

# Draft Wiltshire Playing Pitch Strategy: Community Area Profiles

ACTION PLAN PART 2: COMMUNITY AREA PROFILES

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## Glossary

### Glossary of Terms

AGP	Artificial Grass Pitch(es)
ECB	England and Wales Cricket Board
EH	England Hockey
FA	Football Association
FIFA	Federation of International Football Associations
MoD	Ministry of Defence
NPPF	National Planning Policy Framework
RFU	Rugby Football Union

## Introduction

### General

The following pages provide 18 Community Area Board profiles in the following order:

Amesbury	Pewsey
Bradford on Avon	Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade
Calne	Salisbury
Chippenham	South West Wiltshire
Corsham	Southern Wiltshire
Devizes	Tidworth
Malmesbury	Trowbridge
Marlborough	Warminster
Melksham	Westbury

### Format

Each of the profiles follows the same format, for simplicity and to aid comparison. The first part of each profile provides a brief description of the Community Board area, with relevant population data and general information on team numbers recorded as playing in the area. Next, the profile provides information on the supply and use of pitch sport sites, including grass pitches and AGPs. A brief sport-by-sport review of activity is then provided, followed by a summary of key current and likely future issues, affecting pitch sports locally.

The profile then considers the likely impact of population change in the area on the numbers of teams likely to be fielded, and therefore the demand for pitches. These projections take into account both the impact of natural population change, as well as that of planned new housing allocations which, locally, can have a significant influence on the demand to play sport<sup>1</sup>.

Finally, a list of actions is recommended, relating to sites and sports. Accompanying the above is a series of Tables for each profile:

- **Table A:** Population
- **Table B:** Pitch sport team numbers
- **Table C: Supply and Use of key local grass pitch sport sites (figures based on 2015 data and estimates)**
- **Table D:** AGP provision locally (where there is provision)
- **Table E:** Future pitch requirements
- **Table F:** Site specific actions. (See below under 'Clarification').

### Definitions

Where there is a Table D for AGPs, the following terms are used to denote levels of access:

- **Pay & Play:** The facility can be booked for use by groups or individuals on a casual basis.
- **Private Use:** Beyond the principal user there is very little or no use allowed by external clubs or groups on a secured basis. Within Wiltshire, this is normally the case with certain independent school and MoD facilities.
- **Sports Club/Community Association:** Facilities are available to use by recognised sports clubs or other community organisations, and usually on a regular block-booking basis.

In reality there is very often no clear cut distinction in respect of the above. For example, a facility that is primarily pay and play, may also accept some block bookings by clubs.

<sup>1</sup> The population projections used for this project are based on two sources:

- A trend-based forecast produced by Wiltshire Council on 12/05/2015 using POPGROUP software developed by Bradford Council, the University of Manchester and Andelin Associates
- Allocations provided in the Wiltshire Council Core Strategy for individual community areas within the local authority (these being combined into area board geographies where appropriate). These allocations were multiplied by the average occupancy rate for Wiltshire Council, which approximates to 2 persons per household.

**Clarification**

These area profiles are part of a Strategy and Action Plan that is based on the Needs Assessment, which is the main technical document to support the Strategy. The technical process involved in preparing the Needs Assessment is explained fully in that document. To help in understanding the assumptions and terms used in these profiles please remember the following:

- Population information used is based largely on data generated by Wiltshire Council, and described in the Needs Assessment.
- Housing growth estimates are based on the Wiltshire Core Strategy.
- The Priority Site Order categorisation used in Table C is a product of the Needs Assessment. 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:** Sites which have some pitch provision but no use by community teams, as far as has been ascertained.

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

- Grass and artificial pitch provision is analysed in detail in the Needs Assessment.
- The term 'Net Site Capacity' as used in Table C indicates whether a grass pitch site is being used under, at, or over its theoretical capacity to absorb matches and training. In other words, whether a site is being 'overplayed' or not. The metric used is adult 'match equivalents'. Match equivalents have been weighted according to the age groups concerned, where appropriate, so that (for example) minisoccer matches are weighted much less than the full adult match equivalent. Where training is known to take place on grass pitches, this has also been included as part of the match equivalent calculations. Where relevant figures are negative it means that a site may be overplayed, although other factors also have to be taken into account.
- AGP is a term used to denote 'Artificial Grass Pitch'. AGPs (constructed and maintained to appropriate specifications) are now accepted as essential facilities for match play for hockey, as well being acceptable for football match play and rugby training. The different types of surface are explained in the Needs Assessment. The assessment of AGPs is based on their use for matchplay and training. It is acknowledged that casual small-sided games take place regularly on these surfaces, but such activity is not part of the overall assessment.
- The method for calculating the (combined) impact of natural and planned population growth and change is explained in **Appendix A** to this document.
- Under Table F for each profile there is a column titled 'Support'. The term can mean various things- practical support in the form of organisation time, financial input, and contributions in lieu, (such as land). The exact mix and match of who should contribute to what and how, must be determined through the Implementation/Steering Group. (See the Strategy and Action Plan Part 1).

**Pragmatism**

Wiltshire is a geographically large local authority. There are around 370 grass sites as well as other artificial pitches included in the Needs Assessment underpinning this document- given the limited resources available to the Council and its partners responsible for the preparation of this Strategy and Action Plan, it has been impossible to make site-specific proposals for each and every venue. Instead site-specific proposals are identified for key locations and actions in the Area Profiles. Other sites are covered by general recommendations contained in Action Plan Part 1, in this document.

**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. Similarly, there are 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. 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.

**Senior Sports Clubs**

This Strategy will look to support, develop, and protect our most senior sports clubs when and where appropriate.



### Amesbury

The Amesbury Community Area covers mainly rural countryside in the south-east of the County of Wiltshire. There are a number of settlements; the largest and oldest being Amesbury itself, situated on a defended hill site overlooking the valley of the Salisbury Avon. Other large villages include a strong army presence, as at Bulford and Larkhill; the community area is dotted with various military sites. The army has, therefore, played a key role in the area's economy and prosperity. The town of Amesbury serves as the main service centre for the community area and also benefits from its proximity to the City of Salisbury, just six miles to the south.

**Table A: Population<sup>2</sup>**

Area	2015 population	2026 population	Population trend-based change (2015-2026)	Allocated housing in core strategy to 2026
Amesbury (31,422 hectares)	34,292	40,593	6,301	2,785

**Table B: Pitch sport team numbers**

2015 AGE GROUPS	2015 AGE GROUP POPULATION	2015 TEAMS
Mini-soccer (6-9 mixed gender)	2,611	8
Junior football (10-15 male)	2,253	14
Junior football (10-15 female)	1,654	0
Senior football (16-45 male)	8,489	12
Senior football (16-45 female)	7,384	0
Mini-rugby (7-12 mixed gender)	3,824	0
Junior rugby (13-18 male)	2,127	0
Junior rugby (13-18 female)	1,450	0
Senior rugby (19-45 male)	7,601	1
Senior rugby (19-45 female)	6,719	0
Junior cricket (7-17 male)	3,503	9
Junior cricket (7-17 female)	3,042	0
Senior cricket (18-55 male)	9,601	16
Senior cricket (18-55 female)	9,012	0
Junior hockey (11-15 male)	1,565	0
Junior hockey (11-15 female)	1,355	0
Senior hockey (16-45 male)	8,489	0
Senior hockey (16-45 female)	7,384	0

<sup>2</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

**Key grass pitch sport sites**

All sites within the Community Board area are identified in the Needs Assessment and underlying databases. The following have been identified as key sites with the Community Board area. The priority ranking is relative to its estimated importance to pitch sports strategically, and within Wiltshire generally. A lower order ranking (such as a '3') does not mean that a site does not have importance in a local context.

**Table C: Supply and Use of key local grass pitch sports sites**

Priority Order (1,2,3,4)	Name	Pitches							Teams (i.e. male and female, all age-groups)			Net site capacity			
		Adult Football	Youth Football (11v11)	Youth Football (9v9)	Minisoccer (7v7)	Minisoccer (5v5)	Cricket Fields	Adult Rugby	Mini Rugby	Football team count	Rugby team count	Cricket team count	Net site football capacity	Net site adult grass wicket capacity	Net site rugby capacity
3	off Portway, Gomeldon									0	0	6	0	-5	
3	Amesbury Sports Centre (Holder Road)	2								1	0	0	5.5	0	
3	DTSL Sports Ground, Porton Down	1								7	0	1	-1.13	0	
3	Steeple Langford Recreation Ground									0	0	7	0	-5	
3	Archers Gate									9	0	0	-3.75	0	
3	Boscombe Down Sports Field	1								0	0	1	3	0	
3	Bonnymead	1								3	0	2	0.5	10	
3	Figheledean Recreation Ground	1								1	0	0	1.5	0	
3	Durrington Recreation Ground	1								9	0	0	-0.63	0	
3	Shrewton Recreation Ground	1								2	0	6	0.63	-20	
3	off Jubilee Hill, Durnford									0	0	2	0	10	

**AGP provision**

There is AGP provision at the following locations. (n.b. an MoD facility at RAF Bulford, Boscombe Down, has been excluded as its surface has been condemned).

**Table D: AGP provision locally**

Name	Sub area	AGP type	Facility Status	Access Type	Surface	Hockey match play compliant
AVON VALLEY COLLEGE	Amesbury	3G half-size	Operational	Pay and Play	Rubber crumb pile (3G)	FALSE
BULFORD BARRACKS GROUND	Amesbury	3G full-size	Operational	Pay and Play	Rubber crumb pile (3G)	FALSE
LARKHILL	Amesbury	Sand full-size	Operational	Private Use	Sand Filled	TRUE

**Sport-by-Sport overview (see Needs Assessment for details)**

- **Football:** This is a very rural sub area and sites are local in importance. The main issue however, is likely to be access to a large 3G pitch for football training. There are four AGPs within the area. The only one that has some availability is at Bulford Barracks. However, availability will be very limited due to primary use by the military, and there can never be long-term assurance of community access to MoD facilities. The MoD AGP pitch at Larkhill is not generally available for community use, and is the wrong surface type for serious training and match play. The small pitch at Avon Valley College has limited capacity for community use. Elsewhere local clubs have cited some concerns with the lack of and quality of facilities for training. The biggest clubs playing in the area are Amesbury Juniors, Durrington Youth, and Porton Sports. Bonnymead, Archers Gate, DSTL and Durrington Recreation Ground are key sites for these clubs.
- **Cricket:** The biggest clubs playing in the area are Shrewton CC, Winterbourne CC, and Steeple Langford CC respectively playing at Shrewton Recreation Ground, off Portway, Gomeldon, and Steeple Langford Recreation Ground. Clubs have cited concerns over inadequate pavilions and the lack of ball retention nets at some locations. Shrewton CC have secured planning permission for the development of a new ground and pavilion on local farm land. The club's aspiration is to move to this new ground to help improve the club's facilities and offer to its members
- **Rugby:** There are no community rugby clubs based in this sub area.
- **Hockey:** There are no community hockey clubs based in this area.

**Current and likely future issues:**

- **General:** There are peak-time availability issues in respect of youth football on Saturday mornings, caused by activity at Archers' Gate. However, this is likely to be as a result of youth play on adult pitches. There is no overall overuse of football venues in the area, although Archers' Gate is heavily played. Shrewton Recreation Ground also has heavy adult cricket use. Planned and natural population change will impact upon the requirement for sports pitches for all 4 key sports (see later). Most football pitches in the area are rated as being of standard quality based on FA approved rating systems. There is a net peak-time surplus of cricket fields on Saturdays.
- **Football:** there is an issue in respect of access to AGP provision both for training and, increasingly for match play. Based on calculations (explained in the **Appendix B**) there is a requirement of **0.81** of a full-size 3G pitch to meet the training needs of teams in the area. Demand will be bolstered by future population growth. The above figure takes into account the existing provision, which is limited availability for community use, and which is partly of the wrong surface type for serious football training and match play. The best prospect of a sustainable solution would be a joint initiative either with a local school or the MoD 'outside the wire'<sup>3</sup> - both with assured community use guaranteed. Existing grass pitch provision has the capacity to absorb future growth.
- **Cricket:** The primary emphasis should be on the protection of existing grounds and the improvement of facilities, subject to Shrewton CCs potential move. Existing venues will have the capacity to absorb any additional teams arising from population growth. However, Shrewton CC has plans to develop a new venue, that will allow it to develop further as a club, and the likely implications arising from this for the club and required facilities must be understood.
- **Rugby:** Future population growth is unlikely in itself likely to the establishment of a local rugby club, and instead the focus should be on improving the quality and capacity of nearby club facilities in Salisbury.
- **Hockey:** The above comments for rugby are also relevant to Hockey.

<sup>3</sup> Due to the Army Rebasing Programme, the Sports and Community Access Scheme (SCAS) agreement has been drawn up which will provide significant opportunities for the community to access Army / MOD Sports and Leisure Facilities inside and outside of the wire. As this agreement is linked to specific Planning Applications and associated triggers it is probable that the Scheme will not be open for use until 2017

**Estimated future changes in team numbers in the area, and resulting change in demand for pitches**

The following combines projected natural population change with the likely impact of allocated growth in the core strategy up to 2026, and identifies what the likely change in team numbers will be, together with the likely impact in grass pitch numbers required. The method of calculation and assumptions are explained in the **Appendix A**.

**Table E: Future pitch requirements**

Age Groups	A. Total new teams	B. Total extra matches per week (A*0.5)	C. Matches per pitch	D. Pitches required (B/C)
Mini-soccer (6-9 mixed gender)	2.7	1.35	4	0.3
Junior football (10-15 male)	3.8	1.9	2	1.0
Junior football (10-15 female)	nil	-	2	nil
Senior football (16-45 male)	3.7	1.85	2	0.9
Senior football (16-45 female)	nil	-	2	nil
Mini-rugby (7-12 mixed gender)	nil	-	0	0.0
Junior rugby (13-18 male)	nil	-	0	0.0
Junior rugby (13-18 female)	nil	-	0	0.0
Senior rugby (19-45 male)	0.6	0.3	2	0.1
Senior rugby (19-45 female)	nil	-	2	nil
Junior cricket (7-17 male)	1.9	0.95	0	0.0
Junior cricket (7-17 female)	nil	-	0	0.0
Senior cricket (18-55 male)	2.7	1.35	3	0.5
Senior cricket (18-55 female)	nil	-	3	nil
Junior hockey (11-15 male)	nil	-	0	0.0
Junior hockey (11-15 female)	nil	-	0	0.0
Senior hockey (16-45 male)	nil	-	4	nil
Senior hockey (16-45 female)	nil	-	4	nil

These changes in themselves will not require additional pitch space that cannot already be found. However, they will increase demand on existing facilities, and require the improvement and expansion of existing key venues to cope with these increased demands. Because some sports cohorts don't currently have teams representing them, future projections are not made. However, sports development initiatives can change things, although such change is not likely to be significantly, and has therefore been discounted.



**Site Specific Actions****Table F: Site specific actions**

<b>Where?</b>	<b>What?</b>	<b>When?</b> (Short =0-3 years; Medium = 3-6 years; Long = 6+ years)	<b>Partners</b>
Site search in the Amesbury/Boscombe	<b>Football:</b> Provision of a single full-size FA compliant 3G pitch, as a dual use/joint provision project. This might potentially involve the resurfacing of the condemned sand-based AGP at RAF Boscombe Down, subject to a secure community use agreement.	Medium	FA, Wiltshire Council, School/MoD, Developer contributions
Amesbury Sports Centre (Holder Road)	<b>Football:</b> Provide changing and toilet access, (which could help with decanting some of the overplay at Archers Gate).	Medium	FA, Wiltshire Council, Town Council, Developer contributions
Shrewton Recreation Ground, off Portway, Gomeldon, and Steeple Langford	<b>Cricket:</b> Fully determine the plans of the Shrewton Cricket Club to move to a new venue, and what the longer term implications are likely to be in respect of facility requirements.	Short	ECB, Wiltshire Council, Developer contributions
Shrewton Recreation Ground	<b>Cricket:</b> Provision of ball retention nets. (These and other portable equipment could be used at a new venue.	Short	ECB, Wiltshire Council, Developer contributions
Off Portway, Gomeldon	<b>Cricket:</b> Upgrading of pavilion	Long	ECB, Wiltshire Council, Developer contributions



### **Bradford on Avon**

The Bradford on Avon Community Area covers a mix of urban and rural countryside in the west of the County of Wiltshire. It is dominated by the one settlement, the ancient market town of Bradford on Avon. There are nine parishes across the community area. There are no other towns. Bradford on Avon is a popular and expensive commuter town with easy access to Bristol, Bath, and London. Although the town of Bradford on Avon provides a range of shops and facilities, the nearby city of Bath, only 6 miles to the north-west and Trowbridge, 3 miles away, both provide many nearby alternatives.

**Table A: Population<sup>4</sup>**

Area	2015 population	2026 population	Population trend-based change (2015-2026)	Allocated housing in core strategy to 2026
Bradford on Avon (5,919 Hectares)	18,293	19,000	707	1,560

**Table B: Pitch sport activity**

2015 AGE GROUPS	2015 AGE GROUP POPULATION	2015 TEAMS
Mini-soccer (6-9 mixed gender)	911	18
Junior football (10-15 male)	722	31
Junior football (10-15 female)	597	0
Senior football (16-45 male)	2,655	11
Senior football (16-45 female)	2,710	0
Mini-rugby (7-12 mixed gender)	1,282	6
Junior rugby (13-18 male)	711	6
Junior rugby (13-18 female)	559	2
Senior rugby (19-45 male)	2,348	3
Senior rugby (19-45 female)	2,446	0
Junior cricket (7-17 male)	1,154	10
Junior cricket (7-17 female)	1,105	0
Senior cricket (18-55 male)	3,742	9
Senior cricket (18-55 female)	3,908	0
Junior hockey (11-15 male)	497	0
Junior hockey (11-15 female)	509	0
Senior hockey (16-45 male)	2,655	0
Senior hockey (16-45 female)	2,710	0

<sup>4</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

**Key grass pitch sport sites**

All sites within the Community Board area are identified in the Needs Assessment and underlying databases. The following have been identified as key sites with the Community Board area. The priority ranking is relative to its estimated importance to pitch sports strategically, and within Wiltshire generally. A lower order ranking (such as a '3') does not mean that a site does not have importance in a local context.

**Table C: Supply and Use of key local grass pitch sport sites (figures based on 2015 data and estimates)**

Priority Order (1,2,3,4)	Name	Pitches						Teams (i.e. male and female, all age-groups)					Net site capacity		
		Adult Football	Youth Football (11v11)	Youth Football (9v9)	Minisoccer (7v7)	Minisoccer (5v5)	Cricket Fields	Adult Rugby	Mini Rugby	Football team count	Rugby team count	Cricket team count	Net site football capacity	Net site adult grass wicket capacity	Net site rugby capacity
1	Bradford & Winsley Community Sports Association		2		3	1		3	2	28	16	0	-0.5	0	-11
2	The Downs						1			0	0	11	0	-5	
2	School Lane Playing Field					2				13	0	0	-8.5	0	
3	Culver Close Playing Field						1			2	0	3	-3	-5	
3	Poulton Playing Field (inc Bradford News FC)	1								2	0	0	1	0	
3	Victory Field Recreation Ground	1								2	0	5	2	0	
3	Holt Playing Field	1								3	0	0	1.13	0	
3	Westwood Playing Field	1								1	0	0	1.5	0	
3	Bradford on Avon Sports and Social Club	1								2	0	0	1	0	

**AGP provision**

There is AGP provision at the following locations.

**Table D: AGP provision locally**

Name	Sub area	AGP type	Facility Status	Access Type	Surface	Hockey matchplay compliant
ST LAURENCE SCHOOL	Bradford on Avon	Sand less than full-size	Operational	Private Use	Sand Filled	FALSE

**Sport-by-Sport overview (see Needs Assessment for details)**

- **Football:** The most significant clubs (in terms of team numbers) playing in the area are: Bradford Town Youth F.C., and, Trowbridge Wanderers Youth FC. They play at Bradford & Winsley Community Sports Association, and School Lane Playing Field (Staverton) respectively.
- **Cricket:** The biggest club in the area by some distance is Winsley, which plays at The Downs. Small clubs are located at venues within Bradford itself (including Bradford on Avon CC at Culver Close)
- **Rugby:** Club rugby is focussed in the area on Bradford on Avon RUFC, which is also based at Bradford & Winsley Community Sports Association (which is an important multi-sport hub).
- **Hockey:** There is no hockey club based in the area.

**Current and likely future issues:**

- **General:** There is a peak time shortage of dedicated pitches for youth football on Saturday mornings (9v9) and Sunday afternoons (11v11), although there is availability of over marked pitches. There is not an overall overplay of football venues, although School Lane suffers from heavy use. There is theoretical overplay of grass wickets by adults at The Downs. There is heavy use of rugby pitches at Bradford and Winsley Community Sports Club, at Winsley. Planned and natural population change will impact upon the requirement for sports pitches for all 4 key sports (see later). Most football pitches in the area are rated as being of standard quality based on FA approved rating systems. There is a small net peak-time surplus of cricket fields on Saturdays, which might be improved with the additional provisions listed for cricket below.

- **Football:** there is an issue in respect of access to AGP provision both for training and, increasingly for match play. Based on calculations (explained in the **Appendix B**) there is a requirement of **1.43** of a full-size 3G pitch to meet the training needs of teams in the area. The only provision of any kind currently within the area is at St Lawrence School which is of reduced size, with no floodlights and therefore largely unavailable for community use. Demand certainly exists for a full-size AGP and will be bolstered by future population growth. The best location in functional terms for such a facility would be at the Bradford & Winsley Community Sports Association venue. There are also issues at this venue in respect of drainage of existing pitches during wet-weather, as well as issues with a clubhouse keeping pace with the demands of a growing and successful multi-sport club. Existing grass provision will be capable of meeting projected future demands, and the emphasis should be on the maintaining and improvement of pitch quality and maintenance at key venues. Bradford on Avon FC are looking to relocate from Bradford on Avon Sports and Social Club ground, and this may be an issue to be considered in future reviews of the Strategy and Action Plan.
- **Cricket:** Existing grass provision will be capable of meeting projected future demands. However qualitative improvements are desirable to allow key venues to meet contemporary needs. The Winsley Cricket Club ground at The Downs requires improvements to security, parking space, and changing accommodation to allow it to meet existing and future demand projected. A non-turf strip would be helpful for coaching and junior matches. Both the Winsley and Bradford Clubs require additional provisions which would allow them to play at higher standards of league play.
- **Rugby:** The burgeoning Bradford on Avon RUFC requires improved changing facilities to cope with increased junior and female numbers, in particular. There are also issues with flooding and drainage at this important venue. Projected population change will not require an increase in the numbers of grass rugby pitches.
- **Hockey:** There is no hockey club based in the area (as is there neither in nearby Trowbridge and Melksham). The combined population of these areas suggest that it could sustain a viable club, although Trowbridge or Melksham might be a better location strategically for a new club.

