A1	LA	8	0
South West Wiltshire	South Newton Recreation Ground	A1	LA	8	0
South West Wiltshire	Tisbury & District Sports Centre	A1	LA	8	0
South West Wiltshire	Chilmark Cricket Ground	A2	Club	8	0
South West Wiltshire	cricket field at Compton Chamberlayne	A2	Club	8	0
South West Wiltshire	Fovant CC (East Farm)	A2	Private	8	0
South West Wiltshire	Kilmington & Stourton Cricket Club	A2	Club	8	1
Southern Wiltshire	Barry's Field, Winterslow	A1	LA	8	1
Southern Wiltshire	Coronation Field	A1	LA	8	0
Southern Wiltshire	Landford Recreation Ground	A1	LA	8	0
Southern Wiltshire	Memorial Ground, Romsey	A1	LA	8	0

Sub Area	Name	Availability	Ownership	Number of grass cricket wicket strips	Number of artificial cricket wicket strips
	Road				
Southern Wiltshire	Redlynch Recreation Ground	A1	LA	8	1
Southern Wiltshire	cricket field at Coombe Bissett	A2	Club	8	0
Tidworth	Collingbourne Dulcis Recreation Ground	A1	LA	8	1
Tidworth	King George V Playing Field	A1	LA	8	1
Tidworth	cricket field off Salisbury Road, Tidworth	C	MoD		
Trowbridge	North Bradley Peace Memorial Recreation Ground	A1	LA	8	0
Trowbridge	The Playing Field at Southwick	A1	LA	8	0
Trowbridge	Seymour Road	A2	Club	24	1
Trowbridge	cricket field off Hackett Place	C	Education		
Warminster	Corsley War Memorial Field	A1	LA	8	0
Warminster	off High Street, Sutton Veny	A1	LA	8	0
Warminster	Chitterne Recreation Ground	A2	Club	8	0
Warminster	off Park Street, Heytesbury	A2	Club	8	0
Warminster	Warminster Town Cricket Club	A2	Club	8	0
Warminster	Land Warfare Centre, Warminster	C	MoD		
Westbury	Bratton Recreation Ground	A1	LA	8	0
Westbury	Leighton Recreation Centre	A1	LA	8	0

6.48 Facility ownership/management is dominated by the local authority and club sectors (the former also includes local town and parish councils). As will be explained later in this section, some of the sites are more heavily used than others. Those with the heaviest use tend to be located in

the main urban areas. However, Wiltshire maintains a strong heritage of village cricket, and there continue to be many such clubs playing cricket to a relatively high standard.

### **Management and Maintenance of Cricket Pitches**

#### **Pitch Quality**

6.49 The quality of cricket pitches is a key component of provision. The importance of quality in cricket means that some leagues require umpires to rate the pitches after each match, ensuring that they are fit for purposes and that any issues with the overall pitch quality, the wicket, or the outfield are identified. If pitches and associated ancillary provision are not up to the required quality standards, this can lead to relegation from the league and / or loss of promotion.

6.50 The quality of pitches in the local authority was therefore assessed through site visits undertaken using the non-technical assessment that accompanies the Playing Pitch Strategy Guidance note and prepared by the ECB, as well as consultation with local cricket clubs, and the Wiltshire County Cricket Board.

6.51 Assessments indicate that the overall quality of cricket pitches in the local authority is largely ranging between standard and good, with a small number of exceptions.

6.52 While many sites are used exclusively for cricket others are multi-use. Often cricket squares are located in recreation or sports grounds that are used for football and rugby, as well as other more informal recreation. They can also be located in public recreation grounds that are free-to-access and have a multi-functional nature. This can add to the wear and tear on surfaces and impact upon the ability to undertake maintenance.

6.53 **Table 6.2** summarises the sites containing cricket pitches in the local authority and the quality issues identified.

**Table 6.2: Cricket sites in the local authority and a quality assessment**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Sub Area</b>	<b>Availability</b>		<b>Club rating of wicket (from questionnaire, where available)</b>	<b>Cricket venue overall rating</b>
All Cannings Bridge House Cricket Pitch	Devizes	A1		Acceptable	Good
Ballards Ash Sports Ground	Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade	A1	Multi-sports venue: cricket, rugby, and football played		Standard
Barry's Field, Winterslow	Southern Wiltshire	A1	Used for cricket and football		Good
Box Recreation Ground	Corsham	A1	Multi sports venue	Good	Good
Bradstone Sports Field	Malmesbury	A1			Standard
Bratton Recreation Ground	Westbury	A1	Resident club considers facilities to be very basic. Shared outfield with football causes problems	Acceptable	Standard
Broughton Gifford Common	Melksham	A1			Good
Calne Recreation Ground	Calne	A1			Standard

Name	Sub Area	Availability		Club rating of wicket (from questionnaire, where available)	Cricket venue overall rating
Chalke Valley Sports Centre	South West Wiltshire	A1			Good
Cherhill CC (Quemerford Gate)	Calne	A1			Standard
Collingbourne Dulcis Recreation Ground	Tidworth	A1	Dog fouling an issue on this public recreation ground	Good	Good
Coronation Field	Southern Wiltshire	A1	Resident club considers facilities could be improved but have insufficient funding	Good	Good
Corsham Cricket Club	Corsham	A1	Cricket Club states that "Club is currently required to install limited perimeter netting for health and safety reasons which adds additional onus on the Club to erect before and after matches. It remains to be seen how effective these will be given restrictions imposed by being located in a conservation area. "	Good	Standard
Corsley War Memorial Field	Warminster	A1			Good
Dinton Recreation Ground	South West Wiltshire	A1		Good	Good
Duchy Manor	South West	A1			Standard

Name	Sub Area	Availability		Club rating of wicket (from questionnaire, where available)	Cricket venue overall rating
	Wiltshire				
Goatacre Recreation Ground	Calne	A1	Club recently moved to new venue		Standard
Hampton Park Pavilion	Salisbury	A1			Standard
Kennett Valley Village Hall	Marlborough	A1	Used for friendlies		Standard
King George V Playing Field	Tidworth	A1			Standard
King George V Playing Fields	Melksham	A1	The cricket club states that "Ideally we would like to develop our own ground, with our own facilities including covers, sight screens. If we had the money we would love to own the back field of George Ward School." . The Cricket Club states that the outfield at KGV is too long for cricket.	Acceptable	Good
Kington Langley Playing Field	Chippenham	A1			Standard
Landford Recreation Ground	Southern Wiltshire	A1			Standard

<b>Name</b>	<b>Sub Area</b>	<b>Availability</b>		<b>Club rating of wicket (from questionnaire, where available)</b>	<b>Cricket venue overall rating</b>
Leafy Lane, Hawthorn	Corsham	A1	Football is the dominant sport on this site.	Acceptable	Standard
Leighton Recreation Centre	Westbury	A1	Resident club would like to develop its own pavilion. Shared outfield with football causes problems	Acceptable	Good
Memorial Ground, Romsey Road	Southern Wiltshire	A1	Cricket club states concern over rental costs	Acceptable	Good
Mildenhall CC*	Marlborough	A1			Good
Minety Playing Fields	Malmesbury	A1			Standard
North Bradley Peace Memorial Recreation Ground	Trowbridge	A1			Good
Oaksey Playing Field	Malmesbury	A1		Good	Standard
off Frog Lane Bedwyn	Pewsey	A1			Standard
off High Street, Sutton Veny	Warminster	A1			Standard



Name	Sub Area	Availability		Club rating of wicket (from questionnaire, where available)	Cricket venue overall rating
off Portway, Gomeldon	Amesbury	A1	The resident club considers the pavilion to be in poor condition which restricts participation. It is currently trying to raise funds to build a new one.	Good	Standard
off Tetbury Lane, Charlton	Malmesbury	A1		Good	Standard
off The Lynch, Shalbourne	Pewsey	A1	Shalbourne Parish and Shalbourne Social Club are currently undertaking plans to redevelop/rebuild the changing facilities. Plans are in place for a new pavilion and funding is being sought.		Standard
off The Street, Grittleton	Chippenham	A1			Standard
Ramsbury Recreation Centre	Marlborough	A1			Standard
Redlynch Recreation Ground	Southern Wiltshire	A1		Good	Good
Shrewton Recreation Ground	Amesbury	A1			Good
South Newton Recreation Ground	South West Wiltshire	A1			Standard

Name	Sub Area	Availability		Club rating of wicket (from questionnaire, where available)	Cricket venue overall rating
Southam and the Water Pitches	Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade	A1			Standard
Steeple Langford Recreation Ground	Amesbury	A1		Good	Good
Sutton Benger Recreation Ground	Chippenham	A1	Shared multi-sport venue. Grounds maintenance relies on volunteers	Acceptable	Standard
The Beversbrook Sports Complex	Calne	A1	Important multi-sport venue, but cricket is separate from other pitches		Good
The Conigre	Melksham	A1	Important multi sports site (now part of significant changes that will enable it to become a dedicated cricket venue).		Standard
The Elisha Field, Market Lavington	Devizes	A1			Good
The Green Recreation Ground, Christian Malford	Chippenham	A1		Good	Standard
The Lye Field	Melksham	A1		Acceptable	Good

<b>Name</b>	<b>Sub Area</b>	<b>Availability</b>		<b>Club rating of wicket (from questionnaire, where available)</b>	<b>Cricket venue overall rating</b>
The Playing Field at Southwick	Trowbridge	A1			Good
Tisbury & District Sports Centre	South West Wiltshire	A1			Standard
Culver Close	Bradford on Avon	A1		Poor	Standard
Avebury Sports Field	Marlborough	A2			Good
Bonnymead	Amesbury	A2		Good	Poor
Burbage & Easton Royal Sports Club	Pewsey	A2			Standard
Chilmark Cricket Ground	South West Wiltshire	A2			Good
Chippenham Sports Club cricket field	Chippenham	A2			Standard
Chitterne Recreation Ground	Warminster	A2		Good	Standard
Compton Bassett Cricket Club	Calne	A2			Standard

Name	Sub Area	Availability		Club rating of wicket (from questionnaire, where available)	Cricket venue overall rating
cricket field at Compton Chamberlayne	South West Wiltshire	A2			Good
cricket field at Coombe Bissett	Southern Wiltshire	A2			Standard
cricket field at Savernake (Marlborough Cricket Club)	Marlborough	A2			Good
Devizes Sports Club	Devizes	A2		Good	Good
Earlestone & Coulston Cricket Club	Devizes	A2	Cricket Club states that it only recently purchased the ground. The pitch is occasionally used by other local cricket teams when their ground is unavailable. At present it is solely used for cricket. Club is in negotiations with a local archery club to establish a long-term partnership with shared use. The club has a development plan for the next few years: in particular for the pavilion and electricity supply. It states it is unlikely to be able to afford these without access to external funding/grants.		Good

Name	Sub Area	Availability		Club rating of wicket (from questionnaire, where available)	Cricket venue overall rating
Fovant CC (East Farm)	South West Wiltshire	A2			Standard
Gerard Buxton Playing Field	Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade	A2	Wootton Bassett CC is moving to a new ground for the 2016 season which will have 2 cricket pitches. This is the new multi-sport Wootton Bassett Sports Hub at the Gerard Buxton Sportsground.	Good	Good
Goatacre Cricket Club	Calne	A2	A new main venue for this club. The club uses two cricket fields in close proximity	Good	Standard
Kilmington & Stourton Cricket Club	South West Wiltshire	A2			Standard
off Alton Road, Wilcot	Pewsey	A2		Good	Standard
off Jubilee Hill, Durnford	Amesbury	A2			Standard
off Manor Lane, Broad Hinton	Marlborough	A2		Acceptable	Good
off Park Street	Warminster	A2			Good

Name	Sub Area	Availability		Club rating of wicket (from questionnaire, where available)	Cricket venue overall rating
off Yatton Road, Biddestone	Chippenham	A2	Cricket Club states it is planning to expand the changing facility by 2 changing rooms, and seeks financial support.	Good	Good
Potterne Cricket Club	Devizes	A2		Good	Good
Prinkney Park, Sherston	Malmesbury	A2			Good
Purton Cricket Club	Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade	A2		Good	Good
Salisbury & South Wilts Sports Club	Salisbury	A2	Cricket Club suggests "Sub-standard" quality of existing practise net facilities and volume of matches played puts pressure the playing surfaces.....suggests Replacement of 3 lane practice net facility, and replacement artificial wickets, or extension of existing square.  (n.b. new practice nets have now been installed)	Good	Good
Seagry Cricket Club	Chippenham	A2		Good	Standard
Seymour Road	Trowbridge	A2	Shared outfield with football		Good

Name	Sub Area	Availability		Club rating of wicket (from questionnaire, where available)	Cricket venue overall rating
Spaniel's Bridge	Devizes	A2			Good
Spye Park Cricket Club	Devizes	A2		Acceptable	Standard
The Downs	Bradford on Avon	A2	The club feels it needs to expand the pavilion to provide for girls' accommodation, due to the demand from girls to play.	Good	Good
The Manor, High Street, Keevil	Melksham	A2			Standard
The Playing Field (Lacock)	Corsham	A2		Poor	Standard
The Worthys	Malmesbury	A2	The cricket club states that "Old facilities. High maintenance costs for wooden structures."	Good	Standard
Urchfont Cricket Club	Devizes	A2			Good
Warminster Town Cricket Club	Warminster	A2			Good
Westinghouse Cricket Club (Closed)	Chippenham				

<b>Name</b>	<b>Sub Area</b>	<b>Availability</b>		<b>Club rating of wicket (from questionnaire, where available)</b>	<b>Cricket venue overall rating</b>
cricket ground, West Lavington	Devizes	A3			Standard
Melksham Oak Community School	Melksham	A3			Poor
Bishop Wadworth's School	Salisbury	B			
cricket field off Frome Road, Wingfield	Bradford on Avon	B			
Harnham Cricket Ground	Salisbury	B			Standard
off The Street, Marden	Pewsey	B			



6.55 The MoD control some sportsground that have provision for cricket, and these may be available to some extent for use by community clubs. Given the lack of security of tenure on these facilities, and difficulty in access, they have been excluded from the assessment.

6.56 Bringing together both the findings of the site specific information presented in Table 6.2, it is clear that across the local authority:

6.57 Dedicated cricket sites are generally of an average to good standard, although there are specific issues on certain sites, and some of the ancillary facilities are quite basic and require refurbishment/overhaul.

6.58 Issues may exist in relation to those facilities that are not part of a dedicated cricket site. Especially in terms of protection of the playing surface from other users, and the curtailing of the season where cricket shares a surface with winter sports.

### **Wiltshire Cricket Board survey of club needs**

6.59 The Wiltshire Cricket Board has raised concerns in respect of clubs who may have issues with facilities that would prevent them for progressing in league cricket. This occurs when clubs reach the top of the Wiltshire County Cricket League (WCCL) structure and therefore need to meet more stringent facility criteria in order to achieve promotion in to the West of England Premier League (WEPL). As a result, the Board has audited the clubs playing in the top two divisions of the WCCL in order to understand what facility requirements they may have in order to support them to gain access in to WEPL. The Board used WEPL facilities criteria as the basis for conducting this audit and asked clubs in WCCL Divisions 1 and 2 to feed back where they had gaps.

6.60 The results of the audit highlight the following facility requirements from clubs:

**Table 6.3: Survey of facilities of higher performing WCCL clubs with respect to WEPL requirements**

<b>Club and site</b>	<b>Requirements</b>
Beehive Southwick CC – The Playing Field at Southwick	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Sightcreens</li> <li>2. Mobile covers</li> <li>3. Accommodation for scorers</li> </ol>
Beanacre and Melksham CC – Conigre	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Pavilion upgrade/replacement at Melksham House</li> <li>2. Sightcreens</li> <li>3. Mobile covers</li> <li>4. Accommodation for umpires (part of pavilion upgrade?)</li> <li>5. Accommodation for scorers (part of pavilion upgrade?)</li> </ol>
Bradford On Avon CC – Culver Close	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Pavilion upgrade</li> <li>2. Sightcreens</li> <li>3. Mobile covers</li> <li>4. Side sheets</li> </ol>

Club and site	Requirements
Lacock CC – The Playing Field, Lacock	1. Pavilion upgrade – the club has 400 sq meters of the Red Lion Car Park available to construct a multi purpose facility
Winsley CC – The Downs	1. Changing facilities for girls 2. Increased car parking 3. Adjacent field available for purchase for second ground (club currently travelling outside of Winsley for 3 <sup>rd</sup> XI and junior games)

### Security of tenure

6.61 A significant number of clubs have long-term leases or outright ownership of their facilities. Other clubs, although perhaps only renting, will often use facilities that are either local authority owned, or else vested in some form of trust. The latter, although not allowing for clubs to ‘put down their roots’ and further develop facilities, will afford some limited form of security of tenure. The clubs questionnaire survey indicated the following responses in respect of ground ownership. Further details are contained in the **All Data Spreadsheet** included as **Appendix 3**

**Table 6.4: Ground ownership**

Does your club/team own its home ground?	Response	Percent
Yes	27%	
No	73%	
	answered	41
	skipped	3

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#### **Participation across the local authority and the structure of competition.**

6.62 There are estimated to be 366 cricket teams of various age groups in the local authority.

6.63 In terms of competition for adult cricket there are various [league](#) and [cup](#) competitions that Wiltshire clubs participate in. These competitions vary in their standard, ranging from premier league cricket governed by the West of England Premier League to more local cricket governed by the Wiltshire County Cricket League.

6.64 However, aside from league and cup cricket there are many other ways in which adults can play. For example, there is an indoor cricket structure within the county and there is over 50s and 60s cricket also available.

6.65 As with most pitch sports, there is a pyramid structure to the league system, and this has been reviewed and reformatted very recently.

6.66 At the highest level, there is the West of England Premier League (in the south of the Wiltshire County, it will be the South of England Premier League. Below this league there is a supporting structure of feeder leagues and divisions covering Wiltshire, and the two other areas constituting the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) 'West of England' Region. The following **Figure 6.1** is taken from the Wiltshire Cricket Board website, and illustrates the structure well.

**Figure 6.1: New league structure from 2016 onwards.**



6.67 The new structure achieves the following:

- Reduced travel (and day length) for those currently playing 1st XI Premier Two cricket.
- Reduced overs played (and day length) for 1st XI tier 4 players.
- Reduced day length and increasing challenging opposition for those currently playing 2nd XI Premier Two cricket.
- Reduced travel for those currently playing 2nd XI Premier Two cricket.
- All teams at all levels to incur either the same or reduced travelling
- Provides the strongest quality of cricket possible for all clubs and their teams.
- Provides meaningful cricket for 2nd XIs (and 3rds, 4ths etc).
- Creates fluidity that will allow cricket teams to reach their potential and to find the level appropriate to their players' abilities.
- Solves promotion and relegation problems (geography and simplicity) within 1st and 2nd XI structures of WEPL.
- Minimises and ensures avoidance of unnecessary travel.

6.68 During 2015, teams from both WEPL and the Wiltshire County Cricket League played for their places in the new structure with a full understanding of how the new structure will be introduced and how the placement of teams will work.

6.69 Below this structure, there is also a raft of supporting local leagues supporting adult and junior play, with play both at the weekends and midweek.

6.70 The clubs/teams and where they play are as follows:

**Table 6.5: Clubs/teams and where they play** (n.b. not all known clubs are affiliated with the Wiltshire Cricket Board (those that are not are indicated with an asterisk))

Name	Ground	Sub Area	Men's teams	Ladies' Teams	Boys' teams	Girls' teams	League
Amesbury CC	Bonnymead	Amesbury	2				HCCL, S&DMWCL
Boscombe Down CC	pitches off Stockport Road, Amesbury	Amesbury	1				OSIMWCL
Great Durnford CC	off Jubilee Hill, Durnford	Amesbury	2				
Porton CC (CSSC)	DTSL Sports Ground, Porton Down	Amesbury	1				S&DMWCL
Shrewton CC	Shrewton Recreation Ground	Amesbury	4		2		HCCL; OSICL; WYCL; S&DCL
Steeple Langford CC	Steeple Langford Recreation Ground	Amesbury	3		4		HCCL; OSICL; WYCL
Winterbourne CC	off Portway, Gomeldon	Amesbury	3		3		HCCL; S&DMWCL
Bradford on Avon	Culner Close Playing Field	Bradford on Avon	3		2		WCCL; regular friendlies
Canal Taverners CC	Victory Field Recreation Ground (might be Culner Close Playing Field)	Bradford on Avon	1				VCL
Winsley CC	The Downs	Bradford on Avon	3		8		WEPCCL; WCCL; B&DYCL, SWCC

Name	Ground	Sub Area	Men's teams	Ladies' Teams	Boys' teams	Girls' teams	League
Winsley CC	Victory Field Recreation Ground (might be Culner Close Playing Field)	Bradford on Avon	2				SWCC; Social
Calne CC	The Beversbrook Sports Complex	Calne	3	1	4	5	WEPCCL; WCCL; C&DECL; WYCL
Cherhill CC	Cherhill CC (Quernford Gate)	Calne	2				WCCL; C&DECL
Compton Bassett CC (Manor Farm)	Compton Bassett Cricket Club	Calne	1				?
Goatacre CC	Goatacre Cricket Club	Calne	5		3		WEPCCL; WCCL; C&DECL; WCYL; KDYL
Biddestone CC	off Yatton Road, Biddestone	Chippenham	5	1	7	1	WEPCCL; VCL; WYCL
Chippenham CC	Sheldon School	Chippenham	2				WCCL
Chippenham CC	Chippenham Sports Club cricket field	Chippenham	3		4	3	WEPCCL; WCCL; WWCL; WYCL; B&DYCL
Christian Malford CC	The Green Recreation Ground, Christian Malford	Chippenham	2				C&DECL; VCL
Grittleton CC	off The Street, Grittleton	Chippenham	1				
Kington Langley CC	Kington Langley Playing Field	Chippenham	1				Malmesbury Village League

Name	Ground	Sub Area	Men's teams	Ladies' Teams	Boys' teams	Girls' teams	League
Seagry CC	Seagry Cricket Club	Chippenham	2				SWCCL; friendlies
Sutton Benger CC	Sutton Benger Recreation Ground	Chippenham	2				VCL; C&DECL
Box CC	Box Recreation Ground	Corsham	2				WCCL; WYCL
Corsham CC	Leafy Lane, Hawthorn	Corsham	2				WCCL
Corsham CC	Corsham Cricket Club	Corsham	3		4	4	WEPCCL; WCCL; NSCL; WYCL; B&DYCL
Lacock CC	The Playing Field (Lacock)	Corsham	2				WCCL
All Cannings CC	Bridge House Cricket Pitch	Devizes	1		2		WCCL
Bishops Cannings CC	Spaniel's Bridge	Devizes	1		4		WYCL
Dauntsey Gentlemen CC	cricket ground, West Lavington	Devizes	2				WCCL
Devizes CC	Devizes Sports Club	Devizes	4	1	4		WEPCCL; WCCL; WYCL
Erlestoke & Coulston CC	Erlestoke & Coulston Cricket Club	Devizes	1		1		friendlies
Lavington CC	The Elisha Field, Market Lavington	Devizes	2				WCCL
Potterne CC	Potterne Cricket Club	Devizes	3	1		1	WEPCCL; WCCL;

Name	Ground	Sub Area	Men's teams	Ladies' Teams	Boys' teams	Girls' teams	League
							WWMWCL; KYCL; WYCL
Potterne CC	Spaniel's Bridge	Devizes	2		4		WCCL
Spye Park CC	Spye Park Cricket Club	Devizes	3		3		WCCL; C&DECL
Urchfont CC	Urchfont Cricket Club	Devizes	2		3		WCCL
Ashton Keynes CC	Bradstone Sports Field	Malmesbury	1				Cot&DCA
Charlton CC	off Tetbury Lane, Charlton	Malmesbury	1				Cot&DCA
Malmesbury CC	off Tetbury Lane, Charlton	Malmesbury			5	1	WCYL
Malmesbury CC	The Worthys	Malmesbury	3				WEPCCL; Cot&DCA
Minety CC	Minety Playing Fields	Malmesbury	1				
Oaksey CC	Oaksey Playing Field	Malmesbury	2				Cot&DCA; midweek T20
Peterborough Arms CC	The Green, Dauntsey	Malmesbury	1				C&DECL
Sherston Magna CC	Prinkney Park, Sherston	Malmesbury	2				COT&DCA; VCL; CDCA
Aldbourn Dabchicks CC	Ramsbury Recreation Centre (also play occasional games at Marlborough School)	Marlborough	1				friendlies and mw



Name	Ground	Sub Area	Men's teams	Ladies' Teams	Boys' teams	Girls' teams	League
Avebury CC	Avebury Sports Field	Marlborough	1				WCCL
Marlborough CC	cricket field at Savernake	Marlborough	4		3		WEPCCL; WCCL; S&FDMWL; WCYL
Mildenhall CC (friendlies?)	Mildenhall CC	Marlborough					
Minal CC	Mildenhall CC	Marlborough	2				
Pewsey CC	cricket field at Savernake	Marlborough	1				SF&DMWL
Ramsbury CC	Ramsbury Recreation Centre	Marlborough	1		3		WCCL
White Horse CC	off Manor Lane, Broad Hinton	Marlborough	2				WCCL
Beanacre & Melksham CC	King George V Playing Fields (will shortly relocate to the Conigre/Melksham House facility)	Melksham	3		2		WCCL; C&DECL; B&DYCL
Broughton Gifford CC	Broughton Gifford Common	Melksham	1				C & DECL
Golden Fleece CC (friendly)	The Beeches	Melksham	1				regular friendlies
Keevil CC	The Manor, High Street, Keevil	Melksham	1				WCCL
Seend CC (friendlies)	The Lye Field	Melksham	1				T20

