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## ABBREVIATIONS

3G	Third Generation (artificial turf)
AGP	Artificial Grass Pitch
BAFA	British American Football Association
CASC	Community Amateur Sports Club
DCMS	Department for Culture, Media and Sport
DEFRA	Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs
ECB	England and Wales Cricket Board
EH	England Hockey
FA	Football Association
FC	Football Club
FF	Football Foundation
FIFA	Fédération Internationale de Football Association
GMA	Grounds Management Association
GPMF	Grass Pitch Maintenance Fund
HC	Hockey Club
KKP	Knight, Kavanagh and Page
LMS	Last Man Stands
LFFP	Local Football Facilities Plan
NFFS	National Football Facilities Strategy
NGB	National Governing Body
NPPF	National Planning Policy Framework
PPS	Playing Pitch Strategy
PQS	Performance Quality Standard
RFL	Rugby Football League
RFU	Rugby Football Union
RLFC	Rugby League Football Club
RUFC	Rugby Union Football Club
U	Under
WCB	Wiltshire Cricket Board
WFA	Wiltshire FA

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### PART 1: INTRODUCTION

This is the Playing Pitch Strategy (PPS) for Wiltshire Council. Building upon the preceding Assessment Report, it provides a clear, strategic framework in relation to the provision of playing pitch facilities. It delivers:

- ◀ A vision for the future protection, improvement and development of provision.
- ◀ A series of sport-by-sport scenarios and recommendations.
- ◀ A series of strategic objectives and recommendations.
- ◀ A prioritised area-by-area and site-by-site action plan that prioritises and can address key issues.
- ◀ Guidance as to how the PPS can be delivered.

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

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

This report represents Stage D of the process, with stages A-C covered in the preceding Assessment Report and Stage E ongoing once the study is complete.

Where not already implemented, the recommendations that come out of this strategy should be translated into local planning policy so that there is a mechanism in place to protect existing provision and to secure investment where the opportunity arises. The lifespan of a PPS is considered to be three years, although this can be increased if it is regularly kept up to date.

### Agreed scope

The PPS encompasses all relevant playing pitch facilities regardless of ownership and management. The following sports are covered within the scope:

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

Third generation turf (3G) pitches are also covered by the PPS. These are relevant to several sports, predominately football but also rugby union and rugby league. It is separated out due to this multi-sport nature.

In addition, other grass pitch sports have also been included where supply and/or demand is identified (i.e., American football and Aussie rules).

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## Study area

The study area comprises of the full local authority area, with analysis areas (or sub areas) also used to allow for a more localised analysis in addition to the analysis for Wiltshire as a whole. This entails splitting the Council's administrative area into 18 community areas that are already used from a planning perspective, as seen in Table 1.1 and Figure 1.1 below.