#### **Estimated future changes in team numbers in the area, and resulting change in demand for pitches**

The following combines projected natural population change with the likely impact of allocated growth in the core strategy up to 2026, and identifies what the likely change in team numbers will be, together with the likely impact in grass pitch numbers required. The method of calculation and assumptions are explained in the **Appendix A**.

**Table E: Future pitch requirements**

<b>Age Groups</b>	<b>A. Total new teams</b>	<b>B. Total extra matches per week (A*0.5)</b>	<b>C. Matches per pitch</b>	<b>D. Pitches required (B/C)</b>
Mini-soccer (6-9 mixed gender)	-0.9	-0.45	4	-0.1
Junior football (10-15 male)	1.7	0.85	2	0.4
Junior football (10-15 female)	nil	-	2	nil
Senior football (16-45 male)	0.7	0.35	2	0.2
Senior football (16-45 female)	nil	-	2	nil
Mini-rugby (7-12 mixed gender)	0.2	0.1	0	0.0
Junior rugby (13-18 male)	0.3	0.15	0	0.0
Junior rugby (13-18 female)	0.5	0.25	0	0.0
Senior rugby (19-45 male)	0.1	0.05	2	0.0
Senior rugby (19-45 female)	nil	-	2	nil
Junior cricket (7-17 male)	0.4	0.2	0	0.0
Junior cricket (7-17 female)	nil	-	0	0.0
Senior cricket (18-55 male)	0.4	0.2	3	0.1
Senior cricket (18-55 female)	nil	-	3	nil
Junior hockey (11-15 male)	nil	-	0	0.0
Junior hockey (11-15 female)	nil	-	0	0.0
Senior hockey (16-45 male)	nil	-	4	nil
Senior hockey (16-45 female)	nil	-	4	nil

These changes in themselves will not necessarily require additional pitch space that cannot already be found. However, they will increase demand on existing facilities, and require the improvement and expansion of existing key venues to cope with these increased demands. Because some sports cohorts don't currently have teams representing them, future projections are not made. However, sports development initiatives can change things, although such change is not likely to be significantly, and has therefore been discounted.

### Site Specific Actions

**Table F: Site specific actions**

<b>Where?</b>	<b>What?</b>	<b>When?</b> (Short =0-3 years; Medium = 3-6 years; Long = 6+ years)	<b>Partners</b>
Bradford & Winsley Community Sports Association (Winsley)	<b>Football and Rugby:</b> Improvements to pitch drainage and maintenance.	Medium	FA, RFU, Wilts Council, SE, Developer contributions
	<b>Football and Rugby:</b> Expanded changing facilities.	Long	
School Lane Playing Field, Staverton	<b>Football:</b> Drainage improvements and provision of portable floodlights. The former will help to reduce the level of wear and tear.	Medium	FA, Wilts Council, Parish Council, Developer contributions
The Downs (Winsley)	<b>Cricket:</b> Non-turf strip	Medium	ECB, Wiltshire Council, Developer contributions
	<b>Cricket:</b> Improved security	Medium	ECB, Wiltshire Council, Developer contributions
	<b>Cricket:</b> Enlarged pavilion and changing facilities	Long	ECB, Wiltshire Council, Developer contributions
	<b>Cricket:</b> 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)	Medium	ECB, Wiltshire Council, Developer contributions
Culver Close (Bradford on Avon CC)	<b>Cricket:</b> 1. Pavilion upgrade 2. Sightcreens 3. Mobile covers 4. Side sheets	Medium	ECB, Wiltshire Council, Developer contributions



### Calne

The Calne Community Area is a vibrant rural area that includes the villages of Bremhill, Cherhill and Yatesbury, Compton Bassett, Derry Hill and Studley, Heddington, Hilmarton and Goatacre. The villages surround the market town of Calne, which is an important service centre for the people who live in the community area. The town of Calne has undergone a rapid expansion in the last ten years with substantial housing developments on the outskirts of the town bringing with it a more youthful population and helping rejuvenate the town centre through increased trade and footfall. In economic terms, Calne is an important local service and employment centre.

**Table A: Population<sup>5</sup>**

Area	2015 population	2026 population	Population trend-based change (2015-2026)	Allocated housing in core strategy to 2026
Calne (13,324 hectares)	23,760	25,294	1,534	1,534

**Table B: Pitch sport team numbers**

2015 AGE GROUPS	2015 AGE GROUP POPULATION	2015 TEAMS
Mini-soccer (6-9 mixed gender)	1,234	38
Junior football (10-15 male)	1,112	69
Junior football (10-15 female)	956	3
Senior football (16-45 male)	3,844	40
Senior football (16-45 female)	4,221	2
Mini-rugby (7-12 mixed gender)	1,893	0
Junior rugby (13-18 male)	1,027	0
Junior rugby (13-18 female)	1,060	0
Senior rugby (19-45 male)	3,424	1
Senior rugby (19-45 female)	3,650	0
Junior cricket (7-17 male)	1,681	7
Junior cricket (7-17 female)	1,815	5
Senior cricket (18-55 male)	5,465	11
Senior cricket (18-55 female)	5,779	1
Junior hockey (11-15 male)	776	0
Junior hockey (11-15 female)	798	0
Senior hockey (16-45 male)	3,844	0
Senior hockey (16-45 female)	4,221	0

<sup>5</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

**Key grass pitch sport sites**

All sites within the Community Board area are identified in the Needs Assessment and underlying databases. The following have been identified as key sites with the Community Board area. The priority ranking is relative to its estimated importance to pitch sports strategically, and within Wiltshire generally. A lower order ranking (such as a '3') does not mean that a site does not have importance in a local context.

**Table C: Supply and Use of key local grass pitch sport sites (figures based on 2015 data and estimates)**

Priority Order (1,2,3,4)	Name	Pitches							Teams (i.e. male and female, all age-groups)			Net site capacity			
		Adult Football	Youth Football (11v11)	Youth Football (9v9)	Minisoccer (7v7)	Minisoccer (5v5)	Cricket Fields	Adult Rugby	Mini Rugby	Football team count	Rugby team count	Cricket team count	Net site football capacity	Net site adult grass wicket capacity	Net site rugby capacity
1	Stanley Park*	5		1	5	4				65	0	0	23.38	0	
1	The Beversbrook Sports Complex	3	2	1	3		1			55	0	13	-9	-10	
2	Bowood Sports Ground		1	1	2	2				12	0	0	8.13	0	
3	Calne Town Football Club	1								3	0	0	1.5	0	
3	Cherhill CC (Quernford Gate)						1			0	0	2	0	10	
3	Compton Bassett Cricket Club						1			0	0	1	0	25	
3	Springfields School		1	1	1					6	0	0	0.75	0	
3	pitch off Priestley Grove, Calne	1								1	0	0	2.5	0	
3	Goatacre Recreation Ground	2					1			2	0	0	5	40	
3	Goatacre Cricket Club						1			0	0	8	0	-20	
3	Calne Recreation Ground	1					1	1		0	1	0	3	40	1

**AGP provision**

There is AGP provision at the following locations.

It should be noted that Stanley Park, whilst located in the Calne geographical area and therefore referenced within the Calne Profile, it is actually owned by Chippenham Town Council.

**Table D: AGP provision locally**

Name	Sub area	Availability	AGP type	Facility Status	Access Type	Surface	Hockey matchplay compliant
STANLEY PARK SPORTS GROUND	Calne	A1	3G full-size	Operational	Pay and Play	Rubber crumb pile (3G)	FALSE
BEVERSBROOK SPORTS COMPLEX	Calne	A1	3G full-size	Operational	Pay and Play	Rubber crumb pile (3G)	FALSE
ABBEYFIELD SCHOOL	Calne	C	Sand half-size	Operational	Private Use	Sand Filled	FALSE
ST EDMUNDS RC PRIMARY SCHOOL	Calne	C	Sand half-size	Operational	Private Use	Sand Dressed	FALSE

**Sport-by-Sport overview (see Needs Assessment for details)**

- **Football:** Facilities in the Calne area not only cater for the needs of its own football teams, but also many from Chippenham and elsewhere. This is because the strategically important Stanley Park is located just within the Calne area although it has a better geographical affinity with Chippenham. However, the area has other important football venues and especially Beversbrook in Calne itself. There is also the Bowood Sportsground. Two large clubs (Chippenham Town Youth and FC Chippenham Youth) are the big users of Stanley Park. FC Calne Youth are the biggest user of Beversbrook. Both these multi-pitch venues have full-size FA-compliant 3G pitches. Derry Hill United are the dominant users of the Bowood Sportsground.
- **Cricket:** The two biggest cricket clubs are Calne CC (based at Beversbrook), and Goatacre CC (based at their own ground at Goatacre).
- **Rugby:** Calne RUFC is a small club based at Calne Recreation Ground.
- **Hockey:** There is no hockey club based in the area. (However there is a club in Chippenham).

**Current and likely future issues:**

- **General:** There is an overall peak time shortage of 11v11 and 9v9 youth football pitches in the area on Sunday PM and Sunday AM respectively. The biggest issues are likely to be at Stanley Park and Beversbrook Sportsground. However, the age-group requirements will fluctuate significantly at these sites, and so this situation needs to be reviewed. Additional space may be required for dedicated pitches at Stanley Park, in particular. Cricket facilities at Goatacre and Calne (Beversbrook) are theoretically overplayed in respect of adults. There is some theoretical overplay of the rugby pitch at Calne Recreation Ground. Planned and natural population change will impact upon the requirement for sports pitches for all 4 key sports (see later). Calne has the best rated standard of pitches of any profile area, due to the location in the area of the excellent Beversbrook and Stanley Park venues. There is a net peak-time surplus of cricket fields on Saturdays.
- **Football:** The weight of team activity within this area is such that even though there are now two full-size 3G pitches (one apiece at Stanley Park and Beversbrook) based on calculations (explained in the **Appendix B**) there is a requirement of an additional **1.62** of a full-size 3G pitch to meet the training needs of teams in the area. The above figure takes into account the existing venues which are already heavily used. Demand will be bolstered by future population growth; this is unlikely to come from within the Calne area itself, but from neighbouring Chippenham. Additional provision would be best located at Stanley Park given the existing physical and management infrastructure, and the large and growing population. Future population change within the Calne area itself will not result in a need for additional grass pitches beyond the existing stock.
- **Cricket:** Future changes in the local population will not require additional cricket pitch provision beyond the existing stock, but there should be a focus on maintaining and improving existing key venues, perhaps with the provision of non-turf strips.
- **Rugby:** Given the very small nature of this club, the main issue will be in respect of encouraging further teams before improvements to facilities can be justified.
- **Hockey:** The focus on hockey development locally should be on the nearby Chippenham Club (see the Chippenham Profile).



**Estimated future changes in team numbers in the area, and resulting change in demand for pitches**

The following combines projected natural population change with the likely impact of allocated growth in the core strategy up to 2026, and identifies what the likely change in team numbers will be, together with the likely impact in grass pitch numbers required. The method of calculation and assumptions are explained in the **Appendix A**.

**Table E: Future pitch requirements**

Age Groups	A. Total new teams	B. Total extra matches per week (A*0.5)	C. Matches per pitch	D. Pitches required(B/C)
Mini-soccer (6-9 mixed gender)	-2.3	-1.15	4	-0.3
Junior football (10-15 male)	-5.6	-2.8	2	-1.4
Junior football (10-15 female)	0.5	0.25	2	0.1
Senior football (16-45 male)	0.2	0.1	2	0.0
Senior football (16-45 female)	0.1	0.05	2	0.0
Mini-rugby (7-12 mixed gender)	nil	-	0	0.0
Junior rugby (13-18 male)	nil	-	0	0.0
Junior rugby (13-18 female)	nil	-	0	0.0
Senior rugby (19-45 male)	0.3	0.15	2	0.1
Senior rugby (19-45 female)	nil	-	2	nil
Junior cricket (7-17 male)	0.2	0.1	0	0.0
Junior cricket (7-17 female)	0.4	0.2	0	0.0
Senior cricket (18-55 male)	0.1	0.05	3	0.0
Senior cricket (18-55 female)	0.0	0	3	0.0
Junior hockey (11-15 male)	nil	-	0	0.0
Junior hockey (11-15 female)	nil	-	0	0.0
Senior hockey (16-45 male)	nil	-	4	nil
Senior hockey (16-45 female)	nil	-	4	nil

These changes in themselves will not necessarily require additional pitch space that cannot already be found. Because some sports cohorts don't currently have teams representing them, future projections are not made. However, sports development initiatives can change things, although such change is not likely to be significantly, and has therefore been discounted.

**Site Specific Actions****Table F: Site specific actions**

Where?	What?	When? (Short =0-3 years; Medium = 3-6 years; Long = 6+ years)	Partners
Stanley Park	<b>Football:</b> Expand site to provide additional full-size 3G pitch	Long	FA, Wiltshire Council, Developer contributions
	<b>Football:</b> Any additional pitches required from the future growth of population in Chippenham should be provided for through the expansion of Stanley Park.	Long	FA, Wiltshire Council, Developer contributions
Beverbrook Sportsground	<b>Cricket:</b> Provision of non-turf strip	Medium	ECB, Wiltshire Council, Developer contributions
Goatacre FC	<b>Cricket:</b> Provision of non-turf strip	Medium	ECB, Wiltshire Council, Developer contributions



### Chippenham

The Chippenham Community Board area is in the north west of the County of Wiltshire. In terms of population, it is the largest community board in Wiltshire. It is dominated by the one settlement, the historic market town of Chippenham. The surrounding area is one of small villages and farms and is very rural in nature. There are 16 parishes across the community area and no other towns. Chippenham has been, and will continue to be the recipient of major strategic growth allocations within the development plan.

**Table A: Population<sup>6</sup>**

Area	2015 population	2026 population	Population trend-based change (2015-2026)	Allocated housing in core strategy to 2026
Chippenham (15,886 hectares)	45,761	46,787	1,026	5,090

**Table B: Pitch sport team numbers**

2015 AGE GROUPS	2015 AGE GROUP POPULATION	2015 TEAMS
Mini-soccer (6-9 mixed gender)	2,213	7
Junior football (10-15 male)	1,997	10
Junior football (10-15 female)	1,731	0
Senior football (16-45 male)	8,492	19
Senior football (16-45 female)	8,232	0
Mini-rugby (7-12 mixed gender)	3,360	6
Junior rugby (13-18 male)	1,976	8
Junior rugby (13-18 female)	1,742	0
Senior rugby (19-45 male)	7,607	5
Senior rugby (19-45 female)	7,375	0
Junior cricket (7-17 male)	3,129	11
Junior cricket (7-17 female)	3,085	4
Senior cricket (18-55 male)	11,700	18
Senior cricket (18-55 female)	11,470	1
Junior hockey (11-15 male)	1,400	2
Junior hockey (11-15 female)	1,465	3
Senior hockey (16-45 male)	8,492	5
Senior hockey (16-45 female)	8,232	4

<sup>6</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

**Key grass pitch sport sites**

All sites within the Community Board area are identified in the Needs Assessment and underlying databases. The following have been identified as key sites with the Community Board area. The priority ranking is relative to its estimated importance to pitch sports strategically, and within Wiltshire generally. A lower order ranking (such as a '3') does not mean that a site does not have importance in a local context.

**Table C: Supply and Use of key local grass pitch sport sites (figures based on 2015 data and estimates)**

Priority Order (1,2,3,4)	Name	Pitches							Teams (i.e. male and female, all age-groups)			Net site capacity			
		Adult Football	Youth Football (11v11)	Youth Football (9v9)	Minisoccer (7v7)	Minisoccer (5v5)	Cricket Fields	Adult Rugby	Mini Rugby	Football team count	Rugby team count	Cricket team count	Net site football capacity	Net site adult grass wicket capacity	Net site rugby capacity
2	Castle Combe Sports Field	1		1		1				17	0	0	7.13	0	
2	off Yatton Road, Biddestone	1						2		6	0	14	-1.5	-10	
2	Chippenham RFC (Allington Fields)								3	4	0	17	0	0	-8.75
2	Chippenham Sports Club cricket field							1		0	0	10	0	5	
2	Chippenham Sports Club/Hardenhuish Park	1								3	0	10	0	0	
3	Seagry Cricket Club							1		0	0	2	0	10	
3	Kington Langley Playing Field	1				1		1		1	0	1	8.5	25	
3	The Green Recreation Ground, Christian Malford					1		1		0	0	2	4	10	
3	off The Street, Grittleton							1		0	0	1	0	25	
3	Jubilee Playing Field	1								1	0	0	1.5	0	
3	Sheldon School	3							3	4	0	2	1	0	
3	Sutton Benger Recreation Ground	1	1			1		1	1	2	1	2	6	10	1.5

The currently unused Westinghouse Sports Club Sportsground is not included in the above list as it is closed to use, although it remains undeveloped. It has planning consent for residential development. The major Stanley Park site is located on the edge of Chippenham, and is used heavily by local football clubs. However, it is actually just within the Calne Community Board Area, and is dealt with in that profile.

**AGP provision**

There is AGP provision at the following site(s). Stanley Park has a full-size 3G AGP, and is dealt with in the Calne profile.

**Table D: AGP provision locally**

Name	Sub area	AGP type	Facility Status	Access Type	Surface	Hockey matchplay compliant
CHIPPENHAM SPORTS CLUB (see below for hockey team numbers)	Chippenham	Sand full-size	Operational	Sports Club / Community Association	Sand Filled	TRUE

**Sport-by-Sport overview (see Needs Assessment for details)**

- **Football:** Much community football activity has been decanted from the urban area in recent years to the Stanley Park complex (see Calne profile). The major sites for football are therefore Castle Combe Sportsground, where there is multiple team activity through Castle Combe Colts; and, around Hardenhuish Park (Chippenham FC)
- **Cricket:** The two biggest clubs are located at Biddestone (Biddestone CC); and Chippenham (Chippenham CC play at the Chippenham Sports Club, but also used Sheldon School as an overflow site). There are smaller, outlying clubs.
- **Rugby:** All rugby club activity is focussed on the Allington Field site, which is the home of Chippenham RFU.
- **Hockey:** All club hockey activity is focussed on the AGP at Chippenham Sports Club which houses an overall club structure including adult and junior teams for both genders. The combined team numbers currently are 9 adults and 5 juniors.

**Current and likely future issues:**

- **General:** There is an overall peaktime shortage of 11v11 and 9v9 youth football pitches in the area on Sunday PM and Sunday AM respectively. The biggest issues are likely to be at Castle Combe Recreation Ground. The age-group requirements will fluctuate significantly at these sites, and so this situation needs to be reviewed. Cricket facilities at Biddestone (off Yatton Road) are theoretically overplayed in respect of adults. There is some theoretical overplay of pitches at rugby pitches at Allington Field (Chippenham RUFC). Planned and natural population change will impact upon the requirement for sports pitches for all 4 key sports (see later). Most football pitches in the area are rated as being of standard quality based on FA approved rating systems. There is a net peak-time surplus of cricket fields on Saturdays, although see comments for cricket (below).
- **Football:** there is an issue in respect of access to AGP provision both for training and, increasingly for match play. New provision will be best focussed on a new or expanded existing venue that will have both natural and artificial turf provision, and appropriate ancillary accommodation. Based on calculations (explained in the **Appendix B**) there is a requirement of **0.9** of a full-size 3G pitch to meet the training needs of teams in the area. Demand will be bolstered by future population growth.
- **Cricket:** 1) Chippenham CC may require access to a bone fide second ground, especially if population growth leads to additional demand. An improved school venue might help with this; but better still the reopening of the Westinghouse Sports Club, if possible. Currently, with Chippenham CC being the main club in the town they are best placed to take on the management of a new cricket facility. Additionally, Chippenham CC would like an improved second ground in place of using Sheldon School. The current ground at Westinghouse would be a strong preference in terms of a site for Cricket. Geographically it is based opposite to Chippenham Sports Club; the home of Chippenham CC and so it is ideally placed to become an extension of Chippenham Sports Club. For a new ground in Chippenham to be further out of the town would lose the geographical benefits that Westinghouse could bring. 2) a casual cricket venue (such as a non-turf pitch in a large public park) might be a way to encourage informal cricket activity in the form of Last Man Standing, and Twenty20 versions of the game. The Biddestone Club are looking to improve their facilities, and it is important that the value of such clubs which help to maintain the profile of sport in rural areas are recognised.
- **Rugby:** The needs assessment suggests that there is a continued need for improved drainage and maintenance at Allington Fields due to heavy use and wear and tear. A rugby compliant AGP may also help in this solution. The RFU have shortlisted this site for a possible World Rugby Complaint AGP within the RFU National Programme. Future rugby growth in the area should continue to be focussed on this venue.
- **Hockey:** The Chippenham Hockey Club is a successful and vibrant club with adults and juniors, and it is essential that the club infrastructure is protected, maintained and improved to continue to allow for full hockey matchplay compliance into the future, and taking into account future changes in demand.

**Estimated future changes in team numbers in the area, and resulting change in demand for pitches**

The following combines projected natural population change with the likely impact of allocated growth in the core strategy up to 2026, and identifies what the likely change in team numbers will be, together with the likely impact in grass pitch numbers required. The method of calculation and assumptions are explained in the **Appendix A**.

**Table E: Future pitch requirements**

Age Groups	A. Total new teams	B. Total extra matches per week (A*0.5)	C. Matches per pitch	D. Pitches required (B/C)
Mini-soccer (6-9 mixed gender)	4.4	2.2	4	0.6
Junior football (10-15 male)	5.9	2.95	2	1.5
Junior football (10-15 female)	0	-		
Senior football (16-45 male)	5.8	2.9	2	1.4
Senior football (16-45 female)			2	
Mini-rugby (7-12 mixed gender)	0.9	0.45	0	0.0
Junior rugby (13-18 male)	0.3	0.15	0	0.0
Junior rugby (13-18 female)			0	0.0
Senior rugby (19-45 male)	1.0	0.5	2	0.3
Senior rugby (19-45 female)			2	
Junior cricket (7-17 male)	1.8	0.9	0	0.0
Junior cricket (7-17 female)	-0.2	-0.1	0	0.0
Senior cricket (18-55 male)	2.5	1.25	3	0.4
Senior cricket (18-55 female)	0.0	-	3	0.0
Junior hockey (11-15 male)	0.3	0.15	0	0.0
Junior hockey (11-15 female)	-0.1	-0.05	0	0.0
Senior hockey (16-45 male)	0.5	0.25	4	0.1
Senior hockey (16-45 female)	0.1	0.05	4	0.0

These changes in themselves will not necessarily require additional pitch space that cannot already be found. However, they will increase demand on existing facilities, and require the improvement and expansion of existing key venues to cope with these increased demands. In respect of cricket there may be pressure for a new ground to absorb extra Saturday adult play, but this may be resolved by the re-opening of the disused Westinghouse Sportsground. With regard to football it may be desirable to explore improvements/extensions to Stanley Park (in the Calne Community Board area).