Name	Ground	Sub Area	Men's teams	Ladies' Teams	Boys' teams	Girls' teams	League
Semington CC (midweek)	The Conigre	Melksham	1				C&DECL
Burbage and Easton Royal CC	Burbage & Easton Royal Sports Club	Pewsey	4	1	4		WEPCCL; WCCL; WYCL
Great Bedwyn CC	off Frog Lane Bedwyn	Pewsey	3				WCCL; SF&DMWL
Shalbourne CC (midweek)	off The Lynch, Shalbourne	Pewsey	1				SF&DMWCL
Wilcot CC	off Alton Road, Wilcot	Pewsey	1		2		WCCL
Cricklade CC	Southam and the Water Pitches	Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade	3		3		CCL, regular friendlies
Purton CC	Purton Cricket Club	Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade	3		3	2	WEPCCL; WCCL
Royal Wootton Bassett CC	Gerard Buxton Playing Field (now completely relocated to this site)	Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade	4		5		WCCL
Hampton Park CC	Hampton Park Pavilion	Salisbury	2				HCCL; S&DMWL
New Inn Salisbury CC	Salisbury & South Wilts Sports Club	Salisbury	1				OSICL

Name	Ground	Sub Area	Men's teams	Ladies' Teams	Boys' teams	Girls' teams	League
South Wilts CC	Salisbury & South Wilts Sports Club	Salisbury	5		3		SPCL; HCCL,WCYL, S&DMWCL
Wilton CC	Salisbury & South Wilts Sports Club	Salisbury	1				HCCL
Chalke Valley CC	Chalke Valley Sports Centre	South West Wiltshire	1		3		OSICL
Chilmark CC	Chilmark Cricket Ground	South West Wiltshire	1				regular friendlies?
Compton Chamberlayne CC	cricket field at Compton Chamberlayne	South West Wiltshire	1				?
Dinton CC	Dinton Recreation Ground	South West Wiltshire	3		1		HCCL; S&DMWCL
Fovant CC	Fovant CC (East Farm)	South West Wiltshire	3		1		DCCL; OSICL
Kilmington & Stourton CC	Kilmington & Stourton Cricket Club	South West Wiltshire	2		5		SCCL; NDCAL
Mere CC	Duchy Manor	South West Wiltshire	2		4		
South Newton CC	South Newton Recreation Ground	South West Wiltshire	2				HCCL; S&D T20

Name	Ground	Sub Area	Men's teams	Ladies' Teams	Boys' teams	Girls' teams	League
Coombe Bissett & Homington CC	cricket field at Coombe Bissett	Southern Wiltshire	1				Regular friendlies
Farley CC	Coronation Field	Southern Wiltshire	2		2		HCCL
Redlynch & Hale CC	Redlynch Recreation Ground	Southern Wiltshire	4		5	2	HCCL
Whiteparish CC	Memorial Ground, Romsey Road	Southern Wiltshire	3				HCCL; BMWCL
Winterslow CC	Barry's Field, Winterslow	Southern Wiltshire	3		2		HCCL; S&DMWCL
Chute CC (friendlies)	King George V Playing Field	Tidworth	1				friendlies
Collingbourne CC	Collingbourne Dulcis Recreation Ground	Tidworth	4		3		WCCL; VCL; SF&DMWL; KYCL; regular friendlies
Beehive Southwick CC	The Playing Field at Southwick	Trowbridge	2				WCCL
North Bradley CC	North Bradley Peace Memorial Recreation Ground	Trowbridge	1				WMWCL
Trowbridge CC	cricket fields off Seymour Road, Trowbridge	Trowbridge	4		4	5	WEPCCL; WCCL; WMWCL; WCYL; B&DYCL

Name	Ground	Sub Area	Men's teams	Ladies' Teams	Boys' teams	Girls' teams	League
Corsley CC	Corsley War Memorial Field	Warminster	1				regular friendlies
Deverills CC	Deverills Cricket Field	Warminster	1				friendlies?
Heytesbury & Veny CC	off Park Street	Warminster	2		4		WCCL
Warminster CC	Warminster Town Cricket Club	Warminster	5		4		WEPCCL; WCCL; WMWCL; WWMWCL; B&DYCL; WCYL
Bratton CC	Bratton Recreation Ground	Westbury	1				regular friendlies
Westbury & District CC	Leighton Recreation Centre	Westbury	2		5		WEPCCL; WCCL; BSCL; WMWCL; WCYL
Westbury & District CC	Bratton Recreation Ground	Westbury	1				WCCL

6.71 In addition to the above, the following is noted:

- Laverstock and Ford Sports and Social Club (South West Wiltshire) were, at the beginning of the 2016 season, looking to reform a team at the above venue after 10 years of not having one. However, the current status of both the team and the original ground's suitability for cricket is presently unclear.
- Marshfield CC is just outside the north of the Council boundary (in South Gloucestershire) although it is affiliated primarily to Wiltshire Cricket Board and does its development work with the Board.
- Poulshot CC has recently formed a team for the first time in 20 years, and is currently playing friendly matches (as of the beginning of the 2016 season).
- Royal Artillery CC (RAF Larkhill ground). This is the only military team affiliated to the MoD, but a check of its fixture list online suggests that most of its matches are 'inter/intra' military, and not in an open community league. Neither is the home ground generally available for community use.

6.72 For the above reasons, these clubs are acknowledged, but not included in the count of teams.

6.73 There are therefore estimated to be the following numbers of teams playing in Wiltshire:

- 196 men's teams
- 5 women's
- 138 boys' teams
- 24 girls' teams

6.74 It will be noted that there are a significant number of clubs playing from more than one venue. This tends to happen most when a club wishes to field more than 2 Saturday adult teams. There are few home grounds within the local authority with the space to accommodate more than 1 cricket field. In order to field these extra teams, clubs therefore have to access a second venue.

6.75 The table does not make reference to clubs that currently do not appear to field any teams playing in regular leagues. Representative teams are excluded from the above totals as they are made up of the same players as those in the club teams. They are however considered when evaluating the use of facilities and the impact that they have on the adequacy of provision.

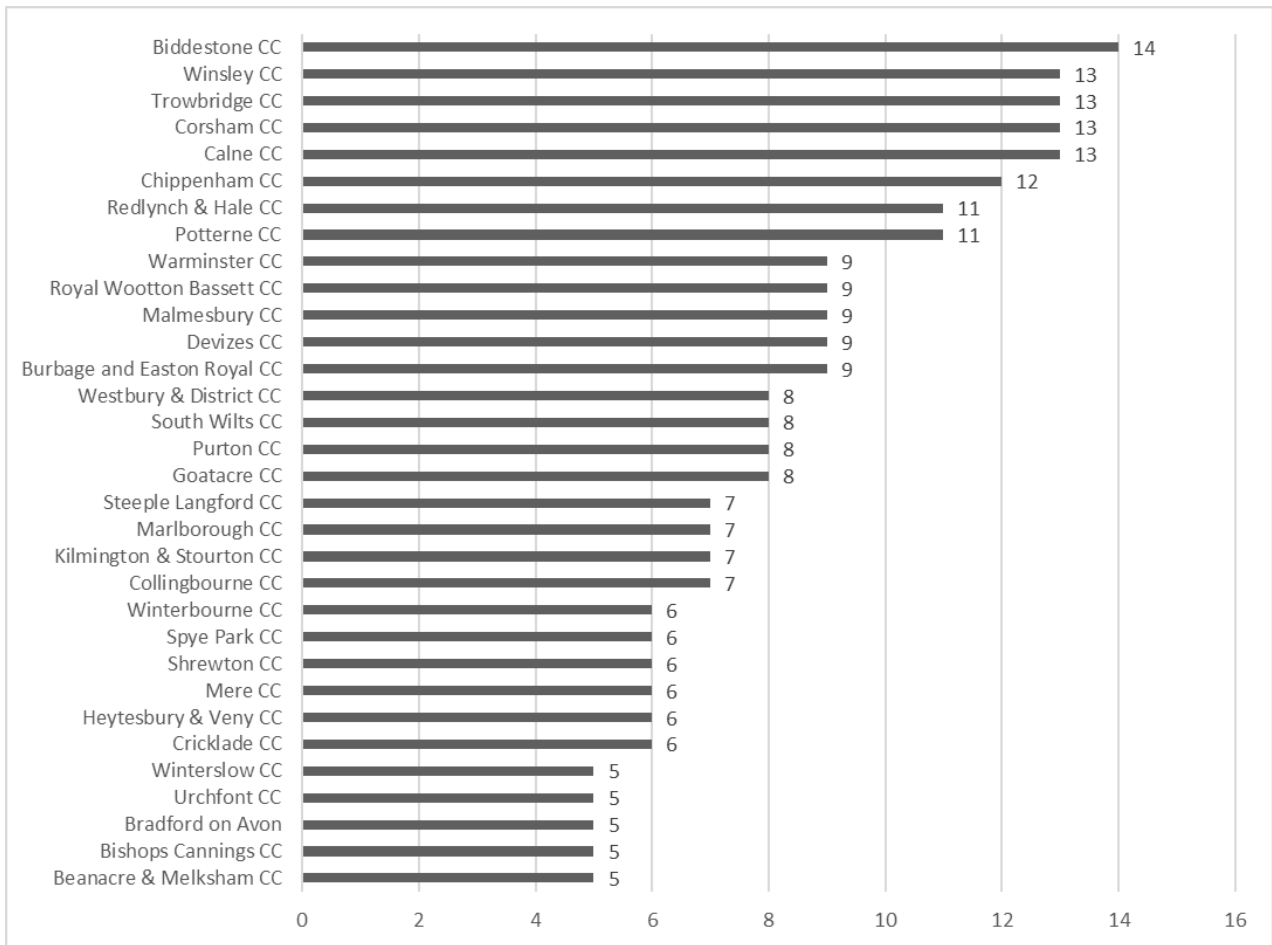
#### **Distance travelled to home ground**

6.76 The evidence from the club questionnaire is that the majority of players will travel between two and five miles to reach their home venue, and so some amount of travel is an expectation.

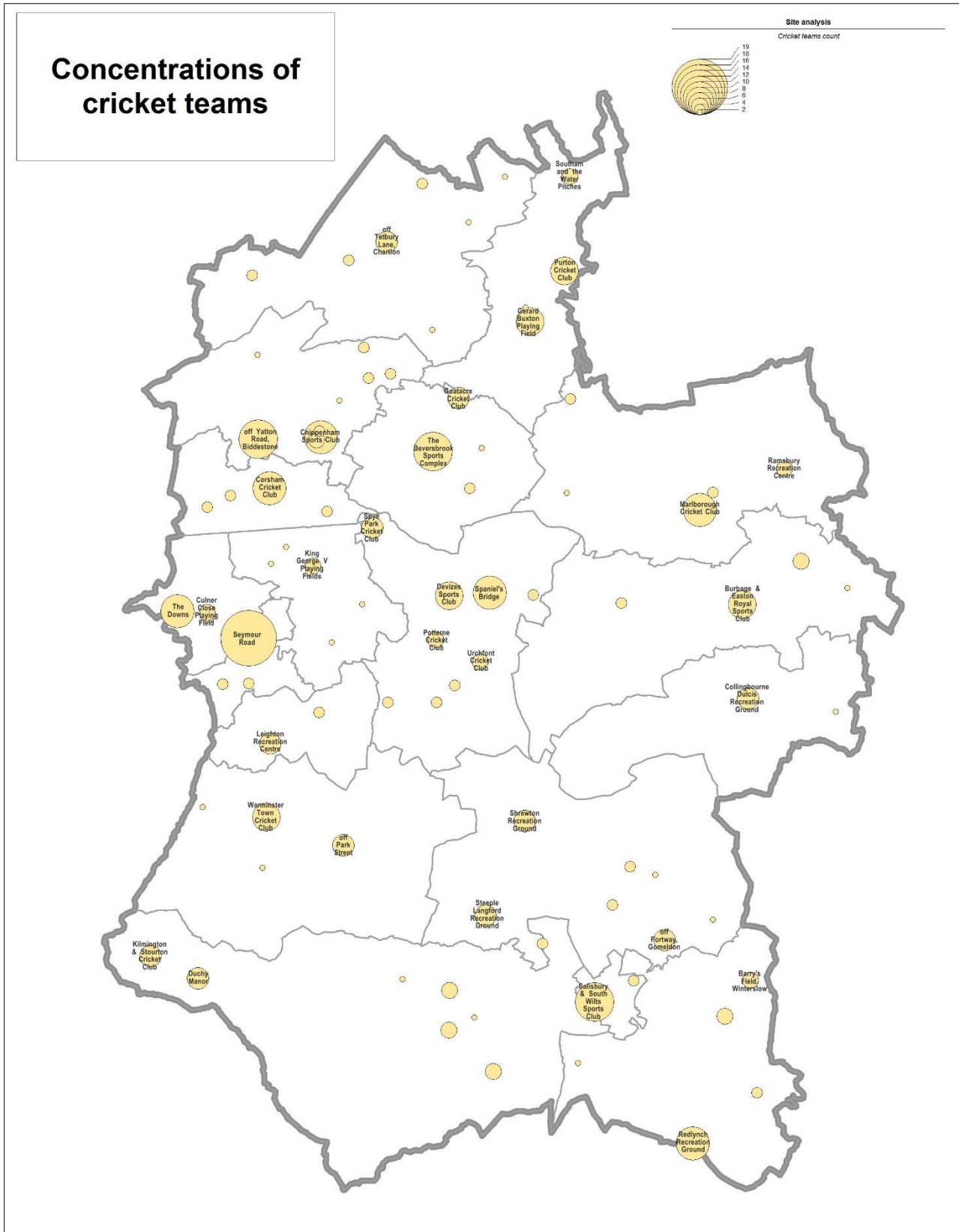
6.77 There are no known examples of clubs being displaced from their areas where they would generally prefer to be based. However, the nature of cricket at upper end of the local league hierarchy does mean that teams often have to travel significant distances to play away games, despite the restructuring of the WEPL and its feeder leagues.

6.78 In terms of the number of teams fielded by each club, Figure 6.2 illustrates how the clubs fielding at least 5 teams would be ranked. All sites used by cricket teams are shown on **Map 6.1** according to the estimated numbers of teams playing. Only those sites with five or more teams are labelled

**Figure 6.2: Total teams fielded by the largest clubs**



Map 6.1: Cricket team geographical concentrations





6.79 Clubs responding to the questionnaire survey indicated the following overall changes in the number of teams fielded over the most recent three seasons.

**Table 6.6: changes in numbers of teams**

Please can you tell us if, in the previous three years, the number of teams in your club has:				
	Increased	Decreased	Stayed the same	Response Total
Adult Male	12.50%	15.00%	72.50%	40
Ladies	12.00%	4.00%	84.00%	25
Juniors/Colts	41.20%	23.50%	35.30%	34
			answered	40
			skipped	4

6.80 The above suggests that, from the overall experience of local clubs, there has been:

- No great change in numbers of adult male teams;
- No great change in the number of ladies teams; and,
- A growth in junior teams.

6.81 Some of the responding clubs offered reasons for the identified growth or decline in the numbers of teams fielded, as summarised below.

6.82 The detailed reasons given by clubs are provided in the **All Data Spreadsheet (Appendix 3)**. However, the comments can be summarised as follows.

**Table 6.7: Reasons expressed for growth or decline in team numbers**

Reasons for increase in teams	Reasons for decline in teams
Growth in junior teams due to junior development programmes	Other commitments
Conscious attempts to grow female participation	Young adults moving out of the area (perhaps to university)
Successful player retention	Smaller clubs losing membership to bigger clubs
Additional opportunities for very young players	

**Clubs requiring second grounds**

6.83 The study has not revealed any examples of clubs and/or teams having to play outside the local authority in order to secure a home venue. However, Wiltshire is such a large local authority that it would be wrong to use this as an indicator of lack of facilities locally. A better indicator is whether there are clubs who have to play elsewhere other than their preferred main club venue—when this occurs it is usually as a result of clubs fielding more teams than their main venue can cope with, such as when clubs wish to field a third or fourth Saturday team, and their main ground has just the one cricket field (as is the norm).

6.84 Examples of multi-site clubs currently are:

**Table 6.8: Clubs requiring second venues**

Name	Ground	Sub Area
Chippenham CC	Chippenham Sports Club cricket field	Chippenham
	Sheldon School	Chippenham
Corsham CC	Corsham Cricket Club	Corsham
	Leafy Lane, Hawthorn	Corsham
Malmesbury CC	off Tetbury Lane, Charlton	Malmesbury
	The Worthys	Malmesbury
Potterne CC	Spaniel's Bridge	Devizes
	Potterne Cricket Club	Devizes

Name	Ground	Sub Area
Westbury & District CC	Bratton Recreation Ground	Westbury
	Leighton Recreation Centre	Westbury
Winsley CC	Victory Field Recreation Ground (might be Culner Close Playing Field)	Bradford on Avon
	The Downs	Bradford on Avon

6.85 Up until recently the RWB Wootton Bassett CC would have been included in this list, but its move to the Gerard Buxton Sports Ground from the 2016 season (with two cricket fields) has resolved this problem.

6.86 The club questionnaire survey asked where clubs trained. Where answers were provided they indicated that the majority practiced off-wicket, often using nets.

**Table 6.9: Where clubs train (on ground)**

	Response Percent	Response Total
On a match pitch at home ground	20%	8
Nets at home ground	68%	27
Elsewhere on home ground	3%	1
Offsite	10%	4
	answered	40
	skipped	4

6.87 8 clubs indicated that they practiced on match pitches:

- Bradford on Avon CC
- Beckington Cricket Club CC
- Westbury & District CC
- Malmesbury CC
- Chippenham
- Steeple Langford CC
- Purton CC
- Dinton CC

6.88 The clubs indicating that they used off-site venues for training were:

Club	Off-training venue
• Seend CC	Devizes Sports Centre (hall)
• Blunsdon CC	Croft Sports Centre (hall)
• Lacock CC	Devizes and Melksham Sports Centres (halls)
• Golden Fleece CC	Melksham Oak School (hall)

6.89 It is also likely to be the case that local clubs will use various sports halls for winter training.

### School activity and the MoD

6.90 The study has revealed that there are three education sites containing cricket fields that are potentially of local significance. These include:

School	Sub area
• Melksham Oak Community School	Melksham
• Dauntsey's School, West Lavington	Devizes
• Sheldon School, Chippenham	Chippenham

6.91 There are many other sites that are owned/managed primarily to meet educational needs. Some of the education sites concerned are used heavily for curriculum cricket. Perhaps the best examples of these are the larger public (fee-paying) schools based within the local authority. However, with a very few exceptions, the latter are not available for use by community teams. School activity for cricket is generally outside the remit of this report, although it can have an indirect bearing on the supply of and demand for local pitches. At secondary school level the first competition on offer for boys cricket is the ECB/ESCA Under 14 competition. In Wiltshire this takes the form of a knockout tournament from which a county winner is established to go on and represent Wiltshire in national rounds the following year as Under 15s. Currently, Wiltshire Cricket administers this competition.

6.92 Engagement with schools can offer a very good opportunity for local clubs to encourage growth in cricket generally, as well as a growth in young membership. The ECB supported 'Chance to Shine' Charity is a national campaign. In each geographical project key local clubs have provided schools with curriculum, extra curriculum and club based activities to better develop a natural link between the school and the club. Chance to Shine has been running in Wiltshire since 2006, with Biddestone CC the first club to take part. Since then seven more projects have come on line - Corsham CC, Calne CC, Trowbridge CC, Potterne CC, Warminster CC, Salisbury District and Swindon/North East Wiltshire.

6.93 In addition the MoD is a major provider of sports facilities, including cricket- but these are primarily to meet the needs

6.94 The principal cricket sites on education and MoD sites that are *not available* for use by community teams (on a regular and secured basis) are as follows.

**Table 6.10: Principal education and MoD cricket facilities largely unavailable for community use.**

Name	Ownership	Sub Area
Chafyn Grove School	Education	Salisbury
cricket field off Hackett Place	Education	Trowbridge
cricket field off Salisbury Road, Tidworth	MoD	Tidworth
Land Warfare Centre, Warminster	MoD	Warminster
Marlborough School Pitches	Education	Marlborough
RAF Larkhill, (Bell Road Cricket Field)	MoD	Amesbury

**Casual activity**

6.95 Wiltshire Cricket Limited has identified the Wiltshire Wallop as a priority competition for retaining players, encouraging more matches for existing players and creating an enjoyable format which is played locally and competitively.

6.96 The ECB, stress the importance of capturing and planning for the needs of casual cricket, and have responded to these trends themselves by promoting versions of the sport such as 20/20 cricket, and Last Man Standing competitions. Essentially such activity can be ‘team-based’ as opposed to club-based, and if such activity is to be promoted and popularised within the local authority it will be important to provide facilities that can be easily accessed and booked by such teams, which suggests venues in local parks. However, this may present issues in respect to insurance and ‘Health & Safety’ if venues are not properly conceived.

6.97 In other parts of the country, where the population comprises a relatively high Asian component, there can often be a significant level of casual cricket matches amongst Asian groups which, again, have no affiliation to clubs or local leagues. Wiltshire, as a local authority, does not have a significant Asian component as part of its population, compared to other parts of the country. However, changes to the ethnic composition of the local authority population might result in an upturn in the demand for such activity, and the situation is worth monitoring.

**Assessing the Supply and Demand Information and Views**

6.98 There are two components involved in this calculation:

- Assessing the ‘capacity’ of wickets to absorb the overall number matches they are required to host without undue wear and tear; and,
- Assessing the availability of pitches to be available for matches at the times that they will be required.

6.99 The above two are considered in the following paragraphs.

6.100 For cricket, unlike other pitch sports, the capacity of a pitch is measured on a seasonal basis (as opposed to weekly) and is primarily determined by the number and quality of wickets on a pitch. Play is rotated throughout the season across the wickets to reduce wear and allow for repair.

6.101 As a guide, the ECB suggests that a **good** quality wicket should be able to take:

- 5 matches per season per grass wicket (adults);
- 7 matches per season per grass wicket (juniors);
- 60 matches per season per non turf wicket (adults); and,
- 80 matches per season per non turf wicket (juniors).

6.102 Demand (in relation to capacity) is therefore measured in terms of the number of home games that each team will play per season.

6.103 Some junior play in the local authority will take place on non-turf wickets. This meets with ECB requirements, unless teams are playing in high standard junior play, and/or are in the 13 years + age groups, in which case play must take place on the grass square. The provision of non-turf wickets can therefore enhance the capacity of a site.

6.104 Assessing demand from adult teams is easier to establish due to the unambiguous requirement for turf pitches for play in local league structures and above.

6.105 **Map 6.2** summarises the situation at the cricket sites across the local authority in respect of the notional capacity of the sites to absorb adult matches against the estimated number of matches played by adult teams per season. Cricket training will normally take place off the cricket square, and within nets, on non-turf wickets, in the outfield, or winter training indoor bowls. Training therefore is not a key factor in determining overall use of turf wickets over the course of a season. However, junior matches and training will also be an important consideration in determining wear and tear on wickets, and the following **Table 6.11** factors these considerations into calculations on a site-by-site basis, using data on team numbers and training patterns supplied through the consultation. Generally, it was identified that the majority of training took place 'off-square' using the outfield, artificial strips, or nets. Any winter training takes place off-site and indoors. For these reasons the impact of training can largely be discounted from estimations of site capacity for cricket.

6.106 Cricket squares tend to be roped off in off-season, and so are not usually adversely affected by other activity.

6.107 The **red figures** in the final two columns of the Table 6.10 indicate where there is a theoretical overplay- as seen these calculations take into account the (non) existence and use of turf and non-turf strips.

6.108 It is fair to say that none of the clubs responding to the questionnaire survey have explicitly referenced 'too many games being played on the turf square' as an issue of importance. Any concerns with respect to home venues have been summarised in **Table 6.2**, and cover a variety of themes including a desire for improved ancillary facilities and equipment; and, the need for secondary and tertiary venues to field extra teams.