*Table 1.1: Summary of PPS analysis areas*

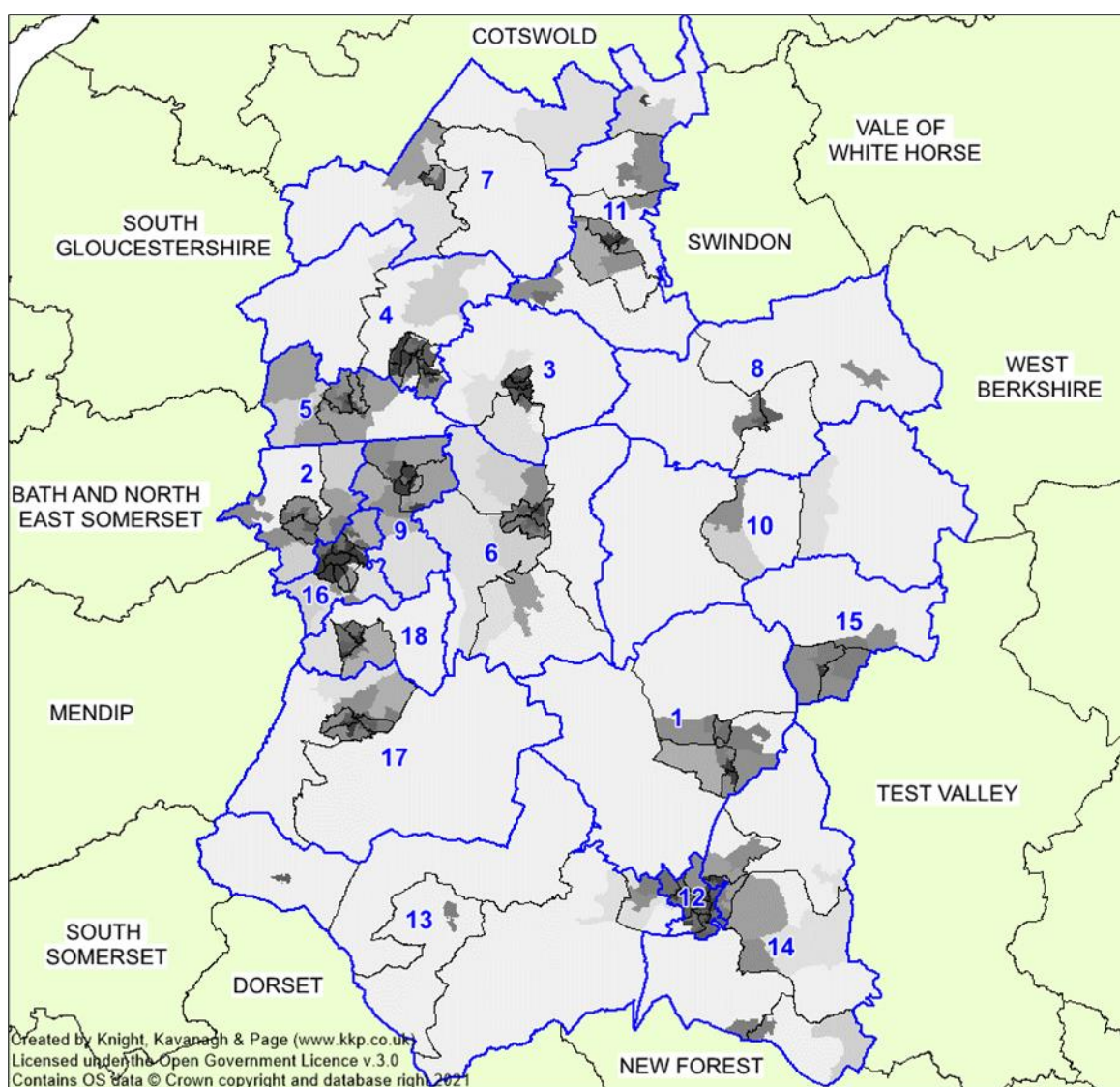
Map ID	Analysis area (area board)	Wards covered
1	Stonehenge <sup>1</sup>	Amesbury East & Bulford, Amesbury South, Amesbury West, Avon Valley, Durrington, Till Valley
2	Bradford-on-Avon	Bradford-on-Avon North, Bradford-on-Avon, South Holt, Winsley & Westwood
3	Calne	Calne Central, Calne Chilvester & Abberd, Calne North, Calne Rural, Calne South
4	Chippenham & Villages	By Brook, Chippenham Cepen Park & Derriads, Chippenham Cepen Park & Hunters Moon, Chippenham Hardenhuish, Chippenham Hardens & Central, Chippenham Lowden & Rowden, Chippenham Monkton Chippenham Pewsham, Chippenham Sheldon Kington
5	Corsham	Box & Colerne, Corsham Ladbrook, Corsham Pickwick, Corsham Without
6	Devizes	Bromham, Rowde & Roundway, Devizes East, Devizes North, Devizes Rural West, Devizes South, The Lavingtons, Urchfont & Bishops Cannings
7	Malmesbury	Brinkworth, Malmesbury, Minety, Sherston
8	Marlborough	Aldbourn & Ramsbury, Marlborough East, Marlborough West
9	Melksham	Bowerhill, Melksham East, Melksham Forest, Melksham South, Melksham Without North & Shurnhold, Melksham Without West & Rural
10	Pewsey	Pewsey, Pewsey Vale East, Pewsey Vale West
11	Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade	Cricklade & Latton, Lyneham, Purton, Royal Wootton Bassett East, Royal Wootton Bassett North, Royal Wootton Bassett South & West
12	Salisbury	Salisbury Bemerton Heath, Salisbury Fisherton & Bemerton Village, Salisbury Harnham East, Salisbury Harnham West, Salisbury Milford, Salisbury St Edmund's, Salisbury St Francis & Stratford, Salisbury St Paul's
13	South West Wiltshire	Fovant & Chalke Valley, Mere, Nadder Valley, Tisbury, Wilton
14	Southern Wiltshire	Alderbury & Whiteparish, Downton & Ebbel Valley, Laverstock, Old Sarum & Lower Bourne Valley, Redlynch & Landford, Winterslow & Upper Bourne Valley
15	Tidworth	Ludgershall North & Rural, Tidworth East & Ludgershall South, Tidworth North & West

<sup>1</sup> Formerly known as Amesbury.