Because some sports cohorts don't currently have teams representing them, future projections are not made. However, sports development initiatives can change things, although such change is not likely to be significantly, and has therefore been discounted.

**Site Specific Actions****Table F: Site specific actions**

<b>Where?</b>		<b>What?</b>	<b>When?</b> (Short =0-3 years; Medium = 3-6 years; Long = 6+ years)	<b>Partners</b>
Stanley Park (see Calne profile)		<b>Football:</b> Expansion to facilities including improved turf and AGP provision (see Calne profile)	Long	FA, Developer contributions, Calne Town Council
Allington Fields		<b>Rugby:</b> Programme of drainage and maintenance improvements to better sustain use (this might include an AGP-see below). All local rugby investment should be focussed on this venue (The RFU have shortlisted this site for a possible World Rugby Complaint AGP within the RFU National Programme.)	Short	RFU, Developer contributions, Club
Ideally, Westinghouse Sports Club		<b>Cricket:</b> Secure and improve facilities for second venue for Chippenham CC	Medium/Long	ECB, Wilts Council
Biddestone CC		<b>Cricket:</b> Enlarge changing accommodation	Medium	ECB, club
Public Park (TBC)		<b>Cricket:</b> Explore scope for zoning area for casual cricket (with provision of non-turf wicket)	Short	Chippenham Town Council, ECB
Chippenham Sports Club AGP		<b>Hockey:</b> On-going protection and maintenance of AGP and ancillary facilities to provide compliancy with relevant match play levels. All local hockey investment should be focussed on this venue	Short to medium	EH, Developer contributions, club



### **Corsham**

The Corsham Community Area covers countryside in the north-west of the County of Wiltshire. It comprises the historic market town of Corsham and the large parishes of Box, Colerne and Lacock and encompasses many small rural settlements. The area is a popular location for commuters to Bath, Chippenham and Bristol. The A4 from Bristol to London runs through Corsham and provides links with the nearby town of Chippenham and the city of Bath.

**Table A: Population<sup>7</sup>**

Area	2015 population	2026 population	Population trend-based change (2015-2026)	Allocated housing in core strategy to 2026
Corsham (7,652 hectares)	21,103	21,964	861	1,395

**Table B: Pitch sport team numbers**

	2015 AGE GROUP POPULATION	2015 TEAMS
Mini-soccer (6-9 mixed gender)	1,127	14
Junior football (10-15 male)	908	10
Junior football (10-15 female)	669	0
Senior football (16-45 male)	3,738	13
Senior football (16-45 female)	3,619	0
Mini-rugby (7-12 mixed gender)	1,611	12
Junior rugby (13-18 male)	902	3
Junior rugby (13-18 female)	663	0
Senior rugby (19-45 male)	3,324	4
Senior rugby (19-45 female)	3,270	0
Junior cricket (7-17 male)	1,489	4
Junior cricket (7-17 female)	1,301	4
Senior cricket (18-55 male)	4,898	9
Senior cricket (18-55 female)	4,956	0
Junior hockey (11-15 male)	628	0
Junior hockey (11-15 female)	544	0
Senior hockey (16-45 male)	3,738	1
Senior hockey (16-45 female)	3,619	3

<sup>7</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

**Key grass pitch sport sites**

All sites within the Community Board area are identified in the Needs Assessment and underlying databases. The following have been identified as key sites with the Community Board area. The priority ranking is relative to its estimated importance to pitch sports strategically, and within Wiltshire generally. A lower order ranking (such as a '3') does not mean that a site does not have importance in a local context.

**Table C: Supply and Use of key local grass pitch sport sites (figures based on 2015 data and estimates)**

Priority Order (1,2,3,4)	Name	Pitches						Teams (i.e. male and female, all age-groups)					Net site capacity		
		Adult Football	Youth Football (11v11)	Youth Football (9v9)	Minisoccer (7v7)	Minisoccer (5v5)	Cricket Fields	Adult Rugby	Mini Rugby	Football team count	Rugby team count	Cricket team count	Net site football capacity	Net site adult grass wicket capacity	Net site rugby capacity
1	Leafy Lane, Hawthorn	3	1	1	4					23	0	2	10.25	10	
2	Corsham Cricket Club									0	0	11	0	-5	
2	Corsham Town Football and Rugby Clubs	1							2	3	12	0	1.13	0	-0.38
3	Green Lane Recreation Centre	1								7	0	0	1	0	
3	Meriton Recreation Ground, Corsham	1								1	0	0	2.5	0	
3	The Playing Field (Lacock)	1								2	0	2	2	10	
3	Box Recreation Ground	1								1	0	2	2.5	10	
3	Colerne RUFC (Higgins Field)								1	0	6	0	0	0	-1.63

**AGP provision**

There is AGP provision at the following site(s).

**Table D: AGP provision locally**

Name	Sub area	AGP type	Facility Status	Access Type	Surface	Hockey matchplay compliant
CORSHAM TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB	Corsham	Sand half-size	Operational	Pay and Play	Sand Filled	FALSE
LEAFY LANE	Corsham	3G half-size	Operational	Pay and Play	Rubber crumb pile (3G)	FALSE
SPRINGFIELD COMMUNITY CAMPUS (see below for hockey team numbers)	Corsham	Sand full-size	Operational	Pay and Play	Sand Filled	TRUE

**Sport-by-Sport overview (see Needs Assessment for details)**

- **Football:** Football activity is very much focussed on three key clubs and site: AFC Corsham at Leafy Lane; FC Colerne Colts (Green Lane, Colerne); and Corsham Town FC (sharing a site with the local rugby club)
- **Cricket:** There are three clubs in the area. Corsham CC is much the larger and plays at two venues (Corsham Recreation Ground, and Leafy Lane). There are also Box and Lacock CCs with town teams apiece. The latter would benefit from facility improvements to allow it to play at a higher league level.
- **Rugby:** There are two clubs: Corsham RUFC (shares ground with local town football club); and Colerne RUFC (Higgins Field, Colerne).
- **Hockey:** There is a recently established hockey club at the Springfield Campus with women's and men's teams, and juniors. There are currently 4 adult teams (3 female).



**Current and likely future issues:**

- **General:** Overall, there is no major peak time shortage of pitches in the area, although there is a pinch point for Youth 11v11 and 9v9 on Sunday PM and Saturday AM respectively. Leafy Lane is the busiest site in this regard, and there is likely to be temporary over marking of some pitches. The existence of well-used small AGPs for activity help greatly to reduce pressure on the pitches at this site. Corsham Cricket Club's grass wickets are heavily used, as are the rugby pitches at Corsham Town Rugby and Football Club. Planned and natural population change will impact upon the requirement for sports pitches for all 4 key sports (see later). Most football pitches in the area are rated as being of standard quality based on FA approved rating systems; but there some venues that are rated as good, including the locally important Leafy Lane. The peak-time supply of cricket fields on Saturdays is finely balanced, although see comments for cricket (below).
- **Football:** there is an issue in respect of access to AGP provision both for training and, increasingly for matchplay. Based on calculations (explained in the **Appendix B**) there is a requirement of **0.88** of a full-size 3G pitch to meet the training needs of teams in the area. Demand will be bolstered by future population growth. The above figure takes into account the existing small-sided provision which is heavily used. The other AGP in Corsham is a new sand-based facility and in a venue for a growing an establishing hockey club, so conversion to a 3G surface would be wrong.
- **Cricket:** The Corsham Club should ideally have a dedicated second ground, and not have to play at Leafy Lane. Their existing venue is subject to issues with cricket balls affecting nearby housing and the need to nets to be erected and taken down for matches.
- **Rugby:** The Corsham Club has stated a need for more pitch space, given that the site is shared with football. A floodlight upgrade is also desirable to support training.
- **Hockey:** The new club at Corsham should be encouraged, but the surface should be afforded long-term protection to allow hockey to continue to operate at this venue. Opportunity for a clubhouse should be encouraged and supported.

**Estimated future changes in team numbers in the area, and resulting change in demand for pitches**

The following combines projected natural population change with the likely impact of allocated growth in the core strategy up to 2026, and identifies what the likely change in team numbers will be, together with the likely impact in grass pitch numbers required. The method of calculation and assumptions are explained in the **Appendix A**.

**Table E: Future pitch requirements**

Age Groups	A. Total new teams	B. Total extra matches per week (A*0.5)	C. Matches per pitch	D. Pitches required (B/C)
Mini-soccer (6-9 mixed gender)	0.9	0.45	4	0.1
Junior football (10-15 male)	3.0	1.5	2	0.7
Junior football (10-15 female)	nil	-	2	
Senior football (16-45 male)	1.1	0.55	2	0.3
Senior football (16-45 female)			2	
Mini-rugby (7-12 mixed gender)	0.7	0.35	0	0.0
Junior rugby (13-18 male)	0.7	0.35	0	0.0
Junior rugby (13-18 female)	nil	-	0	0.0
Senior rugby (19-45 male)	0.1	0.05	2	0.0
Senior rugby (19-45 female)	nil	-	2	nil
Junior cricket (7-17 male)	1.0	0.5	0	0.0
Junior cricket (7-17 female)	0.8	0.4	0	0.0
Senior cricket (18-55 male)	0.4	0.2	3	0.1
Senior cricket (18-55 female)	nil	-	3	nil
Junior hockey (11-15 male)	nil	-	0	0.0
Junior hockey (11-15 female)	nil	-	0	0.0
Senior hockey (16-45 male)	0.1	0.05	4	0.0
Senior hockey (16-45 female)	0.0	-	4	0.0

These changes in themselves will not necessarily require additional pitch space that cannot already be found. However, they will increase demand on existing facilities, and require the improvement and expansion of existing key venues to cope with these increased demands.

Because some sports cohorts don't currently have teams representing them, future projections are not made. However, sports development initiatives can change things, although such change is not likely to be significantly, and has therefore been discounted.

### Site Specific Actions

**Table F: Site specific actions**

<b>Where?</b>	<b>What?</b>	<b>When?</b> (Short =0-3 years; Medium = 3-6 years; Long = 6+ years)	<b>Partners</b>
Leafy Lane, Corsham	<b>Football/Cricket:</b> Look to rationalisation of this site to make it dedicated for football. See relocation recommendations for cricket below.	Medium	FA, Developer contributions, Corsham Town Council, Wiltshire Council
Leafy Lane, Corsham	<b>Football:</b> Provide a 60 x 40 metre 3G AGP (floodlit), to supplement existing provision.	Medium	FA, Developer contributions, Corsham Town Council, Wiltshire Council
Corsham Town Football and Rugby Club	<b>Rugby:</b> Improve floodlights for training. In the longer-term explore possibility for long-term relocation of club, perhaps in association with Cricket Club. This will enable both sports to further develop.	Short	RFU, Developer contributions, Club, Wiltshire Council
Site search	<b>Cricket:</b> site search for a better venue for Corsham CC so that it can collocate its teams and avoid current issues with respect to nearby housing at its current main venue. This could be in conjunction with the Rugby Club (above).	Medium/Long	ECB, Developer contributions, Corsham Town Council, Wiltshire Council
Lacock Cricket Club	Pavilion upgrade – the club has 400 sq meters of the Red Lion Car Park available to construct a multi-purpose facility	Medium	ECB, Wiltshire Council, Developer contributions
Springfield Campus	<b>Hockey:</b> On-going protection and maintenance of AGP and ancillary facilities to provide compliancy with relevant matchplay levels. All local hockey investment should be focussed on this venue. Investigate feasibility of a clubhouse.	Medium	EH, Developer contributions, club



**Devizes**

The Devizes Community Area covers mainly rural countryside in the middle of the County of Wiltshire. The one major settlement is the ancient market town of Devizes. Whilst some of the villages surrounding it, such as the Lavingtons, are large enough to have their own secondary school and shops, the hinterland is mainly one of small villages and farms and is rural in nature. Devizes acts as the main service centre for the community area.

**Table A: Population<sup>8</sup>**

Area	2015 population	2026 population	Population trend-based change (2015-2026)	Allocated housing in core strategy to 2026
Devizes (21,642 hectares)	33,743	38,325	4,582	2,500

**Table B: Pitch sport team numbers**

2015 AGE GROUPS	2015 AGE GROUP POPULATION	2015 TEAMS
Mini-soccer (6-9 mixed gender)	1,515	18
Junior football (10-15 male)	1,357	18
Junior football (10-15 female)	1,178	0
Senior football (16-45 male)	5,531	13
Senior football (16-45 female)	5,487	1
Mini-rugby (7-12 mixed gender)	2,282	5
Junior rugby (13-18 male)	1,438	5
Junior rugby (13-18 female)	1,233	1
Senior rugby (19-45 male)	4,899	4
Senior rugby (19-45 female)	4,879	1
Junior cricket (7-17 male)	2,135	21
Junior cricket (7-17 female)	2,198	1
Senior cricket (18-55 male)	7,831	21
Senior cricket (18-55 female)	7,711	2
Junior hockey (11-15 male)	993	3
Junior hockey (11-15 female)	993	3
Senior hockey (16-45 male)	5,531	2
Senior hockey (16-45 female)	5,487	2

<sup>8</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

**Key grass pitch sport sites**

All sites within the Community Board area are identified in the Needs Assessment and underlying databases. The following have been identified as key sites with the Community Board area. The priority ranking is relative to its estimated importance to pitch sports strategically, and within Wiltshire generally. A lower order ranking (such as a '3') does not mean that a site does not have importance in a local context.

**Table C: Supply and Use of key local grass pitch sport sites (figures based on 2015 data and estimates)**

Priority Order (1,2,3,4)	Name	Pitches						Teams (i.e. male and female, all age-groups)					Net site capacity		
		Adult Football	Youth Football (11v11)	Youth Football (9v9)	Minisoccer (7v7)	Minisoccer (5v5)	Cricket Fields	Adult Rugby	Mini Rugby	Football team count	Rugby team count	Cricket team count	Net site football capacity	Net site adult grass wicket capacity	Net site rugby capacity
1	Devizes Sports Club						2	2	1	1	15	9	-0.5	40	-6.13
2	Devizes Town Football Club	1								13	0	0	-4.13	0	
2	Spaniel's Bridge						1			0	0	11	0	-5	
3	Potterne Cricket Club						1			0	0	5	0	-20	
3	off Green Lane, Devizes		1		1	1				10	0	0	3.63	0	
3	All Cannings Village Green	1								1	0	0	2.5	0	
3	Jubilee Field	1		1						5	0	0	4.5	0	
3	Cricket Ground, West Lavington						1	1		0	0	2	0	10	
3	Erlestoke & Coulston Cricket Club						1			0	0	2	0	25	
3	Dauntsey's School							3		1	0	0	-0.88	0	
3	Spye Park Cricket Club						1			0	0	6	0	-5	
3	Urchfont Cricket Club						1			0	0	5	0	10	
3	West Lavington Playing Field	1	1							2	0	0	3	0	
3	All Cannings Bridge House Cricket Pitch						1			0	0	3	0	25	
3	Lavington School	2			1			1		1	0	0	2.5	0	
3	The Elisha Field, Market Lavington		1	1			1			1	0	2	1.88	10	
3	Sands Lane, Rowde	2								3	0	0	4.5	0	

**AGP provision**

There is AGP provision at the following site(s).

**Table D: AGP provision locally**

Name	Sub area	AGP type	Facility Status	Access Type	Surface	Hockey matchplay compliant
DEVIZES LEISURE CENTRE (see below for hockey team numbers)	Devizes	Sand full-size	Operational	Pay and Play	Sand Filled	TRUE
DAUNTSEYS SCHOOL	Devizes	Sand full-size	Operational	Private Use	Sand Dressed	TRUE
DAUNTSEYS SCHOOL	Devizes	Sand full-size	Operational	Private Use	Sand Filled	TRUE
DAUNTSEYS SCHOOL	Devizes	Sand half-size	Operational	Private Use	Sand Dressed	FALSE

**Sport-by-Sport overview (see Needs Assessment for details)**

- **Football:** The biggest clubs in the area are Devizes Town Football Club, Bishop Cannings Youth FC, Bromham Youth FC, Worton & Cheverell (Youth) FC. These Club play mainly and respectively at Devizes Town FC ground, Green Lane Recreation Ground, Jubilee Playing Field, and Drove Lane Market Lavington. Devizes Town FC also make use of the adjacent primary school for its youngest teams.
- **Cricket:** Devizes CC is biggest local club, and plays at the Devizes Sports Club. However, there are other significant clubs, which include Spye Park CC, Potterne CC (at Potterne and Spaniel's Bridge), Urchfont CC, and Bishop Cannings (at Spaniels Bridge). See the above table for further details. A developing site is the new Erlestoke and Coulston CC ground, which this small club now owns, and has been looking for partner sports.
- **Rugby:** The Devizes RUFC play at the Devizes Sports Club.
- **Hockey:** The local Devizes Hockey Club play at the leisure centre. It currently fields 4 adult and 6 junior teams.

**Current and likely future issues:**

- **General:** There is no apparent peak time shortage of pitches in the area, although there is heavy use of football pitches at Devizes FC. Pottene CCs grass wickets are heavily used, as are rugby pitches at the Devizes Sports Club. Planned and natural population change will impact upon the requirement for sports pitches for all 4 key sports (see later). Most football pitches in the area are rated as being of standard quality based on FA approved rating systems. There is a net peak-time surplus of cricket fields on Saturdays.
- **Football:** there is an issue in respect of access to AGP provision both for training and, increasingly for match play. Based on calculations (explained in the **Appendix B**) there is a requirement for **1.2** of a full-size 3G pitch to meet the training needs of teams in the area. Demand will be bolstered by future population growth. There are no suitable existing venues in the area, and the existing sand AGP at the leisure centre is not suited to conversion, as it is used by a thriving hockey club. The Devizes FC ground cannot accommodate all its teams without overflow onto adjacent school land, and will require relocation in the longer term. The opportunity here is a colocation onto a new site, perhaps in conjunction with a 3G pitch. This might require (and could be facilitated by) the development of the existing ground, perhaps for housing. The longer term population growth in the area will not require a growth in the existing stock of pitch space, but there should be a corresponding solution worked out to move the Devizes Club onto a bigger site
- **Cricket:** Cricket within the area appears to be holding up well, with some strong local clubs. However, the developing Erlestoke and Coulston Ground owned by the club, requires a better pavilion and utility supply.
- **Rugby:** Despite recent drainage improvements the Rugby Club pitches are still heavily used, and improved training space would be helpful. In the longer term an extension of the sports club into adjacent land would be desirable to provide space for more pitches and training. Future growth in population will not require additional cricket space, but there should be focussed improvements on the Sports Club site, and maybe an extension to the site.
- **Hockey:** The existing hockey surface at the leisure centre should be protected and maintained for hockey. The provision of a 3G pitch might help to provide additional time on the leisure centre pitch to allow the hockey club to grow, by removing some of the football use. The club has both adults and juniors. Opportunity for a clubhouse should be encouraged and supported.

**Estimated future changes in team numbers in the area, and resulting change in demand for pitches**

The following combines projected natural population change with the likely impact of allocated growth in the core strategy up to 2026, and identifies what the likely change in team numbers will be, together with the likely impact in grass pitch numbers required. The method of calculation and assumptions are explained in the **Appendix A**.

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Age Groups	A. Total new teams	B. Total extra matches per week (A*0.5)	C. Matches per pitch	D. Pitches required (B/C)
Mini-soccer (6-9 mixed gender)	0.9	0.45	4	0.1
Junior football (10-15 male)	3.0	1.5	2	0.7
Junior football (10-15 female)	nil	-	2	nil
Senior football (16-45 male)	1.1	0.55	2	0.3
Senior football (16-45 female)	nil	-	2	nil
Mini-rugby (7-12 mixed gender)	0.7	0.35	0	0.0
Junior rugby (13-18 male)	0.7	0.35	0	0.0
Junior rugby (13-18 female)	nil	-	0	0.0
Senior rugby (19-45 male)	0.1	0.05	2	0.0
Senior rugby (19-45 female)	nil	-	2	nil

Junior cricket (7-17 male)	1.0	0.5	0	0.0
Junior cricket (7-17 female)	0.8	0.4	0	0.0
Senior cricket (18-55 male)	0.4	0.2	3	0.1
Senior cricket (18-55 female)	nil	-	3	nil
Junior hockey (11-15 male)	nil	-	0	0.0
Junior hockey (11-15 female)	nil	-	0	0.0
Senior hockey (16-45 male)	0.1	0.05	4	0.0
Senior hockey (16-45 female)	0.0	-	4	0.0

These changes in themselves will not necessarily require additional pitch space that cannot already be found. However, they will increase demand on existing facilities, and require the improvement and expansion of existing key venues to cope with these increased demands.

Because some sports cohorts don't currently have teams representing them, future projections are not made. However, sports development initiatives can change things, although such change is not likely to be significantly, and has therefore been discounted.

**Site Specific Actions****Table F: Site specific actions**

<b>Where?</b>	<b>What?</b>	<b>When?</b> (Short =0-3 years; Medium = 3-6 years; Long = 6+ years)	<b>Partners</b>
Site search	<b>Football:</b> A new site to collocate Devizes FC onto a bigger site, and with a full-size 3G pitch. The playing fields at Green Lane might be an option.	Long	FA, Wiltshire Council, Developer contributions, Club
Devizes FC Ground	<b>Football:</b> In association with the above, the removal of this ground and its use for alternative purposes.	Long	FA, Wiltshire Council, Developer contributions, Club
Green Lane	<b>Football:</b> Provide changing rooms to allow for more use, and to help reduce pressures experienced at Devizes Town FC	Medium	FA, Wiltshire Council, Developer contributions, Club
Devizes Sports Club	<b>Rugby:</b> Longer term expansion of site to provide better training space.	Long	RFU, Wiltshire Council, Developer contributions, Club
Erlestoke & Coulston CC	<b>Cricket:</b> help with utility supplies to ground and clubhouse.	Medium	ECB, Developer contributions, Wiltshire Council
Devizes Leisure Centre (AGP)	<b>Hockey:</b> long-term protection and maintenance of the existing surface for hockey, and provide more space for junior play on Sundays through providing the (above) 3G which would release some space due to football use moving elsewhere. Investigate feasibility of a clubhouse.	Medium	EH, Wiltshire Council, Club, Developer contributions.



### Malmesbury

The Malmesbury Community Area covers mainly rural countryside in the northwest of the County of Wiltshire. It is dominated by the one major settlement, the ancient market town of Malmesbury. The surrounding area is one of small villages and farms and is very rural in nature. There are 20 parishes across the community area and no other towns. The town of Malmesbury provides a range of shops and facilities, but the nearby towns of Chippenham and Cirencester, (Gloucestershire), provide local alternatives.