Map 6.2: Grass wicket capacity relative to adult demand

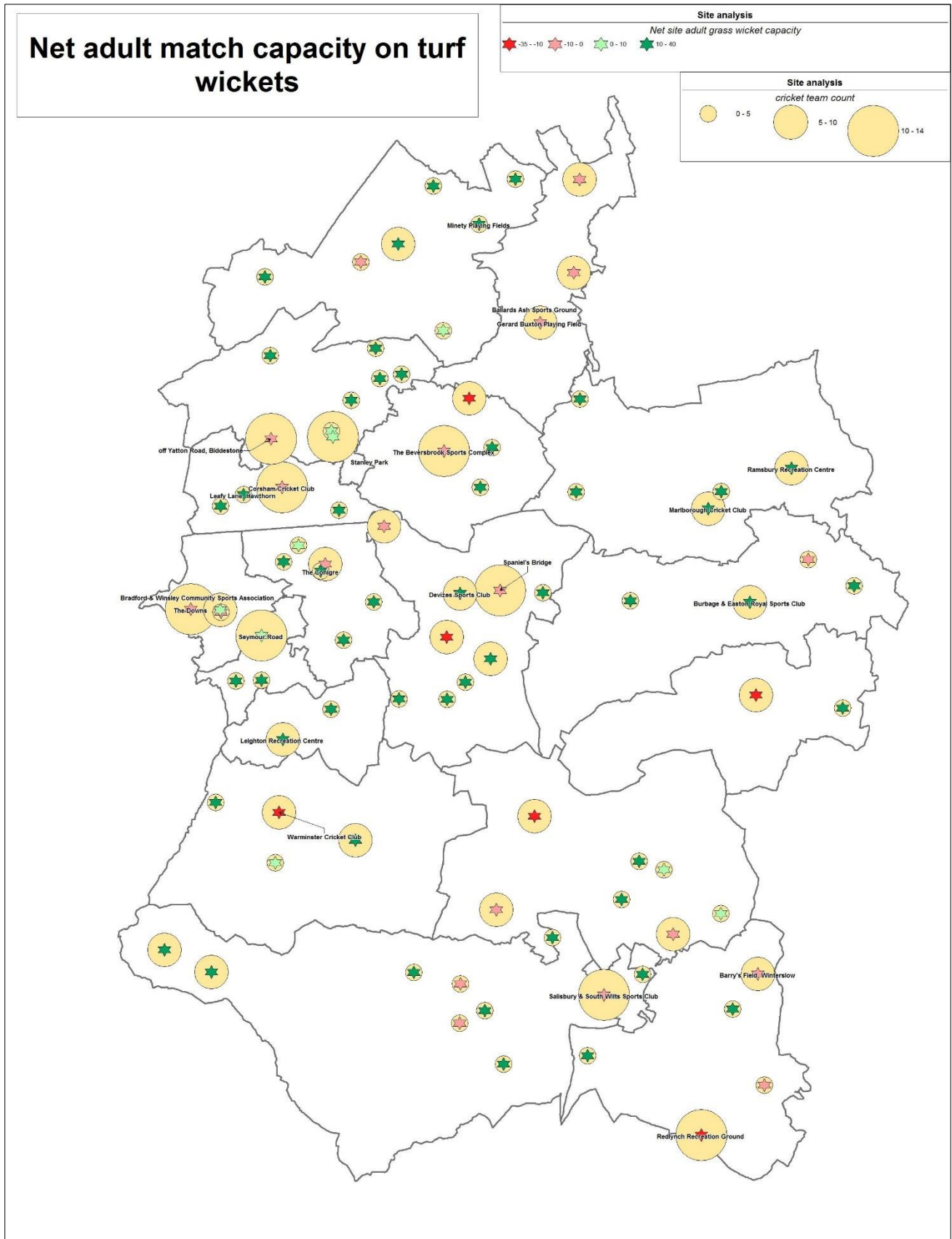


Table 6.11: Cricket site capacity and use

Name	Sub Area	Availability	Ownership	A. Estimated adult matches/season	B. Estimated junior matches/season	C. Turf strips	D. Non-turf strips	E. Capacity guide: adult matches/season/turf strip	F. Capacity guide junior matches/season/turf strip	G. Capacity guide: adult/matches/season/non-turf strip	H. Capacity guide: junior /matches/season/non-turf strip	I. Ideal adult match capacity/season on turf strips (C x E)	J. Ideal adult match capacity/season on non-turf strips (D x G)	K. Ideal junior match capacity/season on turf strips (C x F)	L. Ideal junior match capacity/season on non-turf strips (D x H)
off Portway, Gomeldon	Amesbury	A1	LA	45	45	8	0	5	7	60	80	40	0	56	0
Shrewton Recreation Ground	Amesbury	A1	LA	60	30	8	1	5	7	60	80	40	60	56	80
Steeple Langford Recreation Ground	Amesbury	A1	LA	45	60	8	1	5	7	60	80	40	60	56	80
Bonnymead	Amesbury	A2	Club	30		8	1	5	7	60	80	40	60	56	80
off Jubilee Hill, Durnford	Amesbury	A2	Private	30		8	0	5	7	60	80	40	0	56	0
DTSL Sports Ground, Porton Down	Amesbury		MoD					5	7	60	80	0	0	0	0
RAF Larkhill, (Bell Road Cricket Field)	Amesbury		MoD					5	7	60	80	0	0	0	0
Victory Field Recreation Ground (might be Culver Close Playing Field)	Bradford on Avon	A1	LA	45		8	0	5	7	60	80	40	0	56	0
The Downs	Bradford on Avon	A2	Club	45		8	0	5	7	60	80	40	0	56	0
cricket field off Frome Road, Wingfield	Bradford on Avon	B	Private			8	0	5	7	60	80	40	0	56	0
Calne Recreation Ground	Calne	A1	LA			8	1	5	7	60	80	40	60	56	80
Cherhill CC (Quemerford Gate)	Calne	A1	LA	30		8	0	5	7	60	80	40	0	56	0



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Goatacre Recreation Ground	Calne	A1	LA			8	1	5	7	60	80	40	60	56	80
The Beversbrook Sports Complex	Calne	A1	LA	60	135	10	0	5	7	60	80	50	0	70	0
Compton Bassett Cricket Club	Calne	A2	Private	15		8	0	5	7	60	80	40	0	56	0
Goatacre Cricket Club	Calne	A2	Club	60	45	8	0	5	7	60	80	40	0	56	0
Kington Langley Playing Field	Chippenham	A1	LA	15		8	0	5	7	60	80	40	0	56	0
off The Street, Grittleton	Chippenham	A1	LA	15		8	0	5	7	60	80	40	0	56	0
Sutton Benger Recreation Ground	Chippenham	A1	LA	30		8	0	5	7	60	80	40	0	56	0
The Green Recreation Ground, Christian Malford	Chippenham	A1	LA	30		8	0	5	7	60	80	40	0	56	0
Chippenham Sports Club cricket field	Chippenham	A2	Club	45	105	10	0	5	7	60	80	50	0	70	0
off Yatton Road, Biddestone	Chippenham	A2	Club	90	120	16	1	5	7	60	80	80	60	112	80
Seagry Cricket Club	Chippenham	A2	Private	30		8	0	5	7	60	80	40	0	56	0
Box Recreation Ground	Corsham	A1	LA	30	15	8	1	5	7	60	80	40	60	56	80
Corsham Cricket Club	Corsham	A1	LA	45	120	8	1	5	7	60	80	40	60	56	80
Leafy Lane, Hawthorn	Corsham	A1	LA	30		8	1	5	7	60	80	40	60	56	80

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The Playing Field (Lacock)	Corsham	A2	Other	30		8	0	5	7	60	80	40	0	56	0
All Cannings Bridge House Cricket Pitch	Devizes	A1	LA	15	30	8	1	5	7	60	80	40	60	56	80
The Elisha Field, Market Lavington	Devizes	A1	LA	30	30	8	0	5	7	60	80	40	0	56	0
Devizes Sports Club	Devizes	A2	Club	60	40	20	1	5	7	60	80	100	60	140	80
Earlestone & Coulston Cricket Club	Devizes	A2	Club	15	15	8	0	5	7	60	80	40	0	56	0
Potterne Cricket Club	Devizes	A2	Private	60	15	8	1	5	7	60	80	40	60	56	80
Spaniel's Bridge	Devizes	A2	Club	45	120	8	1	5	7	60	80	40	60	56	80
Spye Park Cricket Club	Devizes	A2	Club	45	45	8	0	5	7	60	80	40	0	56	0
Urchfont Cricket Club	Devizes	A2	Club	30	45	8	0	5	7	60	80	40	0	56	0
cricket ground, West Lavington	Devizes	A3	Education	30		8	0	5	7	60	80	40	0	56	0
Bradstone Sports Field	Malmesbury	A1	LA	15		8	0	5	7	60	80	40	0	56	0
Minety Playing Fields	Malmesbury	A1	LA	15		8	0	5	7	60	80	40	0	56	0
Oaksey Playing Field	Malmesbury	A1	LA	30		8	0	5	7	60	80	40	0	56	0
off Tetbury Lane, Chartlon	Malmesbury	A1	LA	15		8	0	5	7	60	80	40	0	56	0
Prinkney Park, Sherston	Malmesbury	A2	Club	30		8	0	5	7	60	80	40	0	56	0
The Worthys	Malmesbury	A2	Club	45		8	0	5	7	60	80	40	0	56	0

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Kennett Valley Village Hall	Marlborough	A1	LA			8	0	5	7	60	80	40	0	56	0
Mildenhall CC	Marlborough	A1	LA	30		8	0	5	7	60	80	40	0	56	0
Ramsbury Recreation Centre	Marlborough	A1	LA	30	30	8	1	5	7	60	80	40	60	56	80
Avebury Sports Field	Marlborough	A2	Other	15		8	0	5	7	60	80	40	0	56	0
Marlborough Cricket Club	Marlborough	A2	Club	60	45	18	0	5	7	60	80	90	0	126	0
off Manor Lane, Broad Hinton	Marlborough	A2	Private	30		8	0	5	7	60	80	40	0	56	0
Marlborough School Pitches	Marlborough	C	Education				3	5	7	60	80	0	180	0	240
Broughton Gifford Common	Melksham	A1	LA	15		8	0	5	7	60	80	40	0	56	0
King George V Playing Fields	Melksham	A1	LA	45		8	0	5	7	60	80	40	0	56	0
The Conigre	Melksham	A1	LA	15	45	8	1	5	7	60	80	40	60	56	80
The Lye Field	Melksham	A1	LA	15		8	1	5	7	60	80	40	60	56	80
The Manor, High Street, Keevil	Melksham	A2	Private	15		8	0	5	7	60	80	40	0	56	0
Melksham Oak Community School	Melksham	A3	Education			8	1	5	7	60	80	40	60	56	80
off Frog Lane Bedwyn	Pewsey	A1	LA	45		8	0	5	7	60	80	40	0	56	0
off The Lynch, Shalbourne	Pewsey	A1	LA	15		8	0	5	7	60	80	40	0	56	0
Burbage & Easton Royal Sports Club	Pewsey	A2	Club	60	60	8	1	5	7	60	80	40	60	56	80
off Alton Road, Wilcot	Pewsey	A2	Club	15	30	8	1	5	7	60	80	40	60	56	80

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off The Street, Marden	Pewsey	B	Private			8	0	5	7	60	80	40	0	56	0
Ballards Ash Sports Ground	Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade	A1	LA	15		8	0	5	7	60	80	40	0	56	0
Gerard Buxton Playing Field	Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade	A2	Club	60	75	10	0	5	7	60	80	50	0	70	0
Purton Cricket Club	Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade	A2	Club	45	75	8	0	5	7	60	80	40	0	56	0
Southam and the Water Pitches	Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade	C		45	45	8	1	5	7	60	80	40	60	56	80
Hampton Park Pavilion	Salisbury	A1	LA	30		8	0	5	7	60	80	40	0	56	0
Salisbury & South Wilts Sports Club	Salisbury	A2	Club	105	75	20	1	5	7	60	80	100	60	140	80
Bishop Wadworth's School	Salisbury	B	Education			8	0	5	7	60	80	40	0	56	0
Harnham Cricket Ground	Salisbury	B	LA			8	0	5	7	60	80	40	0	56	0
Chafyn Grove School	Salisbury	C	Education					5	7	60	80	0	0	0	0
Chalke Valley Sports Centre	South West Wiltshire	A1	LA	15	45	8	0	5	7	60	80	40	0	56	0
Dinton Recreation Ground	South West Wiltshire	A1	LA	45	15	8	0	5	7	60	80	40	0	56	0
Duchy Manor	South West Wiltshire	A1	LA	30	60	8	0	5	7	60	80	40	0	56	0

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South Newton Recreation Ground	South West Wiltshire	A1	LA	30		8	0	5	7	60	80	40	0	56	0
Tisbury & District Sports Centre	South West Wiltshire	A1	LA			8	0	5	7	60	80	40	0	56	0
Chilmark Cricket Ground	South West Wiltshire	A2	Club	15		8	0	5	7	60	80	40	0	56	0
cricket field at Compton Chamberlayne	South West Wiltshire	A2	Club	15		8	0	5	7	60	80	40	0	56	0
Fovant CC (East Farm)	South West Wiltshire	A2	Private	45	15	8	0	5	7	60	80	40	0	56	0
Kilmington & Stourton Cricket Club	South West Wiltshire	A2	Club	30	75	8	1	5	7	60	80	40	60	56	80
Barry's Field, Winterslow	Southern Wiltshire	A1	LA	45	30	8	1	5	7	60	80	40	60	56	80
Coronation Field	Southern Wiltshire	A1	LA	30	15	8	0	5	7	60	80	40	0	56	0
Landford Recreation Ground	Southern Wiltshire	A1	LA			8	0	5	7	60	80	40	0	56	0
Memorial Ground, Romsey Road	Southern Wiltshire	A1	LA	45		8	0	5	7	60	80	40	0	56	0
Redlynch Recreation Ground	Southern Wiltshire	A1	LA	60	105	8	1	5	7	60	80	40	60	56	80
cricket field at Coombe Bissett	Southern Wiltshire	A2	Club	15		8	0	5	7	60	80	40	0	56	0
Collingbourne Dulcis Recreation Ground	Tidworth	A1	LA	60	45	8	1	5	7	60	80	40	60	56	80

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King George V Playing Field	Tidworth	A1	LA	15		8	1	5	7	60	80	40	60	56	80
cricket field off Salisbury Road, Tidworth	Tidworth	C	MoD					5	7	60	80	0	0	0	0
North Bradley Peace Memorial Recreation Ground	Trowbridge	A1	LA	15		8	0	5	7	60	80	40	0	56	0
The Playing Field at Southwick	Trowbridge	A1	LA	30		8	0	5	7	60	80	40	0	56	0
Seymour Road cricket field off Hackett Place	Trowbridge	A2	Club	120	150	24	1	5	7	60	80	120	60	168	80
Corsley War Memorial Field	Trowbridge	C	Education					5	7	60	80	0	0	0	0
off High Street, Sutton Veny	Warminster	A1	LA	15		8	0	5	7	60	80	40	0	56	0
Chitterne Recreation Ground	Warminster	A1	LA			8	0	5	7	60	80	40	0	56	0
off Park Street	Warminster	A2	Club	30	60	8	0	5	7	60	80	40	0	56	0
Warminster Town Cricket Club	Warminster	A2	Club	75	60	8	0	5	7	60	80	40	0	56	0
Land Warfare Centre, Warminster	Warminster	C	MoD					5	7	60	80	0	0	0	0
Bratton Recreation Ground	Westbury	A1	LA	30		8	0	5	7	60	80	40	0	56	0
Leighton Recreation Centre	Westbury	A1	LA	30	65	8	0	5	7	60	80	40	0	56	0

6.110 It is fair to say that none of the clubs responding to the questionnaire survey have explicitly referenced 'too many games being played on the turf square' as an issue of importance. Any immediate concerns with respect to home venues have been summarised in **Table 6.2**, and cover a variety of themes including a desire for improved ancillary facilities and equipment; and, the need for secondary and tertiary venues to field extra teams.

6.111 Additional concerns in relation to facilities required for clubs aspiring to play in the West of England Premier League have previously been summarised in **Table 6.3**.

### **Scenario Testing: The Future**

#### **Future Picture of Provision**

6.112 The future requirement for playing pitches will be impacted by several factors, including;

- A Changes to the number of people living in the area and / or to the demographic profile of the population;
- B Changes in participation trends and in how pitch sports are played;
- C Club specific development plans and aspirations; and
- D Amendments to the current facility stock either through the provision of new pitches or the loss of current pitches.

6.113 These issues are considered in turn in order to build a picture of future demand for playing pitches.

#### **A Population Change**

##### ***Team Generation Rates***

6.114 Team Generation Rates (TGRs) indicate how many people in a specified age group are required to generate one team. TGRs are derived by dividing the appropriate population age band by the number of teams playing within that area in that age band. By applying TGRs to population projections, we can project the theoretical number of teams that would be generated from population growth and gain an understanding of future demand.

6.115 **Table 6.12** summarises the current TGRs for cricket in the local authority and uses them to assess the potential impact of projected changes to the population profile on demand for cricket.

**Table 6.12 TGRs and potential change to number of cricket teams in the local authority: 2015-2026**

2015 AGE GROUPS	2015 AGE GROUP POPULATION	2015 TEAMS	2015 TGRs	2026 AGE GROUP POPULATION	2026 TEAMS	CHANGE(+/-)
Junior cricket (7-17 male)	32,008	138	232	35,435	153	15
Junior cricket (7-17 female)	31,093	24	1,296	34,386	27	3
Senior cricket (18-55 male)	115,310	196	588	114,129	194	-2
Senior cricket (18-55 female)	114,029	5	22,806	109,432	5	0

6.116 These are for local authority as a whole and it is important to consider the same analysis for the 18 Community Areas. This information is provided in **Appendix 5**.

6.117 The above suggests a growth in the younger age/gender groups in team numbers by 2026 and, but a slight decline in the older adult age groups. The age bands used for cricket are wider than used for other pitch sports, and this will mean that the relevant demographic trends will be different. The population data on which the above calculations are predicated<sup>10</sup> are themselves only based upon previous trends, and do not necessarily take into account the impact of planned new residential growth yet to be determined.

#### **Projected change in the population resulting from planned new growth**

6.118 The above projects the change in team numbers arising out of natural change in the population up to 2026. There is also a need to consider any additional teams generated from localised population change resulting from planned new development. This new development may give rise to a significant local redistribution of the population, and conceivably in the spatial demand for playing pitches. The precise housing growth allocations to be catered for in the emerging new development plan are currently not determined.

#### **B Changes in participation trends and how sport is played**

6.119 Earlier in this section it was shown that those clubs responding to the questionnaire survey had, overall, experienced some growth in the junior age-group categories.

6.120 In recognition of changing lifestyle patterns and the challenges of 50 over cricket, the ECB are now seeking to introduce alternative forms of the game, including Last Man Standing and T20, as well as other initiatives to encourage informal participation such as O40 Leagues, Pub Leagues and U19 competitions.

<sup>10</sup> Compiled from a forecast produced on 19/03/2015 using POPGROUP software developed by Bradford Council, the University of Manchester and Andelin Associates



6.121 The ECB therefore currently has an overall focus on player retention and is not anticipating significant growth in club-based cricket, instead highlighting potential to grow more informal formats of the game

6.122 This may result in the growth of more casual play and midweek leagues and this could generate demand for 'casual' venues within the local authority. In addition to this, the 'Chance to Shine' (discussed earlier) charity may induce additional interest amongst children.

#### Club development plans and aspirations

6.123 Several clubs responding to the club survey have aspirations to grow and this will impact both on demand across the local authority as a whole but also more locally at a site specific level. Club aspirations are set out in **Table 6.13**.

**Table 6.13: Clubs' aspirations to field more teams**

Does your club plan to run more teams?	Response Percent	Response Total
Yes	55.00%	22
No	45.00%	18
	answered	40
	skipped	4

6.124 Over half of the responding clubs said that they would like to field more teams. These are bone fide statements on the clubs' part. Where clubs stated that they would like to field teams in a particular category, we have provided a very indicative quantification of how many teams this might be.

**Table 6.14: Estimate of additional teams that responding clubs might field**

Adult Men's Teams	Adult Women's Teams	Junior Boys' Teams	Junior Girls' Teams	Other (e.g. Vets)
8	10	8	16	0

6.125 Taking into account the necessary caveat, the above aspirations suggest that responding team might like to field an additional:

- 18 adult teams; and,
- 24 junior teams.

6.126 Of the total number of teams fielded by the clubs *responding to the questionnaire* the above represents:

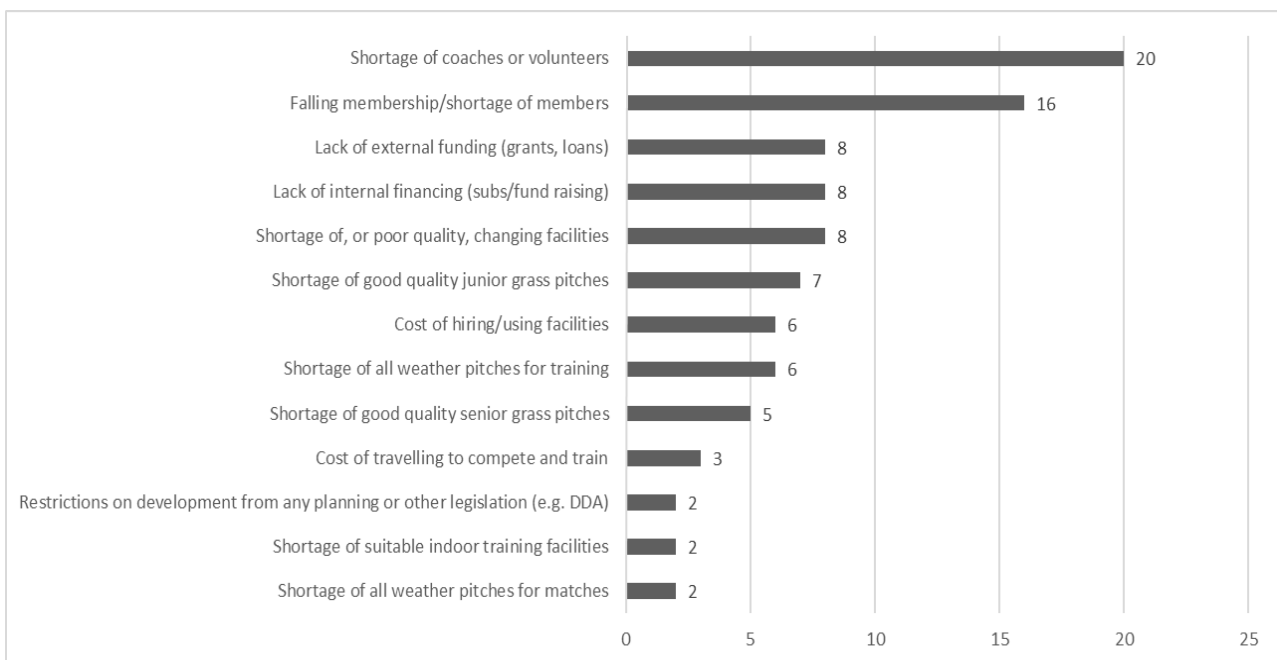
- 17% of the number of adult teams; and,
- 24% of the junior teams.

6.127 If these percentages were applied to the existing total estimates for teams within Wiltshire as a whole (210 adult and 167 junior teams) it would suggest that the fulfilment of aspirations would create another:

- 35 adult teams; and,
- 40 junior teams.

6.128 These are large numbers. The clubs have also stated some of the obstacles that, they feel, stand in the way of them realising these aspirations. In practice, there may be little that can be done to reduce some of these obstacles, especially in the current financial climate. However, the statements serve to emphasise that some clubs would like to expand their activities were it not for the existence of certain obstacles- one of the goals of the strategy which this needs assessment underpins should be to seek ways in which these obstacles can be mitigated.

**Figure 6.3: Obstacles given by clubs as stopping them fielding more teams.**



6.129 Paradoxically, the responding clubs have stated that, overall, falling membership and shortage of players is the second most important factor in hampering the any desire to field more teams. In this regard it would difficult to justify the above aspiration-led increases in teams. The biggest reason cited is however a shortage of coaches and volunteers.

6.130 When adding the extra teams that might be generated if responding clubs could achieve aspirations to net changes to numbers of teams arising from projected population growth (2026), the total increased future demand will be:

**Table 6.15: Summary potential overall growth in team numbers**

Extra teams from population growth		Extra teams for aspirational growth		Extra matches (A+B)	Grass Fields required
Adult	-2	Adult	35	16.5	c. 8 (assuming 2 adult teams would justify field).
Junior	10	Junior	40	25	(share the above)

### Discussion

6.131 The number of additional cricket fields required is high, and 8 additional cricket fields would be difficult to provide, especially on a bespoke, standalone basis. Furthermore, projected increase is fuelled largely by the estimates of aspiration-led demand, and these are also considered to be very high- perhaps unrealistically so. If the aspirational figures were omitted, the demographic-driven demand would probably not warrant additional new provision. The likely exceptions will be in some areas of large planned population growth, such as Chippenham.

6.132 The ECB also suggests in its strategic statements that the future direction for growth may be with informal versions of the game, allied to a consolidation of participation in the traditional club-based game. Should this be the case then extra facilities may be required, but in accessible central venues that can be used informally, and without a pre-requisite of joining a club. A focus on improved school-based venues may also be justified, and perhaps as a result of programmes like the 'Chance to Shine' campaign, as well as interest generated amongst youngsters by Kwik Cricket.

6.133 Perhaps there is also a need to focus on coaching and volunteer recruitment, as much as improvements to facilities, although the club survey has clearly identified various facility issues that might be addressed through funding injections in this regard.

6.134 The population projections underpinning **Table 6.12** are trend-based, and will therefore take into account previous housebuilding rates within the local authority. However, future development plan allocations will need to be confirmed, and the estimates in Table 6.11 should be amended when new population data are available.

6.135 The focus should be on improving existing key venues; working with selected schools in improving cricket facilities on-campus (which might be used as second venues for some clubs); and, exploring the possibility of introducing informal cricket venues in some local parks (for example). It is therefore entirely conceivable that some of the existing cricket venues can be used to address the demographic and aspiration-driven needs identified above: the data provided in **Appendix 5** for the 18 Community Areas will help to inform the process at the more local level.

**Key issues for the Strategy to address**

6.136 The concept of venues for casual cricket should be explored, with the provision of non-turf wickets. This would help develop team-based (as opposed to club-based cricket for those who cannot commit to regular and frequent games).

6.137 It is likely that future population growth in Chippenham will require additional cricket provision (especially with the current lack of availability of the Westinghouse ground, that is now closed to use).

6.138 Some of the larger clubs require access to more than one ground- perhaps these could be on school campuses?

6.139 There are some sites (in rural areas) that are under-used- what is their future?

6.140 Rather than new conventional cricket venues, the emphasis should be on improvements to existing venues.

6.141 Help in recruiting new coaches and volunteers could be an important and useful measure.

6.142 Many of the higher performing clubs in the Wiltshire County Cricket League may have aspirations to field teams in the West of England Premier League (WEPL). The absence at certain venues of facilities required to join the WEPL may therefore be of longer-term concern to some clubs, beyond shorter-term facility deficiencies identified in this section. There are opportunities to provide these upgrades in relation to:

- The relocation of Beanacre and Melksham CC to the Conigre site, which will become a dedicated cricket venue; and,
- The required alternative second ground required for Trowbridge CC in lieu of a site that is now to be developed for housing. There is Section 106 funding attached to the relocation on the cricket activity as part of the planning proposal.

## 7.0 RUGBY

### Introduction

7.45 This section assesses the adequacy of pitches for Rugby Union in the local authority by presenting the following:

- an overview of pitch supply;
- an overview of demand for rugby;
- the pattern of play of rugby;
- a review of the capacity and adequacy of current provision across the local authority, including an understanding of activity at individual sites; and,
- a summary of findings and key issues for the Plan to address - separate document.

### Overview of Pitch Supply

7.46 There are 50 sites containing facilities for rugby in the local authority. This figure includes all known public, private, school and other pitches whether or not they are in secured community use. The total pitch provision across the local authority is summarised in **Table 7.1**, and **Map 7.1** in **Appendix 6**.

7.47 Of these sites only a minority are in fact used by community teams. The estimated numbers of teams currently using each site is provided in the table, together with the 'level category', allocated to each site, as explained in Section 4.