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Map ID	Analysis area (area board)	Wards covered
16	Trowbridge	Hilperton, Southwick, Trowbridge Adcroft, Trowbridge Central, Trowbridge Drynham, Trowbridge Grove, Trowbridge Lambrok, Trowbridge Park, Trowbridge Paxcroft
17	Warminster	Warminster Broadway, Warminster East, Warminster North & Rural, Warminster West, Wylve Valley
18	Westbury	Ethandune, Westbury East, Westbury North, Westbury West

Figure 1.1: Map of Wiltshire and its analysis areas



Cross boundary issues are also explored to determine the level of imported and exported demand, recognising, for example, that people travel to and make use of strategic facilities irrespective of administrative boundaries. This is particularly key in relation to Wiltshire given the size of the authority and the number of local authorities that adjoin.

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## PART 2: VISION AND AIMS

The vision of the PPS in Wiltshire is to:

“Provide an accessible, high quality and sustainable network of sports pitches and ancillary facilities which supports increased formal club-based sport as well as social, casual and informal sporting opportunities aimed at getting all Wiltshire residents more active including those who face barriers to participation and/or experience multiple health inequalities.”

The following overarching aims are based on the three Sport England themes (see figure 2.1 below). It is recommended that they are adopted by the Council and its partners to enable it to achieve the overall vision of the PPS and Sport England planning objectives. Strategy delivery is the responsibility of, and relies upon, all relevant stakeholders.

### AIM 1

To **protect** the existing supply of playing pitch provision and ancillary facilities where it is needed for meeting current and future needs.

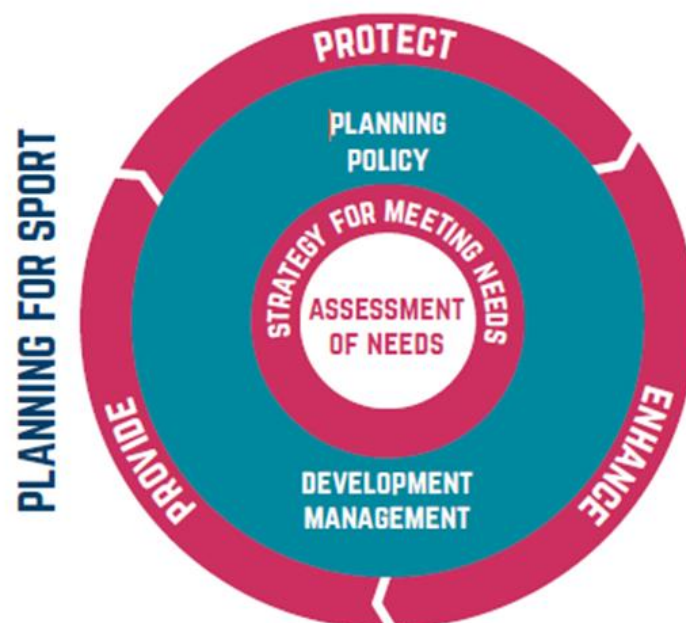
### AIM 2

To **enhance** playing pitch provision and ancillary facilities through improving quality and management of sites.

### AIM 3

To **provide** new playing pitch provision and ancillary facilities where there is current or future demand to do so.

Figure 2.1: Sport England themes



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

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## PART 3: HEADLINE FINDINGS

The table below highlights the current quantitative shortfalls for each main pitch sport included within the PPS, as identified in the preceding Assessment Report. This is shown both Wiltshire-wide and for each analysis area. For qualitative findings and site-specific findings, please see Part 4: Sport Specific Recommendations and Scenarios, and Part 6: Action Plan.

Natural turf pitches have a limit of how much play they can accommodate over a certain period of time before their quality, and in turn their use, is adversely affected. As the main usage of pitches is for matches, it is appropriate for the comparable unit to be match equivalent sessions. The table below therefore uses this for football, rugby union and cricket, converting both the amount of play a site can accommodate (its carrying capacity) and how much play takes place (its current use) into the same unit of demand to enable an analysis to be undertaken.

Based on how the sports tend to be played, the match equivalent session unit for football, rugby union and rugby league pitches relates to a typical week within the season for each sport, whereas for cricket, the number of match equivalent sessions is over the course of a season. This is because how much play a cricket pitch can accommodate is primarily determined by the number and quality of wickets on a square, with only one match generally played per pitch per day and with the wickets rotated throughout a season to reduce wear and to allow for repair. Each wicket is therefore able to accommodate a certain amount of play per season as opposed to a week.