**Table A: Population<sup>9</sup>**

Area	2015 population	2026 population	Population trend-based change (2015-2026)	Allocated housing in core strategy to 2026
Malmesbury (24,532 hectares)	20,104	22,330	2,226	1,395

**Table B: Pitch sport team numbers**

2015 AGE GROUPS	2015 AGE GROUP POPULATION	2015 TEAMS
Mini-soccer (6-9 mixed gender)	1,016	12
Junior football (10-15 male)	898	13
Junior football (10-15 female)	722	2
Senior football (16-45 male)	3,045	13
Senior football (16-45 female)	3,126	0
Mini-rugby (7-12 mixed gender)	1,527	6
Junior rugby (13-18 male)	855	5
Junior rugby (13-18 female)	670	0
Senior rugby (19-45 male)	2,715	3
Senior rugby (19-45 female)	2,816	0
Junior cricket (7-17 male)	1,403	5
Junior cricket (7-17 female)	1,291	1
Senior cricket (18-55 male)	4,431	11
Senior cricket (18-55 female)	4,623	0
Junior hockey (11-15 male)	656	0
Junior hockey (11-15 female)	607	0
Senior hockey (16-45 male)	3,045	0
Senior hockey (16-45 female)	3,126	0

<sup>9</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



**Key grass pitch sport sites**

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**Table C: Supply and Use of key local grass pitch sport sites (figures based on 2015 data and estimates)**

Priority Order (1,2,3,4)	Name	Pitches					Teams (i.e. male and female, all age-groups)			Net site capacity					
		Adult Football	Youth Football (11v11)	Youth Football (9v9)	Minisoccer (7v7)	Minisoccer (5v5)	Cricket Fields	Adult Rugby	Mini Rugby	Football team count	Rugby team count	Cricket team count	Net site football capacity	Net site adult grass wicket capacity	Net site rugby capacity
2	Malmesbury Youth FC (Red Bull Pitches)		3	1	2	3				15	0	0	5.25	0	
2	Minety Playing Fields						1	3		2	13	1	-1	25	-3.25
3	Bradstone Sports Field	1					1			2	0	1	1	25	
3	The Green, Dauntsey									0	0	1	0	0	
3	Great Somerford FC	1								1	0	0	1.5	0	
3	Malmesbury Victoria Football Ground	1								6	0	0	-2.5	0	
3	off Tetbury Lane, Charlton						1			0	0	7	0	25	
3	off High Road, Ashton Keynes	1		1	2	1				9	0	0	7	0	
3	The Worthys						1			0	0	3	0	-5	
3	Oaksey Playing Field	1	1				1			2	0	2	2.75	10	
3	The Sports Field, Sherston	1								3	0	0	1.13	0	
3	Prinkney Park, Sherston						1			0	0	2	0	10	

**AGP provision**

There is no current AGP provision.

**Sport-by-Sport overview (see Needs Assessment for details)**

- **Football:** The biggest clubs in the area in terms of team numbers are the following (grounds in brackets): Malmesbury Youth FC (Red Bull Pitches); Ashton Keynes Youth F.C. (High Road Playing Fields); Malmesbury Victoria F.C. (Flying Monk Playing Field). The Red Bull ground is the most significant venue for junior and youth football.
- **Cricket:** Malmesbury CC is the largest club in the area which plays at two grounds (The Worthys, off Tetbury Lane, Charlton; there are smaller clubs playing at other venues.
- **Rugby:** Minety RUFC are a well-established local club with 13 teams playing at Minety Playing Fields
- **Hockey:** There is no hockey club located in this area.

**Current and likely future issues:**

- **General:** There is no current overall peak-time shortage of pitches in the area, although there is heavy use at some locations, including Minety Recreation Ground for rugby, The Worthys for cricket, and Malmesbury Victoria FC. Planned and natural population change will impact upon the requirement for sports pitches for all 4 key sports (see later). Most football pitches in the area are rated as being of standard quality based on FA approved rating systems. There is a net peak-time surplus of cricket fields on Saturdays.
- **Football:** The Red Bull site has drainage and capacity issues restricting it growing further, and they also require additional training lights to allow for mid-week activity in the winter. There is an issue in respect of access to AGP provision both for training and, increasingly for match play. Based on calculations (explained in the **Appendix B**) there is a requirement of **1.1** of a full-size 3G pitch to meet the training needs of teams in the area. Demand will be bolstered by future population growth. There are no existing 3G pitches in the area, and none that could be converted to such a surface. If such a pitch were to be provided the best functioning venue might be at the Red Bull site, but this would probably be unacceptable on planning grounds. A venue in the town, at a school, or even as a match play surface for Malmesbury Victoria FC might be alternatives. In any event, the priority should be for floodlighting and drainage improvements at the Red Bull site. Planned population change will not result in a need to increase the amount of grass pitch space, and the focus should be on qualitative improvements (such as the above).
- **Cricket:** Planned population change will not result in a need to increase the amount of grass pitch space, and the focus should be on qualitative improvements. The focus of these improvements should be at the Malmesbury CC venues, with appropriate upgrading to the pavilions and perhaps the provision of a non-turf strip.
- **Rugby:** Planned population change will not result in a need to increase the amount of grass pitch space, and the focus should be on qualitative improvements. The focus of these improvements should be at the Minety RUFC venue at Minety Playing Fields. There is a need to provide better drainage on the 'back pitches' and some fixed floodlights to take some of the pressure off match day pitches. In addition, the pavilion needs improvement to allow better accommodation for juniors and females.
- **Hockey:** Given the rural location, and lack of a pitch. It would be inappropriate to encourage a hockey club to start up in the area. The focus of improvements to the hockey infrastructure should be on Chippenham.

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Junior football (10-15 male)	2.4	1.2	2	0.6
Junior football (10-15 female)	0.2	0.1	2	0.0
Senior football (16-45 male)	2.6	1.3	2	0.6
Senior football (16-45 female)	nil	-	2	nil
Mini-rugby (7-12 mixed gender)	0.5	0.25	0	0.0
Junior rugby (13-18 male)	0.7	0.35	0	0.0
Junior rugby (13-18 female)	nil	-	0	0.0
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Junior cricket (7-17 male)	1.0	0.5	0	0.0
Junior cricket (7-17 female)	0.2	0.1	0	0.0
Senior cricket (18-55 male)	1.1	0.55	3	0.2
Senior cricket (18-55 female)	nil	-	3	nil
Junior hockey (11-15 male)	nil	-	0	0.0
Junior hockey (11-15 female)	nil	-	0	0.0
Senior hockey (16-45 male)	nil	-	4	nil
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Red Bull Pitches	<b>Football:</b> Drainage improvements and floodlighting	Medium	FA, Wiltshire Council, Developer contributions
Site search	Location for a full size 3G pitch within the town of Malmesbury. However, this is not a priority relative to the above actions for the Red Bull pitches	Medium/Long	FA, Wiltshire Council, Developer contributions
The Worthys; and, off Tetbury Lane, Charlton	<b>Cricket:</b> Improvements to older pavilion structures and provision of a non-turf strip at one of these grounds.	Medium/Long	ECB, Wiltshire Council, Developer contributions
Minety Playing Fields	<b>Rugby:</b> Improvements to pitch drainage; provision of fixed training lighting; and expansion of pavilion to accommodate younger and female players.	Medium	RFU, Wiltshire Council, local trust, Developer contributions

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2	off Frees Avenue, Marlborough (site in two parts)			1	1	1		2		13	15	0	8.13	0	-5.38
2	Ramsbury Recreation Centre	1	1	1		1	1			11	0	5	3.38	10	
2	Marlborough Cricket Club									0	0	8	0	-10	
3	Mildenhall CC									0	0	2	0	10	
3	Avebury Sports Field	1								3	0	1	-0.88	25	
3	Elcot Lane Playing Field	2								9	0	0	0	0	
3	off Manor Lane, Broad Hinton									0	0	2	0	10	
3	St John's School & Community College	2						3		1	0	0	1.5	0	

**AGP provision**

There is AGP provision at the following site(s).

**Table D: AGP provision locally**

Name	Sub area	AGP type	Facility Status	Access Type	Surface	Hockey matchplay compliant
RAMSBURY RECREATION CENTRE	Marlborough	Sand half-size	Operational	Pay and Play	Sand Filled	FALSE
MARLBOROUGH COLLEGE (see below for hockey team numbers)	Marlborough	Sand full-size	Operational	Sports Club / Community Association	Sand Dressed	TRUE
MARLBOROUGH COLLEGE	Marlborough	Sand full-size	Operational	Sports Club / Community Association	Sand Dressed	TRUE

**Sport-by-Sport overview (see Needs Assessment for details)**

- **Football:** The biggest clubs in the area in terms of team numbers are the following (grounds in brackets): Marlborough Town F.C. (Elcot Lane), Marlborough Youth (Frees Avenue), Ramsbury FC and Ramsbury Youth FC (Ramsbury Recreation Ground). There are other smaller clubs and venues.
- **Cricket:** The biggest local clubs are Marlborough CC (Savernake); and, Ramsbury CC (Ramsbury Recreation Ground). There are smaller clubs in the outlying villages, such as White Horse CC in Broad Hinton fielding 2 adult teams.
- **Rugby:** Marlborough RUFC has 15 teams and is based on common land off Frees Avenue. It shares sports space with local football teams.
- **Hockey:** The Marlborough Hockey Club uses pitches at Marlborough College, and currently fields 6 adult and 3 junior teams.

**Current and likely future issues:**

- **General:** There are no major peaktime shortages of pitches within the area, although there is a theoretical shortage of pitches on Sundays for youth football, largely at Elcot Lane playing field. There is also heavy use of football and rugby pitches at Frees Avenue, and theoretically heavy use of cricket facilities at Marlborough CC. Planned and natural population change will impact upon the requirement for sports pitches for all 4 key sports (see later). Most football pitches in the area are rated as being of standard quality based on FA approved rating systems, although Ramsbury Recreation centre is noted for its good quality pitches. There is a net peak-time surplus of cricket fields on Saturdays.
- **Football:** there is an issue in respect of access to AGP provision both for training and, increasingly for match play. Based on calculations (explained in the **Appendix B**) there is a requirement of **1.1** of a full-size 3G pitch to meet the training needs of teams in the area. Demand will be bolstered by future population growth. There is no existing such provision in the area, and no facilities that can be converted. The small AGP at Ramsbury is heavily used, and in too rural a location for upgrade, and the Marlborough College pitches are used heavily for hockey outside the curriculum. The provision of a 3G pitch in the area really also needs to take into account the needs of the neighbouring Pewsey area which is also lacking such provision, but which is unlikely to be able to sustain such a facility in its own right. Some key clubs are spread across more than one venue. Ramsbury FC does not have a floodlit main pitch which may hamper progression to a higher level. Planned population change will not result in a need to increase the amount of grass pitch space, and the focus should be on qualitative improvements, such as at Frees Avenue, and Elcot Lane.
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- **Rugby:** Planned population change will not result in a need to increase the amount of grass pitch space, and the focus should be on qualitative improvements. The focus of these improvements should be at the Marlborough RUFC site. In particular, the expansion of the pavilion to accommodate the large number of teams (only two changing rooms at present).
- **Hockey:** The Hockey Club would ideally like to have a clubhouse on the Marlborough College grounds, as its current clubhouse is shared with the Cricket Club at Savernake, which causes dysfunctionality and potential loss of income. The Marlborough Hockey Club is a successful and vibrant club with adults and juniors. It has a clubhouse shared with the Cricket Club at Savernake some distance away from the Marlborough College pitches. Opportunity for a clubhouse on the Marlborough College grounds would be advantageous.

**Estimated future changes in team numbers in the area, and resulting change in demand for pitches**

The following combines projected natural population change with the likely impact of allocated growth in the core strategy up to 2026, and identifies what the likely change in team numbers will be, together with the likely impact in grass pitch numbers required. The method of calculation and assumptions are explained in the **Appendix A**.

**Table E: Future pitch requirements**

Age Groups	A. Total new teams	B. Total extra matches per week (A*0.5)	C. Matches per pitch	D. Pitches required (B/C)
Mini-soccer (6-9 mixed gender)	-0.2	-0.1	4	0.0
Junior football (10-15 male)	2.9	1.45	2	0.7
Junior football (10-15 female)	0.5	0.25	2	0.1
Senior football (16-45 male)	-0.6	-0.3	2	-0.2
Senior football (16-45 female)	-0.1	-0.05	2	0.0
Mini-rugby (7-12 mixed gender)	0.2	0.1	0	0.0
Junior rugby (13-18 male)	0.5	0.25	0	0.0
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Senior rugby (19-45 male)	-0.7	-0.35	2	-0.2
Senior rugby (19-45 female)	nil	-	2	nil
Junior cricket (7-17 male)	0.8	0.4	0	0.0
Junior cricket (7-17 female)	nil	-	0	0.0
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These changes in themselves will not necessarily require additional pitch space that cannot already be found. However, they will increase demand on existing facilities, and require the improvement and expansion of existing key venues to cope with these increased demands.

Because some sports cohorts don't currently have teams representing them, future projections are not made. However, sports development initiatives can change things, although such change is not likely to be significantly, and has therefore been discounted.

### Site Specific Actions

**Table F: Site specific actions**

<b>Where?</b>	<b>What?</b>	<b>When?</b> (Short =0-3 years; Medium = 3-6 years; Long = 6+ years)	<b>Partners</b>
Site search	<b>Football:</b> full size-3G pitch to meet both the needs of the Marlborough and Pewsey areas. A potential venue for this might be at St. John's School.	Medium	FA, Wiltshire Council, Developer contributions, school
Savernake (Marlborough CC)	<b>Cricket:</b> non-turf strip.	Medium	ECB, Wiltshire Council, Developer contributions, club
Off Manor Lane, Broad Hinton (White Horse CC)	<b>Cricket:</b> further explore scope for improved new pavilion with club.	Short	ECB, Club, Wiltshire Council
Frees Avenue (Marlborough RUFC)	<b>Rugby:</b> Expansion of pavilion/changing facilities.	Short/Medium	RFU, Club, Wiltshire Council, Developer contributions
Frees Avenue (Football activity)	<b>Football:</b> When an alternative new football venue can be planned and implemented, football activity at Frees Avenue should be relocated.	Medium	ECB, Wiltshire Council, Developer contributions, club
Marlborough College (Marlborough Hockey Club)	<b>Hockey:</b> Explore scope for on-site clubhouse	Medium	EH, Wiltshire Council, Club, Marlborough College, Developer contributions

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1	The Conigre	1					1	1	5	11	18	1	-3.38	25	-15
2	Bower Hill Playing Fields	3			2	1				10	0	0	11.63	0	
3	Broughton Gifford Common	1					1			3	0	1	1.63	25	
3	St Mary's Recreation Field	1	1							3	0	0	2.13	0	
3	The Manor, High Street, Keevil						1			0	0	1	0	25	
3	Awdry Avenue Football Pitch	1								7	0	0	-2.5	0	
3	The Beeches	1								5	0	1	-1.5	0	
3	Cornflower Play Area			1						6	0	0	1.13	0	
3	King George V Playing Fields	1					1			3	0	5	-1	-5	
3	Little Marsh Playing Field									4	0	0	-2	0	
3	The Lye Field	1					1			8	0	1	0.88	25	
3	Stonar School				1	1			1	4	0	0	1.75	0	
3	Melksham Oak Community School	4	2				1	2		6	1	0	3	40	1

**AGP provision**

There is AGP provision at the following site(s).

**Table D: AGP provision locally**

Name	Sub area	AGP type	Facility Status	Access Type	Surface	Hockey matchplay compliant
STONAR SCHOOL	Melksham	Sand full-size	Operational	Sports Club / Community Association	Sand Dressed	TRUE
MELKSHAM OAK COMMUNITY SCHOOL	Melksham	Sand full-size	Operational	Sports Club / Community Association	Sand Filled	TRUE

**Sport-by-Sport overview (see Needs Assessment for details)**

- **Football:** The major football club by some distance in terms of team numbers is Melksham Town Youth FC (until Autumn 2016 playing at multiple sites including Bower Hill Playing Fields, Broughton Gifford Common, Bower Hill Playing Fields Awdry Avenue, King George V Playing Fields, Stonar School). There are several other much smaller clubs playing at these and other sites. At the time of consultation on the draft Playing Pitch Strategy and associated documentation, Melksham Town FC will be transitioning to a new venue at Woolmore Farm (further details are noted below).
- **Cricket:** Beanacre & Melksham CC is the biggest cricket club which up until recently has played at King George V Playing Fields, but is now moving to the Conigre ground. There are other small single-team clubs peppered around various recreation grounds in the area.
- **Rugby:** Melksham RUFC currently plays at the Conigre, but is moving to a new site at Woolmore Farm (see below).

- **Hockey:** There is no hockey club in the Melksham area.

**Current and likely future issues:**

- **General:** There is no apparent peak time shortage of football pitches in the area, and few apparent examples of overuse. However, football is currently dissipated over several sites in a dysfunctional way. There is heavy use of the Conigre for football and rugby, and there is heavy use of the King V Playing Field for cricket. Planned and natural population change will impact upon the requirement for sports pitches for all 4 key sports (see later). Already major changes in the local sports infrastructure are in train as a result of planned new growth and the Wiltshire Council's Community Campus proposals. The proposed campus will bring together a number of buildings from across Melksham and combine them into a single facility in the centre of town. It is anticipated that the Melksham House site with 13-acre grounds will be extensively redeveloped as a campus. The proposed campus will contain a number of community facilities and services including a cafe, sports hall, swimming pool and library. A new combined rugby and football facility at Woolmore Farm, behind Melksham Oak Community School, has been completed and will be used from the Autumn 2016 by Melksham Town FC and Melksham RFC, which are currently based on the Melksham House site (Conigre), allowing building work on the campus to start. The site will comprise of 4 rugby pitches in total, 1 full size match pitch and 3 additional pitches to accommodate training and junior match play and 12 football pitches, comprising 1 full size match pitch and 11 additional pitches to accommodate training and junior match play. Configuration of pitches will be managed on an annual basis to accommodate the changing nature of each club's structure. Site capacity data is provided for both Rugby and Cricket for Woolmore Farm within the full Needs Assessment. Football pitches in the area are variable in standard based on FA approved rating systems; the Bower Hill complex is of good standard, now, but pitches at King George V Playing Field and the Conigre have been rated as poor. The above developments may improve the situation. There is a net peak-time surplus of cricket fields on Saturdays.
- **Football:** there is an issue in respect of access to AGP provision both for training and, increasingly for match play. Based on calculations (explained in the **Appendix B**) there is a requirement of **1.90** of a full-size 3G pitch to meet the training needs of teams in the area. Demand will be bolstered by future population growth. There is no existing 3G provision in the area.
- **Cricket:** The Beanacre & Melksham CC will be moving to a ground at the Conigre as part of the campus proposals. This will allow the club to expand and improve its standard of play. However, to elevate itself to a higher standard the club must provide 1. Pavilion upgrade/replacement at Melksham House; 2. Sightscreens; 3. Mobile covers; 4. Accommodation for umpires; 5. Accommodation for scorers
- **Rugby:** The Melksham RUFC has experienced major problems over the years as a result of heavy wear and tear on the single pitch it had available. However, these issues will be resolved with the relocation to Woolmore Farm noted above.
- **Hockey:** There is no hockey club currently based in either Melksham, Trowbridge, or Bradford on Avon areas, and this is unfortunate given the combined population of these three areas. The existing sand based AGP at Melksham Oak Community School could provide the base for a start-up club or a satellite club to an existing club such as Devizes Hockey Club.

**Estimated future changes in team numbers in the area, and resulting change in demand for pitches**

The following combines projected natural population change with the likely impact of allocated growth in the core strategy up to 2026, and identifies what the likely change in team numbers will be, together with the likely impact in grass pitch numbers required. The method of calculation and assumptions are explained in the **Appendix A**.

Table E: Future pitch requirements

Age Groups	A. Total new teams	B. Total extra matches per week (A*0.5)	C. Matches per pitch	D. Pitches required (B/C)
Mini-soccer (6-9 mixed gender)	4.5	2.25	4	0.6
Junior football (10-15 male)	4.3	2.15	2	1.1
Junior football (10-15 female)	0.7	0.35	2	0.2
Senior football (16-45 male)	3.4	1.7	2	0.8
Senior football (16-45 female)	0.1	0.05	2	0.0
Mini-rugby (7-12 mixed gender)	1.5	0.75	0	0.0
Junior rugby (13-18 male)	0.5	0.25	0	0.0
Junior rugby (13-18 female)	0.4	0.2	0	0.0
Senior rugby (19-45 male)	0.6	0.3	2	0.2
Senior rugby (19-45 female)	nil	-	2	nil
Junior cricket (7-17 male)	1.4	0.7	0	0.0
Junior cricket (7-17 female)	nil	-	0	0.0
Senior cricket (18-55 male)	1.5	0.75	3	0.2
Senior cricket (18-55 female)	nil	-	3	nil
Junior hockey (11-15 male)	nil	-	0	0.0
Junior hockey (11-15 female)	nil	-	0	0.0
Senior hockey (16-45 male)	nil	-	4	nil
Senior hockey (16-45 female)	nil	-	4	nil

These changes in themselves will not necessarily require additional pitch space that cannot already be found. However, they will increase demand on existing facilities, and require the improvement and expansion of existing key venues to cope with these increased demands. The Woolmore Farm development will greatly assist in meeting this need.

Because some sports cohorts don't currently have teams representing them, future projections are not made. However, sports development initiatives can change things, although such change is not likely to be significantly, and has therefore been discounted.

#### Site Specific Actions

Table F: Site specific actions

Where?	What?	When? (Short =0-3 years; Medium = 3-6 years; Long = 6+ years)	Partners
Site search	<b>Football:</b> Provision of a full-size 3G pitch which should be at Woolmore Farm.	Medium	FA, Wiltshire Council, Developer contributions
Conigre	<b>Cricket:</b> 1. Pavilion upgrade/replacement; 2. Sightcreens; 3. Mobile covers; 4. Accommodation for umpires; 5. Accommodation for scorers	Medium	ECB, Wiltshire Council, Developer contributions
Woolmore Farm	<b>Rugby:</b> As per existing campus proposals	Medium	RFU, Wiltshire Council, Developer contributions
Melkham Oak Community College	<b>Hockey:</b> The viability of establishing a new hockey club or a satellite club to an existing club at this venue should be considered. This surface should be protected and maintained for hockey.	Medium	EH, Wiltshire Council, Developer contributions, School



### **Pewsey**

The Pewsey Community Board area covers rural countryside in the middle of Wiltshire known as the Pewsey Vale. It is dominated by one settlement, the ancient village of Pewsey. The community area covers a broad and rich valley between the Marlborough Downs to the north and Salisbury Plain to the south and extends to Wiltshire's eastern boundary. The surrounding area is one of small villages and large farm estates and is very rural in nature. There are 26 parishes across the community area.