**Table 7.1: Rugby sites in the local authority**

Name	Availability	Ownership	Sub Area	Adult pitches	Mini pitches	Rugby team count	Site level (1,2,3,4)
Calne Recreation Ground	A1	LA	Calne	1		1	2
Corsham Town Football and Rugby Clubs	A1	LA	Corsham	2		13	2
Colerne RUFC (Higgins Field)	A2	MoD	Corsham	1		6	3
Minety Playing Fields	A1	LA	Malmesbury	3		14	2
off Frees Avenue, Marlborough	A1	LA	Marlborough	2		16	2
The Conigre (Woolmore Farm from Autumn 2016)	A1 (A1)	LA (LA)	Melksham Melksham	1 (4 inc youth)	5 (Play on youth)	17 (17)	1 (1)
Old Hospital Recreation Land	A1	LA	Pewsey	2		9	2
Ballards Ash Sports Ground	A1	LA	Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade	2		18	1
Fairview Field, Cricklade	A1	LA	Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade	1		1	3
off Stoneover Lane, Wootton Bassett	A1	LA	Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade	2		0	4
Hudsons Field	A1	LA	Salisbury	2		14	2

Name	Availability	Ownership	Sub Area	Adult pitches	Mini pitches	Rugby team count	Site level (1,2,3,4)
Dinton Recreation Ground	A1	LA	South West Wiltshire	1		1	3
Off Netherhampton Road	A1	LA	South West Wiltshire	1		1	3
Bradford & Winsley Community Sports Association	A2	Club	Bradford on Avon	3	2	18	1
Chippenham RFC (Allington Fields)	A2	Club	Chippenham	2	4	16	2
Devizes Sports Club	A2	Club	Devizes	2	1	17	1
Doric Park (Trowbridge RFC)	A2	Club	Trowbridge	3		13	2
Deverills Cricket Field	A2	Private	Warminster	1		0	3
Folly Lane pitches (Warminster RFC)	A2	Club	Warminster	2		10	2
Westbury RFC (Westbury Country Park)	A2	Club	Westbury	2		7	3
St Laurence School	A3	Education	Bradford on Avon	2		0	4
Sheldon School	A3	Education	Chippenham	3		0	3
cricket ground, West Lavington	A3	Education	Devizes	1		0	3
Dauntsey's School	A3	Education	Devizes	3		0	3
Lavington School	A3	Education	Devizes	1		0	3
St John's School & Community College	A3	Education	Marlborough	3		0	3

Name	Availability	Ownership	Sub Area	Adult pitches	Mini pitches	Rugby team count	Site level (1,2,3,4)
Melksham Oak Community School	A3	Education	Melksham	2		1	3
Bradon Forest School	A3	Education	Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade	1		0	4
The Wellington Academy	A3	Education	Tidworth	1		0	3
John of Gaunt School	A3	Education	Trowbridge	2		0	3
The Clarendon College	A3	Education	Trowbridge	1		0	3
Warminster Kingdown/St John's CE Primary School	A3	Education	Warminster	2		0	3
Avon Valley College	B	Education	Amesbury	1		0	4
The John Bentley School	B	Education	Calne	2		0	4
Corsham School & Visual Arts Centre	B	Education	Corsham	2		0	4
Wiltshire College (Lackham)	B	Education	Corsham	1		0	4
Devizes School & Leisure Centre	B	Education	Devizes	3		0	4
Royal Wootton Bassett Academy	B	Education	Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade	1		0	4
Bishop Wadworth's School	B	Education	Salisbury	2		0	4
Matravers School	B	Education	Westbury	1	1	0	4



Name	Availability	Ownership	Sub Area	Adult pitches	Mini pitches	Rugby team count	Site level (1,2,3,4)
Abbeyfield School	C	Education	Calne	2		0	4
Grittleton House School	C	Education	Chippenham	2		0	4
off Church Lane, Stanton St Quintin	C	MoD	Chippenham	1		0	4
Malmesbury School	C	Education	Malmesbury	4		0	4
Marlborough School Pitches	C	Education	Marlborough	11		0	4
off Britford Road, Salisbury (Bishop Wordworth's School)	C	Education	Salisbury	4		0	4
rugby field off Chatham Close	C	MoD	Salisbury	1		1	4
off Meerut Road, Tidworth	C	MoD	Tidworth	1		0	4
pitches off Grand Trunk Road, Tidworth Garrison	C	MoD	Tidworth	1		0	4
Southam and the Water Pitches	C	Education	Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade	2		0	3
Arcot Road (Aspire Defence Ground)		MoD	Tidworth	1		0	2
Battlebury Barracks (east)		MoD	Warminster	2		0	3

7.48 Sites are in a variety of ownerships. The majority of pitches and sites are controlled by the education sector. However, the most notable sites from the standpoint of community rugby activity are those which are controlled by the local authority and clubs.

### Quality Scoring of Sites

7.49 The score given to the overall pitch quality is based upon Sport England's playing pitch strategy guidance – (Appendix 4d found at (<http://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/planning-for-sport/planning-tools-and-guidance/playing-pitch-strategy-guidance/>))

7.50 There are two scores recorded on the assessment form: one is for pitch maintenance (frequency of aeration and surface dressing) and the other is for the type of drainage a particular pitch has (natural, pipe drained, pipe and slit drained, unknown). Also noted but not scored on the assessment forms are qualitative and ancillary information (length and coverage of grass, size of pitch, problem areas, condition and safety of goal posts, and availability of changing, floodlighting and car parking). The numbers in the table indicate the number of games that might be played under each combination.

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

**Table 7.2: Rugby pitch quality ratings**

Name	Availability	Ownership	Sub Area	Rugby pitch maintenance rating (see above matrix)	Rugby pitch drainage rating (see above matrix)	Relevant comments from clubs
Ballards Ash Sports Ground	A1	LA	Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade	M2 (Good)	D3	Resident club expresses concern about the over-use of pitches
Bradford & Winsley Community Sports Association	A2	Club	Bradford on Avon	M1 (Standard)	D2	Pitches can suffer in times of prolonged wet weather.
Calne Recreation Ground	A1	LA	Calne	M1 (Standard)	D2	
Chippenham RFC (Allington Fields)	A2	Club	Chippenham	M2 (Good)	D2	
Colerne RUFC (Higgins Field)	C	MoD	Corsham	M1 (Standard)	D2	
Corsham Town Football and Rugby Clubs	A1	LA	Corsham	M1 (Standard)	D2	Overall lack of space for pitches
Devizes Sports Club	A2	Club	Devizes	M2 (Good)	D3	Pitches are over-used and become unplayable (comments made prior to recent drainage improvements)

<b>Name</b>	<b>Availability</b>	<b>Ownership</b>	<b>Sub Area</b>	<b>Rugby pitch maintenance rating (see above matrix)</b>	<b>Rugby pitch drainage rating (see above matrix)</b>	<b>Relevant comments from clubs</b>
Dinton Recreation Ground	A1	LA	South West Wiltshire	M1 (Standard)	D2	
Doric Park (Trowbridge RFC)	A2	Club	Trowbridge	M2 (Good)	D3	Almost brand new facility of a very high standard
Fairview Field, Cricklade	A1	LA	Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade	M1 (Standard)	D1	
Folly Lane pitches (Warminster RFC)	A2	Club	Warminster	M1 (Standard)	D2	
Hudsons Field	A1	LA	Salisbury	M1 (Standard)	D2	
Melksham Oak Community School	A3	Education	Melksham	M1 (Standard)	D1	
Minety Playing Fields	A1	LA	Malmesbury	M1 (Standard)	D1	Pitches become quickly unplayable, and drainage is not good.
off Frees Avenue, Marlborough	A1	LA	Marlborough	M2 (Good)	D2	Dog-fouling an issue on this common land site

Name	Availability	Ownership	Sub Area	Rugby pitch maintenance rating (see above matrix)	Rugby pitch drainage rating (see above matrix)	Relevant comments from clubs
Off Netherhampton Road	A2	Other	South West Wiltshire	M1 (Standard)	D2	
Old Hospital Recreation Land	A1	LA	Pewsey	M1 (Standard)	D2	
rugby field off Chatham Close	C	MoD	Salisbury	M1 (Standard)	D2	
Sutton Benger Recreation Ground	A1	LA	Chippenham	M1 (Standard)	D2	
The Conigre	A1	LA	Melksham	M2 (Good)	D2	The pitch is over-used and becomes unplayable.
Westbury RFC (Westbury Country Park)	A2	Club	Westbury	M1 (Standard)	D2	Club considers that pitches have improved greatly due to groundstaff's efforts

*NB: Site capacity and over-use at the Conigre site in Melksham will be alleviated in Autumn 2016, due to Melksham RFC moving to Woolmore Farm.*

7.51 Although there may be some occasional conflict of interest between sports, it is the intensity of use of rugby pitches by resident and visiting rugby teams both for training and competition that leads to a situation where pitches are over-used relative to their capacity to absorb activity.

7.52 On multi-pitch rugby grounds, such as the above, one pitch is normally allocated as the midweek training pitch, and this is usually either permanently or temporarily floodlit. Over the course of a season grass training pitches will have to absorb a considerable amount of wear and tear both from training activity as well as match play.

7.53 In addition to issues with pitches, several clubs have expressed concern over the adequacy of changing facilities, and especially if they are to develop and sustain female and junior teams in particular. Detailed comments are contained in the 'All Data Spreadsheet' (Append

### **Overview of demand**

#### **Current Participation**

7.54 Clubs in the local authority are affiliated to the Dorset and Wiltshire area of the RFU, and the adult teams tend to play in Levels 8 to 11 of the national league structure. However, teams from the larger clubs such as Chippenham, Salisbury and Trowbridge play at a higher level in the South West area.

7.55 Junior and mini teams play in a variety of local tournaments and competitions.

7.56 The following clubs and teams are recorded as playing within the local authority.

**Table 7.3: Clubs and teams in the local authority**

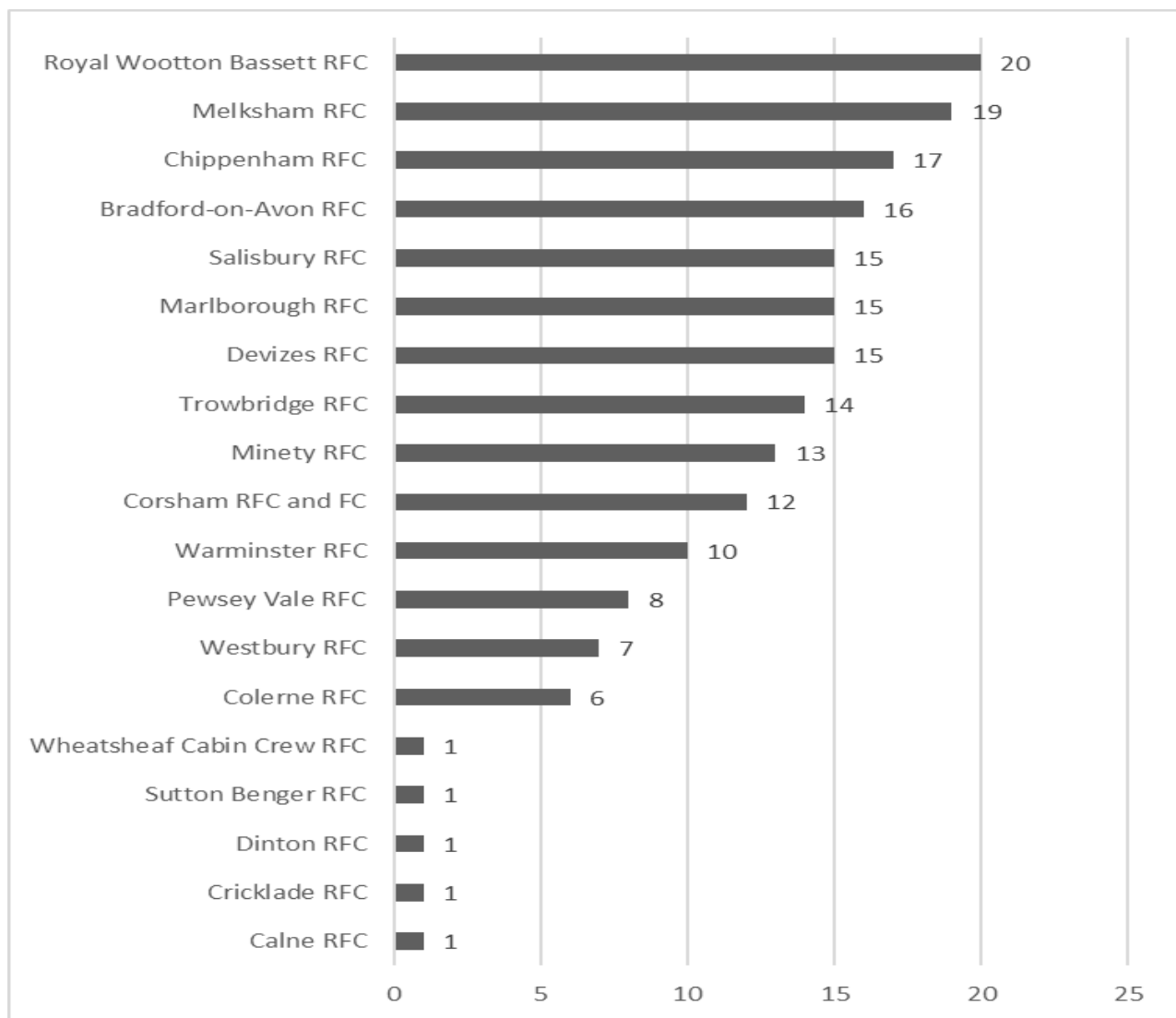
Name	Sub Area	Ground	Adult male	Adult female	Colts male (18-u19)	Colts female (18-u19)	Youth male (u13-17)	Youth female (u13-17)	Mini rugby (u12)
Bradford-on-Avon RFC	Bradford on Avon	Bradford & Winsley Community Sports Association	2		1		5	2	6
Calne RFC	Calne	Calne Recreation Ground	1				0		0
Chippenham RFC	Chippenham	Chippenham RFC (Allington Fields)	3		1		7		6
Sutton Benger RFC	Chippenham	Sutton Benger Recreation Ground	1				0		0
Colerne RFC	Corsham	Colerne RUFC (Higgins Field)	1				0		5
Corsham RFC and FC	Corsham	Corsham Town Football and Rugby Clubs	2		1		2		7
Devizes RFC	Devizes	Devizes Sports Club	2	1	1		4	1	5
Devizes RFC	Devizes	Devizes Sports Club	1						
Minety RFC	Malmesbury	Minety Playing Fields	2		1		4		6
Marlborough RFC	Marlborough	off Frees Avenue, Marlborough	2		1		5		7
Melksham RFC	Melksham	Melksham Oak Community School (Woolmore Farm Autumn 2016)	1		1				
Melksham RFC	Melksham	The Conigre (Woolmore Farm Autumn 2016)	2				4	3	8

Name	Sub Area	Ground	Adult male	Adult female	Colts male (18-u19)	Colts female (18-u19)	Youth male (u13-17)	Youth female (u13-17)	Mini rugby (u12)
Pewsey Vale RFC	Pewsey	Old Hospital Recreation Land	2				0	1	5
Cricklade RFC	Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade	Fairview Field, Cricklade	1				0		0
Royal Wootton Bassett RFC	Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade	Ballards Ash Sports Ground	3		2		6	1	8
Salisbury RFC	Salisbury	Castle Road	2						
Salisbury RFC	Salisbury	Hudsons Field	2		1		4		6
Dinton RFC	South West Wiltshire	Durrington Recreation Ground	1				0		0
Wheatsheaf Cabin Crew RFC	South West Wiltshire		1						
Trowbridge RFC	Trowbridge	Doric Park (Trowbridge RFC)	3		1		4		6
Warminster RFC	Warminster	Folly Lane pitches (Warminster RFC)	2				3		5
Westbury RFC	Westbury	Westbury RFC (Westbury Country Park)	2	1			0		4
			<b>40</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>84</b>



7.57 In summary, the above clubs can be ranked in terms of the estimated numbers of teams fielded, as follows:

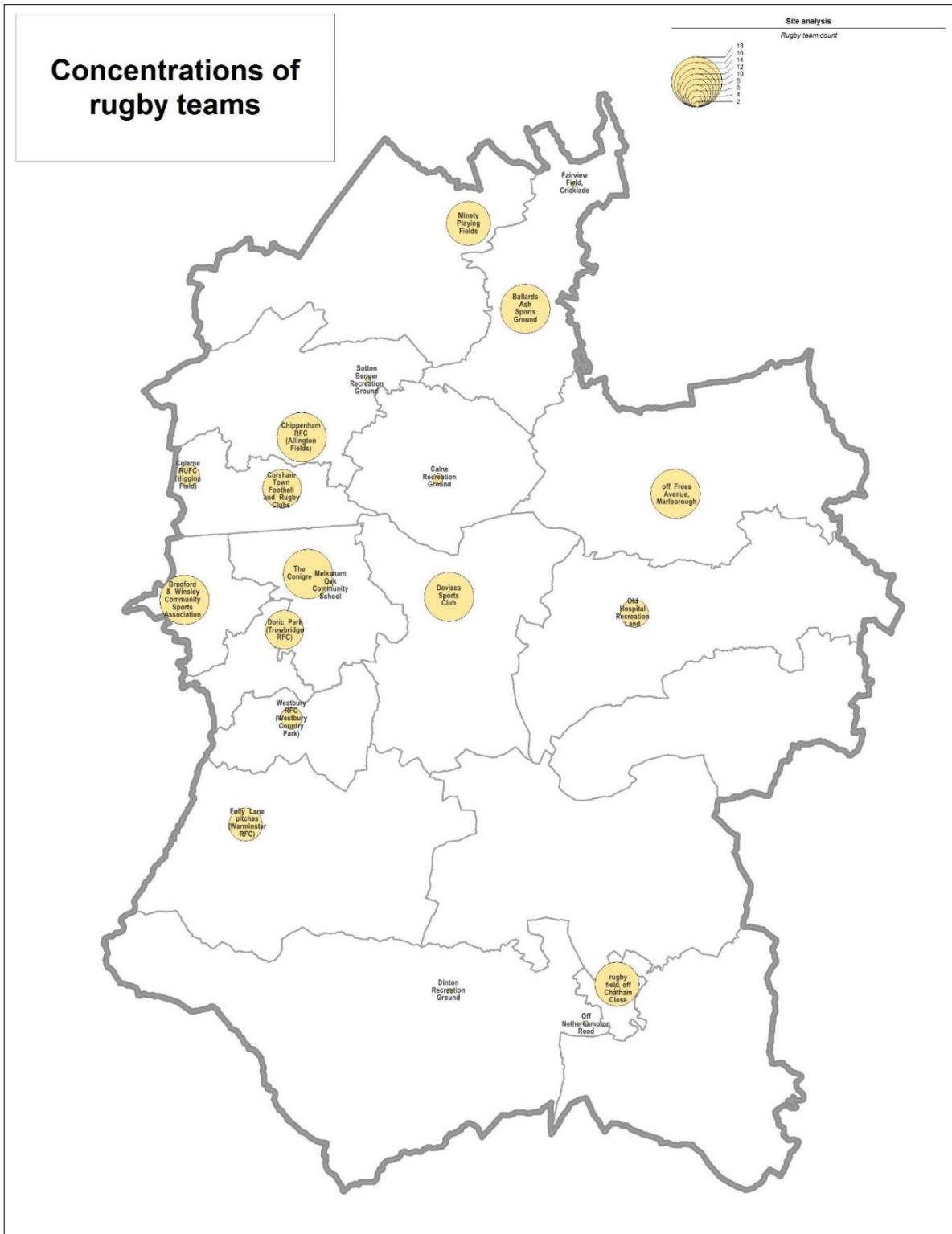
**Figure 7.1: Ranking of clubs by numbers**



7.58 It is noteworthy that the two clubs recorded as fielding the most teams through the age groups are not those clubs that field first XV's teams performing in the South West RFU area.

7.59 The geographic location of teams and their numbers is shown on **Map 7.2** below. Issues surrounding pitch capacity relative to use are considered further later in this section.

Map 7.2: Location of rugby pitch sites used by community teams



NB: Melksham RFC will move from the Conigre site, Melksham to Woolmore Farm in Autumn 2016

**Trends in Local Participation**

7.61 The club questionnaire survey combined with other evidence suggests that the number of teams fielded by local clubs has, overall, remained around the same over very recent years, in respect of adult teams. However, the balance of the club responses suggests that there has probably been an overall increase in the number of junior and mini/teams playing.

**Table 7.4: Recent trends in team numbers**

Please can you tell us if, in the previous three years, the number of teams in your club has:	Increased	Decreased	Stayed the same	Response Total
Adult Male	36%	7%	57%	14
Ladies	20%	0%	80%	10
Juniors/Colts	54%	18%	27%	11
Minis/Midis	50%	8%	41%	12
			answered	14
			skipped	3

7.62 As appropriate, clubs cited the reasons for increase or decreases in numbers of teams. Full details of these reasons are included in the All Data spreadsheet included as **Appendix 3**. However, the following appear to be the main reasons, in summary.

**Table 7.5: Summary of reasons cited for growth or decline in teams**

Reasons for growth in teams	Reasons for decline in teams
Move to better venue More junior teams More female teams	Loss of continuity in fixtures due to bad weather Loss of adult players

### Displaced, Unmet and Latent Demand

7.63 The extent to which the current participation hides latent or frustrated demand to play rugby is considered further later in this section. In summary though clubs tend to suggest that it is deficiencies in supporting infrastructure that are obstructing the fielding of additional teams, and especially with regard to changing facilities that are usable across the age and gender spectra.

7.64 There is little evidence of clubs/teams having to travel outside the local authority to the access home ground facilities.

### Origins of Membership

7.65 The club survey indicates that the majority of players live within 5 miles of their home venue. The higher the standard of rugby the greater the preparedness of better players to travel to clubs offering opportunities to play at a higher standard.

### Patterns of Play

7.66 The patterns of play for the various age groups in rugby over the course of a week follow the general national pattern of:

- Adult Males playing on Saturday afternoons;
- Colt teams playing on Saturday afternoons;
- Mini/midi and youth teams playing on Sunday mornings; and,
- Adult female teams playing on Sundays.

### Training patterns

7.67 All club/team training conducted by local clubs takes place on an allocated pitch, although there are some exceptions to this general practice that are noted in the following subsection. All team training sessions generally take place once per week for each of the team squads.

7.68 As youth rugby is played on a senior pitch the RFU suggests it should be categorised as equivalent to a senior match. Youth teams tend to play on senior pitches. Where this occurs the play will have some impact on the quality of, and therefore use some of the carrying capacity of, the senior pitches. As they are senior pitches the youth play needs to be quantified as match equivalent sessions of a senior pitch. If a mini/midi team plays on half a senior pitch every week for half the time of a senior match then it may be appropriate to record the use as a quarter (0.25) of a senior match equivalent session a week against the senior pitches on a site. This would enable the demand to be captured against the senior pitches on a site where the play takes place while reflecting the limited impact on the quality and capacity of the pitches compared to the senior play.

7.69 The above is of course the basis for only a rough assessment of 'carrying capacity' of rugby pitch sites, and it must be informed by other considerations and the views of users and managers, where they are available. This said, the above method has been applied to the site assessment information and the estimates of teams' match play and training needs to produce the following picture of overall site use relative to the notional capacity. The **Table 7.6** (below) compares the estimated match equivalent capacity of the key rugby club sites, with the estimated level of match equivalent usage.

7.70 In rugby, the tendency is for different age groups (adults, juniors, and minis) to play on the same playing surface, which is primarily marked out to adult pitch dimensions. Therefore, on most of the site shown in Table 7.6, usage by adults, juniors, and mini teams should be aggregated so as to provide the

overall picture of use relative to the estimated capacity. However, with a few sites some separately marked-out mini rugby pitches have been recorded: on these sites the impact of mini teams on adult pitches has been discounted. Where this occurs it has been noted in the Table 7.6.

7.71 A fuller explanation of the assumptions underpinning the calculations on which Table 7.6 are based is provided in the **Appendix 4** at the rear of this document. Some notes are also included in the table, both in the end column and at the bottom of the table. The latter in particular indicate that individual pitches on sites (or single pitch sites) may suffer heavy wear and tear due to their extra use for training.