**Table A: Population<sup>12</sup>**

Area	2015 population	2026 population	Population trend-based change (2015-2026)	Allocated housing in core strategy to 2026
Pewsey (26,837 hectares)	14,286	15,485	1,199	600

**Table B: Pitch sport team numbers**

2015 AGE GROUPS	2015 AGE GROUP POPULATION	2015 TEAMS
Mini-soccer (6-9 mixed gender)	1,353	27
Junior football (10-15 male)	1,243	19
Junior football (10-15 female)	1,020	3
Senior football (16-45 male)	4,640	27
Senior football (16-45 female)	4,926	4
Mini-rugby (7-12 mixed gender)	2,031	8
Junior rugby (13-18 male)	1,257	5
Junior rugby (13-18 female)	1,038	3
Senior rugby (19-45 male)	4,098	4
Senior rugby (19-45 female)	4,407	0
Junior cricket (7-17 male)	1,961	2
Junior cricket (7-17 female)	1,829	0
Senior cricket (18-55 male)	6,520	8
Senior cricket (18-55 female)	6,796	0
Junior hockey (11-15 male)	903	0
Junior hockey (11-15 female)	849	0
Senior hockey (16-45 male)	4,640	0
Junior hockey (16-45 female)	4,926	0

<sup>12</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

**Key grass pitch sport sites**

All sites within the Community Board area are identified in the Needs Assessment and underlying databases. The following have been identified as key sites with the Community Board area. The priority ranking is relative to its estimated importance to pitch sports strategically, and within Wiltshire generally. A lower order ranking (such as a '3') does not mean that a site does not have importance in a local context.

**Table C: Supply and Use of key local grass pitch sport sites (figures based on 2015 data and estimates)**

Priority Order (1,2,3,4)	Name	Pitches						Teams (i.e. male and female, all age-groups)			Net site capacity				
		Adult Football	Youth Football (11v11)	Youth Football (9v9)	Minisoccer (7v7)	Minisoccer (5v5)	Cricket Fields	Adult Rugby	Mini Rugby	Football team count	Rugby team count	Cricket team count	Net site football capacity	Net site adult grass wicket capacity	Net site rugby capacity
2	Burbage & Easton Royal Sports Club						1			0	0	9	0	-20	
2	Old Hospital Recreation Land	1		1	1	1			2	9	8	0	6.63	0	-0.88
3	off Henrys Garth, Burbage	1		1						1	0	0	6.5	0	
3	off Alton Road, Wilcot						1			0	0	3	0	25	
3	off Frog Lane Bedwyn						1			0	0	3	0	-5	
3	off The Lynch, Shalbourne	1					1			1	0	1	2.5	25	
3	Pewsey Vale Football Club	1								4	0	0	-0.13	0	
3	Milton Lilbourne Recreation land		1							1			1		

**AGP provision**

There is no AGP provision.

**Sport-by-Sport overview (see Needs Assessment for details)**

- **Football:** Football activity in the area is dominated by Pewsey Vale Youth FC (playing at the Old Hospital); and Pewsey Vale FC (based largely at their own ground).
- **Cricket:** The following clubs are based in the area: Burbage and Easton Royal CC (Burbage & Easton Royal Sports Club -now with two fields adjacent to each other); Wilcot CC (off Alton Road, Wilcot); Great Bedwyn CC (off Frog Lane Bedwyn); Shalbourne CC (off The Lynch, Shalbourne). With 9 teams the Burbage and Easton Royals are much the biggest club.
- **Rugby:** Pewsey Vale RUFC are based at the Old Hospital ground and has 9 teams over the age groups.
- **Hockey:** There is no hockey club in the area (the nearest being in Marlborough).

**Current and likely future issues:**

- **General:** There is little evidence of a peak time shortage of pitches in the area, although a key local football club has to field its teams on more than one ground (see below). There is little evidence of overuse of playing surfaces and venues, generally. Planned and natural population change will impact upon the requirement for sports pitches for all 4 key sports (see later). Most football pitches in the area are rated as being of standard quality or better based on FA approved rating systems. There is a net peak-time surplus of cricket fields on Saturdays.
- **Football:** Based on calculations (explained in the **Appendix B**) there is a requirement of **0.36** of a full-size 3G pitch to meet the training needs of teams in the area. There is no existing such provision in the area, currently. A 'shared' provision with the Marlborough area could be a viable solution given the proximity of Pewsey to that town. The Pewsey Vale Youth FC has to use two sites, as an 11v11 youth pitch cannot be provided at its main site, given other requirements. This age group plays at Milton Lilbourne. Both Pewsey Vale Youth and Pewsey FCs have issues over midweek season training as there is no AGP in the area. For the Youth Club, a solution might be portable training lights, or the conversion of the hard-surface court to a half-size, RFU-compliant 3G AGP of an appropriate specification, which might also be used by the rugby club. The clubs and school can agree a sustainable business plan. Pewsey Vale FC has concerns over the failure of their ground to meet Level H grading which has allowed the FA to withdraw the club from the FA Cup and Vase. Potentially if not rectified the Club could also be relegated from the Sydenhams League. Planned population change will not result in a need to increase the amount of grass pitch space, and the focus should be on qualitative improvements, at The Old Hospital, and Pewsey Vale FC.

- **Cricket:** The Planned population change will not result in a need to increase the amount of grass pitch space, and the focus should be on qualitative improvements. The two fields at Burbage and Royal Easton CC would be well-placed to receive any such improvements. Although facilities are already of a fairly good standard, there is the potential to improve the quality of the square(s) and perhaps the level of maintenance. Shalbourne Parish and Shalbourne Social Club are preparing plans to provide an upgraded pavilion at the Lynch, which might be of significant community as well as sports value in that very remote part of Wiltshire.
- **Rugby:** The Planned population change will not result in a need to increase the amount of grass pitch space, and the focus should be on qualitative improvements, at the Old Hospital ground, which could include assistance with the development of a proper clubhouse, for which there is already planning permission.
- **Hockey:** Given the rural location, and lack of a pitch it would be inappropriate to encourage the establishment of a hockey club in this area, given the small population and the proximity of a club at Marlborough.

#### **Estimated future changes in team numbers in the area, and resulting change in demand for pitches**

The following combines projected natural population change with the likely impact of allocated growth in the core strategy up to 2026, and identifies what the likely change in team numbers will be, together with the likely impact in grass pitch numbers required. The method of calculation and assumptions are explained in the **Appendix A**.

**Table E: Future pitch requirements**

<b>Age Groups</b>	<b>A. Total new teams</b>	<b>B. Total extra matches per week (A*0.5)</b>	<b>C. Matches per pitch</b>	<b>D. Pitches required (B/C)</b>
Mini-soccer (6-9 mixed gender)	0.7	0.35	4	0.1
Junior football (10-15 male)	1.4	0.7	2	0.3
Junior football (10-15 female)	nil	-	2	nil
Senior football (16-45 male)	1.1	0.55	2	0.3
Senior football (16-45 female)	nil	-	2	nil
Mini-rugby (7-12 mixed gender)	0.3	0.15	0	0.0
Junior rugby (13-18 male)	nil	-	0	0.0
Junior rugby (13-18 female)	0.1	0.05	0	0.0
Senior rugby (19-45 male)	0.2	0.1	2	0.1
Senior rugby (19-45 female)	nil	-	2	nil
Junior cricket (7-17 male)	0.8	0.4	0	0.0
Junior cricket (7-17 female)	nil	-	0	0.0
Senior cricket (18-55 male)	0.0	-	3	0.0
Senior cricket (18-55 female)	0.0	-	3	0.0
Junior hockey (11-15 male)	nil	-	0	0.0
Junior hockey (11-15 female)	nil	-	0	0.0
Senior hockey (16-45 male)	nil	-	4	nil
Senior hockey (16-45 female)	nil	-	4	nil

These changes in themselves will not necessarily require additional pitch space that cannot already be found. However, they will increase demand on existing facilities, and require the improvement and expansion of existing key venues to cope with these increased demands.

Because some sports cohorts don't currently have teams representing them, future projections are not made. However, sports development initiatives can change things, although such change is not likely to be significantly, and has therefore been discounted.

**Site Specific Actions****Table F: Site specific actions**

<b>Where?</b>	<b>What?</b>	<b>When?</b> (Short =0-3 years; Medium = 3-6 years; Long = 6+ years)	<b>Partners</b>
Burbage and Easton Royals Cricket Club	<b>Cricket:</b> Improvements to cricket square and maintenance.	Short	ECB, Wiltshire Council, Developer contributions, Club
The Old Hospital land (Football side)	<b>Football:</b> training lights.	Medium	FA, Wiltshire Council, Developer contributions, parish council
The Old Hospital land (Rugby side- Angela Yeates Memorial Ground)	<b>Rugby:</b> pavilion/clubhouse <b>Rugby/Football:</b> Potential upgrade of hard court area to a ½ size rugby/football compliant 3G pitch (floodlit), if the clubs and school can agree a sustainable business model. (It is recognised that this may not be and RFU priority for funding).	Medium	FA, RFU, Wiltshire Council, Developer contributions, parish council



### **Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade**

The Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Community Board area hosts a wide range of communities that range from small hamlets to four major settlements that include the two market towns of Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade, as well as Purton and the developing Defence College of Technical Training at Lyneham. Covering a mainly rural hinterland, the community area is dissected by the M4 motorway which gives easy access to both Bristol and London, but it is the nearby thriving town of Swindon that provides the real economic generator for the area. The community area covers 154 square kilometres and has a population density just above the Wiltshire average. The larger settlements act almost as dormitory suburbs of Swindon.

**Table A: Population<sup>13</sup>**

Area	2015 population	2026 population	Population trend-based change (2015-2026)	Allocated housing in core strategy to 2026
Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade (15,374 hectares)	30,083	33,294	3,211	1,455

**Table B: Pitch sport team numbers**

2015 AGE GROUPS	2015 AGE GROUP POPULATION	2015 TEAMS
Mini-soccer (6-9 mixed gender)	1,321	23
Junior football (10-15 male)	1,172	25
Junior football (10-15 female)	907	0
Senior football (16-45 male)	5,446	14
Senior football (16-45 female)	4,881	2
Mini-rugby (7-12 mixed gender)	1,943	8
Junior rugby (13-18 male)	1,181	8
Junior rugby (13-18 female)	974	1
Senior rugby (19-45 male)	4,912	6
Senior rugby (19-45 female)	4,388	0
Junior cricket (7-17 male)	1,896	11
Junior cricket (7-17 female)	1,692	2
Senior cricket (18-55 male)	7,499	10
Senior cricket (18-55 female)	7,018	0
Junior hockey (11-15 male)	823	2
Junior hockey (11-15 female)	771	2
Senior hockey (16-45 male)	5,446	3

<sup>13</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



	Senior hockey (16-45 female)	4,881	3
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### Key grass pitch sport sites

All sites within the Community Board area are identified in the Needs Assessment and underlying databases. The following have been identified as key sites with the Community Board area. The priority ranking is relative to its estimated importance to pitch sports strategically, and within Wiltshire generally. A lower order ranking (such as a '3') does not mean that a site does not have importance in a local context.

*n.b. As explained in Introduction, playing pitch provision in Royal Wootton Bassett has changed and improved markedly, even during the time of the needs assessment underpinning this strategy. This is especially the case at Gerard Buxton and Ballards Ash Sportsgrounds. Because of this the below table does not provide the most up-to-date situation at either of these sites in terms of pitch numbers or teams/sports playing at the venues.*

**Table C: Supply and Use of key local grass pitch sport sites (figures based on 2015 data and estimates)**

Priority Order (1,2,3,4)	Name	Pitches							Teams (i.e. male and female, all age-groups)			Net site capacity			
		Adult Football	Youth Football (11v11)	Youth Football (9v9)	Minisoccer (7v7)	Minisoccer (5v5)	Cricket Fields	Adult Rugby	Mini Rugby	Football team count	Rugby team count	Cricket team count	Net site football capacity	Net site adult grass wicket capacity	Net site rugby capacity
1	Ballards Ash Sports Ground	1	1		1	1	1	4		30	20	0	-5.13	25	-6.25
3	Cricklade Leisure Centre	2								10	0	0	0.38	0	
3	Southam and the Water Pitches						1	2		0	0	6	0	-5	
3	Purton Cricket Club						1			0	0	8	0	-5	
3	Chesnut Springs Playing Field		1	1	2	1				9	0	0	9.5	0	
3	The Red House	1								3	0	0	0.5	0	
3	Gerard Buxton Playing Field	1					1			3	0	9	0	-10	
3	Fairview Field, Cricklade							1		0	1	0	0	0	1

### AGP provision

There is AGP provision at the following locations.

**Table D: AGP provision locally**

Name	Sub area	AGP type	Facility Status	Access Type	Surface	Hockey matchplay compliant
CRICKLADE LEISURE CENTRE (see below for hockey team numbers)	Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade	Sand half-size	Operational	Pay and Play	Sand Filled	FALSE
GERARD BUXTON SPORTS GROUND	Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade	3G full-size				FALSE
ROYAL WOOTTON BASSETT ACADEMY	Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade	Sand full-size	Operational	Pay and Play	Sand Filled	TRUE
PRIOR PARK PREPARATORY SCHOOL	Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade	Sand half-size	Operational	Private Use	Sand Filled	FALSE

**Sport-by-Sport overview (see Needs Assessment for details)**

- **General note:** The above data relates to a time before the completion of initiatives at the Gerard Buxton Sports Ground and Ballards Ash in Royal Wootton Bassett. The sporting landscape of the Royal Wootton Bassett area in particular has undergone major change with developments around the Gerard Buxton Playing Fields and the Ballards Ash Sports Ground. The former has now become a hub venue for football and cricket, and the latter for Rugby. Upon completion of these projects clubs and teams have moved around for football and cricket in particular.
- **Football:** Wootton Basset Youth FC are now a major user of Gerard Buxton Sports Ground. Other notable clubs and sites include Lydiard Millicent Juniors FC (Chestnut Springs Playing Field); Purton FC (Bradon Forest School and The Redhouse). In addition, various teams use Cricklade Leisure Centre. There are other smaller sites.
- **Cricket:** The following clubs are based in the area: Royal Wootton Bassett CC (Gerard Buxton Playing Field fielding 9 teams); Purton CC (Purton Cricket Club fielding 8 teams); Cricklade CC (Southam and the Water Pitches fielding 6 teams).
- **Rugby:** Royal Wootton Bassett RUFC is a big club fielding 20 teams across the age groups and based at Ballards Ash. There is one other single-team club playing at Fairview Field, Cricklade.
- **Hockey:** Wootton Bassett Hockey Club fields 10 teams across both men and ladies, and juniors (6 adult and 4 junior teams). The club play at the Royal Wootton Bassett Academy. Opportunity for a clubhouse should be encouraged and supported.

**Current and likely future issues:**

- **General:** At the time of writing this strategy, the sporting landscape in Royal Wootton Bassett was changing dramatically, with the Gerard Buxton Sportsground being relocated to an impressive new site, and the new focus on rugby at Ballards Ash. With these developments there is now likely to be little evidence of overuse of grass pitches for any sport, or peaktime shortages. Planned and natural population change will impact upon the requirement for sports pitches for all 4 key sports (see later). Most football pitches in the area are rated as being of standard quality based on FA approved rating systems; but the recent development of the new Gerard Buxton sports hub will have improved the situation significantly. There is a net peak-time surplus of cricket fields on Saturdays.
- **Football:** Based on calculations (explained in the **Appendix B**) there is a requirement of **0.5** of a full-size 3G pitch to meet the training needs of teams in the area. There is already one such facility (at Gerard Buxton). No other AGPs in the area have potential for conversion, and the facility at the Academy is relied upon by the local hockey club. Demand will be bolstered by future population growth. But not sufficiently to provide for a second full-size 3G pitch. Planned population change will not result in a need to increase the amount of grass pitch space, and the focus should be on qualitative improvements. The Red House site does not have floodlights, and this has presented resident clubs from playing in higher level leagues.
- **Cricket:** With the completion of the RBWB CC to Gerard Buxton, this biggest of local clubs is now well provided for on its two-field venue. Planned population change will not result in a need to increase the amount of grass pitch space, and the focus should be on qualitative improvements. The Purton and Cricklade clubs may benefit from non-turf strips. Purton CC are in discussions with Lydiard Millicent Parish Council and Lydiard Park Academy about developing a 2nd ground for Purton CC at the school, and which would service the neds of a 3rd team and junior cricket, this meeting with the club's aspirations to grow its membership.
- **Rugby:** Planned population change will not result in a need to increase the amount of grass pitch space, and the focus should be on qualitative improvements. At Ballards Ash the Club looks to require drainage and changing room improvements to keep up with the growth in team numbers across the age groups. The site is shortlisted for a potential World Rugby Compliant AGP within RFU National Programme.
- **Hockey:** Planned population change will not result in a need to increase the amount of AGP space. However, the provision of the 3G pitch at Gerard Buxton may allow hockey the time and space at the Academy to develop further. The existing surface needs to be protected and upgraded, and ideally a clubhouse on-site.

**Estimated future changes in team numbers in the area, and resulting change in demand for pitches**

The following combines projected natural population change with the likely impact of allocated growth in the core strategy up to 2026, and identifies what the likely change in team numbers will be, together with the likely impact in grass pitch numbers required. The method of calculation and assumptions are explained in **the Appendix A.**

**Table E: Future pitch requirements**

Age Groups	A. Total new teams	B. Total extra matches per week (A*0.5)	C. Matches per pitch	D. Pitches required (B/C)
Mini-soccer (6-9 mixed gender)	2.6	1.3	4	0.3
Junior football (10-15 male)	4.7	2.35	2	1.2
Junior football (10-15 female)	nil	-	2	nil
Senior football (16-45 male)	3.1	1.55	2	0.8
Senior football (16-45 female)	0.1	0.05	2	0.0
Mini-rugby (7-12 mixed gender)	0.9	0.45	0	0.0
Junior rugby (13-18 male)	1.0	0.5	0	0.0

Age Groups	A. Total new teams	B. Total extra matches per week (A*0.5)	C. Matches per pitch	D. Pitches required (B/C)
Junior rugby (13-18 female)	-0.1	-0.05	0	0.0
Senior rugby (19-45 male)	1.0	0.5	2	0.2
Senior rugby (19-45 female)	nil	-	2	nil
Junior cricket (7-17 male)	1.7	0.85	0	0.0
Junior cricket (7-17 female)	0.1		0	0.0
Senior cricket (18-55 male)	1.5		3	0.3
Senior cricket (18-55 female)	nil		3	nil
Junior hockey (11-15 male)	0.4		0	0.0
Junior hockey (11-15 female)	0.1		0	0.0
Senior hockey (16-45 male)	0.5		4	0.1
Senior hockey (16-45 female)	0.1		4	0.0

These changes in themselves will not necessarily require additional pitch space that cannot already be found. However, they will increase demand on existing facilities, and require the improvement and expansion of existing key venues to cope with these increased demands.

Because some sports cohorts don't currently have teams representing them, future projections are not made. However, sports development initiatives can change things, although such change is not likely to be significantly, and has therefore been discounted.

#### Site Specific Actions

**Table F: Site specific actions**

Where?	What?	When? (Short =0-3 years; Medium = 3-6 years; Long = 6+ years)	Partners
Ballards Ash	<b>Rugby:</b> Improvements to drainage and changing rooms. (The site is shortlisted for a potential World Rugby Compliant AGP within RFU National Programme.)	Medium	RFU, Wiltshire Council, Town Council, Developer contributions
Cricklade and Purton CCs	<b>Cricket:</b> Non-turf strips or other appropriate smaller scale improvements.	Medium	ECB, Wiltshire Council, Developer contributions
Purton CC	<b>Cricket:</b> Establish details of plans for a second ground for Purton CC, with regard to their facility aspirations and requirements.	Short	ECB, Wiltshire Council, Developer contributions
Royal Wootton Bassett Academy	<b>Hockey:</b> Protection and overhaul of AGP surface for hockey club. Explore scope for on-site club house.	Medium	EH, Wiltshire Council, Developer contributions



### Salisbury

Salisbury Community Board area is made up of the mediaeval cathedral city only and, as a consequence, is the only one of Wiltshire's 20 community area's that does not have a rural hinterland surrounding its market town and service centre. The City is the largest single urban settlement in the County, but its lack of a hinterland ranks the community area as the 3rd most populous after Chippenham and Trowbridge. Beyond its world renowned heritage and landscape setting, Salisbury acts as an important centre of business, leisure, retail and services. It provides a great deal of employment and serves a wide catchment area made up of many of the surrounding smaller towns.

**Table A: Population**<sup>14</sup>

Area	2015 population	2026 population	Population trend-based change (2015-2026)	Allocated housing in core strategy to 2026
Salisbury (1,924 hectares)	41,703	41,628	-75	6,060

**Table B: Pitch sport team numbers**

2015 AGE GROUPS	2015 AGE GROUP POPULATION	2015 TEAMS
Mini-soccer (6-9 mixed gender)	1,987	14
Junior football (10-15 male)	1,526	21
Junior football (10-15 female)	1,321	2
Senior football (16-45 male)	7,525	28
Senior football (16-45 female)	7,609	0
Mini-rugby (7-12 mixed gender)	2,801	6
Junior rugby (13-18 male)	1,568	5
Junior rugby (13-18 female)	1,345	0
Senior rugby (19-45 male)	6,822	5
Senior rugby (19-45 female)	6,918	0
Junior cricket (7-17 male)	2,501	3
Junior cricket (7-17 female)	2,522	0
Senior cricket (18-55 male)	9,995	9
Senior cricket (18-55 female)	10,210	0
Junior hockey (11-15 male)	1,069	7
Junior hockey (11-15 female)	1,110	7
Senior hockey (16-45 male)	7,525	6
Senior hockey (16-45 female)	7,609	5

<sup>14</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

**Key grass pitch sport sites**

All sites within the Community Board area are identified in the Needs Assessment and underlying databases. The following have been identified as key sites with the Community Board area. The priority ranking is relative to its estimated importance to pitch sports strategically, and within Wiltshire generally. A lower order ranking (such as a '3') does not mean that a site does not have importance in a local context.

**Table C: Supply and Use of key local grass pitch sport sites (figures based on 2015 data and estimates)**

Priority Order (1,2,3,4)	Name	Pitches						Teams (i.e. male and female, all age-groups)					Net site capacity		
		Adult Football	Youth Football (11v11)	Youth Football (9v9)	Minisoccer (7v7)	Minisoccer (5v5)	Cricket Fields	Adult Rugby	Mini Rugby	Football team count	Rugby team count	Cricket team count	Net site football capacity	Net site adult grass wicket capacity	Net site rugby capacity
1	Salisbury & South Wilts Sports Club	2					2				0	10	5.5	-5	
2	Hudsons Field	3			2	1		2		6	13	0	9	0	-4.25
3	Victoria Park pitch	1								4	0	0	-1	0	
3	Middle Street Meadow	1								3	0	0	1.5	0	
3	Bemerton Heath Harlequins Football Club	1								6	0	0	-0.63	0	
3	Pembroke Park Primary School			1						12	0	0	-3.5	0	
3	Hampton Park Pavilion				1		1			0	0	2	1	10	
3	Harnham Recreation Ground	1								7	0	0	-1.13	0	
3	Bishopdown	1								6	0	0	-2	0	

**AGP provision**

There is AGP provision at the following locations.