Table 7.6: Figure 7.1: Site usage versus capacity (match equivalents) – note these figure predated recent changes in respect of Ballards Ash sportsground

Name	Sub Area	A. Total adult/colt rugby match equivalent sessions/week	B. Total youth match equivalent sessions/week	C. Total mini rugby match equivalent sessions/week	D. Total match equivalent sessions on adult pitches (A+B+C)	E. Adult pitches	F. Mini Pitches	G. Match equivalent sessions/adult pitch (based on rating matrix)	H. Overall adult pitch site match equivalent capacity/week (E*G)	I. Total adult pitch net site match equivalent capacity/week (H-D)	Rugby pitch maintenance rating	Rugby pitch drainage rating	Rugby team count	Note
Ballards Ash Sports Ground	Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade	5	12.25	3	20.25	4		3.5	14	-6.25	M2 (Good)	D3	22	
Bradford & Winsley Community Sports Association	Bradford on Avon	2.5	12.25	2.25	17	3	2	2	6	-11.00	M1 (Standard)	D2	17	minis play on mini pitches
Calne Recreation Ground	Calne	1	0	0	1	1		2.5	2	1.00	M1 (Standard)	D2	1	
Chippenham RFC (Allington Fields)	Chippenham	4	12.25	2.25	18.5	3	4	3.25	9.75	-8.75	M2 (Good)	D2	18	minis play on mini pitches
Colerne RUFC (Higgins Field)	Corsham	1	0	1.88	2.88	1		2.5	2.5	-0.38	M1 (Standard)	D2	6	
Corsham Town Football and Rugby Clubs	Corsham	3	1	2.63	6.63	2		2.5	5	-1.63	M1 (Standard)	D2	13	
Devizes Sports Club	Devizes	5	6.25	1.88	13.13	2	1	3.5	7	-6.13	M2 (Good)	D3	16	minis play on mini pitches
Dinton Recreation Ground	South West Wiltshire	1	0	0	1	1		2.5	2.5	1.50	M1 (Standard)	D2	1	
Doric Park (Trowbridge RFC)	Trowbridge	4	4	2.25	10.25	4		3.5	14	3.75	M2 (Good)	D3	15	
Fairview Field, Cricklade	Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade	1	0	0	1	1		2	2	1.00	M1 (Standard)	D1	1	
Folly Lane pitches (Warminster RFC)	Warminster	2	2.25	1.88	6.13	2		2.5	5	-1.13	M1 (Standard)	D2	10	
Hudsons Field	Salisbury	3	4	2.25	9.25	2		2.5	5	-4.25	M1 (Standard)	D2	14	
Melksham Oak Community School	Melksham	1	0	0	1	2		1	2	1.00	M1 (Standard)	D1	1	
Minety Playing Fields	Malmesbury	3	4	2.25	9.25	3		2	6	-3.25	M1 (Standard)	D1	14	
off Frees Avenue, Marlborough	Marlborough	3	6.25	2.63	11.88	2		3.25	6.5	-5.38	M2 (Good)	D2	16	

Name	Sub Area	A. Total adult/colt rugby match equivalent sessions/week	B. Total youth match equivalent sessions/week	C. Total mini rugby match equivalent sessions/week	D. Total match equivalent sessions on adult pitches (A+B+C)	E. Adult pitches	F. Mini Pitches	G. Match equivalent sessions/adult pitch (based on rating matrix)	H. Overall adult pitch site match equivalent capacity/week (E*G)	I. Total adult pitch net site match equivalent capacity/week (H-D)	Rugby pitch maintenance rating	Rugby pitch drainage rating	Rugby team count	Note
Off Netherhampton Road	South West Wiltshire	1	0	0	1	1		2.5	2.5	1.50	M1 (Standard)	D2	1	
Old Hospital Recreation Land	Pewsey	2	0.25	1.88	4.13	2		2.5	5	0.87	M1 (Standard)	D2	8	
rugby field off Chatham Close	Salisbury	1.5	0	0	1.5	1		2.5	2.5	1.00	M1 (Standard)	D2	2	
Sutton Benger Recreation Ground	Chippenham	1	0	0	1	1		2.5	2.5	1.50	M1 (Standard)	D2	1	
The Conigre	Melksham	3	12.25	1	16.25	1	5	3.25	3.25	-13.00	M2 (Good)	D2	19	Minis play on mini pitches
(Woolmore Farm Autumn 2016)	(Melksham)	(3)	(12.25)	(1)	(16.25)	(4) inc youth pitches		(3.25)	(13)	(-3.25)	(M2 (Good))	(D2)	(19)	Minis play on youth pitches
Westbury RFC (Westbury Country Park)	Westbury	3	0	1.5	4.5	2		2.5	5	0.50	M1 (Standard)	D2	7	

**Ballards Ash Sports Ground (Royal Wootton Bassett RUFC):** There is a training pitch with temporary floodlights which is heavily used, and more so than other pitches.

**Bradford & Winsley Community Sports Association (Bradford on Avon RUFC):** There is a designated training pitch and adjacent lighting and this will be the designated area for most mid-week training

**Allington Fields (Chippenham RFC):** There is a floodlit training pitch which is floodlit and heavily used for mid-week training.

**Higgins Field (Colerne RUFC):** The single pitch is floodlit and will also be used for training.

**Corsham Town Football and Rugby Clubs:** 1 pitch is floodlit and is more heavily used for training.

**Devizes Sports Club (Devizes RUFC):** Smaller pitch with floodlights and perimeter fencing used for some training.

**Doric Park (Trowbridge RFC):** Much of the training will take place on a good quality floodlit pitch.

**Fairview Field, Cricklade (Cricklade RUFC):** All training will take place on the single floodlit pitch.

**Folly Lane pitches (Warminster RFC):** No apparent floodlights at ground, which could not be accessed for on-site inspection. New club house.

**Hudsons Field (Salisbury RUFC):** Neither pitch floodlit

**Minety Playing Field (Minety RUFC):** No floodlighting of this single pitch.

**off Frees Avenue, Marlborough (Marlborough RUFC):** Neither of the two pitches are floodlit

**Off Netherhampton Road (Wheatsheaf Cabin Crew RUFC):** A single pitch with no floodlighting.

**Old Hospital Recreation Land, Wilcot Road (Pewsey Vale RUFC):** Two full-size pitches and a floodlit training area that will absorb most training.

**Chatham Close (Salisbury RUFC):** Pitch is fenced off and floodlit. Training will therefore take place on match pitch.

**Sutton Benger Recreation Ground (Sutton Benger RUFC):** Single un-lit pitch. Very little if any mid-winter training likely to take place.

**The Conigre (Melksham RUFC):** Heavily used single pitch for matches and for training. This information relates to current use of the pitch. The club will be moving to a single site at Woolmore Farm in Autumn 2016, and therefore a site rating has been provided. It is assumed that provision will include 2 adult pitches, and 2 pitches to accommodate youth/mini play. It is also assumed that adult training will take place largely on one (floodlit) pitch.

**Westbury Country Park (Westbury RFC):** Both pitches seemed boggy in places after wet weather and use.

7.72 The following ranks sites according to their net capacity rating, and it is probably unsurprising that the sites that are most ‘in the red’ are largely those with the largest numbers of teams.

**Table 7.7: Rugby sites ranked according to ‘capacity’ issues.**

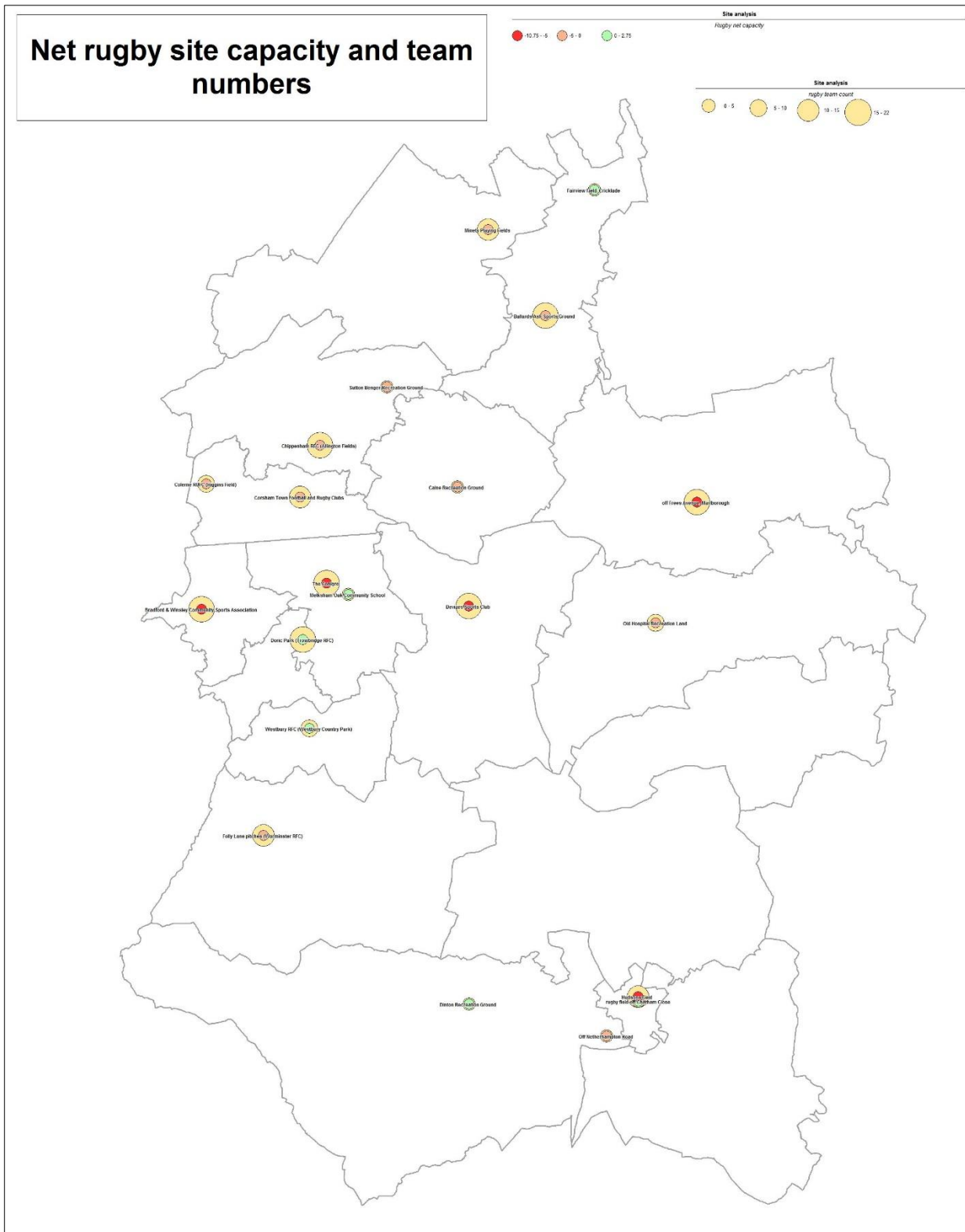
Name	Sub Area	Net site capacity	rugby team count
The Conigre	Melksham	-15	19
Bradford & Winsley Community Sports Association	Bradford on Avon	-11	17
Chippenham RFC (Allington Fields)	Chippenham	-8.75	18
Ballards Ash Sports Ground	Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade	-6.25	22
Devizes Sports Club	Devizes	-6.13	16
off Frees Avenue, Marlborough	Marlborough	-5.38	16
Hudsons Field	Salisbury	-4.25	14
Minety Playing Fields	Malmesbury	-3.25	14
Corsham Town Football and Rugby Clubs	Corsham	-1.63	13
Folly Lane pitches (Warminster RFC)	Warminster	-1.13	10
Colerne RUFC (Higgins Field)	Corsham	-0.38	6

7.73 Melksham Rugby Club will move from the Conigre ground for to Woolmore Farm in Autumn 2006 and therefore the net capacity score for the Conigre site can be ignored.

7.74 The following **Map 7.3** summarises the net capacity ratings for sites, overlain on team numbers.



Map 7.3: Site net match capacity



NB: Melksham RFC will move from the Congre site, Melksham to Woolmore Farm in Autumn 201, alleviating any site capacity issues at Congre

## **Scenario Testing: The Future**

### **Future Picture of Provision**

- 7.75 The future requirement for playing pitches will be impacted by several factors, including;
- A. Changes to the number of people living in the area and / or to the demographic profile of the population;
  - B. Changes in participation trends and in how pitch sports are played;
  - C. Club specific development plans and aspirations; and,
  - D. Amendments to the current facility stock either through the provision of new pitches or the loss of current pitches.
- 7.76 These issues are considered in turn in order to build a picture of future demand for playing pitches.

### **A Population Change**

#### ***Team Generation Rates***

7.77 Team Generation Rates (TGRs) indicate how many people in a specified age group are required to generate one team. TGRs are derived by dividing the appropriate population age band by the number of teams playing within that area in that age band. By applying TGRs to population projections, we can project the theoretical number of teams that would be generated from population growth and gain an understanding of future demand. **Table 7.8** summarises the current TGRs for rugby in the local authority and uses them to assess the potential impact of projected changes to the population profile on demand for rugby.

**Table 7.8: TGRs and potential change to number of rugby teams in the local authority: 2015-2026**

<b>2015 AGE GROUPS</b>	<b>2015 AGE GROUP POPULATIONS</b>	<b>2015 TEAMS</b>	<b>2015 TGRs</b>	<b>2026 AGE GROUPS</b>	<b>2026 TEAMS</b>	<b>CHANGE(+/-)</b>
Mini-rugby (7-12 mixed gender)	34,622	84	412	37,709	91	7
Junior rugby (13-18 male)	20,064	48	418	22,437	54	6
Junior rugby (13-18 female)	16,924	8	2,115	18,555	9	1
Senior rugby (19-45 male)	76,388	50	1,528	81,239	53	3
Senior rugby (19-45 female)	74,158	2	37,079	74,493	2	0

7.78 The above suggests that there will be an increase in the number of teams by 2026, and especially in the junior categories. There will also be a fractional increase in the number of adult teams, but demographic projections alone would not suggest an increase in the number of women's teams.

7.79 The population data on which the above calculations are predicated<sup>11</sup> are themselves only based upon previous trends, and do not necessarily take into account the impact of planned new residential growth yet to be determined.

### **Projected change in the population resulting from planned new growth**

7.80 The above projects the change in team numbers arising out of natural change in the population up to 2026. There is also a need to consider any additional teams generated from localised population change resulting from planned new development. This new development may give rise to a significant local redistribution of the population, and conceivably in the spatial demand for playing pitches. The precise housing growth allocations to be catered for in the emerging new development plan are currently not determined.

### **B Changes in participation trends and how sport is played**

7.81 Whilst focusing on maintaining its core market of 15v15 senior teams, the RFU is actively promoting its variants of the game for younger players – touch and tag rugby and '7s' and also looking to develop more recreational and social rugby during the summer. This is likely to increase the numbers of junior teams and possibly summer activity for adults, which may cascade down to increase participation during the winter months.

7.82 There are also changes in the type of facilities now being used for rugby. Clubs are aspiring to use AGPs more for training, to reduce the impact on the grass pitches for training, thus enabling grass pitches to accommodate greater intensity of match play. In addition, clubs are now considering the possibilities of using IRB22 accredited AGPs for competitive fixtures. In this instance, the increased capacity offered by an AGP would mean that current and future training needs, as well as match play could be accommodated.

7.83 The 2015 Rugby World Club may have had a positive effect on participation locally, although this is difficult to quantify.

### **C Club development plans and aspirations**

7.84 Several clubs responding to the club survey have aspirations to grow and this will impact both on demand across the local authority as a whole but also more locally at a site specific level. Club aspirations are set out in **Table 7.9**.

<sup>11</sup> Compiled from a forecast produced on 19/03/2015 using POPGROUP software developed by Bradford Council, the University of Manchester and Andelin Associates

**Table 7.9: Clubs' aspirations to field more teams**

Does your club plan to run more teams?	Response Percent	Response Total
Yes	93%	14
No	7%	1
	answered	15
	skipped	2

7.86 Almost all the responding clubs said that they would like to field more teams. These are bone fide statements on the clubs' part. Where clubs stated that they would like to field teams in a particular category, we have provided a very indicative quantification of how many teams this might be.

**Table 7.10: Estimate of additional teams that responding clubs might field**

Adult Men's Teams	Adult Women's Teams	Junior Boys' Teams	Junior Girls' Teams	Mini/Mini	Other (e.g. Vets)
9	8	9	8	7	1

7.87 Taking into account the necessary caveat, the above aspirations suggest that responding team might like to field an additional:

- 16 adult teams;
- 16 junior teams; and,
- 8 mini teams.

7.88 Of the total number of teams fielded by the clubs *responding to the questionnaire* the above represents:

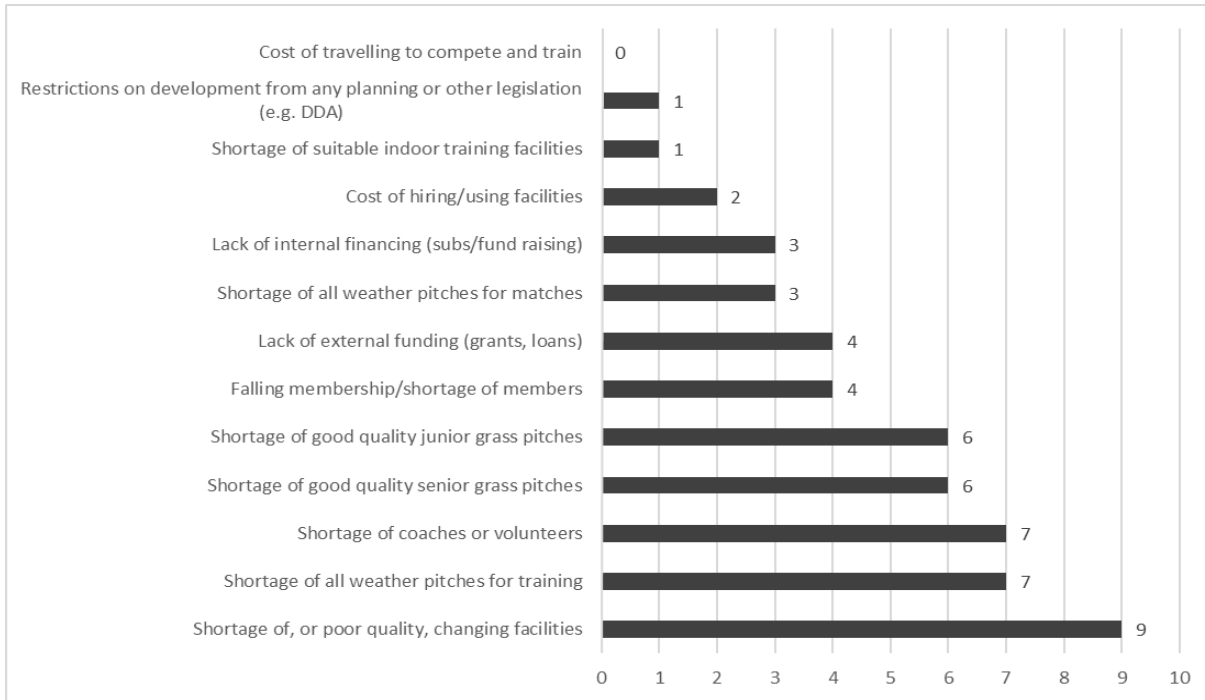
- 37% of the number of adult teams;
- 32% of the junior/youth teams; and,
- 10% of the mini teams.

7.89 If these percentages were applied to the existing total estimates for teams within Wiltshire as a whole (50 adults/colts, 56 junior/youth teams, 84 mini) it would suggest that the fulfilment of aspirations would create another:

- 18 junior/youth teams; and,
- 18 adult teams;
- 7 mini teams.

7.90 As a percentage % of the overall number of teams, the above are therefore very large numbers. Responding clubs were asked to identify reasons stopping them from achieving the above aspiration-led growth, with the following results.

**Figure 7.2: Obstacles given by clubs as stopping them fielding more teams.**



7.91 Consistent with the views expressed by clubs elsewhere in this section, issues with training and changing facilities are the biggest perceived problems, together with the perceived shortage of volunteers and coaches to help maintain and grow the local game.

7.92 When adding a bone fide estimate of the extra teams that might be generated if responding clubs could achieve aspirations, to additional teams arising from projected population growth (2026), the total increased future demand will be:

**Table 7.11: Summary of potential overall growth in team numbers**

A. Extra teams from population growth		B. Extra teams for aspirational growth		Extra matches (A+B)	Grass pitches required (assuming 2 games per pitch/week)
Adult	3	Adult	18	11	c.6
Junior	7	Junior	18	13	use adult pitches
Mini/midi	7	Mini/midi	8	8	use adult pitches

7.93 The above has implications both for the supply of pitches overall, at sites where clubs are currently based, as well as the over-use of existing pitches.

#### Discussion

7.94 Projected increase is fuelled largely by the estimates of aspiration-led demand, and these are also considered to be very high- perhaps unrealistically so. If the aspirational figures were omitted, the demographic-driven demand would probably warrant limited additional new provision- perhaps no more than 1-2 adult pitches in an appropriate location.

7.95 It is felt that the biggest issues facing local rugby relate to:

- the need to improve drainage and all-year training provision, and perhaps with the development of artificial surfaces at appropriate locations; and,
- the need to improve changing provision in key locations to reflect the wider demographic and gender spectra becoming involved in rugby as a sport.

7.96 Perhaps there is also a need to focus on coaching and volunteer recruitment, as much as improvements to facilities, although the club survey has clearly identified various facility issues that might be addressed through funding injections in this regard.

7.97 The population projections underpinning **Table 7.8** are trend-based, and will therefore take into account previous housebuilding rates within the local authority. However, future development plan allocations will need to be confirmed, and the estimates in Table 7.8 should be amended when new population data are available.

7.98 Taking all the above into account, there is not considered to be a looming need to search out land for new conventional rugby pitches in the next 10 years. The focus should be on improving existing key venues with respect to changing, drainage and training provision , in particular. The data provided in **Appendix 5** for the 18 Community Areas will help to inform the process at the more local level.

**Key issues for the Strategy to address**

7.99 A planned programme of improved drainage and training provision should be agreed to cover key sites. The immediate priorities in respect of training provision should consider the stated needs of the following sites in particular.

**Table 7.12: Priorities for suggested for improvements in training and drainage provision.**

Name	Sub Area	Net site capacity	rugby team count
Bradford & Winsley Community Sports Association	Bradford on Avon	-11	17
Chippenham RFC (Allington Fields)	Chippenham	-8.75	18
Ballards Ash Sports Ground	Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade	-6.25	22
off Frees Avenue, Marlborough	Marlborough	-5.38	16
Hudsons Field	Salisbury	-4.25	14
Minety Playing Fields	Malmesbury	-3.25	14
Corsham Town Football and Rugby Clubs	Corsham	-1.63	13
Folly Lane pitches (Warminster RFC)	Warminster	-1.13	10
Colerne RUFC (Higgins Field)	Corsham	-0.38	6

7.100 The Conigre ground in Melksham has been excluded from this list, due to the co-location with Melksham Town FC at Woolmore Farm in Autumn 2016. Devizes Sports Club has also been excluded due to recent drainage improvement works.

## 8.0 HOCKEY

### Introduction

8.45 This section assesses the adequacy of pitches for hockey in the local authority by presenting the following:

- an overview of pitch supply;
- an overview of demand;
- the pattern of play;
- a review of the capacity and adequacy of current provision;
- the future picture of provision; and,
- a summary of issues for the strategy to address.

### Overview of Pitch Supply

8.46 Hockey is almost exclusively played on AGPs. Guidance on AGPs (Sport England 2010) indicates the following surfaces to be suitable for hockey:

- Water Based (suitable for high level hockey)
- Sand Dressed (preferred surface for other competitive hockey)
- Sand Filled (acceptable surface for other competitive hockey)
- Short Pile 3G (although competitive, adult and junior club training cannot take place on 3G pitches, 40mm pitches may be suitable for introductory level hockey, such as school curriculum low level hockey)

8.47 It is considered that a hockey pitch can accommodate a maximum of four matches on one day (peak time) provided that the pitch has floodlights. Training is generally midweek and requires access to a pitch and floodlights.

### **Quantity**

8.48 For competitive matches an AGP must measure at least 91.4 x 55 metres (minimum this excludes a run-off). The following is a list of sand-based AGPs in Wiltshire, and those that are compliant for competition hockey are indicated. There are no water-based AGPs in Wiltshire. There are other smaller facilities that could be used for training. All relevant facilities are listed in the **Table 8.1** (below), together with an indication of whether they are used as a hockey club venue.



**Table 8.1: Pitches relevant to hockey in the local authority (the above numbers do not include a facility at RAF Boscombe Down, which has been condemned and is unusable).**

Name	Sub area	Availability (see para 1.10)	AGP type	Floodlit?	Facility Status	Access Type	Ownership Type	Club venue?	Year built (where known)	Matchplay-compliant?
LAND WARFARE CENTRE	Warminster	C	Sand-filled (100 x 60 m)	Yes	Operational	Private Use	MOD			Yes (has been known to be confused with a 3G surface)
DAUNTSEYS SCHOOL (1)	Devizes	C	Sand-filled (110 x 60 m)	Yes	Operational	Private Use	Other Independent School		1992	Yes (during day)
MARLBOROUGH COLLEGE	Marlborough (2)	A3	Sand-dressed (97 x 59 m)	Yes	Operational	Sports Club / Community Association	Other Independent School	Yes	1998	Yes
CHIPPENHAM SPORTS CLUB	Chippenham	A2	Sand-filled (100 x 61 m)	Yes	Operational	Sports Club / Community Association	Sports Club	Yes		Yes
DAUNTSEYS SCHOOL (3)	Devizes	C	Sand-dressed (100 x 60 m)	No	Operational	Private Use	Other Independent School		2008	Yes
DEVIZES LEISURE CENTRE	Devizes	A1	Sand-filled (100 x 60 m)	Yes	Operational	Pay and Play	Local Authority	Yes	2006	Yes

Name	Sub area	Availability (see para 1.10)	AGP type	Floodlit?	Facility Status	Access Type	Ownership Type	Club venue?	Year built (where known)	Matchplay-compliant?
JOHN OF GAUNT SCHOOL	Trowbridge	A3	Sand-filled (100 x 60 m)	Yes	Operational	Sports Club / Community Association	Community school		1998	Yes
MARLBOROUGH COLLEGE	Marlborough (1)	A3	Sand-dressed (97 x 70 m)	Yes	Operational	Sports Club / Community Association	Other Independent School	Yes	1998	Yes
MELKSHAM OAK COMMUNITY SCHOOL	Melksham	A3	Sand-dressed (100 x 60 m)	Yes	Operational	Sports Club / Community Association	Academies		2010	Yes
RAF LARKHILL	Amesbury	C	Sand-filled (100 x 63 m)	Yes	Operational	Private Use	MOD			Yes
ROYAL WOOTTON BASSETT ACADEMY	Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade	A3	Sand-filled (100 x 60 m)	Yes	Operational	Pay and Play	Community school	Yes	2002	Yes
SALISBURY & SOUTH WILTS SPORTS CLUB	Salisbury	A2	Sand-dressed (100 x 60 m)	Yes	Operational	Pay and Play	Sports Club	Yes	1998	Yes
SPRINGFIELD COMMUNITY CAMPUS	Corsham	A3	Sand-filled (100 x 60 m)	Yes	Operational	Pay and Play	Community school	Yes	2014	Yes

Name	Sub area	Availability (see para 1.10)	AGP type	Floodlit?	Facility Status	Access Type	Ownership Type	Club venue?	Year built (where known)	Matchplay-compliant?
ST MARY'S SCHOOL (CALNE)	Calne	C	Sand-dressed (100 x 60 m)	Yes	Operational	Private Use	Other Independent School		2015	Yes
ST MARYS SCHOOL	South West Wiltshire	A3 (limited use)	Sand-filled (97 x 61 m)	Yes	Operational	Sports Club / Community Association	Other Independent School	Yes	2001	Yes
STONAR SCHOOL	Melksham	A2	Sand-dressed (100 x 60 m)	Yes	Operational	Sports Club / Community Association	Other Independent School		1994	Yes
TIDWORTH OVAL	Tidworth	C	Sand-filled (100 x 60 m)	Yes	Operational	Private Use	MOD		2000	Yes
WARMINSTER KINGDOWN	Warminster	A2	Sand-filled (100 x 60 m)	Yes	Operational	Sports Club / Community Association	Community school	Yes	2003	Yes
WARMINSTER SCHOOL	Warminster	A3	Sand-dressed (100 x 70 m)	Yes	Operational	Pay and Play	Other Independent School		1991	Yes
ABBEYFIELD SCHOOL	Calne	C	Sand-filled (60 x 40 m)	No	Operational	Private Use	Community school		2008	No
CHAFYN GROVE SCHOOL	Salisbury	B	Sand-filled (80x50 m)	No	Operational	Private Use	Other Independent School		2003	No

Name	Sub area	Availability (see para 1.10)	AGP type	Floodlit?	Facility Status	Access Type	Ownership Type	Club venue?	Year built (where known)	Matchplay-compliant?
CORSHAM TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB	Corsham	A2	Sand-filled (66 x 36 m) – split in 2	No	Operational	Pay and Play	Commercial		2008	No
CRICKLADE LEISURE CENTRE	Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade	A1	Sand-filled (60 x 40 m) split in two	Yes	Operational	Pay and Play	Community Organisation		2010	No
DAUNTSEYS SCHOOL (2) (goalmouth court)	Devizes	C	Sand-filled (30 x 20 m)	No	Operational	Private Use	Other Independent School		2008	No
PRIOR PARK PREPARATORY SCHOOL	Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade	C	Sand-filled (80 x 50 m)	No	Operational	Private Use	Other Independent School		2007	No
RAMSBURY RECREATION CENTRE	Marlborough	A1	Sand-filled (40 x 20 m)	No	Operational	Pay and Play	Other		2005	No
ST LAURENCE SCHOOL	Bradford on Avon	B	Sand-filled (90 x 50 m)	No	Operational	Private Use	Academies		2010	No
WARMINSTER PREPARATORY SCHOOL	Warminster	C	Sand-filled (50 x 35)	No	Operational	Private Use	Other Independent School		2009	No

## Quality

8.49 The quality of accessible pitches has been assessed through site audits, and the findings of these have been compared with and, where appropriate, modified by the views of facility users and managers. The site assessments also recorded the existence of changing facilities, and made an assessment of their quality as far as possible. In almost all cases it was not possible to access these facilities to make internal assessments. This is where the views of clubs obtained from the club questionnaire survey were especially helpful. The overall ratings are as follows:

**Table 8.2: Summary of quality assessment of key club hockey venues**

Name	Sub area	Overall pitch quality	Overall standard of changing facilities (if available)	Other comments
DEVIZES LEISURE CENTRE	Devizes	Good	Good	The Devizes club base all their home games and training here. (10 hrs per week (matches & training).  Penalty spot loose at one end. Footballers use it with inappropriate footwear and trampoline mud across it.
WARMINSTER KINGDOWN	Warminster	Good	Standard (low)	The West Wilts club base around two thirds of their all their home games and training here. (10 hrs per week (matches & training).  Littering of pitch on this school site.
SALISBURY & SOUTH WILTS SPORTS CLUB	Salisbury	Good	Good	The Salisbury club base all their home games and training here. (17 hrs per week (matches & training).

Name	Sub area	Overall pitch quality	Overall standard of changing facilities (if available)	Other comments
CHIPPENHAM SPORTS CLUB	Chippenham	Good	Good	<p>All the Chippenham Clubs play their home matches and train at this venue (circa 15 hrs per week (matches &amp; training).</p> <p>The Club has some issues with the size and configuration of the changing rooms.</p>
SPRINGFIELD COMMUNITY CAMPUS	Corsham	Good	Good	<p>The resident Corsham club uses this venue for all its activity (circa 6 hours/week)</p> <p>Very recent construction, and in very good condition. The recently formed Corsham club base all their home games and training here. (6 hrs per week (matches &amp; training).</p> <p>The Club notes that when it has rented only half a pitch and there has been football on the other half, the netting that divides the pitch is inadequate for hockey as the holes in the netting are too big and the balls easily pass through.</p>
MARLBOROUGH COLLEGE (1)	Marlborough	Good		The Marlborough club base all their home games and

Name	Sub area	Overall pitch quality	Overall standard of changing facilities (if available)	Other comments
MARLBOROUGH COLLEGE (2)	Marlborough	Good	Standard (low)	<p>training here. (13 hrs per week matches &amp; training).</p> <p>Pitches re-laid in the last two years.</p> <p>The club house has had funding to improve the kitchen and some of the changing facilities but the Ladies' changing room has not been used for years as is not great.</p>
LAND WARFARE CENTRE	Warminster	Poor	n.a.	<p>The West Wilts club base around one third of their all their home games and training here. (5 hrs per week (matches &amp; training).</p> <p>MoD site and access not possible.</p> <p>However, the facility is reported by the club to be in poor condition and is in need of repair.</p>
ROYAL WOOTTON BASSETT ACADEMY	Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade	Standard	Standard	<p>The Royal Wootton Bassett club base all their home games and training here. (10 hrs per week (matches &amp; training).</p> <p>Sand filled pitch, approximately 12 years old. Dangerous and slippery run off area at one end of the</p>

Name	Sub area	Overall pitch quality	Overall standard of changing facilities (if available)	Other comments
				pitch. Pitch is generally in a good condition for its type and age. It is missing some markings, i.e. 5m markers around circles.

8.50 In addition to the above a small amount of junior training by the West Wilts Club is run out of the Warminster School. Site Specific Other Usage. Melksham Oak Community School also hosts the Wiltshire Men's Cup. The following sites are also used for junior training by the County Hockey Association:

- Melksham Oak Community School;
- Warminster School;
- Salisbury and South Wilts Sports Club; and,
- Marlborough College.

### **Overview of Demand**

#### **Current Participation**

8.51 As with other pitch sports, competitive hockey is organised into a league structure at a national and regional level, both for men and ladies. There are no clubs/teams based in Wiltshire that play in the national leagues, all clubs have teams in the regional leagues.

8.52 In respect of adult teams the principal leagues are:

- The GoCrea8 Men's Hockey League
- The West Clubs' Women's Hockey League
- The South Hockey League (Men)
- The Hampshire Open League (Men)
- The Wessex Masters' League

8.53 In addition, there are various junior leagues, tournaments and festivals.

8.54 The following teams are therefore recorded as being fielded by local clubs. There will also be very young children that are part of the club structure but cannot be recorded as being within codified teams.



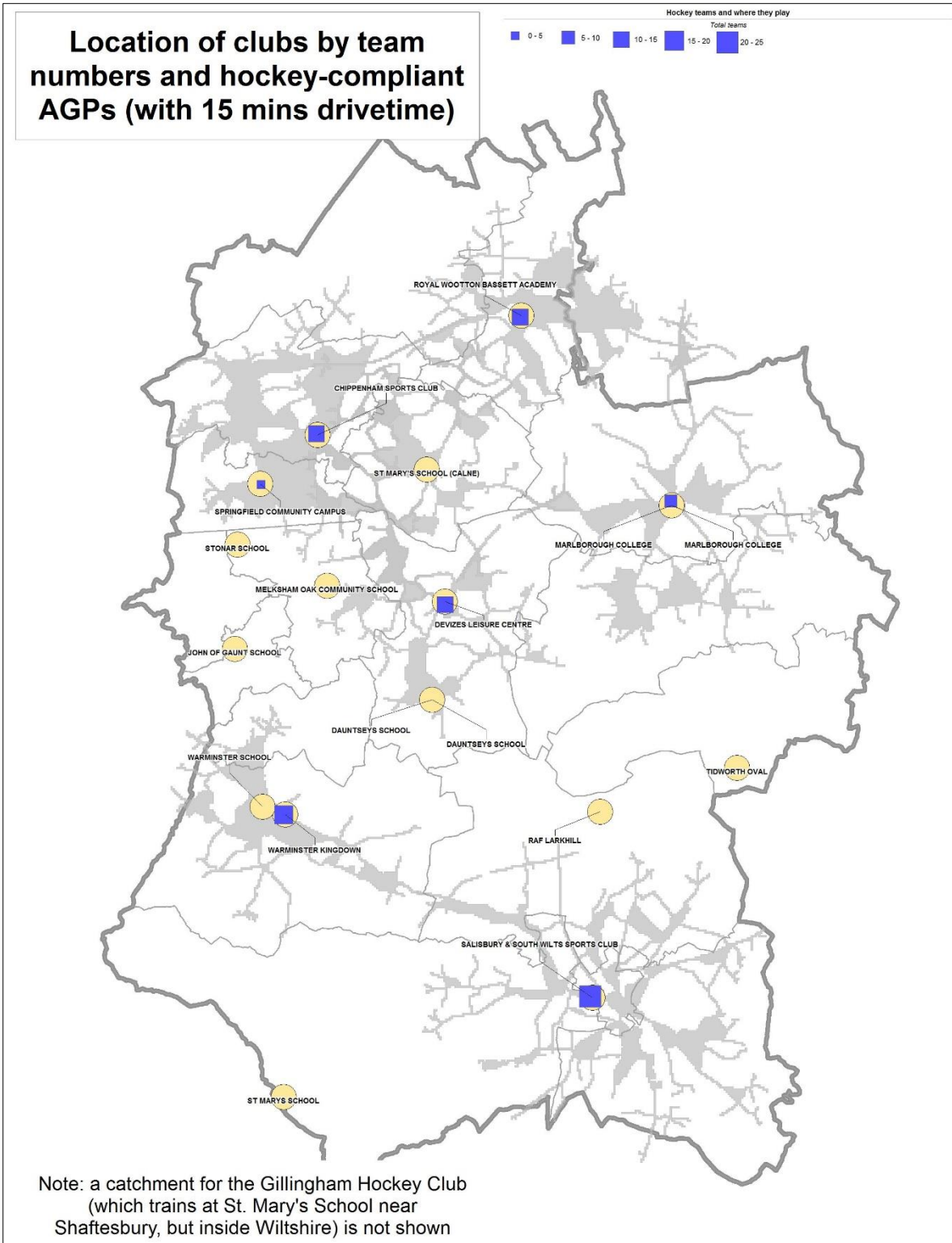
**Table 8.3: Clubs and fielded teams (\* denotes estimate to reflect mixed gender teams)**

Name	Ground	Sub area	Men's teams	Ladies' teams	Junior males' teams*	Junior females' teams*	Mini teams?
Chippenham Hockey Club(s) (men and women)	Chippenham Sports Club	Chippenham	5	4	2	3	yes
Corsham Hockey Club	Springfield School	Calne	1	3			yes
Devizes Hockey Club	Devizes Leisure Centre	Devizes	2	2	3	3	yes
Marlborough Hockey Club	Marlborough School	Marlborough	3	3	1	2	yes
Salisbury Hockey Club	Salisbury & South Wilts Sports Club	Salisbury	6	5	7	7	yes
West Wiltshire Hockey Club	Kingdown School, Warminster	Warminster	6	3	4	4	yes
Wootton Bassett Hockey Club	Royal Wootton Bassett Academy	Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade	3	3	2	2	yes

8.55 The following **Map 8.1** indicates the concentrations of team numbers playing at specific venues, together with where known, full-size sand-based AGPs (suited to hockey matches) are located, and the categorisation of their availability for community use.

8.56 The AGP at St. Mary's School in the South West community area, is just inside the Wiltshire border, but is close to Shaftesbury. It is primarily for use by the school, although it is understood that the Gillingham Hockey Club train at the venue. It is therefore an example of 'imported demand' but the pitch itself is too remote from existing clubs in Wiltshire to be of practical use.

Map 8.1: Location of hockey teams



8.57 Also included on the map are estimated 15-minute drivetime catchments (shown by the grey tone) centred on the existing club venues. It will be seen that much of the Trowbridge area is not covered by a catchment.

### Trends in team numbers

8.58 The club questionnaire survey asked whether, over the last three years, clubs had experienced changes in the number of teams fielded, with the following results.

**Table 8.4: Recent trends in team numbers**

Please can you tell us if, in the previous three years, the number of teams in your club has:				
	Increased	Decreased	Stayed the same	Response Total
Senior Men	37%	37%	26%	8
Senior Ladies	50%	0%	50%	8
Juniors	63%	0%	37%	8
			answered	8
			skipped	1

8.59 Although each club will have experienced its own trends the overall pattern appears to have been that:

- No real overall change in adult male team numbers;
- An increase in adult female teams; and
- A net increase in the number of juniors.

**Table 8.5: Reasons cited for growth/decline in teams**

Club	Reasons cited for increase/decrease in numbers of teams
Royal Wootton Bassett HC	Growth in junior section, and older boys filtering into men's 3rd XI.
Devizes HC	Less adult members, no one to drive to matches or fill teams.
Corsham HC	New club, gaining players

Club	Reasons cited for increase/decrease in numbers of teams
West Wilts HC	Used to field six men's teams but it was becoming a huge struggle due to youngsters playing multiple sports, and increasing numbers working on Saturdays. Decision made to field just five teams.
Chippenham (men and ladies) HC	The formation of Corsham HC abstracted one team from the men's club
Salisbury HC	Increased publicity and support enabled club to provide for larger numbers of children than previously. Ladies summer 'back to hockey' style events, and some other returning members has also helped.
Marlborough HC	Ladies 3rds established. U14's boys and girls playing in EH championship. U16 boys playing friendlies, U12 boys and girls playing local tournaments, as are U10 boys and girls.

### Trends in club membership based on English Hockey data

8.60 Based on data provided by England Hockey the following provides an indication of playing membership for the nine England Hockey-affiliated clubs based in the Wiltshire Council area. It also helps to complete a picture of participation trends across the clubs.

#### **Chippenham Ladies' Hockey Club**

- Participants: Senior – 61 members; Junior (U16) – 13 members

#### **Chippenham Men's Hockey Club**

- Participants: Senior – 84 members; Junior (U16) – 15 members

#### **Chippenham Junior Hockey Club**

- Participants: Junior (U16) – 127 members

**Corsham Hockey Club**

- Participants: Senior – 44 members; Junior (U16) – 64 members

**Devizes Hockey Club**

- Participants: Senior – 103 members; Junior (U16) – 83 members

**Marlborough Hockey Club**

- Participants: Senior – 94 members; Junior (U16) – 310 members

**Salisbury Hockey Club**

- Participants: Senior – 190 members; Junior (U16) – 237 members

**West Wilts Hockey Club**

- Participants: Senior – 119 members; Junior (U16) - 110 members

- **Royal Wootton Bassett Hockey Club**

- Participants: Senior – 115 members; Junior (U16) – 75 members

8.61 England Hockey data therefore suggests an overall increase in participation (measured by membership) of approximately 12% for the 2015/16 season.

**Origins of membership**

8.62 The club survey indicates that the majority of players live within 5 miles of their home venue. The higher the standard of hockey the greater the preparedness of better players to travel to clubs offering opportunities to play at a higher standard.

**Patterns of Play**

8.63 Adult competitive league matches are played during the day on Saturdays. Junior matches are played predominately on Sundays. Training for adults takes place in the evenings during mid-week, and with juniors generally at the weekend but can be evenings during the week.

**Access to pitches for matches and training**

8.64 The club questionnaire asked whether clubs experienced any problems with accessing pitches for matches and/or competition. Five clubs cited concerns in this regard, summarised below in Table 8.6.

**Table 8.6: Problems securing access to pitches for matchplay and training**

Club	Problems
Devizes HC	Club would like additional pitch time on a Sunday morning to play junior matches. Club feels at risk financially as new pitch owners have increased facility costs. Pitch hire has increased by £5,000 p.a. over the last two years
West Wilts HC	<p>Despite the fact that club is a partner with Kingdown and assisted in obtaining the funding for the pitch, the local football teams majority use of the pitch means men's 1XI &amp; 2XI have only half a pitch for a proportion of their training. There is also no available time for any other teams to train at Kingdown.</p> <p>Deterioration of the quality of Warminster Training Centre (Army) pitch furniture poses safety risks which puts the Club at risk. Lack of toilet/changing facilities and parking do not sell the Club to new players. Club need a 2nd pitch of a much better standard to accommodate numbers.</p>
Royal Wootton Bassett HC	<p>Problems with access can occur when pitch is being 'deep cleaned' and during school holidays. Have had to switch to alternative pitches in Swindon on these occasions.</p> <p>Goals damaged by football use. Lack of clubhouse facility is a threat. Will need additional pitch time to grow.</p>
Salisbury HC	Due to differing leagues there have been occasions when club has had too many home matches for the 5 available slots on a Saturday. Running beyond capacity on some Saturdays due to number of home matches. Junior numbers capped on Sunday mornings. Club feels at risk due to having to seek alternative locations for both junior and senior

	hockey – puts additional financial and logistical pressure on the club. Using ¾ size pitch at Chafyn Grove School for some junior activity and looking at pitches in Hampshire to meet demand for senior matches.
Marlborough HC	<p>Club has access to pitches for matches only on Saturday mornings (has to be finished on the pitches by 1pm) as the College use the pitches in the afternoons. This can cause issues when matches are cancelled due to weather as we have early start times.</p> <p>Changing Room facilities good at College and separate Club House changing room facilities being updated using grant funding. Club not at risk but finds having Club House separate from pitch reduces money making opportunities.</p>

8.65 **Table 5.18 in Section 5** (the Football section) contained a review of the estimated spare capacity of existing AGPs to absorb extra football activity. This table is also relevant to hockey, as it commented on full-size sand based AGPs. Generally speaking, it did not appear that there is much spare capacity at existing full-size venues to meet any significant additional needs from community clubs.

### **Displaced demand**

8.66 There is little evidence of displaced demand experienced by clubs, in the sense that clubs or teams have to find facilities outside the local authority. The only minor examples are in respect of:

- Salisbury HC, who occasionally use a pitch at Burgate in Hampshire;
- Royal Wootton Bassett HC, who have to use pitches in Swindon, when their home venue is being deep-cleaned; and,
- Gillingham HC (Dorset) using St Marys School (South West Wiltshire, Shaftesbury).

### **Scenario Testing: The Future**

#### **Future Picture of Provision**

8.67 The future requirement for playing pitches will be impacted by several factors, including:

- A. Changes to the number of people living in the area and / or to the demographic profile of the population;
- B. Changes in participation trends and in how pitch sports are played;
- C. Club specific development plans and aspirations; and

D. Amendments to the current facility stock either through the provision of new pitches or the loss of current pitches.

8.68 These issues are considered in turn in order to build a picture of future demand for playing pitches.

## A Population Change

### Team Generation Rates

8.69 Team Generation Rates (TGRs) indicate how many people in a specified age group are required to generate one team. TGRs are derived by dividing the appropriate population age band by the number of teams playing within that area in that age band. By applying TGRs to population projections, we can project the theoretical number of teams that would be generated from population growth and gain an understanding of future demand.

8.70 **Table 8.7** summarises the current TGRs for hockey in the local authority and uses them to assess the potential impact of projected changes to the population profile on demand for hockey.

**Table 8.7: TGRs and potential change to number of hockey teams in the local authority: 2015-2026**

2015 AGE GROUPS	2015 AGE GROUP POPULATIONS	2015 TEAMS	2015 TGRs	2026 AGE GROUPS POPULATIONS	2026 TEAMS	<u>CHANGE(+/-)</u>
Junior hockey (11-15 male)	14,094	20	723	16,259	22	3
Junior hockey (11-15 female)	13,889	20	694	15,834	23	3
Senior hockey (16-45 male)	85,260	26	3,279	90,605	28	2
Senior hockey (16-45 female)	82,704	23	3,596	83,421	23	0

8.71 The population data on which the above calculations are predicated<sup>12</sup> are themselves only based upon previous trends, and do not necessarily take into account the impact of planned new residential growth yet to be determined.

### Projected change in the population resulting from planned new growth

<sup>12</sup> Compiled from a forecast produced on 19/03/2015 using POPGROUP software developed by Bradford Council, the University of Manchester and Andelin Associates



8.72 The above projects the change in team numbers arising out of natural change in the population up to 2026. There is also a need to consider any additional teams generated from localised population change resulting from planned new development. This new development may give rise to a significant local redistribution of the population, and conceivably in the spatial demand for playing pitches. The precise housing growth allocations to be catered for in the emerging new development plan are currently not determined.

### **B Changes in participation trends and how sport is played**

8.73 In addition to traditional 11-a-side league hockey, England Hockey are encouraging clubs to increase their informal hockey offering, such as small-sided-game sessions and play and pay sessions to engage new participants and increase participation in the sport, especially where lifestyle means players would not be able to commit to regular training and matches.

8.74 England Hockey aspires to deepen the passion of those who play, deliver and follow sport by providing the best possible environments and the best possible experiences. Whilst reaching out to new audiences by making the sport more visible, available and relevant and through the many advocates of hockey. Underpinning all this is the infrastructure which makes the sport function. EH understand the importance of volunteers, coaches, officials, clubs and facilities. The more inspirational people can be, the more progressive Hockey can be and the more befitting the facilities can be, the more EH will achieve. The core objectives are as follows:

- Grow our Participation
- Deliver International Success
- Increase our Visibility
- Enhance our Infrastructure
- Be a strong and respected Governing Body

8.75 England Hockey has a Capital Investment Programme (CIP) that is planned to lever £5.6 million investment into hockey facilities over the next four years, underpinned by £2m million from the National Governing Body. With over 500 pitches due for refurbishment in the next 4-8 years, there will be a large focus placed on these projects through this funding stream. The current level of pitches available for hockey is believed to be sufficient for the medium term needs, however in some areas, pitches may not be in the right places in order to maximize playing opportunities.

8.76 Since 2012 there has been approximately 65% increase in participation by U16s and 8% increase in over 16s nationally. At a local level growth in Wiltshire has been over 70% in U16s, which equates to an increase of over 450 junior participants. A number of clubs in Wiltshire have indicated they want to grow further. England Hockey's aspiration is to double the number of participants in the sport over the next 10 years

### **Club development plans and aspirations**

8.77 Several clubs responding to the club survey have aspirations to grow and this will impact both on demand across the local authority as a whole but also more locally at a site specific level. Club aspirations are set out in **Table 8.8**.

**Table 8.8: Clubs' aspirations to field more teams**

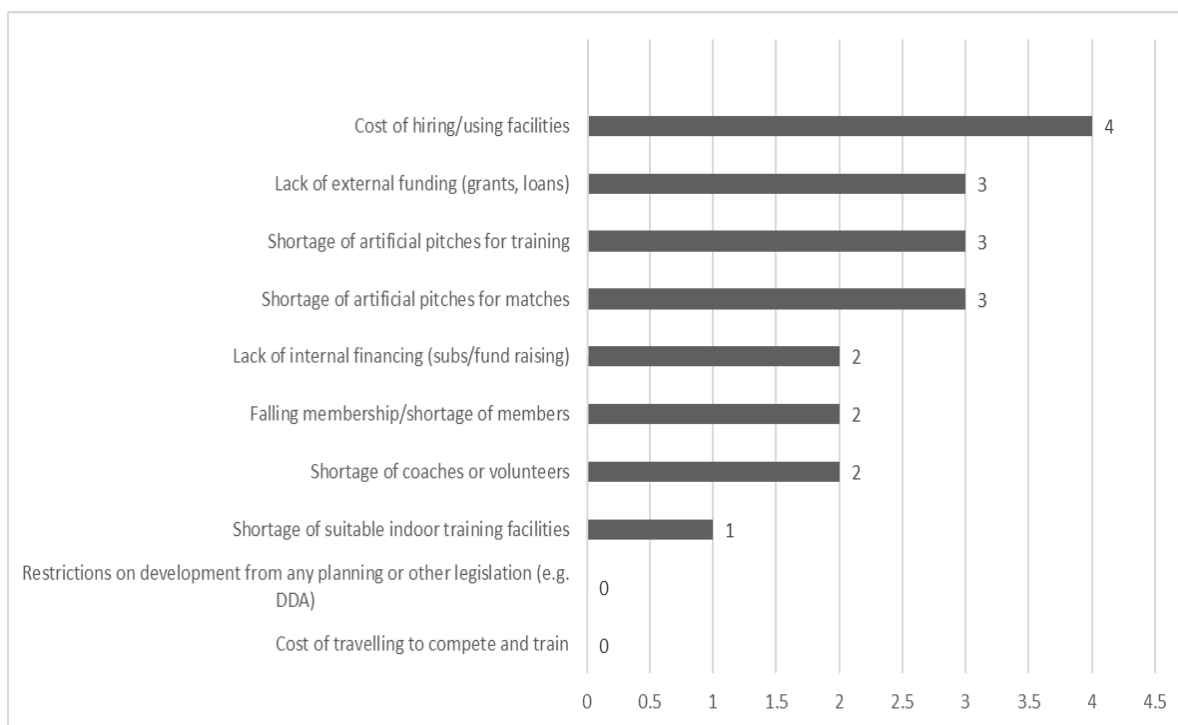
Does your club wish to run more teams?	Response Percent	Response Total
Yes	62%	5
No	38%	3
	answered	8
	skipped	1

8.78 These are bone fide statements on the clubs' part. Where clubs stated that they would like to field teams in a particular category, we have provided a very indicative quantification of how many teams this might be.

**Table 8.9: Estimate of additional teams that responding clubs might field**

Adult Men's Teams	Adult Women's Teams	Junior Boys' Teams	Junior Girls' Teams
5	5	3	3

8.79 As all local clubs responded to the questionnaire survey, this can be taken as an aspiration-led estimate for all clubs in Wiltshire. Responding clubs were asked to identify reasons stopping them from achieving the above aspiration-led growth, with the following results.