**Table D: AGP provision locally**

Name	Sub area	Availability	Facility Status	Access Type	Surface	Hockey matchplay compliant
SALISBURY & SOUTH WILTS SPORTS CLUB (see below for hockey team numbers)	Salisbury	A2	Operational	Pay and Play	Sand Dressed	TRUE
CHAFYN GROVE SCHOOL	Salisbury	B	Operational	Private Use	Sand Filled	FALSE

**Sport-by-Sport overview (see Needs Assessment for details)**

- **Football:** The biggest clubs in the area in terms of team numbers are the following (grounds in brackets): Sarum Youth Football FC (largely Pembroke Park Primary School); Salisbury City Youth F.C. (largely Salisbury & South Wilts Sports Club); Bemerton Heath Harlequins F.C. (at the BHHFC ground); West Harnham (Youth) FC (Harnham Recreation Ground). Football activity in the area is dissipated around a large number of sites. Residential development surrounding the Salisbury FC complex has displaced many teams.
- **Cricket:** Salisbury & South Wilts Sports Club dominates local activity for this sport- with its main club being South Wilts, but two other smaller clubs also play there. Strategically, this is a very important multi-sport site.
- **Rugby:** Salisbury RUFC runs 15 teams across the age groups. Its senior teams play at the Castle Road pitch, and the remainder play at Hudsons field, which is also used for football, and occasionally for cricket.
- **Hockey:** Salisbury Hockey Club (fielding 25 teams across the age groups- 11 adult and 14 junior teams) is based at the strategically important Salisbury & South Wilts Sports Club.

**Current and likely future issues:**

- **General:** There does not currently appear to be a significant problem with peaktime shortage of grass pitches for any sport within the area, with the possible exception of youth football on Saturdays. Pembroke Primary School is heavily used. There is theoretically heavy use of grass wickets for adult cricket at the Salisbury and South Wilts Sports Club, and apparently heavy use of Hudsons Field for Rugby.

Planned and natural population change will impact upon the requirement for sports pitches for all 4 key sports (see later). Most football pitches in the area are rated as being of standard quality based on FA approved rating systems; the most notable exceptions being the heavily used Victoria Park pitch, which is rated as poor. There is a net peak-time surplus of cricket fields on Saturdays, although see comments for cricket (below).

- **Football:** there is an issue in respect of access to AGP provision both for training and, increasingly for match play. Based on calculations (explained in the **Appendix B**) there is a requirement of **1.6** of a full-size 3G pitch to meet the training needs of teams in the area. There are no existing such venues in the area, and no existing AGPs are considered to offer potential to redevelop to a 3G specification. Demand will be bolstered by future population growth, and this demand will be exacerbated by the treatment in planning terms of Salisbury City and Wilton as one area for housing allocations. (The calculations in the table below reflect this status). Youth football in particular is very footloose within the City and many teams would benefit from a consolidated long-term venue. The Five Rivers Health and Wellbeing Centre may have the potential to offer a grass pitch venue, with redesign. The existing grass pitch space is sufficient to meet changes in demand caused by population change, but there is a desperate need for at least 1 x 3G AGP.
- **Cricket:** Projected population change may generate demand for the better part of one additional cricket field. The two pitches at Salisbury & South Wilts Sports Club, and the other pitch at Hampton Park are already used, and are unlikely to have the capacity to meet future needs entirely. In addition, it is conceivable that the South Wilts CC may field a 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday teams at some point. A new venue may be required, but this would work best as part of a wider hub development.
- **Rugby:** The existing grass pitch space is sufficient to meet changes in demand caused by population change, but there is a strong need for better changing provision at Salisbury RUFC.
- **Hockey:** Projected population change will not require additional artificial pitch space for hockey, but the focus instead should be on qualitative improvements at the existing Salisbury & South Wilts Sports Club. However, the Club is already having to find alternative accommodation for some of its teams matches. If a hub venue for football was created elsewhere it might release some land currently used at the Club for football, and offer space to eventually provide a second hockey-compliant AGP at the Club.

#### **Estimated future changes in team numbers in the area, and resulting change in demand for pitches**

The following combines projected natural population change with the likely impact of allocated growth in the core strategy up to 2026, and identifies what the likely change in team numbers will be, together with the likely impact in grass pitch numbers required. The method of calculation and assumptions are explained in the **Appendix A**.

**Table E: Future pitch requirements**

Age Groups	A. Total new teams	B. Total extra matches per week (A*0.5)	C. Matches per pitch	D. Pitches required (B/C)
Mini-soccer (6-9 mixed gender)	5.0	2.5	4	0.6
Junior football (10-15 male)	8.7	4.35	2	2.2
Junior football (10-15 female)	0.9	0.45	2	0.2
Senior football (16-45 male)	5.7	2.85	2	1.4
Senior football (16-45 female)	nil	-	2	nil
Mini-rugby (7-12 mixed gender)	2.0	1.0	0	0.0
Junior rugby (13-18 male)	1.1	0.55	0	0.0
Junior rugby (13-18 female)	nil	-	0	0.0
Senior rugby (19-45 male)	1.0	0.5	2	0.2
Senior rugby (19-45 female)	nil	-	2	nil
Junior cricket (7-17 male)	3.4	1.7	0	0.0
Junior cricket (7-17 female)	nil	-	0	0.0
Senior cricket (18-55 male)	4.0	2.0	3	0.7
Senior cricket (18-55 female)	nil	-	3	nil
Junior hockey (11-15 male)	0.8	0.4	0	0.0
Junior hockey (11-15 female)	1.5	0.75	0	0.0
Senior hockey (16-45 male)	0.3	0.15	4	0.0
Senior hockey (16-45 female)	0.1	0.05	4	0.0

These changes in themselves will not necessarily require additional pitch space that cannot already be found. However, they will increase demand on existing facilities, and require the improvement and expansion of existing key venues to cope with these increased demands.

Because some sports cohorts don't currently have teams representing them, future projections are not made. However, sports development initiatives can change things, although such change is not likely to be significantly, and has therefore been discounted.

#### **Site Specific Actions**

**Table F: Site specific actions**

<b>Where?</b>	<b>What?</b>	<b>When?</b> (Short =0-3 years; Medium = 3-6 years; Long = 6+ years)	<b>Partners</b>
Site search	<b>Football:</b> one full-size 3G pitch as part of a wider hub development (potentially with rugby).	Long	FA, Wiltshire Council, Developer contributions
Salisbury RUFC	<b>Rugby:</b> changing room expansion/upgrade.	Short/Medium	RFU, Wiltshire Council, Developer contributions
Site search	<b>Cricket:</b> site for an additional cricket field. Which might be provided as part of a hub development.	Long	ECB, Wiltshire Council, Developer contributions
South & West Wilts Sports Club	<b>Hockey:</b> safeguard land for the future provision on a second hockey-compliant AGP through the decanting of football activity to a new hub site.	Long	EH, Wiltshire Council, Developer contributions



**South West Wiltshire**

This Community Board area combines three of the Council’s Community areas (Wilton, Tisbury, Mere) which together extend over an expansive and largely very rural area of renowned historic and landscape value. The town of Wilton serves as the main service centre for the Wilton community area although the City of Salisbury, just three miles to the east, provides a greater range of shops and facilities. The Tisbury Community Area is made up of 16 rural parishes in the south west of Wiltshire. Tisbury, a market town, is the most prominent in the region. The Mere Community Area covers mainly rural countryside in the south west of Wiltshire. It is dominated by one settlement, the ancient market town of Mere, and comprises seven parishes.

**Table A: Population<sup>15</sup>**

Area	2015 population	2026 population	Population trend-based change (2015-2026)	Allocated housing in core strategy to 2026
Southern Wiltshire (43,248 hectares)	23,272	26,629	3,357	1,160

**Table B: Pitch sport team numbers**

2015 AGE GROUPS	2015 AGE GROUP POPULATION	2015 TEAMS
Mini-soccer (6-9 mixed gender)	805	5
Junior football (10-15 male)	665	7
Junior football (10-15 female)	694	0
Senior football (16-45 male)	3,035	18
Senior football (16-45 female)	2,826	0
Mini-rugby (7-12 mixed gender)	1,232	0
Junior rugby (13-18 male)	654	0
Junior rugby (13-18 female)	736	0
Senior rugby (19-45 male)	2,743	2
Senior rugby (19-45 female)	2,456	0
Junior cricket (7-17 male)	1,060	14
Junior cricket (7-17 female)	1,265	0
Senior cricket (18-55 male)	4,021	15
Senior cricket (18-55 female)	3,914	0
Junior hockey (11-15 male)	460	10
Junior hockey (11-15 female)	588	10
Senior hockey (16-45 male)	3,035	10
Senior hockey (16-45 female)	2,826	10

<sup>15</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



**Key grass pitch sport sites**

All sites within the Community Board area are identified in the Needs Assessment and underlying databases. The following have been identified as key sites with the Community Board area. The priority ranking is relative to its estimated importance to pitch sports strategically, and within Wiltshire generally. A lower order ranking (such as a '3') does not mean that a site does not have importance in a local context.

*n.b. The Salisbury Youth FC teams play at the pitches off Netherhampton Road, which was not the case at the time of data capture and analysis. Therefore, the figures for this site are an estimate only of the current position.*

**Table C: Supply and Use of key local grass pitch sport sites (figures based on 2015 data and estimates)**

Priority Order (1,2,3,4)	Name	Pitches							Teams (i.e. male and female, all age-groups)			Net site capacity			
		Adult Football	Youth Football (11v11)	Youth Football (9v9)	Minisoccer (7v7)	Minisoccer (5v5)	Cricket Fields	Adult Rugby	Mini Rugby	Football team count	Rugby team count	Cricket team count	Net site football capacity	Net site adult grass wicket capacity	Net site rugby capacity
3	Fovant CC (East Farm)									0	0	4	0	-5	
3	Tisbury Lower Recreation Ground	1								2	0	0	2	0	
3	Chilmark Cricket Ground									0	0	1	0	25	
3	Kilmington & Stourton Cricket Club									0	0	7	0	10	
3	Duchy Manor	1			2					5	0	6	2.25	10	
3	Dinton Recreation Ground									0	1	4	0	-5	1.5
3	South Newton Recreation Ground	1								6	0	2	0.13	10	
3	Chalke Valley Sports Centre	1			2	2				6	0	4	9	25	
3	Mere Peace Memorial Sports & Recreation Ground	2								4	0	0	4	0	
3	cricket field at Compton Chamberlayne									0	0	1	0	25	
3	Donhead Sports Club	1								2	0	0	1	0	
3	Off Netherhampton Road	2	1							8	1	0	2.3	0	1.5

**AGP provision**

There is AGP provision at the following locations.

**Table D: AGP provision locally**

Name	Sub area	AGP type	Facility Status	Access Type	Surface	Hockey matchplay compliant
ST MARYS SCHOOL (close to Shaftesbury but just inside Wiltshire border)	South West Wiltshire	Sand full-size	Operational	Sports Club / Community Association	Sand Filled	TRUE

**Sport-by-Sport overview (see Needs Assessment for details)**

- **Football:** The biggest clubs in this rural area in terms of team numbers are the following (grounds in brackets): Chalke Valley FC (Chalke Valley Sports Centre); Mere Town Youth (Sunday) F.C. (Duchy Manor); Mere Town FC (Mere Peace Memorial Sports & Recreation Ground); South Newton & Wishford Youth FC (South Newton Recreation Ground).
- **Cricket:** The following are the biggest clubs in the area based on team numbers (home grounds in brackets): Kilmington & Stourton CC (at own home ground, as named); Mere CC (Dutchy Manor); Fovant CC (Fovant CC (East Farm)); Dinton CC (Dinton Recreation Ground); Chalke Valley CC (Chalke Valley Sports Centre).
- **Rugby:** There are two single team clubs in the area, and these are: Dinton RFC (Durrington Recreation Ground); and, Wheatsheaf Cabin Crew RFC (off Netherhampton Road near Salisbury)
- **Hockey:** There is no hockey club based in the area.

**Current and likely future issues:**

- **General:** There is no apparent peak time shortage of grass pitches of any kind within the area, and limited evidence of overuse of pitches at any venues, and certainly when compared with other areas where population is more heavily concentrated. Most football pitches in the area are rated as being of standard quality based on FA approved rating systems. There is a net peak-time surplus of cricket fields on Saturdays.
- **Football:** Based on calculations (explained in the **Appendix B**) there is a requirement of **0.7** of a full-size 3G pitch to meet the training needs of teams in the area. There is no existing such provision in the area, and no existing AGPs that can be converted to this surface type. The area cannot in itself warrant the provision of a full-size 3G pitch, but perhaps could justify smaller provision at a centrally placed venue. However, the area is geographically very large and travel time would need to be factored into the potential attraction of such a facility. A better strategy for this area might be to focus on the provision of improved training lights and other ancillary provision at key locations for football, such as Chalke Valley Sports Centre and South Newton Recreation Ground. Planned population change will not result in a need to increase the amount of grass pitch space, and the focus should be on such qualitative improvements
- **Cricket:** The planned population change will not result in a need to increase the amount of grass pitch space, and the focus should be on qualitative improvements. These may be provision of non-turf pitches and/or practice nets.
- **Rugby:** The planned population change will not result in a need to increase the amount of grass pitch space. The two one-team clubs that exist will need to demonstrate realistic growth aspirations before facility improvements can be justified for rugby at their home grounds.
- **Hockey:** It would be inappropriate to seek to establish a new club in the area given the sparse population base. Instead the focus should be on improving the offer at the nearest local clubs at Salisbury or Warminster (or other clubs outside Wiltshire, such as in Gillingham.)

**Estimated future changes in team numbers in the area, and resulting change in demand for pitches**

The following combines projected natural population change with the likely impact of allocated growth in the core strategy up to 2026, and identifies what the likely change in team numbers will be, together with the likely impact in grass pitch numbers required. The method of calculation and assumptions are explained in the **Appendix A**.

Table E: Future pitch requirements

Age Groups	A. Total new teams	B. Total extra matches per week (A*0.5)	C. Matches per pitch	D. Pitches required (B/C)
Mini-soccer (6-9 mixed gender)	1.2	0.6	4	0.1
Junior football (10-15 male)	1.2	0.6	2	0.3
Junior football (10-15 female)	nil	-	2	nil
Senior football (16-45 male)	1.1	0.55	2	0.3
Senior football (16-45 female)	nil	-	2	nil
Mini-rugby (7-12 mixed gender)	nil	-	0	0.0
Junior rugby (13-18 male)	nil	-	0	0.0
Junior rugby (13-18 female)	nil	-	0	0.0
Senior rugby (19-45 male)	0.2	0.1	2	0.1
Senior rugby (19-45 female)	nil	-	2	nil
Junior cricket (7-17 male)	-0.1	-0.05	0	0.0
Junior cricket (7-17 female)	nil	-	0	0.0
Senior cricket (18-55 male)	1.0	0.5	3	0.2
Senior cricket (18-55 female)	nil	-	3	nil
Junior hockey (11-15 male)	-0.5	-0.25	0	0.0
Junior hockey (11-15 female)	-0.1	-0.05	0	0.0
Senior hockey (16-45 male)	0.0	-	4	0.0
Senior hockey (16-45 female)	-0.5	-0.25	4	-0.1

These changes in themselves will not necessarily require additional pitch space that cannot already be found. However, they will increase demand on existing facilities, and require the improvement and expansion of existing key venues to cope with these increased demands.

Because some sports cohorts don't currently have teams representing them, future projections are not made. However, sports development initiatives can change things, although such change is not likely to be significantly, and has therefore been discounted.

#### Site Specific Actions

Table F: Site specific actions

Where?	What?	When? (Short =0-3 years; Medium = 3-6 years; Long = 6+ years)	Partners
General Recommendation	<b>Football and Cricket:</b> There is no need to provide additional pitch space as a result of population growth, as the existing pitch stock can support this growth. However, some qualitative improvements should be made to existing facilities, but these will be relatively-small scale and determined, once a clearer understanding of in which settlements growth will occurs.		



### **Southern Wiltshire**

The Southern Wiltshire Community Board Area sits in the south-east corner of Wiltshire where the chalk of the Salisbury Plain dips down to form the Hampshire Basin with its surface sands and gravels. The area's heritage is significant. There is no principal settlement although the area is peppered with smaller settlements, including Laverstock, Ford, and Downton. It has proximity to Salisbury within Wiltshire, but also to Southampton in the south east.

**Table A: Population<sup>16</sup>**

Area	2015 population	2026 population	Population trend-based change (2015-2026)	Allocated housing in core strategy to 2026
Southern Wiltshire (21,957 hectares)	21,986	22,267	281	615

**Table B: Pitch sport team numbers**

2015 AGE GROUPS	2015 AGE GROUP POPULATION	2015 TEAMS
Mini-soccer (6-9 mixed gender)	1,145	19
Junior football (10-15 male)	927	18
Junior football (10-15 female)	802	6
Senior football (16-45 male)	3,286	21
Senior football (16-45 female)	3,547	2
Mini-rugby (7-12 mixed gender)	1,672	0
Junior rugby (13-18 male)	869	0
Junior rugby (13-18 female)	815	0
Senior rugby (19-45 male)	2,905	0
Senior rugby (19-45 female)	3,138	0
Junior cricket (7-17 male)	1,471	9
Junior cricket (7-17 female)	1,513	2
Senior cricket (18-55 male)	4,736	13
Senior cricket (18-55 female)	5,122	0
Junior hockey (11-15 male)	632	0
Junior hockey (11-15 female)	671	0
Senior hockey (16-45 male)	3,286	0
Senior hockey (16-45 female)	3,547	0

<sup>16</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

**Key grass pitch sport sites**

All sites within the Community Board area are identified in the Needs Assessment and underlying databases. The following have been identified as key sites with the Community Board area. The priority ranking is relative to its estimated importance to pitch sports strategically, and within Wiltshire generally. A lower order ranking (such as a '3') does not mean that a site does not have importance in a local context.

**Table C: Supply and Use of key local grass pitch sport sites (figures based on 2015 data and estimates) (Excluded from this list is the Ray McEnhill Stadium (which is the home of Salisbury FC) due to its semi-professional status. However, it is recognised that this pitch is used on some occasions for community activity)**

Priority Order (1,2,3,4)	Name	Pitches							Teams (i.e. male and female, all age-groups)			Net site capacity			
		Adult Football	Youth Football (11v11)	Youth Football (9v9)	Minisoccer (7v7)	Minisoccer (5v5)	Cricket Fields	Adult Rugby	Mini Rugby	Football team count	Rugby team count	Cricket team count	Net site football capacity	Net site adult grass wicket capacity	Net site rugby capacity
2	Barry's Field, Winterslow	1	1							15	0	5	-6.75	-5	
2	Junction Road Recreation Ground	2								19	0	0	-16.38	0	
2	Redlynch Recreation Ground	2								3	0	11	3.5	-20	
3	Brian White Head Sports and Social Club	1								2	0	0	2	0	
3	Laverstock & Ford Sports Club	2								9	0	0	1.13	0	
3	cricket field at Coombe Bissett									0	0	1	0	25	
3	Memorial Ground, Romsey Road	1								1	0	3	1.5	-5	
3	Normansland Recreation Ground	1			1					1	0	0	3.5	0	
3	Alderbury Football Club	1								3	0	0	0.38	0	
3	Coronation Field									0	0	4	0	10	
3	Salisbury City Football Club	1			1					10	0	0	1	0	

**AGP provision**

There is no AGP provision.

**Sport-by-Sport overview (see Needs Assessment for details)**

- **Football:** The biggest clubs in the area in terms of team numbers are the following (grounds in brackets): Alderbury Youth F.C. (Junction Road Recreation Ground); Salisbury City FC (Salisbury City FC ground); Laverstock & Ford Youth FC (Laverstock & Ford Sports Club); Alderbury Youth F.C (Junction Road Recreation Ground). The Salisbury City FC ground has a geographical affinity with the City of Salisbury.
- **Cricket:** The biggest clubs in the area in terms of team numbers are the following (grounds in brackets): Redlynch & Hale CC (Redlynch Recreation Ground); Winterslow CC (Barry's Field, Winterslow); Farley CC (Coronation Field)
- **Rugby:** There are no rugby clubs in the area.
- **Hockey:** There are no hockey clubs in the area.

**Current and likely future issues:**

- **General:** Overall, there is evidence of a peaktime shortage of grass youth football pitches on both Saturdays and Sundays, notably at two key local football venues- Barry's Field and Junction Road. These grass pitch venues also appear to be heavily used. Redlynch Recreation Ground is also heavily used for adult cricket. Most football pitches in the area are rated as being of standard or good quality based on FA approved rating systems; the good pitches include those at Redlynch and Junction Road Recreation Grounds, and Barry's Field, despite their heavy use. There is a net peak-time surplus of cricket fields on Saturdays.
- **Football:** there is an issue in respect of access to AGP provision both for training and, increasingly for match play. Based on calculations (explained in the **Appendix B**) there is a requirement of **1.6** of a full-size 3G pitch to meet the training needs of teams in the area. Demand will be bolstered by future population growth. There are no existing such facilities in the area. Given the nature of the area, it might be more appropriate to provide smaller 3G provision at key local venues, such as Junction Recreation Ground and Barry's Field. There are issues surrounding the future of Salisbury FC and its home ground, although this is more geographically related to the Salisbury City area. The projected level of population change does not suggest a level of additional demand that cannot be accommodated by the existing grass pitch stock. However, there are issues in relation to the wear and tear on some pitches, and the geographical mismatch between some venues and the catchments of member users. There appears to be significant overplay at the Junction Road Recreation Ground. Alderbury FC runs both adult and youth/mini teams across two sites and would like to expand activity. However, lack of space at the existing Junction Road Recreation Ground and existing drainage/pitch maintenance issues are experienced, at this thriving local football venue. Elsewhere at Barry's Field, there are also drainage/ flooding issues, as well as a mismatch of pitch markings with team requirements. The main resident club at this site suggests that most of their players come from the Salisbury and Amesbury areas, and improved provision in those areas may reduce the need to travel to get to 'home' facilities. Laverstock Sports & Social Club also suffers from drainage issues, and poor training lights.
- **Cricket:** The projected level of population change does not suggest a level of additional demand that cannot be accommodated by the existing grass pitch stock. The quality of the bigger venues is generally quite high, although some elements of ancillary provision may need updating.
- **Rugby:** Given the rural nature of the area, it would be inappropriate to encourage the establishment of a new rugby club in this area, and potential players would be better served by improved access to the Salisbury RUFC.
- **Hockey:** Given the rural nature of the area, it would be inappropriate to encourage the establishment of a new hockey club in this area, and potential players would be better served by improved access to the Salisbury Hockey Club.

**Estimated future changes in team numbers in the area, and resulting change in demand for pitches**

The following combines projected natural population change with the likely impact of allocated growth in the core strategy up to 2026, and identifies what the likely change in team numbers will be, together with the likely impact in grass pitch numbers required. The method of calculation and assumptions are explained in the **Appendix A**.