**Figure 8.1: Obstacles given by clubs as stopping them fielding more teams.**

8.80 When adding a bone fide estimate of the extra teams that might be generated if responding clubs could achieve aspirations, to additional teams arising from projected population growth (2026), the total increased future demand will be:

**Table 8.10: Summary of potential overall growth in team numbers**

Extra teams from population growth		Extra teams for aspirational growth		Extra matches (A+B)
Adult	2	Adult	10	12
Junior	6	Junior	8	14

8.81 The aspiration-led estimates therefore greatly outstrip the demographic-led projections.

8.82 The population projections underpinning Table 8.7 are trend-based, and will therefore take into account previous housebuilding rates within the local authority. However, future development plan allocations will need to be confirmed, and the estimates in Table 8.7 should be amended when new population data are available.

**Discussion**

8.83 The aspiration-led estimates would, if realised, be sufficient to justify at least one additional full-size AGP for hockey. This additional demand will be spread over all the clubs in Wiltshire, and therefore a very large geographical area.

8.84 However, if a plan was executed to develop more 3G AGPs for football (such as outlined in Section 5) then this might attract some of the usage by football away from facilities used by hockey, and onto surfaces that would be better suited to football.

8.85 Earlier in this section it was noted that the Trowbridge, Melksham and Bradford areas are not directly served by a hockey club, and most of this area falls outside a 15-minute drive catchment to the nearest clubs. This area has a significant population, and may therefore have the potential to support its own hockey club. There are existing full-size floodlit AGPs on school sites within the area, and these may have the potential to support a club: especially if local football training and small-sided competitions could be attracted towards new 3G AGP provision in the area.

**Key issues for the Strategy to address**

8.86 The protection and improvement of existing venues for hockey clubs, unless acceptable alternative venues exist.

8.87 The protection of floodlit school-based hockey venues, in particular.

8.88 Explore the potential for establishing a new club in the Trowbridge area- perhaps as part of a wider hub-sport venue.

8.89 The potential coordination of a 3G AGP programme (as outlined in Section 5) with a programme for the greater use of some school based venues for hockey matchplay and training.

8.90 Improved access to facilities for clubs in south and south west Wiltshire, in particular.

8.91 Floodlighting should be considered as integral to all recognized hockey venues.

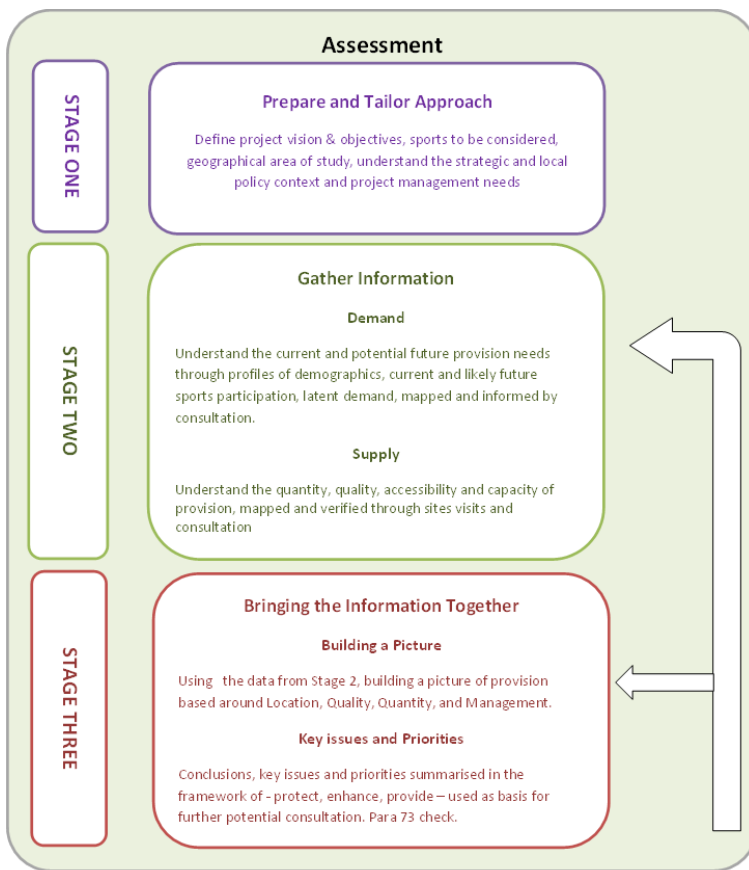
## Appendix 1: Methodology – additional notes

The needs assessment work has been produced in line with the National Planning Policy Guidance (NPPF), which requires that (Paragraph 73, page 18):

*‘.....planning policies are based upon robust and up-to-date assessments of needs for open space, sport and recreation facilities and opportunities for new provision.*

This assessment and strategies have therefore been produced in line with guidance by Sport England (Assessing Needs and Opportunities Guide for Indoor and Outdoor Sports Facilities; January 2014) and ‘Playing Pitch Guidance, An approach to Developing and Delivering a Playing Pitch Strategy (Sport England 2013).

### Assessing Needs and Opportunities Guide - ANOG



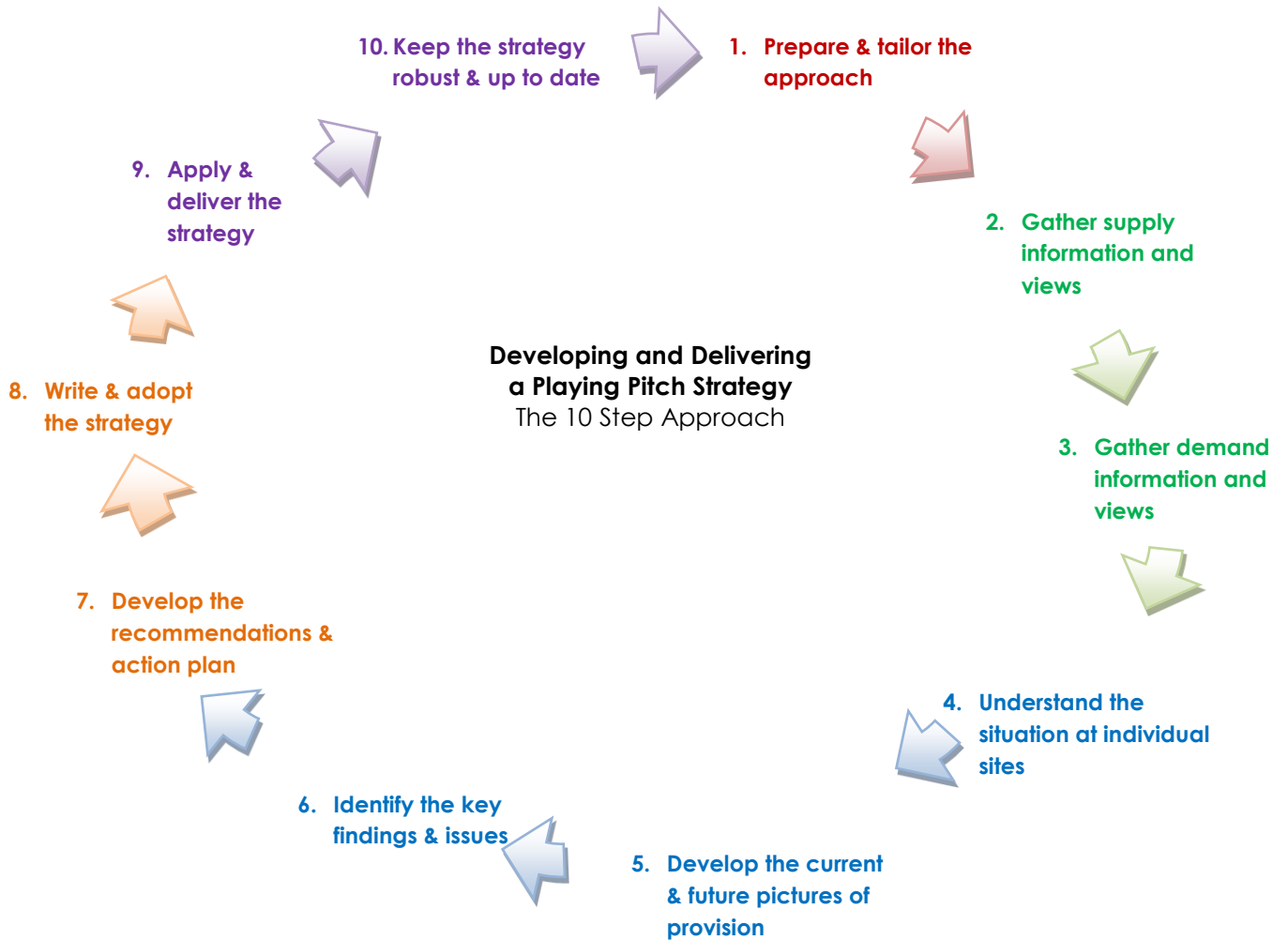
Assessing Needs and Opportunities Guide (ANOG) has been developed by Sport England and sets out an approach to undertaking needs assessment for sport and recreation facilities, in order to be compliant with the NPPF. The approach adopted for this work has utilized the process set out in the ANOG guide, as illustrated in the diagram.

While set out as separate methodologies, in reality, many of the tasks have been undertaken as a coordinated and linked approach due to the cross-overs and interrelationships between the methodologies. For both methodologies, the first element of work seeks to tailor the approach to local need.

### Playing Pitch Guidance – An Approach to Delivering a Playing Pitch Strategy

The ten stages are illustrated in following figure and it is this approach that has been followed for the analysis of pitch sports.

#### Developing and delivering a Playing Pitch Strategy – The 10 Step Approach



## Appendix 2: Explanation of Sport England Active People and Market Segmentation analyses

Carried out on behalf of Sport England by the leading social research company TNS BMRB, the Active People Survey (APS) measures the number of adults taking part in sport across England. Providing the most comprehensive and authoritative picture of sports participation in England, APS is central to Sport England's measurement of its own strategy and the performance of key partners.

Key features of APS

- APS is the largest survey of its kind ever undertaken – 165,000 adults (age 14 and over) are interviewed each year
- The size of the survey means results can be published for a large number of different sporting activities and for every local authority area in England
- Time series data stretches back to the first wave of the survey in 2005/6
- A high quality, random sampling, survey design ensures results are representative of the population

High quality survey design including:

- Randomly sampled landline telephone interviews with adults aged 16 and over – extended to age 14 and over in July 2012
- Calls are made throughout the year and at different times across each day
- 500 interviews per local authority (district and single tier) each year

The sequence of surveys has now reached Active People year eight (AP8). The APS results are not always available at the local authority level due to the inadequate size of data samples in some situations.

### Market Segmentation

Sport England's market segmentation has been designed to help understand the life stages and attitudes of different population groups –and the sporting interventions most likely to engage them.

The market segmentation data builds on the results of Sport England's Active People survey; the Department of Culture, Media and Sport's [Taking Part survey](#); and the [Mosaic tool from Experian](#). It presents a picture of 19 dominant social groups in each area, and puts people's sporting behaviour in the context of complex lives. Propensity modelling – a statistical technique that matches the probability of displaying a particular behaviour or attitude to each demographic category – was used to link the survey data to wider population groups.

This created a tool with two key elements:

- a Sport England segment for every adult in England
- the ability to count market segment profiles for any region or community, down to postcode level.

The 19 dominant social groups are summarised in the link:  
<http://segments.sportengland.org/querySegments.aspx>



### **Appendix 3: All data spreadsheet (separate)**

## Appendix 4: Explanation of Calculations for Match Equivalents and Match Capacity

### Introduction and Overview

Comparing whether a grass football or rugby pitch is being over, or under-used relative to its 'carrying capacity' is critical to assessing pitch quality and supply. As a simple overview, the following factors have been taken into account.

#### **Match Capacity:**

- The assessed quality of pitch- measured in terms of an estimate of the number of games (or comparable activity, like training) that can be played on it every week without undue wear and tear
- Where the pitch is located, and whether this will impact on the number of community team games that it might be able to accommodate each week without undue wear and tear.

#### **Match Equivalents:**

- The number of games played on a given pitch and by whom on a regular basis
- The amount of training and associated activity taking place on a pitch on a regular basis.

#### **Comparison:**

- Comparing the above to establish whether a pitch is being over or under-played. As appropriate (for multi-pitch sites) the scores for each pitch can be added together to provide an aggregate comparison for the site.

### In More Detail

In more detail the following must be taken into account.

#### **Match Capacity**

In order to come to an informed judgment on this the following have to be taken into account:

- The type of grass pitch(es) under consideration- is it an adult pitch; junior/youth pitch; or, a mini-soccer pitch?
- The assessed pitch(es) quality- Good, Adequate, Poor. This will affect the number of matches that can be absorbed each week without undue wear and tear.

Both the Football Association (FA) and the Rugby Football Union (RFU) have provided guidance in this regard. For football the FA have stated that "the following guidance on the number of match equivalent sessions a week that a natural grass pitch is likely to be able to regularly accommodate, based on an agreed quality rating, without adversely affecting its current quality": (The guidance from the RFU is explained towards the end of this Appendix).

Agreed pitch quality rating	Adult Football	Youth Football	Mini Soccer
	Number of match equivalent sessions a week		
Good	3	4	6
Standard	2	2	4
Poor	1	1	2

(n.b. Matches have different time-lengths, depending on the age-group concerned. In the model used to estimate capacity and usage for this study it is possible to incorporate this time dimension. However, for this study the values for match hours have been switched off/neutralized).

The number of community team games that a pitch can absorb will also be influenced by such factors as whether it is located in a public park or on a school site. For example, a pitch on a school site might, technically, be of good quality. However, if that pitch is also used by the school for its own activity, the number of games that it can absorb from 'external' community use will be reduced. Where situations like this have arisen on school sites, they have been taken into account- in most cases this has involved factoring in 1 x school game each week (thereby reducing the actual capacity to absorb community teams games by 1 match per week). A worked example illustrates this situation later in this Appendix.

Where local information exists to allow for a more precise allowance to be made in this regard, it has been taken into account and referenced in the site-overviews contained in Section 4.

Match Capacity is therefore calculated by:

- a) Identifying the number of match equivalent sessions that can be absorbed each week by a pitch of a given type and quality (see table);
- b) Discounting the figure resulting from a) as appropriate to reflect factors (such as school use of pitches) that will add to the wear and tear, and reduce the capacity for community team matches; and
- c) As appropriate aggregating figures from b) for multi-pitch sites to produce a figure for the site as a whole. (On the larger sites this could produce three figures for adult, junior/youth, and mini-soccer pitches).

### Match Equivalents

Generally speaking it is easy to estimate the number of actual matches played on a given pitch/site. The number of teams who use a given pitch/site on a regular basis is usually known. Assuming each team plays at home every other week allows the number of matches to be estimated.

However, to estimate Match Equivalents requires the calculations to take into account training activity for which grass pitches might be used. To start with, a good level of knowledge about the training patterns and venues of local teams is required. Many teams, in fact, will not use their grass pitch for training- some will use AGPs, and others may use marginal land off the playing pitch surface(s). Where alternative venues/surfaces are used, the impact of training is excluded from the calculations. There will also be some teams that do not train at all.

However, where teams are known to use a grass pitch for training, or where there is a good likelihood of this being the case in the absence of hard evidence, some informed assumptions need to be made about; the size of training squads; and, the regularity of training sessions. The relevant assumptions made are as follows:

- For teams that are known (or likely) to train, the adult and junior/youth training squads equate to 1 team. However, in the darker months and unless pitches are floodlit teams will not be able to train during weekday evenings, and so will either train off-site, or not at all. For this reason the above factor been reduced to 0.75 to reflect this pattern
- For mini-soccer teams training squads are the same size as the match day teams
- Each squad trains once a week.

Match Equivalents are therefore calculated by:

- a) Multiplying the number of teams of the relevant age group by a factor that represents 'home and away' play (usually a factor of 0.5)
- b) Multiplying the number of training squads of the relevant age-group by the training squad size;
- c) Adding the resultant figure from a) to that from b)
- d) As appropriate aggregating figures from c) for multi-pitch sites to produce a figure for the site as a whole. (On the larger sites this could produce three figures for adult, junior/youth, and mini-soccer pitches).

### **Over-Marked Pitches**

One of the pitfalls in applying this method is that not all grass pitch surfaces are dedicated for use by a given age-group. The most obvious examples are where mini-soccer and junior youth teams play their matches and/or train on pitches set-out for adult play, but may also be temporarily over-marked for use by younger age groups- this is where modelling a situation without the injection of some commonsense interpretation becomes dangerous. The current Sport England Playing Pitch Strategy Guidance does offer some suggestions as to how such situations should be addressed in calculating the amount of use relative to capacity. However, it has been extremely difficult, at best, to apply these suggested approaches- and incredibly time-consuming.

The issue arises because, clearly, teams and squads from different age-groups will not impact upon the playing surface to the same extent. For example, a mini-soccer team using an over marked adult pitch for its own matches and training would not exert anywhere near the same amount of wear and tear as an adult team undertaking comparable activity. If the time and resources were available it would be possible to aggregate up the cumulative wear

and tear on a pitch caused by use by teams/squads of varying ages. However, resources and time are not infinite and, in any event, the marking out and use of pitches for the younger age-groups can be very transitional, such as to make such an exercise often 'out-of-date' before it has been completed.

Within the GIS modelling that has been used to underpin this particular study, it has been possible to introduce 'loading' factors to reflect the above situations, and this perhaps is worth reviewing and modifying if the model continues to be run and updated. Currently, a factor of 0.25 is added to mini-soccer teams. For example, if there are 4 mini-soccer teams using the site, this results in  $4 \times 0.25 = 1$  adult equivalent team. This allows for the wear and tear wrought by mini-soccer teams to be kept in proportion relative to older, larger, and heavier teams. A similar loading factor of 0.25 could be used for training squads (although note the comments below).

Within the GIS modelling there are fields that can be used to reflect the numbers and sizes of mini-soccer training squads (as with adult and youth/junior squads). However, local evidence indicates that the very large majority of mini-soccer teams train on AGPs or sports halls, and not on their match pitches. Therefore these fields have not been used for this project.

Ultimately, the best approach is the use common sense in viewing the calculations by relating to what is observed and recorded on the ground. If, for example, mini-soccer activity is outstripping notional pitch capacity, but if there are no mini-soccer pitches recorded on site it will generally be because the teams are playing on a non-dedicated playing surface

### **Worked Example A**

#### **A Multi-Pitch Site in Local Authority Control**

The site contains 3 x adult and 2 x junior/youth pitches deemed to be in standard condition.

The site is the home of 8 x adult and 4 x junior/youth teams. 6 of the adult teams play on Saturday PM and 2 on Sunday AM. The 4 junior youth teams play all play on Saturday AM. 4 of the adult teams train on their home pitch, as do all of the 4 junior teams.

Match Capacity is therefore calculated as follows:

- a) Identifying the number of match equivalent sessions that can be absorbed each week by a pitch: in this case 2 per adult pitch and 2 per junior pitch (FA guidance)
- b) As the pitches are not on a school site there is no need to discount education use. Although the site is a public recreation ground, other activity tends to be just local dog walkers, and children using a playground, so nothing that would materially impact upon the quality of the surface (other than possible dog-fouling)
- c) Multiply the pitches by the match equivalent sessions: in this case for adults  $3 \times 2 = 6$ ; and, junior/youths  $2 \times 2 = 4$
- d) The Match Capacity for the site is therefore 6 matches for adult football, and 4 matches for junior football.

Match Equivalents are therefore calculated as follows:

- a) Multiplying the number of teams of the relevant age-group by a factor that represents 'home and away' play (usually a factor of 0.5): in this case 8 adult teams  $\times 0.5 = 4$ ; and 4 junior teams  $\times 0.5 = 2$
- b) Multiplying the number of training squads of the relevant age-group by the training squad size: in this case it is known that the two adult Sunday teams don't train; and two adult Saturday teams train on an AGP elsewhere. All four junior/youth teams train on their home pitch, on-site: so, in this case 2 adult squads  $\times 0.75 = 1.5$ ; and 4 junior/youth squads  $\times 0.75 = 3$
- c) Adding the resultant figures from a) to those from b): in this case for adults  $4 + 1.5 = 5.5$ ; and, for juniors/youths  $2 + 3 = 5$
- d) The Match Equivalents for the site are therefore 5.5 for adults; and, for 5 for juniors youths.

<b>Overall calculation of site capacity v use</b>	
<b>Adult</b>	<b>Junior/Youth</b>
Site match capacity: 6	Site match capacity: 4
Site match equivalents: 5.5	Site match equivalents: 5

From the above, it can be seen that the adult pitches are being used just below their notional capacity, and the junior/youth pitches are being over-used.

### **Worked Example B**

#### **A Multi-Pitch Site on a School Site**

The above scenario of pitches and teams is repeated, but transposed onto a school site. The school has a policy of allowing its pitches to be used by community teams at the weekend. However, the pitches are also used by school teams during the week, and this impacts upon their quality, and their notional capacity for community use. Under b) of the calculation of match hours capacity under Example B must take into account school activity. The notional capacity of the pitches to accommodate community games therefore drops from 2 games to 1 game per adult and junior/youth pitch.

If everything else remained the same above would have the effect of halving the capacity of pitches for community use. As below.

#### **Use by Rugby**

The above approaches have been used in a near identical way for rugby, in assessing notional pitch capacity and comparing it with estimated usage. The only differences are in relation to:

- The match equivalent estimates recommended by the RFU and presented in the below table;
- For training the RFU have advised that 2 teams training each on half a pitch every week should equate to 1 match equivalent/week; and,

- The inclusion of mini-rugby squads and sizes in the calculations, given that most clubs’ mini-teams train on-site. The ‘loading factors’ are the same used for mini-soccer (i.e. 0.25).

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

## Appendix 5: Community area data

### AMESBURY

2015 population	2026 population	Population change (2015-2026)
34,292	40,593	6,301

2015 AGE GROUPS		2015 TEAMS	2015 TGRs	2026 AGE GROUPS	2026 TEAMS	CHANGE(+/-)
Mini-soccer (6-9 mixed gender)	2,611	8	326	2,519	7.7	-0.3
Junior football (10-15 male)	2,253	14	161	2,268	14.1	0.1
Junior football (10-15 female)	1,654	0	-----	1,730	-----	-----
Senior football (16-45 male)	8,489	12	707	8,728	12.3	0.3
Senior football (16-45 female)	7,384	0	-----	7,914	-----	-----
Mini-rugby (7-12 mixed gender)	3,824	0	-----	3,761	-----	-----
Junior rugby (13-18 male)	2,127	0	-----	2,341	-----	-----
Junior rugby (13-18 female)	1,450	0	-----	1,650	-----	-----
Senior rugby (19-45 male)	7,601	1	7,601	7,654	1.0	0.0
Senior rugby (19-45 female)	6,719	0	-----	7,116	-----	-----
Junior cricket (7-17 male)	3,503	9	389	3,608	9.3	0.3
Junior cricket (7-17 female)	3,042	0	-----	3,163	-----	-----
Senior cricket (18-55 male)	9,601	16	600	9,882	16.5	0.5
Senior cricket (18-55 female)	9,012	0	-----	9,880	-----	-----
Junior hockey (11-15 male)	1,565	0	-----	1,596	-----	-----
Junior hockey (11-15 female)	1,355	0	-----	1,435	-----	-----
Senior hockey (16-45 male)	8,489	0	-----	8,728	-----	-----
Senior hockey (16-45 female)	7,384	0	-----	7,914	-----	-----



**BRADFORD ON AVON**

2015 population	2026 population	Population change (2015-2026)
18,293	19,000	707

2015 AGE GROUPS		2015 TEAMS	2015 TGRs	2026 AGE GROUPS	2026 TEAMS	CHANGE(+/-)
Mini-soccer (6-9 mixed gender)	911	18	51	821	16.2	-1.8
Junior football (10-15 male)	722	31	23	737	31.6	0.6
Junior football (10-15 female)	597	0	-----	685	-----	-----
Senior football (16-45 male)	2,655	11	241	2,599	10.8	-0.2
Senior football (16-45 female)	2,710	0	-----	2,562	-----	-----
Mini-rugby (7-12 mixed gender)	1,282	6	214	1,275	6.0	-0.0
Junior rugby (13-18 male)	711	6	119	732	6.2	0.2
Junior rugby (13-18 female)	559	2	280	688	2.5	0.5
Senior rugby (19-45 male)	2,348	3	783	2,294	2.9	-0.1
Senior rugby (19-45 female)	2,446	0	-----	2,221	-----	-----
Junior cricket (7-17 male)	1,154	10	115	1,148	9.9	-0.1
Junior cricket (7-17 female)	1,105	0	-----	1,245	-----	-----
Senior cricket (18-55 male)	3,742	9	416	3,666	8.8	-0.2
Senior cricket (18-55 female)	3,908	0	-----	3,577	-----	-----
Junior hockey (11-15 male)	497	0	-----	531	-----	-----
Junior hockey (11-15 female)	509	0	-----	574	-----	-----
Senior hockey (16-45 male)	2,655	0	-----	2,599	-----	-----
Senior hockey (16-45 female)	2,710	0	-----	2,562	-----	-----

**CALNE**

2015 population	2026 population	Population change (2015-2026)
23,760	25,294	1,534

2015 AGE GROUPS		2015 TEAMS	2015 TGRs	2026 AGE GROUPS	2026 TEAMS	CHANGE(+/-)
Mini-soccer (6-9 mixed gender)	1,234	38	32	1,103	33.9	-4.1
Junior football (10-15 male)	1,112	69	16	987	61.2	-7.8
Junior football (10-15 female)	956	3	319	1,068	3.4	0.4
Senior football (16-45 male)	3,844	40	96	3,674	38.2	-1.8
Senior football (16-45 female)	4,221	2	2,110	4,106	1.9	-0.1
Mini-rugby (7-12 mixed gender)	1,893	0	-----	1,734	-----	-----
Junior rugby (13-18 male)	1,027	0	-----	951	-----	-----
Junior rugby (13-18 female)	1,060	0	-----	1,172	-----	-----
Senior rugby (19-45 male)	3,424	1	3,424	3,301	1.0	-0.0
Senior rugby (19-45 female)	3,650	0	-----	3,513	-----	-----
Junior cricket (7-17 male)	1,681	7	240	1,515	6.3	-0.7
Junior cricket (7-17 female)	1,815	5	363	1,900	5.2	0.2
Senior cricket (18-55 male)	5,465	11	497	4,858	9.8	-1.2
Senior cricket (18-55 female)	5,779	1	5,779	5,342	0.9	-0.1
Junior hockey (11-15 male)	776	0	-----	716	-----	-----
Junior hockey (11-15 female)	798	0	-----	915	-----	-----
Senior hockey (16-45 male)	3,844	0	-----	3,674	-----	-----
Senior hockey (16-45 female)	4,221	0	-----	4,106	-----	-----