**Table E: Future pitch requirements**

Age Groups	A. Total new teams	B. Total extra matches per week (A*0.5)	C. Matches per pitch	D. Pitches required (B/C)
Mini-soccer (6-9 mixed gender)	3.5	1.75	4	0.4
Junior football (10-15 male)	4.5	2.25	2	1.1
Junior football (10-15 female)	1.7	0.85	2	0.4
Senior football (16-45 male)	3.5	1.75	2	0.9
Senior football (16-45 female)	0.2	0.1	2	0.1
Mini-rugby (7-12 mixed gender)	nil	-	0	0.0
Junior rugby (13-18 male)	nil	-	0	0.0
Junior rugby (13-18 female)	nil	-	0	0.0
Senior rugby (19-45 male)	nil	-	2	nil
Senior rugby (19-45 female)	nil	-	2	nil
Junior cricket (7-17 male)	1.8	0.9	0	0.0
Junior cricket (7-17 female)	0.5	0.25	0	0.0
Senior cricket (18-55 male)	1.2	0.6	3	0.2
Senior cricket (18-55 female)	nil	-	3	nil
Junior hockey (11-15 male)	nil	-	0	0.0

Age Groups	A. Total new teams	B. Total extra matches per week (A*0.5)	C. Matches per pitch	D. Pitches required (B/C)
Junior hockey (11-15 female)	nil	-	0	0.0
Senior hockey (16-45 male)	nil	-	4	nil
Senior hockey (16-45 female)	nil	-	4	nil

These changes in themselves will not necessarily require additional pitch space that cannot already be found. However, they will increase demand on existing facilities, and require the improvement and expansion of existing key venues to cope with these increased demands.

Because some sports cohorts don't currently have teams representing them, future projections are not made. However, sports development initiatives can change things, although such change is not likely to be significantly, and has therefore been discounted.

### Site Specific Actions

**Table F: Site specific actions**

Where?	What?	When? (Short =0-3 years; Medium = 3-6 years; Long = 6+ years)	Partners
Ray McEnhill Stadium	<b>Football:</b> Work with Football Club and Trustees to help secure a long term future for the Football Club at the Stadium	Short/medium	FA, Wiltshire Council, Club, Club trustees
Junction Recreation Ground	<b>Football:</b> Explore opportunities for extension of Recreation Ground	Short	FA, Wiltshire Council, Parish Council, landowner, club.
	<b>Football:</b> Improve pitch drainage and surface	Medium	FA, Wiltshire Council, Parish Council, club, Developer contributions
Barry's Field	<b>Football:</b> Improve pitch drainage	Medium	FA, Wiltshire Council, Parish Council, Developer contributions
Laverstock Sport & Social Club	<b>Football:</b> Improve pitch drainage	Medium	FA, Wiltshire Council, club, Developer contributions
Potentially various cricket venues	<b>Cricket:</b> Some qualitative improvements should be made to existing facilities, but these will be relatively-small scale and determined, once a clearer understanding of in which settlements growth will occurs	Long	ECB, Wiltshire Council, Developer contributions



### Tidworth

The Tidworth Community Area covers rural countryside in the east of the County of Wiltshire bordering the County of Hampshire. There are two main settlements, Ludgershall, characterised by its castle, and the town of Tidworth. The town of Tidworth came into being with the acquisition by the Army in 1897 of large tracts of Salisbury Plain as a training ground. Since then the area has been dominated by the Army and the Tidworth, Netheravon and Bulford Garrison is one of the largest garrisons in the UK. However, the community area's history dates back far earlier than the current military dominance suggests. The numbers of military personnel and their families based in the Salisbury Plain area have been increasing since 2006 and will continue to do so under the Army 2020 rebasing plan with a number of Germany-based units relocating to Wiltshire. The aspiration for the Salisbury Plain Garrison is that it will improve the quality of life for those living and working within it, with greater stability and more opportunity for integration with the civilian community.

**Table A: Population<sup>17</sup>**

Area	2015 population	2026 population	Population trend-based change (2015-2026)	Allocated housing in core strategy to 2026
Tidworth (18,307 hectares)	20,971	30,525	9,554	1,920

**Table B: Pitch sport team numbers**

2015 AGE GROUPS	2015 AGE GROUP POPULATION	2015 TEAMS
Mini-soccer (6-9 mixed gender)	1,207	6
Junior football (10-15 male)	811	9
Junior football (10-15 female)	610	1
Senior football (16-45 male)	6,838	7
Senior football (16-45 female)	3,991	1
Mini-rugby (7-12 mixed gender)	1,579	0
Junior rugby (13-18 male)	896	0
Junior rugby (13-18 female)	580	0
Senior rugby (19-45 male)	6,367	0
Senior rugby (19-45 female)	3,708	0
Junior cricket (7-17 male)	1,388	3
Junior cricket (7-17 female)	1,232	0
Senior cricket (18-55 male)	7,618	5
Senior cricket (18-55 female)	4,874	0
Junior hockey (11-15 male)	541	0
Junior hockey (11-15 female)	498	0
Senior hockey (16-45 male)	6,838	0
Senior hockey (16-45 female)	3,991	0

<sup>17</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



**Key grass pitch sport sites**

All sites within the Community Board area are identified in the Needs Assessment and underlying databases. The following have been identified as key sites with the Community Board area. The priority ranking is relative to its estimated importance to pitch sports strategically, and within Wiltshire generally. A lower order ranking (such as a '3') does not mean that a site does not have importance in a local context.

**Table C: Supply and Use of key local grass pitch sport sites (figures based on 2015 data and estimates)**

Priority Order (1,2,3,4)	Name	Pitches							Teams (i.e. male and female, all age-groups)			Net site capacity		
		Adult Football	Youth Football (11v11)	Youth Football (9v9)	Minisoccer (7v7)	Minisoccer (5v5)	Cricket Fields	Adult Rugby	Mini Rugby	Football team count	Rugby team count	Cricket team count	Net site football capacity	Net site adult grass wicket capacity
2	Arcot Road	1					1		12	0	0	-1.13	0	
3	King George V Playing Field	1					1		0	0	1	2	25	
3	Enford Recreation Ground		1						2	0	0	0	0	
3	Ludgershall Sports & Social Club Football Ground	1							8	0	0	-3.75	0	
3	Collingbourne Ducis Recreation Ground	1					1		1	0	7	2.13	-20	
3	The Wellington Academy	1	1					1	1	0	0	1.5	0	

**AGP provision**

There is AGP provision at the following locations.

**Table D: AGP provision locally**

Name	Sub area	AGP type	Facility Status	Access Type	Surface	Hockey matchplay compliant
THE WELLINGTON ACADEMY	Tidworth	3G full-size	Operational	Pay and Play	Rubber crumb pile (3G)	FALSE
TIDWORTH OVAL	Tidworth	Sand full-size	Operational	Private Use	Sand Filled	TRUE

The 3G pitch at the Wellington Academy is not currently on the FA register of match play compliant 3G pitches due to its specification.

**Sport-by-Sport overview (see Needs Assessment for details)**

- **General:** with this area there is a very large amount of pitch sport activity through MoD teams, and almost exclusively on MoD controlled facilities. MoD facilities with a few exceptions are generally unavailable for community use, except on a very short term basis due to MoD operational priorities. MoD activity is therefore not considered here<sup>18</sup>.
- **Football:** The biggest clubs in the area in terms of team numbers are the following (grounds in brackets): Tidworth Town FC and Tidworth Youth FC (Arcot Road); Ludgershall Sports FC (Ludgershall Sports & Social Club Football Ground). There are a few other smaller clubs and grounds in the area. The Arcot and Ludgershall venues are heavily used. The Arcot Road site is currently on a rolling lease from the Town Council to Tidworth Town FC.
- **Cricket:** The Collingbourne CC club (with 7 teams) is much the larger of the two clubs in the area, and plays at Collingbourne Ducis Recreation Ground.
- **Rugby:** There are no rugby civilian rugby clubs based in the area.
- **Hockey:** There are no civilian hockey clubs based in the area.

<sup>18</sup> Due to the Army Rebasing Programme, the Sports and Community Access Scheme (SCAS) agreement has been drawn up which will provide significant opportunities for the community to access Army / MOD Sports and Leisure Facilities inside and outside of the wire. As this agreement is linked to specific Planning Applications and associated triggers it is probable that the Scheme will not be open for use until 2017

**Current and likely future issues:**

- **General:** There is currently an apparent shortage of pitches in the area for youth football on Sundays, and principally at Ludgershall Sports and Social Club. There is theoretically heavy use of cricket wickets at Collingbourne Ducis Recreation Ground. Planned and natural population change will impact upon the requirement for sports pitches for all 4 key sports (see later). Most football pitches in the area are rated as being of standard quality or better based on FA approved rating systems. There is a net peak-time surplus of cricket fields on Saturdays, although see comments for cricket (below).
- **Football:** Based on calculations (explained in the **Appendix B**) there is no immediate requirement for additional full-size 3G pitches to meet the training needs of teams in the area. There is already one full-size AGP at the Wellington Academy that is available for community use, and currently only 24 teams playing in the area. However, further demand will be bolstered by future population growth. As the table below shows projected population change will lead to a demand for additional pitches which the existing pitch stock is likely to be hard-pressed to meet. Existing venues are all small in scale. One option might be an extension to existing grass pitch facilities at the Wellington Academy, but which would need to be operated as part of a formal community use arrangement.
- **Cricket:** As with football, projected population change will produce additional demand for cricket space that will be moving towards an extra cricket field. Again, it is difficult to see how this demand might be absorbed from within the existing stock of pitches. As with football, a logical project might be an extension to existing grass pitch facilities at the Wellington Academy, but which would need to be operated on a bone fide community use arrangement.
- **Rugby:** It would be inappropriate to encourage the establishment of a new civilian club in the area. Potential civilian players would be better encouraged to play at either the Pewsey Vale Club several miles to the north; or, perhaps more realistically, to seek out opportunities with local clubs in the Andover area.
- **Hockey:** It would be inappropriate to encourage the establishment of a new civilian club in the area. Potential civilian players would be better encouraged to seek out opportunities with local clubs in Salisbury or the Andover area.

**Estimated future changes in team numbers in the area, and resulting change in demand for pitches**

The following combines projected natural population change with the likely impact of allocated growth in the core strategy up to 2026, and identifies what the likely change in team numbers will be, together with the likely impact in grass pitch numbers required. The method of calculation and assumptions are explained in the **Appendix A**.

**Table E: Future pitch requirements**

Age Groups	A. Total new teams	B. Total extra matches per week (A*0.5)	C. Matches per pitch	D. Pitches required (B/C)
Mini-soccer (6-9 mixed gender)	5.6	2.8	4	0.7
Junior football (10-15 male)	9.9	4.55	2	2.5
Junior football (10-15 female)	1.1	0.55	2	0.3
Senior football (16-45 male)	6.0	0.3	2	1.5
Senior football (16-45 female)	0.5	0.25	2	0.1
Mini-rugby (7-12 mixed gender)	nil	-	0	0.0
Junior rugby (13-18 male)	nil	-	0	0.0
Junior rugby (13-18 female)	nil	-	0	0.0
Senior rugby (19-45 male)	nil	-	2	nil
Senior rugby (19-45 female)	nil	-	2	nil
Junior cricket (7-17 male)	3.3	1.65	0	0.0
Junior cricket (7-17 female)	nil	-	0	0.0
Senior cricket (18-55 male)	4.0	2.0	3	0.7
Senior cricket (18-55 female)	nil	-	3	nil
Junior hockey (11-15 male)	nil	-	0	0.0
Junior hockey (11-15 female)	nil	-	0	0.0
Senior hockey (16-45 male)	nil	-	4	nil
Senior hockey (16-45 female)	nil	-	4	nil

These changes in themselves will not necessarily require additional pitch space that cannot already be found. However, they will increase demand on existing facilities, and require the improvement and expansion of existing key venues to cope with these increased demands.

Because some sports cohorts don't currently have teams representing them, future projections are not made. However, sports development initiatives can change things, although such change is not likely to be significantly, and has therefore been discounted.

### Site Specific Actions

**Table F: Site specific actions**

<b>Where?</b>	<b>What?</b>	<b>When?</b> (Short =0-3 years; Medium = 3-6 years; Long = 6+ years)	<b>Partners</b>
Wellington Academy or alternative venue	<b>Football:</b> Provide an additional 2 adult pitches and 3 youth pitches (11 v 11 size). The latter would allow for flexible marking space.	Long	FA, Wiltshire Council, Developer contributions
Wellington Academy	<b>Football:</b> upgrade existing 3G pitch to allow it to be included on the FA 3G register.	Short	FA, Wiltshire Council, Developer contributions
Wellington Academy or alternative venue	<b>Cricket:</b> Provide an additional cricket field and grass table.	Long	FA, Wiltshire Council, Developer contributions
	<b>Community Use:</b> The above should be subject to bone fide community use arrangements.	Long	ECB, Wiltshire Council, Developer contributions
Arcot Road	<b>Football:</b> Seek secure-longer term lease for the resident club	Short	FA, Club, Tidworth Town Council



### **Trowbridge**

The Trowbridge Community Area lies on the western border of Wiltshire. Trowbridge is the county town of Wiltshire, brought about originally by the town's early rail connections with the rest of the county. Trowbridge is still a working town. It contains the main offices of Wiltshire Council and modern office and industrial businesses on the White Horse Industrial Estate. The community area contains five parishes, set in a farmed rural landscape. Trowbridge is the second most populous Community Area in Wiltshire, after Chippenham. It is an area of new house building and inward migration. The town has seen considerable economic change. Trowbridge provides shops, schools and services for a wide catchment area.

**Table A: Population<sup>19</sup>**

Area	2015 population	2026 population	Population trend-based change (2015-2026)	Allocated housing in core strategy to 2026
Trowbridge (4,163 hectares)	43,638	48,442	4,804	6,975

**Table B: Pitch sport team numbers**

2015 AGE GROUPS	2015 AGE GROUP POPULATION	2015 TEAMS
Mini-soccer (6-9 mixed gender)	2,246	17
Junior football (10-15 male)	1,829	13
Junior football (10-15 female)	1,473	1
Senior football (16-45 male)	7,990	15
Senior football (16-45 female)	8,313	2
Mini-rugby (7-12 mixed gender)	3,153	6
Junior rugby (13-18 male)	1,794	5
Junior rugby (13-18 female)	1,564	0
Senior rugby (19-45 male)	7,189	4
Senior rugby (19-45 female)	7,513	0
Junior cricket (7-17 male)	2,938	4
Junior cricket (7-17 female)	2,795	5
Senior cricket (18-55 male)	10,615	7
Senior cricket (18-55 female)	10,865	0
Junior hockey (11-15 male)	1,274	0
Junior hockey (11-15 female)	1,232	0
Senior hockey (16-45 male)	7,990	0
Senior hockey (16-45 female)	8,313	0

<sup>19</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

**Key grass pitch sport sites**

All sites within the Community Board area are identified in the Needs Assessment and underlying databases. The following have been identified as key sites with the Community Board area. The priority ranking is relative to its estimated importance to pitch sports strategically, and within Wiltshire generally. A lower order ranking (such as a '3') does not mean that a site does not have importance in a local context.

**Table C: Supply and Use of key local grass pitch sport sites (figures based on 2015 data and estimates)**

Priority Order (1,2,3,4)	Name	Pitches							Teams (i.e. male and female, all age-groups)			Net site capacity			
		Adult Football	Youth Football (11v11)	Youth Football (9v9)	Minisoccer (7v7)	Minisoccer (5v5)	Cricket Fields	Adult Rugby	Mini Rugby	Football team count	Rugby team count	Cricket team count	Net site football capacity	Net site adult grass wicket capacity	Net site rugby capacity
1	Seymour Road						2			6	0	13	-1.88	0	
2	Doric Park (Trowbridge RFC)							4		0	14	0	0	0	3.75
2	Bradley Road (AKA Woodmarsh)	1		1	2	2				21	0	0	2.75	0	
3	North Bradley Peace Memorial Recreation Ground	1					1			1	0	1	1.5	25	
3	Seymour Playing Fields	1								1	0	0	0.5	0	
3	Whaddon Lane Playing Field	1								2	0	0	0	0	
3	The Playing Field at Southwick	1					1			1	0	2	0.5	10	
3	The Clarendon College		2	1				1		2	0	0	2	0	
3	Lambrok Playing Field	2								6	0	0	-2.88	0	
3	John of Gaunt School	2						2		8	0	0	-2	0	

**AGP provision**

There is AGP provision at the following locations.

**Table D: AGP provision locally**

Name	Sub area	AGP type	Facility Status	Access Type	Surface	Hockey matchplay compliant
JOHN OF GAUNT SCHOOL	Trowbridge	Sand full-size	Operational	Sports Club / Community Association	Sand Filled	TRUE

**Sport-by-Sport overview (see Needs Assessment for details)**

- **Football:** The biggest clubs in the area in terms of team numbers are the following (grounds in brackets): Trowbridge Town F.C and Trowbridge Youth FC (Bradley Road/Woodmarsh and John of Gaunt School); Trowbridge Rangers FC and Trowbridge Rangers Youth FC (off Seymour Road); Trowbridge Wanderers F.C. (Lambrok Playing Fields). There are other smaller clubs and venues. Club team activity can be dissipated across several venues.
- **Cricket:** There are three clubs in the area of which Trowbridge CC is much the largest (playing at Seymour Road with 13 teams across the age groups). Beehive and Southwick are an aspiring 2-team club playing at Southwick Playing Field.
- **Rugby:** All club rugby activity is focussed on Trowbridge RUFC at its new venue at Doric Park to the north east of the town (14 teams across the age groups).
- **Hockey:** There are no hockey clubs in this area, or indeed in nearby Melksham or Bradford on Avon.

**Current and likely future issues:**

- **General:** Currently, there is no apparent shortage of grass pitches for any sport at peak times, although for football club teams can be spread over more than one site to meet demand for pitches. There is heavy use of grass football pitches at Seymour Road, Lambrok Playing Field, and John of Gaunt School. As reviewed below, the pressure on local cricket facilities will potentially increase with the loss of Trowbridge CCs second ground. Planned and natural population change will impact upon the requirement for sports pitches for all 4 key sports (see later). Most football pitches in the area are rated as being

of only standard or poor quality based on FA approved rating systems, and Trowbridge has probably the worst overall quality of any profile area; the most notable pitches of a poor standard are at Bradley Road (Woodmarsh) and Lambrok Playing Field. There is a net peak-time surplus of cricket fields on Saturdays, although see comments for cricket (below).

- **Football:** there is an issue in respect of access to AGP provision both for training and, increasingly for match play. Based on calculations (explained in the **Appendix B**) there is a requirement of **1.1** of a full-size 3G pitch to meet the training needs of teams in the area. Demand will be bolstered by future population growth. There is no such existing venue in the area. There might be potential to replace the existing surface of the sand-based AGP and John of Gaunt School, but see comments under Hockey. Grass pitch stock with the area is already heavily used, and planned population will increase demand which the existing grass pitch stock won't be able to meet. In addition, some clubs have to spread their teams over several sites, which is dysfunctional (especially in the case of the Trowbridge Town FC teams). The main Bradley Road venue suffers drainage issues; has very poor ancillary accommodation, and there are no floodlights. The Club (and local football generally) would benefit from a relocation. Drainage appears to be a problem at several sites, and there is very heavy use at some (such as Lambrok Playing Field).
- **Cricket:** The Trowbridge CC has now lost use of its second ground on Seymour Road, due to hospital redevelopment. Although, the relocation of Trowbridge CC facilities is the subject of a planning agreement (and therefore funding available) *the figures in the table below suggest that projected population change will lead to extra demand verging on 1 new cricket field*, and it would be impossible to meet this from the existing grass pitch stock. Elsewhere, the Beehive and Southwick Club would benefit from improvements to facilities to allow them at some point to enter higher league play.
- **Rugby:** With the successful move to Doric Park, local rugby is well catered for and flourishing. However, the growth in teams has led to looming capacity issues in respect of club changing accommodation to meet the different age and gender requirements. There is also an increasing need to floodlight a second pitch for training use.
- **Hockey:** There is no hockey club currently based in either Melksham, Trowbridge, or Bradford on Avon areas, and this is unfortunate given the combined population of these three areas. The existing sand based AGP at John of Gaunt could provide the base for a start-up club- especially if the recommended 3G pitch for football was developed elsewhere in the town, as that would free up pitch time currently used by football.

#### **Estimated future changes in team numbers in the area, and resulting change in demand for pitches**

The following combines projected natural population change with the likely impact of allocated growth in the core strategy up to 2026, and identifies what the likely change in team numbers will be, together with the likely impact in grass pitch numbers required. The method of calculation and assumptions are explained in the **Appendix A**.

**Table E: Future pitch requirements**

Age Groups	A. Total new teams	B. Total extra matches per week (A*0.5)	C. Matches per pitch	D. Pitches required (B/C)
Mini-soccer (6-9 mixed gender)	9.4	4.7	4	1.2
Junior football (10-15 male)	12.5	6.25	2	3.1
Junior football (10-15 female)	1.0	0.5	2	0.2
Senior football (16-45 male)	8.7	4.35	2	2.2
Senior football (16-45 female)	0.5	0.25	2	0.1
Mini-rugby (7-12 mixed gender)	3.5	1.75	0	0.0
Junior rugby (13-18 male)	2.5	1.25	0	0.0
Junior rugby (13-18 female)	nil	-	0	0.0
Senior rugby (19-45 male)	1.5	0.75	2	0.4
Senior rugby (19-45 female)	nil	-	2	nil
Junior cricket (7-17 male)	4.8	2.4	0	0.0
Junior cricket (7-17 female)	1.6	0.8	0	0.0
Senior cricket (18-55 male)	5.5	2.75	3	0.9
Senior cricket (18-55 female)	nil	-	3	nil
Junior hockey (11-15 male)	nil	-	0	0.0
Junior hockey (11-15 female)	nil	-	0	0.0
Senior hockey (16-45 male)	nil	-	4	nil
Senior hockey (16-45 female)	nil	-	4	nil

These changes in themselves will not necessarily require additional pitch space that cannot already be found. However, they will increase demand on existing facilities, and require the improvement and expansion of existing key venues to cope with these increased demands.

Because some sports cohorts don't currently have teams representing them, future projections are not made. However, sports development initiatives can change things, although such change is not likely to be significantly, and has therefore been discounted.

### Site Specific Actions

**Table F: Site specific actions**

<b>Where?</b>	<b>What?</b>	<b>When?</b> (Short =0-3 years; Medium = 3-6 years; Long = 6+ years)	<b>Partners</b>
Site search (potentially adjacent to Trowbridge RUFC.	<b>Football:</b> A new football and pitch sports hub for Trowbridge that could provide at least 1 full-size 3G pitch, grass pitches, ancillary provision. Space should be found for at least 2 extra adult pitches and 3 x 11v11 youth pitches (the latter would offer flexibility in marking out).	Long	FA, Wiltshire Town Council, Wiltshire Council, Developer contributions
Trowbridge Town FC ground at Bradley Road (AKA Woodmarsh)	<b>Football:</b> Help the Trowbridge Town FC to secure this site, so allowing it to acquire security of tenure and apply for external funding.	Short/medium	FA, Wiltshire Town Council, Wiltshire Council, Developer contributions
Lambrok Recreation Ground	<b>Football:</b> Improve drainage	Medium	FA, Wiltshire Council, Developer contributions
Relocation	<b>Cricket:</b> Relocation of Trowbridge CC facilities as part of a planning agreement. However, relocation proposals may also need to factor in the extra demand from projected population growth which could amount to the near equivalent of 1 cricket field.	Long	ECB, Wiltshire Council, Developer contributions
Southwick Recreation Ground	<b>Cricket:</b> Sightscreens; Mobile covers; Accommodation for scorers	Medium	ECB, Wiltshire Council, Developer contributions
Doric Park	<b>Rugby:</b> Expand changing accommodation; and, provide floodlighting on a second pitch	Medium	RFU, Wiltshire Council, Developer contributions
John of Gaunt School	<b>Hockey:</b> The viability of establishing a new hockey club at this venue should be considered.	Medium	EH, Wiltshire Council, Developer contributions



### Warminster

Warminster is an important service centre for its large rural catchment of villages. Warminster is home to a major military garrison, which uses Salisbury Plain as a training area. The effects of this can be felt not only by the immediate impact of a visiting regiment, but also by the tendency of many military personnel to make the town their home on retirement. Warminster is by far the largest settlement in what is a largely very rural area. Other, smaller settlements in the area include Sutton Veny, Chitterne and Corsley

**Table A: Population<sup>20</sup>**

Area	2015 population	2026 population	Population trend-based change (2015-2026)	Allocated housing in core strategy to 2026
Warminster (28,047 hectares)	24,758	24,715	-43	2,060

**Table B: Pitch sport team numbers**

2015 AGE GROUPS	2015 AGE GROUP POPULATION	2015 TEAMS
Mini-soccer (6-9 mixed gender)	2,246	17
Junior football (10-15 male)	1,829	13
Junior football (10-15 female)	1,473	1
Senior football (16-45 male)	7,990	15
Senior football (16-45 female)	8,313	2
Mini-rugby (7-12 mixed gender)	3,153	6
Junior rugby (13-18 male)	1,794	5
Junior rugby (13-18 female)	1,564	0
Senior rugby (19-45 male)	7,189	4
Senior rugby (19-45 female)	7,513	0
Junior cricket (7-17 male)	2,938	4
Junior cricket (7-17 female)	2,795	5
Senior cricket (18-55 male)	10,615	7
Senior cricket (18-55 female)	10,865	0
Junior hockey (11-15 male)	1,274	0
Junior hockey (11-15 female)	1,232	0
Senior hockey (16-45 male)	7,990	0
Senior hockey (16-45 female)	8,313	0

<sup>20</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



**Key grass pitch sport sites**

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**Table C: Supply and Use of key local grass pitch sport sites (figures based on 2015 data and estimates)**

Priority Order (1,2,3,4)	Name	Pitches							Teams (i.e. male and female, all age-groups)			Net site capacity			
		Adult Football	Youth Football (11v11)	Youth Football (9v9)	Minisoccer (7v7)	Minisoccer (5v5)	Cricket Fields	Adult Rugby	Mini Rugby	Football team count	Rugby team count	Cricket team count	Net site football capacity	Net site adult grass wicket capacity	Net site rugby capacity
2	Highbury Field Football Ground	1								14	0	0	-3.5	0	
2	Warminster Cricket Club							1		0	0	9	0	-35	
2	Folly Lane pitches (Warminster RFC)							2		0	10	0	0	0	-1.13
3	Battlebury Barracks (east)	1						2		5	0	0	-0.13	0	
3	Hornshingham Playing Fields			1						2	0	0	1	0	
3	Deverills Cricket Field							1		0	0	1	0	0	
3	Codford Village Hall and Playing Field	1								2	0	0	1	0	
3	off Park Street, Heytesbury	1						1		2	0	6	1	10	
3	Warminster Town Football Club	1								5	0	0	0.5	0	
3	Warminster Kingdown/St John's CE Primary School			1				2		2	0	0	0	0	
3	Sutton Veny Recreation Ground				1					0	0	1	0	20	

**AGP provision**

There is AGP provision at the following locations.

**Table D: AGP provision locally**

Name	Sub area	AGP type	Facility Status	Access Type	Surface	Hockey matchplay compliant
WARMINSTER KINGDOWN SCHOOL (see below for hockey team numbers)	Warminster	Sand full-size	Operational	Sports Club / Community Association	Sand Filled	TRUE
WARMINSTER SCHOOL	Warminster	Sand full-size	Operational	Pay and Play	Sand Dressed	TRUE
LAND WARFARE CENTRE	Warminster	Sand full-size	Operational	Private Use	Sand Filled	TRUE
WARMINSTER PREPARATORY SCHOOL	Warminster	Sand half-size	Operational	Private Use	Sand Filled	FALSE

**Sport-by-Sport overview (see Needs Assessment for details)**

- **Football:** The biggest clubs in the area in terms of team numbers are the following (grounds in brackets): Warminster Highbury Youth FC (Highbury Field Football Ground & Hornshingham Playing Fields); Warminster Town FC and Youth FC (Warminster Town FC ground); Warminster Sky Blue FC (Battlebury Barracks East).
- **Cricket:** The biggest clubs in the area in terms of team numbers are the following (grounds in brackets): Warminster CC (Warminster Cricket Club) with 9 teams; and, Heytesbury & Sutton Veny CC (off Park Street, Heytesbury) with 6 teams. There are smaller 1-team clubs at two other venues.
- **Rugby:** Warminster RUFC fields 10 teams at its Folly Lane ground.
- **Hockey:** West Wilts HC fields 17 teams across the age groups (9 adult and 8 junior teams) and plays most of its matches at Warminster Kingdown School, and uses the Land Warfare venue as a second ground. The hockey club uses the cricket club clubhouse. Opportunity for a clubhouse should be considered.

**Current and likely future issues:**

- **General:** Within the area, there heavy usage for all sports. However, a key local youth football club (Warminster Highbury) has to use remote venues to meet all its needs. There is heavy use of Warminster CCs grass wickets for adult cricket, and theoretically heavy use of rugby pitches at Warminster RUFC. Most football pitches in the area are rated as being of standard quality based on FA approved rating systems. There is a net peak-time surplus of cricket fields on Saturdays, although see comments for cricket (below).
- **Football:** there is an issue in respect of access to AGP provision both for training and, increasingly for match play. Based on calculations (explained in the **Appendix B**) there is a requirement of **0.8** of a full-size 3G pitch to meet the training needs of teams in the area. Demand will be bolstered by future population growth. There is no existing such provision and there is no potential to convert existing AGP venues, as the Warminster Kingdown facility is used heavily for club hockey, and other facilities are largely not in community use. The Warminster Highbury Youth FC is short on space at its main venue, and has to use a second venue at a remote location to mark out some pitches. This club needs a bigger ground. Projected population change is unlikely to bring a demand that cannot be met through the existing pitch stock, but it would be highly desirable to relocate the above youth club to a bigger venue, and also to move towards finding a venue for a 3G pitch, as the increase in the projected number of teams by 2026 is likely to justify this provision, and probably well-before this end-date.
- **Cricket:** Projected population change will not increase the demand for pitch space beyond what can be provided through the current pitch stock, and the focus should be on qualitative improvements. Provision of a non-turf strip at the Town club would be an asset. With the merger of Heytesbury and Sutton Veny CC into a single club, there is spare capacity over the two venues used. Warminster CC has negotiated access to MoD facilities for its third Saturday adult team, but may in the longer-term benefit from a second dedicated venue under its control; this prospect should be kept under review.
- **Rugby:** Projected population change will not increase the demand for pitch space beyond what can be provided through the current pitch stock, and the focus should be on qualitative improvements, such as to the existing pitches and improved lighting.
- **Hockey:** Projected population change will not increase the demand for pitch space beyond what can be provided through the AGP stock, and the focus should be on qualitative improvements. However, the local issue for the West Wilts Club is continued use and access to their key pitches at Warminster Kingdown School and at the Land Warfare Centre as the second venue. If a full-size 3G pitch were to be provided for football training in the area, this would help to release space at the main venue for hockey development. The existing surface needs to be protected and upgraded, and ideally a clubhouse on-site.

**Estimated future changes in team numbers in the area, and resulting change in demand for pitches**

The following combines projected natural population change with the likely impact of allocated growth in the core strategy up to 2026, and identifies what the likely change in team numbers will be, together with the likely impact in grass pitch numbers required. The method of calculation and assumptions are explained in the **Appendix A**.

Table E: Future pitch requirements

Age Groups	A. Total new teams	B. Total extra matches per week (A*0.5)	C. Matches per pitch	D. Pitches required (B/C)
Mini-soccer (6-9 mixed gender)	2.2	1.1	4	0.3
Junior football (10-15 male)	5.2	2.6	2	1.3
Junior football (10-15 female)	0.2	0.1	2	0.1
Senior football (16-45 male)	1.2	0.6	2	0.3
Senior football (16-45 female)	0.0	-	2	0.0
Mini-rugby (7-12 mixed gender)	1.0	0.5	0	0.0
Junior rugby (13-18 male)	0.7	0.35	0	0.0
Junior rugby (13-18 female)	nil	-	0	0.0
Senior rugby (19-45 male)	0.2	0.1	2	0.0
Senior rugby (19-45 female)	nil	-	2	nil
Junior cricket (7-17 male)	2.4	1.2	0	0.0
Junior cricket (7-17 female)	nil	-	0	0.0
Senior cricket (18-55 male)	0.0	-	3	0.0
Senior cricket (18-55 female)	nil	-	3	nil
Junior hockey (11-15 male)	0.8	0.4	0	0.0
Junior hockey (11-15 female)	0.1	0.05	0	0.0
Senior hockey (16-45 male)	-0.5	-0.25	4	-0.1
Senior hockey (16-45 female)	-0.2	-0.1	4	0.0

These changes in themselves will not necessarily require additional pitch space that cannot already be found. However, they will increase demand on existing facilities, and require the improvement and expansion of existing key venues to cope with these increased demands.

Because some sports cohorts don't currently have teams representing them, future projections are not made. However, sports development initiatives can change things, although such change is not likely to be significantly, and has therefore been discounted.

#### Site Specific Actions

Table F: Site specific actions

Where?	What?	When? (Short =0-3 years; Medium = 3-6 years; Long = 6+ years)	Partners
Site search	<b>Football:</b> Provision of full-size 3G pitch as part of a larger football hub site for the area, with Warminster Highbury Youth Club being invited to be an anchor tenant club.	Long	FA, Wiltshire Council, Developer contributions
Warminster CC	<b>Cricket:</b> Provision of non-turf strip	Medium	ECB, Wiltshire Council, Developer contributions
Warminster Kingdown School	<b>Hockey:</b> On-going protection and maintenance of surface for hockey, and ideally undertaken with the above 3G project for football, which would release space at the school for more hockey play and development. Explore scope for clubhouse	On-going	EH, Wiltshire Council, Developer contributions
Folly Lane (Warminster RUFC)	<b>Rugby:</b> Pitch and lighting improvements	Short	Developer contributions, Club, Wiltshire Council



### **Westbury**

Westbury is a market town and service centre for its rural hinterland. Its heritage includes a proud history of cloth-making, lasting some 600 years, weaving and glove-making, which along with leather-working became important industries in the 19th century. Westbury has very good rail links to other parts of the country. It is on the Bristol line and express trains from London to the West Country stop at the Westbury Station. Westbury is a significant commercial and industrial centre due to the major West Wiltshire Trading Estate and adjacent Northacre Industrial Estate, which help provide employment to an expanding population

**Table A: Population<sup>21</sup>**

Area	2015 population	2026 population	Population trend-based change (2015-2026)	Allocated housing in core strategy to 2026
Westbury (7,328 hectares)	20,505	23,016	2,511	1,650

**Table B: Pitch sport team numbers**

2015 AGE GROUPS	2015 AGE GROUP POPULATION	2015 TEAMS
Mini-soccer (6-9 mixed gender)	1,110	5
Junior football (10-15 male)	967	14
Junior football (10-15 female)	781	1
Senior football (16-45 male)	4,053	11
Senior football (16-45 female)	3,962	1
Mini-rugby (7-12 mixed gender)	1,627	5
Junior rugby (13-18 male)	1,007	3
Junior rugby (13-18 female)	825	0
Senior rugby (19-45 male)	3,609	2
Senior rugby (19-45 female)	3,514	0
Junior cricket (7-17 male)	1,513	8
Junior cricket (7-17 female)	1,496	0
Senior cricket (18-55 male)	5,499	9
Senior cricket (18-55 female)	5,545	0
Junior hockey (11-15 male)	708	4
Junior hockey (11-15 female)	659	4
Senior hockey (16-45 male)	4,053	6
Senior hockey (16-45 female)	3,962	3

<sup>21</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

**Key grass pitch sport sites**

All sites within the Community Board area are identified in the Needs Assessment and underlying databases. The following have been identified as key sites with the Community Board area. The priority ranking is relative to its estimated importance to pitch sports strategically, and within Wiltshire generally. A lower order ranking (such as a '3') does not mean that a site does not have importance in a local context.

**Table C: Supply and Use of key local grass pitch sport sites (figures based on 2015 data and estimates)**

Priority Order (1,2,3,4)	Name	Pitches							Teams (i.e. male and female, all age-groups)			Net site capacity			
		Adult Football	Youth Football (11v11)	Youth Football (9v9)	Minisoccer (7v7)	Minisoccer (5v5)	Cricket Fields	Adult Rugby	Mini Rugby	Football team count	Rugby team count	Cricket team count	Net site football capacity	Net site adult grass wicket capacity	Net site rugby capacity
2	Redland Lane Field	1	1							19	0	0	-15.88	0	
2	Leighton Recreation Centre	2					1			9	0	7	-0.5	10	
3	Westbury United Football Club	1								4	0	0	-0.38	0	
3	Westbury C of E Junior School			1						3	0	0	-0.5	0	
3	Dilton Marsh Playing Field	1			1					4	0	0	2.13	0	
3	Bratton Recreation Ground	1					1			2	0	2	2	10	
3	Westbury RFC (Westbury Country Park)							2		0	7	0	0	0	0.5

**AGP provision**

There is no AGP provision.

- **Football:** The biggest clubs in the area in terms of team numbers are the following (grounds in brackets): Westbury Youth FC (Redland Lane Field and Westbury C of E Junior School); and, Dilton Rovers (Adult and Youth) F.C. (Dilton Marsh Playing Field). Leighton Recreation Centre is also a venue for several smaller clubs.
- **Cricket:** Westbury & District CC (7 teams) play at Leighton Recreation Centre. There are also two single-team clubs at playing at Bratton Recreation Ground.
- **Rugby:** Westbury RUFC fields 7 teams and plays at Westbury RFC (Westbury Country Park).
- **Hockey:** There is no hockey club based in the area, with the nearest being at Warminster.

**Current and likely future issues:**

- **General:** There is no strong evidence of a current peak time shortage of grass pitches, although there may be issues at Redlynch Playing Field and Leighton Leisure Centre in respect of marked-out youth provision at the weekend. The Redlynch Playing Field is very heavily used for football. Most football pitches in the area are rated as being of standard quality based on FA approved rating systems. There is a net peak-time surplus of cricket fields on Saturdays, although see comments for cricket (below).
- **Football:** there is an issue in respect of access to AGP provision both for training and, increasingly for match play. Based on calculations (explained in the **Appendix B**) there is a requirement of **about 1** full-size 3G pitch to meet the training needs of teams in the area. Demand will be bolstered by future population growth. There are no such facilities currently in the area. The thriving Westbury Youth FC plays at two venues (Redland Lane Recreation Ground and Westbury C of E School). The two sites are heavily used and the club requires more space. Elsewhere locally important sites suffer waterlogging and bad drainage. Projected population change is unlikely to bring a demand that cannot be met through the existing pitch stock, but it would be highly desirable to relocate at least the above youth club to a bigger venue, and also to move towards finding a venue for a 3G pitch, as the increase in the projected number of teams by 2026 is likely to further justify this provision, and probably well-before this end-date. Westbury United FC might also consider a relocation from their current club-owned ground, which is hemmed in by development, and leaves no scope for expansion. In addition, relocating football activity from Leighton Recreation Centre could also free up space for this venue to develop as a dedicated cricket venue.

- **Cricket:** The Westbury and District CC main ground is also shared as a venue for football. If a hub site in Westbury for football were to be developed, this would allow the Leighton venue to be developed for dedicated cricket activity.
- **Rugby:** Projected population change is unlikely to bring a demand that cannot be met through the existing pitch stock, and the focus should be on qualitative improvements. The local club needs permanent changing facilities and clubhouse facilities. Drainage in wet weather also continues to be a problem.
- **Hockey:** It would be inappropriate to encourage the establishment of a new club, especially given the lack of facilities. Potential players should instead be encouraged to seek out opportunities in nearby Warminster.

#### **Estimated future changes in team numbers in the area, and resulting change in demand for pitches**

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Junior football (10-15 male)	1.8	0.9	2	0.5
Junior football (10-15 female)	0.2	0.1	2	0.0
Senior football (16-45 male)	1.9	0.95	2	0.5
Senior football (16-45 female)	nil	-	2	nil
Mini-rugby (7-12 mixed gender)	0.3	0.15	0	0.0
Junior rugby (13-18 male)	nil	-	0	0.0
Junior rugby (13-18 female)	nil	-	0	0.0
Senior rugby (19-45 male)	0.3	0.15	2	0.1
Senior rugby (19-45 female)	0.1	0.05	2	0.0
Junior cricket (7-17 male)	0.6	0.3	0	0.0
Junior cricket (7-17 female)	nil	-	0	0.0
Senior cricket (18-55 male)	0.4	0.2	3	0.1
Senior cricket (18-55 female)	nil	-	3	nil
Junior hockey (11-15 male)	nil	-	0	0.0
Junior hockey (11-15 female)	nil	-	0	0.0
Senior hockey (16-45 male)	nil	-	4	nil
Senior hockey (16-45 female)	nil	-	4	nil

These changes in themselves will not necessarily require additional pitch space that cannot already be found. However, they will increase demand on existing facilities, and require the improvement and expansion of existing key venues to cope with these increased demands.

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**Site Specific Actions****Table F: Site specific actions**

<b>Where?</b>	<b>What?</b>	<b>When?</b> (Short =0-3 years; Medium = 3-6 years; Long = 6+ years)	<b>Partners</b>
Site search	<b>Football:</b> hub site to accommodate potentially Westbury Youth FC and others (such as Westbury Town FC and perhaps teams who currently use Leighton Recreation Centre. A full-size 3G pitch should be part of this project.	Long	FA, Wiltshire Council, Developer contributions, potential anchor clubs
Leighton Recreation Centre	<b>Cricket:</b> Commitment to this ground being a dedicated cricket venue, and to be managed and developed accordingly, including a bespoke cricket pavilion.	Long	ECB, Wiltshire Council, Developer contributions, potential anchor clubs
Westbury Country Park (Westbury RUFC)	<b>Rugby:</b> Permanent changing facilities and improved drainage.	Long	RFU, Wiltshire Council, Developer contributions,

## Appendix A: Explanation of forecasts

Each of the area profiles contains a forecast of the likely teams (and therefore the net requirement for additional pitches) arising from the changing population within each area.

The first step in this process is to work out current participation rates within the population. These Team Generation Rates (TGRs) are estimated by working out the number of people within an appropriate population cohort it takes to create a team within that cohort, and for each sport- the age groups used are detailed in Table E within each profile. Details in respect of current TGRs for each area and for Wiltshire as a whole are provided in the Needs Assessment, and associated appendices.

The next step is to apply these TGRs to future population change, and there have been various elements to this, but which have made use of the following:

- A trend-based forecast produced by Wiltshire Council on 12/05/2015 using POPGROUP software developed by Bradford Council, the University of Manchester and Andelin Associates- these data were used in combination with current TGRs to project a trend-based change in participation within Wiltshire as a whole and the 18 profile areas.
- Allocations provided in the Wiltshire Council Core Strategy for individual community areas within the local authority (these being combined into area board geographies where appropriate). These allocations were multiplied by the average occupancy rate for Wiltshire Council, which approximates to 2 persons per household. The total population figures from these estimates were then broken down into TGR groups using the average TGRs for Wiltshire as a whole.

Combining the above has provided an estimate of the changing numbers of teams within each area up until 2016. (Table E).

It is recognised that there is an element of double-counting in this exercise, but this is unavoidable given there is no certainty as to what element of new housing growth within each area (and Wiltshire in general) will be accommodating people migrating into an area (as opposed to existing residents moving house). The project steering group considered it essential to factor in the impact of allocated new housing in each profile area, in order to understand better the geographical impact of additional demand that might arise from these allocations.

## Appendix B: Explanation of FA AGP modelling:

The FA considers high quality 3G AGPs to be an essential tool in promoting coach and player development. They can support intensive use and as such are great assets for both playing and training. Primarily such facilities have been installed for community use and training, however, are increasingly used for competition which The FA wholly supports.

### *Training demand*

Getting access to good quality, affordable training facilities is a problem for many clubs throughout the Country. In the winter months, midweek training is only possible at floodlit facilities.

The FA's long term ambition is to provide every affiliated team in England the opportunity to train once per week on a floodlit 3G AGP, together with priority access for every Charter Standard Community Club through a partnership agreement. The FA Standard is calculated by using the latest Sport England research "AGPs State of the Nation March 2012".

Assuming that 51% of AGP usage is by sports clubs, when factoring in the number of training slots available per pitch type per hour from 17.00 – 22.00 Mon-Fri and 09.00 – 17.00 Saturday & Sundays (peak time), it is estimated that one full size AGP can service 42 teams.

*The calculation estimate is based on the following assumptions:*

*Assuming peak training usage 3 nights a week (Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday) with 4 hours each night (5pm-9pm) = 12 hours peak training usage:*

*FTP in 1/4 = 12 (hours) x 4 (available pitches) = 48 slots/teams*

*FTP in 1/3 = 12 x 3 = 36 slots/teams*

**42 teams using the peak demand available training is the midpoint in above.** Obviously Monday (5pm-10pm), Friday (5pm-10pm), and then Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday (9pm-10pm) assuming to be used for other activity/additional training/recreational use.

*There is also evidence that peak training demand can extend to 4 nights a week - Monday (5pm-8pm), Tuesday (5pm-8pm), Wednesday (5pm-8pm), Thursday (5pm-8pm) but the calculations are still the same as above given its still 12 hours of use on the evenings.*