**CHIPPENHAM**

2015 population	2026 population	Population change (2015-2026)
45,761	46,787	1,026

2015 AGE GROUPS		2015 TEAMS	2015 TGRs	2026 AGE GROUPS	2026 TEAMS	CHANGE(+/-)
Mini-soccer (6-9 mixed gender)	2,213	7	316	1,900	6.0	-1.0
Junior football (10-15 male)	1,997	10	200	1,799	9.0	-1.0
Junior football (10-15 female)	1,731	0	-----	1,419	-----	-----
Senior football (16-45 male)	8,492	19	447	8,345	18.7	-0.3
Senior football (16-45 female)	8,232	0	-----	7,376	-----	-----
Mini-rugby (7-12 mixed gender)	3,360	6	560	2,880	5.1	-0.9
Junior rugby (13-18 male)	1,976	8	247	1,802	7.3	-0.7
Junior rugby (13-18 female)	1,742	0	-----	1,402	-----	-----
Senior rugby (19-45 male)	7,607	5	1,521	7,589	5.0	-0.0
Senior rugby (19-45 female)	7,375	0	-----	6,696	-----	-----
Junior cricket (7-17 male)	3,129	11	284	2,822	9.9	-1.1
Junior cricket (7-17 female)	3,085	4	771	2,567	3.3	-0.7
Senior cricket (18-55 male)	11,700	18	650	10,652	16.4	-1.6
Senior cricket (18-55 female)	11,470	1	11,470	9,897	0.9	-0.1
Junior hockey (11-15 male)	1,400	2	700	1,298	1.9	-0.1
Junior hockey (11-15 female)	1,465	3	488	1,190	2.4	-0.6
Senior hockey (16-45 male)	8,492	5	1,698	8,345	4.9	-0.1
Senior hockey (16-45 female)	8,232	4	2,058	7,376	3.6	-0.4

**CORSHAM**

2015 population	2026 population	Population change (2015-2026)
21,103	21,964	861

2015 AGE GROUPS		2015 TEAMS	2015 TGRs	2026 AGE GROUPS	2026 TEAMS	CHANGE(+/-)
Mini-soccer (6-9 mixed gender)	1,127	14	81	1,080	13.4	-0.6
Junior football (10-15 male)	908	10	91	1,007	11.1	1.1
Junior football (10-15 female)	669	0	----	830	----	----
Senior football (16-45 male)	3,738	13	288	3,583	12.5	-0.5
Senior football (16-45 female)	3,619	0	----	3,401	----	----
Mini-rugby (7-12 mixed gender)	1,611	12	134	1,646	12.3	0.3
Junior rugby (13-18 male)	902	3	301	1,034	3.4	0.4
Junior rugby (13-18 female)	663	0	----	811	----	----
Senior rugby (19-45 male)	3,324	4	831	3,139	3.8	-0.2
Senior rugby (19-45 female)	3,270	0	----	3,010	----	----
Junior cricket (7-17 male)	1,489	4	372	1,567	4.2	0.2
Junior cricket (7-17 female)	1,301	4	325	1,506	4.6	0.6
Senior cricket (18-55 male)	4,898	9	544	4,502	8.3	-0.7
Senior cricket (18-55 female)	4,956	0	----	4,634	----	----
Junior hockey (11-15 male)	628	0	----	731	----	----
Junior hockey (11-15 female)	544	0	----	694	----	----
Senior hockey (16-45 male)	3,738	1	3,738	3,583	1.0	-0.0
Senior hockey (16-45 female)	3,619	3	1,206	3,401	2.8	-0.2

**DEVIZES**

2015 population	2026 population	Population change (2015-2026)
33,743	38,325	4,582

2015 AGE GROUPS		2015 TEAMS	2015 TGRs	2026 AGE GROUPS	2026 TEAMS	CHANGE(+/-)
Mini-soccer (6-9 mixed gender)	1,515	18	84	1,638	19.5	1.5
Junior football (10-15 male)	1,357	18	75	1,594	21.1	3.1
Junior football (10-15 female)	1,178	0	-----	1,405	-----	-----
Senior football (16-45 male)	5,531	13	425	5,799	13.6	0.6
Senior football (16-45 female)	5,487	1	5,487	5,841	1.1	0.1
Mini-rugby (7-12 mixed gender)	2,282	5	456	2,566	5.6	0.6
Junior rugby (13-18 male)	1,438	5	288	1,608	5.6	0.6
Junior rugby (13-18 female)	1,233	1	1,233	1,431	1.2	0.2
Senior rugby (19-45 male)	4,899	4	1,225	5,149	4.2	0.2
Senior rugby (19-45 female)	4,879	1	4,879	5,144	1.1	0.1
Junior cricket (7-17 male)	2,135	21	102	2,466	24.3	3.3
Junior cricket (7-17 female)	2,198	1	2,198	2,518	1.1	0.1
Senior cricket (18-55 male)	7,831	21	373	7,620	20.4	-0.6
Senior cricket (18-55 female)	7,711	2	3,856	7,781	2.0	0.0
Junior hockey (11-15 male)	993	3	331	1,184	3.6	0.6
Junior hockey (11-15 female)	993	3	331	1,193	3.6	0.6
Senior hockey (16-45 male)	5,531	2	2,765	5,799	2.1	0.1
Senior hockey (16-45 female)	5,487	2	2,743	5,841	2.1	0.1

**MALMESBURY**

2015 population	2026 population	Population change (2015-2026)
20,104	22,330	2,226

2015 AGE GROUPS		2015 TEAMS	2015 TGRs	2026 AGE GROUPS	2026 TEAMS	CHANGE(+/-)
Mini-soccer (6-9 mixed gender)	1,016	12	85	1,020	12.0	0.0
Junior football (10-15 male)	898	13	69	933	13.5	0.5
Junior football (10-15 female)	722	2	361	730	2.0	0.0
Senior football (16-45 male)	3,045	13	234	3,255	13.9	0.9
Senior football (16-45 female)	3,126	0	-----	3,268	-----	-----
Mini-rugby (7-12 mixed gender)	1,527	6	254	1,534	6.0	0.0
Junior rugby (13-18 male)	855	5	171	923	5.4	0.4
Junior rugby (13-18 female)	670	0	-----	692	-----	-----
Senior rugby (19-45 male)	2,715	3	905	2,877	3.2	0.2
Senior rugby (19-45 female)	2,816	0	-----	2,928	-----	-----
Junior cricket (7-17 male)	1,403	5	281	1,448	5.2	0.2
Junior cricket (7-17 female)	1,291	1	1,291	1,352	1.0	0.0
Senior cricket (18-55 male)	4,431	11	403	4,421	11.0	-0.0
Senior cricket (18-55 female)	4,623	0	-----	4,657	-----	-----
Junior hockey (11-15 male)	656	0	-----	675	-----	-----
Junior hockey (11-15 female)	607	0	-----	603	-----	-----
Senior hockey (16-45 male)	3,045	0	-----	3,255	-----	-----
Senior hockey (16-45 female)	3,126	0	-----	3,268	-----	-----

**MARLBOROUGH**

2015 population	2026 population	Population change (2015-2026)
18,142	18,305	163

2015 AGE GROUPS		2015 TEAMS	2015 TGRs	2026 AGE GROUPS	2026 TEAMS	CHANGE(+/-)
Mini-soccer (6-9 mixed gender)	848	16	53	784	14.8	-1.2
Junior football (10-15 male)	855	17	50	940	18.7	1.7
Junior football (10-15 female)	683	3	228	772	3.4	0.4
Senior football (16-45 male)	2,694	7	385	2,038	5.3	-1.7
Senior football (16-45 female)	2,788	1	2,788	2,473	0.9	-0.1
Mini-rugby (7-12 mixed gender)	1,204	7	172	1,184	6.9	-0.1
Junior rugby (13-18 male)	1,030	6	172	1,089	6.3	0.3
Junior rugby (13-18 female)	801	0	-----	941	-----	-----
Senior rugby (19-45 male)	2,236	3	745	1,597	2.1	-0.9
Senior rugby (19-45 female)	2,369	0	-----	1,999	-----	-----
Junior cricket (7-17 male)	1,453	6	242	1,523	6.3	0.3
Junior cricket (7-17 female)	1,370	0	-----	1,455	-----	-----
Senior cricket (18-55 male)	3,703	12	309	2,752	8.9	-3.1
Senior cricket (18-55 female)	3,972	0	-----	3,353	-----	-----
Junior hockey (11-15 male)	655	1	655	741	1.1	0.1
Junior hockey (11-15 female)	577	1	577	669	1.2	0.2
Senior hockey (16-45 male)	2,694	3	898	2,038	2.3	-0.7
Senior hockey (16-45 female)	2,788	3	929	2,473	2.7	-0.3

**MELKSHAM**

2015 population	2026 population	Population change (2015-2026)
29,288	31,538	2,250

2015 AGE GROUPS		2015 TEAMS	2015 TGRs	2026 AGE GROUPS	2026 TEAMS	CHANGE(+/-)
Mini-soccer (6-9 mixed gender)	1,353	27	50	1,451	29.0	2.0
Junior football (10-15 male)	1,243	19	65	1,315	20.1	1.1
Junior football (10-15 female)	1,020	3	340	1,164	3.4	0.4
Senior football (16-45 male)	4,640	27	172	4,730	27.5	0.5
Senior football (16-45 female)	4,926	4	1,231	4,894	4.0	-0.0
Mini-rugby (7-12 mixed gender)	2,031	8	254	2,209	8.7	0.7
Junior rugby (13-18 male)	1,257	5	251	1,272	5.1	0.1
Junior rugby (13-18 female)	1,038	3	346	1,159	3.3	0.3
Senior rugby (19-45 male)	4,098	4	1,025	4,215	4.1	0.1
Senior rugby (19-45 female)	4,407	0	-----	4,340	-----	-----
Junior cricket (7-17 male)	1,961	2	981	2,036	2.1	0.1
Junior cricket (7-17 female)	1,829	0	-----	2,094	-----	-----
Senior cricket (18-55 male)	6,520	8	815	6,155	7.6	-0.4
Senior cricket (18-55 female)	6,796	0	-----	6,488	-----	-----
Junior hockey (11-15 male)	903	0	-----	944	-----	-----
Junior hockey (11-15 female)	849	0	-----	982	-----	-----
Senior hockey (16-45 male)	4,640	0	-----	4,730	-----	-----
Senior hockey (16-45 female)	4,926	0	-----	4,894	-----	-----



**PEWSEY**

2015 population	2026 population	Population change (2015-2026)
14,286	15,485	1,199

2015 AGE GROUPS		2015 TEAMS	2015 TGRs	2026 AGE GROUPS	2026 TEAMS	CHANGE(+/-)
Mini-soccer (6-9 mixed gender)	738	3	246	748	3.0	0.0
Junior football (10-15 male)	604	6	101	661	6.6	0.6
Junior football (10-15 female)	503	0	-----	539	-----	-----
Senior football (16-45 male)	1,984	6	331	2,121	6.4	0.4
Senior football (16-45 female)	2,159	0	-----	2,294	-----	-----
Mini-rugby (7-12 mixed gender)	1,110	5	222	1,124	5.1	0.1
Junior rugby (13-18 male)	530	0	-----	653	-----	-----
Junior rugby (13-18 female)	449	1	449	495	1.1	0.1
Senior rugby (19-45 male)	1,762	2	881	1,842	2.1	0.1
Senior rugby (19-45 female)	1,942	0	-----	2,063	-----	-----
Junior cricket (7-17 male)	968	6	161	1,037	6.4	0.4
Junior cricket (7-17 female)	921	0	-----	975	-----	-----
Senior cricket (18-55 male)	3,021	9	336	2,855	8.5	-0.5
Senior cricket (18-55 female)	3,233	1	3,233	3,123	1.0	-0.0
Junior hockey (11-15 male)	405	0	-----	469	-----	-----
Junior hockey (11-15 female)	413	0	-----	446	-----	-----
Senior hockey (16-45 male)	1,984	0	-----	2,121	-----	-----
Senior hockey (16-45 female)	2,159	0	-----	2,294	-----	-----

**ROYAL WOOTTON BASSETT AND CRICKLADE**

2015 population	2026 population	Population change (2015-2026)
30,083	33,294	3,211

2015 AGE GROUPS		2015 TEAMS	2015 TGRs	2026 AGE GROUPS	2026 TEAMS	CHANGE(+/-)
Mini-soccer (6-9 mixed gender)	1,321	23	57	1,381	24.1	1.1
Junior football (10-15 male)	1,172	25	47	1,299	27.7	2.7
Junior football (10-15 female)	907	0	-----	906	-----	-----
Senior football (16-45 male)	5,446	14	389	5,989	15.4	1.4
Senior football (16-45 female)	4,881	2	2,440	4,779	2.0	-0.0
Mini-rugby (7-12 mixed gender)	1,943	8	243	2,050	8.4	0.4
Junior rugby (13-18 male)	1,181	8	148	1,282	8.7	0.7
Junior rugby (13-18 female)	974	1	974	839	0.9	-0.1
Senior rugby (19-45 male)	4,912	6	819	5,450	6.7	0.7
Senior rugby (19-45 female)	4,388	0	-----	4,386	-----	-----
Junior cricket (7-17 male)	1,896	11	172	2,039	11.8	0.8
Junior cricket (7-17 female)	1,692	2	846	1,657	2.0	-0.0
Senior cricket (18-55 male)	7,499	10	750	7,767	10.4	0.4
Senior cricket (18-55 female)	7,018	0	-----	6,439	-----	-----
Junior hockey (11-15 male)	823	2	411	928	2.3	0.3
Junior hockey (11-15 female)	771	2	386	751	1.9	-0.1
Senior hockey (16-45 male)	5,446	3	1,815	5,989	3.3	0.3
Senior hockey (16-45 female)	4,881	3	1,627	4,779	2.9	-0.1

**SALISBURY**

2015 population	2026 population	Population change (2015-2026)
41,703	41,628	-75

2015 AGE GROUPS		2015 TEAMS	2015 TGRs	2026 AGE GROUPS	2026 TEAMS	CHANGE(+/-)
Mini-soccer (6-9 mixed gender)	1,987	14	142	1,773	12.5	-1.5
Junior football (10-15 male)	1,526	21	73	1,566	21.6	0.6
Junior football (10-15 female)	1,321	2	661	1,512	2.3	0.3
Senior football (16-45 male)	7,525	28	269	7,101	26.4	-1.6
Senior football (16-45 female)	7,609	0	-----	6,852	-----	-----
Mini-rugby (7-12 mixed gender)	2,801	6	467	2,737	5.9	-0.1
Junior rugby (13-18 male)	1,568	5	314	1,538	4.9	-0.1
Junior rugby (13-18 female)	1,345	0	-----	1,528	-----	-----
Senior rugby (19-45 male)	6,822	5	1,364	6,462	4.7	-0.3
Senior rugby (19-45 female)	6,918	0	-----	6,108	-----	-----
Junior cricket (7-17 male)	2,501	3	834	2,433	2.9	-0.1
Junior cricket (7-17 female)	2,522	0	-----	2,714	-----	-----
Senior cricket (18-55 male)	9,995	9	1,111	8,977	8.1	-0.9
Senior cricket (18-55 female)	10,210	0	-----	8,885	-----	-----
Junior hockey (11-15 male)	1,069	7	153	1,121	7.3	0.3
Junior hockey (11-15 female)	1,110	7	159	1,272	8.0	1.0
Senior hockey (16-45 male)	7,525	6	1,254	7,101	5.7	-0.3
Senior hockey (16-45 female)	7,609	5	1,522	6,852	4.5	-0.5

## SOUTH WILTSHIRE

2015 population	2026 population	Population change (2015-2026)
23,272	26,629	3,357

2015 AGE GROUPS		2015 TEAMS	2015 TGRs	2026 AGE GROUPS	2026 TEAMS	CHANGE(+/-)
Mini-soccer (6-9 mixed gender)	1,145	19	60	1,328	22.0	3.0
Junior football (10-15 male)	927	18	51	1,132	22.0	4.0
Junior football (10-15 female)	802	6	134	1,020	7.6	1.6
Senior football (16-45 male)	3,286	21	156	3,759	24.0	3.0
Senior football (16-45 female)	3,547	2	1,773	3,918	2.2	0.2
Mini-rugby (7-12 mixed gender)	1,672	0	----	2,014	----	----
Junior rugby (13-18 male)	869	0	----	1,038	----	----
Junior rugby (13-18 female)	815	0	----	963	----	----
Senior rugby (19-45 male)	2,905	0	----	3,354	----	----
Senior rugby (19-45 female)	3,138	0	----	3,458	----	----
Junior cricket (7-17 male)	1,471	9	163	1,733	10.6	1.6
Junior cricket (7-17 female)	1,513	2	757	1,854	2.4	0.4
Senior cricket (18-55 male)	4,736	13	364	5,056	13.9	0.9
Senior cricket (18-55 female)	5,122	0	----	5,345	----	----
Junior hockey (11-15 male)	632	0	----	796	----	----
Junior hockey (11-15 female)	671	0	----	847	----	----
Senior hockey (16-45 male)	3,286	0	----	3,759	----	----
Senior hockey (16-45 female)	3,547	0	----	3,918	----	----

**SOUTH WEST WILTSHIRE**

2015 population	2026 population	Population change (2015-2026)
21,986	22,267	281

2015 AGE GROUPS		2015 TEAMS	2015 TGRs	2026 AGE GROUPS	2026 TEAMS	CHANGE(+/-)
Mini-soccer (6-9 mixed gender)	805	5	161	792	4.9	-0.1
Junior football (10-15 male)	665	7	95	634	6.7	-0.3
Junior football (10-15 female)	694	0	-----	680	-----	-----
Senior football (16-45 male)	3,035	18	169	2,992	17.7	-0.3
Senior football (16-45 female)	2,826	0	-----	2,658	-----	-----
Mini-rugby (7-12 mixed gender)	1,232	0	-----	1,213	-----	-----
Junior rugby (13-18 male)	654	0	-----	584	-----	-----
Junior rugby (13-18 female)	736	0	-----	682	-----	-----
Senior rugby (19-45 male)	2,743	2	1,372	2,746	2.0	0.0
Senior rugby (19-45 female)	2,456	0	-----	2,331	-----	-----
Junior cricket (7-17 male)	1,060	14	76	1,001	13.2	-0.8
Junior cricket (7-17 female)	1,265	0	-----	1,221	-----	-----
Senior cricket (18-55 male)	4,021	15	268	4,025	15.0	0.0
Senior cricket (18-55 female)	3,914	0	-----	3,651	-----	-----
Junior hockey (11-15 male)	460	10	46	433	9.4	-0.6
Junior hockey (11-15 female)	588	10	59	575	9.8	-0.2
Senior hockey (16-45 male)	3,035	10	304	2,992	9.9	-0.1
Senior hockey (16-45 female)	2,826	10	283	2,658	9.4	-0.6

**TIDWORTH**

2015 population	2026 population	Population change (2015-2026)
20,971	30,525	9,554

2015 AGE GROUPS		2015 TEAMS	2015 TGRs	2026 AGE GROUPS	2026 TEAMS	CHANGE(+/-)
Mini-soccer (6-9 mixed gender)	1,207	6	201	1,912	9.5	3.5
Junior football (10-15 male)	811	9	90	1,471	16.3	7.3
Junior football (10-15 female)	610	1	610	1,142	1.9	0.9
Senior football (16-45 male)	6,838	7	977	10,490	10.7	3.7
Senior football (16-45 female)	3,991	1	3,991	5,547	1.4	0.4
Mini-rugby (7-12 mixed gender)	1,579	0	----	2,671	----	----
Junior rugby (13-18 male)	896	0	----	1,537	----	----
Junior rugby (13-18 female)	580	0	----	1,003	----	----
Senior rugby (19-45 male)	6,367	0	----	9,742	----	----
Senior rugby (19-45 female)	3,708	0	----	5,090	----	----
Junior cricket (7-17 male)	1,388	3	463	2,393	5.2	2.2
Junior cricket (7-17 female)	1,232	0	----	2,131	----	----
Senior cricket (18-55 male)	7,618	5	1,524	11,411	7.5	2.5
Senior cricket (18-55 female)	4,874	0	----	6,330	----	----
Junior hockey (11-15 male)	541	0	----	1,006	----	----
Junior hockey (11-15 female)	498	0	----	936	----	----
Senior hockey (16-45 male)	6,838	0	----	10,490	----	----
Senior hockey (16-45 female)	3,991	0	----	5,547	----	----

**TROWBRIDGE**

2015 population	2026 population	Population change (2015-2026)
43,638	48,442	4,804

2015 AGE GROUPS		2015 TEAMS	2015 TGRs	2026 AGE GROUPS	2026 TEAMS	CHANGE(+/-)
Mini-soccer (6-9 mixed gender)	2,246	17	132	2,509	19.0	2.0
Junior football (10-15 male)	1,829	13	141	2,273	16.2	3.2
Junior football (10-15 female)	1,473	1	1,473	1,824	1.2	0.2
Senior football (16-45 male)	7,990	15	533	8,189	15.4	0.4
Senior football (16-45 female)	8,313	2	4,156	8,588	2.1	0.1
Mini-rugby (7-12 mixed gender)	3,153	6	525	3,749	7.1	1.1
Junior rugby (13-18 male)	1,794	5	359	2,178	6.1	1.1
Junior rugby (13-18 female)	1,564	0	-----	1,758	-----	-----
Senior rugby (19-45 male)	7,189	4	1,797	7,311	4.1	0.1
Senior rugby (19-45 female)	7,513	0	-----	7,753	-----	-----
Junior cricket (7-17 male)	2,938	4	734	3,520	4.8	0.8
Junior cricket (7-17 female)	2,795	5	559	3,304	5.9	0.9
Senior cricket (18-55 male)	10,615	7	1,516	10,452	6.9	-0.1
Senior cricket (18-55 female)	10,865	0	-----	10,972	-----	-----
Junior hockey (11-15 male)	1,274	0	-----	1,623	-----	-----
Junior hockey (11-15 female)	1,232	0	-----	1,523	-----	-----
Senior hockey (16-45 male)	7,990	0	-----	8,189	-----	-----
Senior hockey (16-45 female)	8,313	0	-----	8,588	-----	-----

**WARMINSTER**

2015 population	2026 population	Population change (2015-2026)
24,758	24,715	-43

2015 AGE GROUPS		2015 TEAMS	2015 TGRs	2026 AGE GROUPS	2026 TEAMS	CHANGE(+/-)
Mini-soccer (6-9 mixed gender)	2,246	17	132	2,509	19.0	2.0
Junior football (10-15 male)	1,829	13	141	2,273	16.2	3.2
Junior football (10-15 female)	1,473	1	1,473	1,824	1.2	0.2
Senior football (16-45 male)	7,990	15	533	8,189	15.4	0.4
Senior football (16-45 female)	8,313	2	4,156	8,588	2.1	0.1
Mini-rugby (7-12 mixed gender)	3,153	6	525	3,749	7.1	1.1
Junior rugby (13-18 male)	1,794	5	359	2,178	6.1	1.1
Junior rugby (13-18 female)	1,564	0	-----	1,758	-----	-----
Senior rugby (19-45 male)	7,189	4	1,797	7,311	4.1	0.1
Senior rugby (19-45 female)	7,513	0	-----	7,753	-----	-----
Junior cricket (7-17 male)	2,938	4	734	3,520	4.8	0.8
Junior cricket (7-17 female)	2,795	5	559	3,304	5.9	0.9
Senior cricket (18-55 male)	10,615	7	1,516	10,452	6.9	-0.1
Senior cricket (18-55 female)	10,865	0	-----	10,972	-----	-----
Junior hockey (11-15 male)	1,274	0	-----	1,623	-----	-----
Junior hockey (11-15 female)	1,232	0	-----	1,523	-----	-----
Senior hockey (16-45 male)	7,990	0	-----	8,189	-----	-----
Senior hockey (16-45 female)	8,313	0	-----	8,588	-----	-----



**WESTBURY**

2015 population	2026 population	Population change (2015-2026)
20,505	23,016	2,511

2015 AGE GROUPS		2015 TEAMS	2015 TGRs	2026 AGE GROUPS	2026 TEAMS	CHANGE(+/-)
Mini-soccer (6-9 mixed gender)	1,110	5	222	1,121	5.1	0.1
Junior football (10-15 male)	967	14	69	1,132	16.4	2.4
Junior football (10-15 female)	781	1	781	773	1.0	-0.0
Senior football (16-45 male)	4,053	11	368	3,595	9.8	-1.2
Senior football (16-45 female)	3,962	1	3,962	3,476	0.9	-0.1
Mini-rugby (7-12 mixed gender)	1,627	5	325	1,714	5.3	0.3
Junior rugby (13-18 male)	1,007	3	336	1,110	3.3	0.3
Junior rugby (13-18 female)	825	0	-----	738	-----	-----
Senior rugby (19-45 male)	3,609	2	1,804	3,147	1.7	-0.3
Senior rugby (19-45 female)	3,514	0	-----	3,123	-----	-----
Junior cricket (7-17 male)	1,513	8	189	1,746	9.2	1.2
Junior cricket (7-17 female)	1,496	0	-----	1,403	-----	-----
Senior cricket (18-55 male)	5,499	9	611	4,469	7.3	-1.7
Senior cricket (18-55 female)	5,545	0	-----	4,691	-----	-----
Junior hockey (11-15 male)	708	4	177	821	4.6	0.6
Junior hockey (11-15 female)	659	4	165	642	3.9	-0.1
Senior hockey (16-45 male)	4,053	6	675	3,595	5.3	-0.7
Senior hockey (16-45 female)	3,962	3	1,321	3,476	2.6	-0.4