For artificial surfaces, the carrying capacity of the provision is much higher, meaning how much play can be accommodated is primarily determined by availability, rather than how usage adversely affects quality, as is the case with grass pitches. Therefore, the total number of pitches required is instead used to form an analysis. This is pertinent to 3G and hockey (sand/water-based pitches).

Table 3.1: Quantitative headline findings (pitch sports)

Analysis area	Pitch/facility type	Current supply/demand balance
<b>Football – grass pitches</b>		
Stonehenge	Adult	2.5 match equivalent sessions
	Youth 11v11	At capacity
	Youth 9v9	2.5 match equivalent sessions
	Mini 7v7	At capacity
	Mini 5v5	At capacity
Bradford-on-Avon	Adult	0.5 match equivalent sessions
	Youth 11v11	2.5 match equivalent sessions
	Youth 9v9	1.5 match equivalent sessions
	Mini 7v7	At capacity
	Mini 5v5	At capacity
Calne	Adult	2.5 match equivalent sessions
	Youth 11v11	4.5 match equivalent sessions
	Youth 9v9	At capacity
	Mini 7v7	1.5 match equivalent sessions
	Mini 5v5	0.5 match equivalent sessions
Chippenham & Villages	Adult	1.5 match equivalent sessions
	Youth 11v11	1 match equivalent session
	Youth 9v9	1.5 match equivalent sessions
	Mini 7v7	At capacity
	Mini 5v5	1 match equivalent sessions



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Analysis area	Pitch/facility type	Current supply/demand balance
Corsham	Adult	3.5 match equivalent sessions
	Youth 11v11	At capacity
	Youth 9v9	At capacity
	Mini 7v7	1 match equivalent session
	Mini 5v5	1 match equivalent session
Devizes	Adult	1.5 match equivalent sessions
	Youth 11v11	1.5 match equivalent sessions
	Youth 9v9	1 match equivalent session
	Mini 7v7	At capacity
	Mini 5v5	At capacity
Malmesbury	Adult	0.5 match equivalent sessions
	Youth 11v11	1.5 match equivalent sessions
	Youth 9v9	0.5 match equivalent sessions
	Mini 7v7	2 match equivalent sessions
	Mini 5v5	2 match equivalent sessions
Marlborough	Adult	0.5 match equivalent sessions
	Youth 11v11	1 match equivalent session
	Youth 9v9	5.5 match equivalent sessions
	Mini 7v7	At capacity
	Mini 5v5	At capacity
Melksham	Adult	1 match equivalent session
	Youth 11v11	0.5 match equivalent sessions
	Youth 9v9	0.5 match equivalent sessions
	Mini 7v7	At capacity
	Mini 5v5	1.5 match equivalent sessions
Pewsey	Adult	1 match equivalent session
	Youth 11v11	0.5 match equivalent sessions
	Youth 9v9	0.5 match equivalent sessions
	Mini 7v7	At capacity
	Mini 5v5	At capacity
Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade	Adult	At capacity
	Youth 11v11	1 match equivalent session
	Youth 9v9	1 match equivalent session
	Mini 7v7	At capacity
	Mini 5v5	At capacity
Salisbury	Adult	1 match equivalent session
	Youth 11v11	3.5 match equivalent sessions
	Youth 9v9	At capacity
	Mini 7v7	At capacity
	Mini 5v5	At capacity
South West Wiltshire	Adult	3 match equivalent sessions
	Youth 11v11	At capacity
	Youth 9v9	1 match equivalent session
	Mini 7v7	At capacity
	Mini 5v5	At capacity
Southern Wiltshire	Adult	8 match equivalent sessions
	Youth 11v11	0.5 match equivalent sessions
	Youth 9v9	3 match equivalent sessions
	Mini 7v7	1 match equivalent session
	Mini 5v5	1.5 match equivalent sessions

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Analysis area	Pitch/facility type	Current supply/demand balance
Tidworth	Adult	1.5 match equivalent sessions
	Youth 11v11	At capacity
	Youth 9v9	0.5 match equivalent sessions
	Mini 7v7	At capacity
	Mini 5v5	At capacity
Trowbridge	Adult	2.5 match equivalent sessions
	Youth 11v11	8 match equivalent sessions
	Youth 9v9	0.5 match equivalent sessions
	Mini 7v7	At capacity
	Mini 5v5	At capacity
Warminster	Adult	At capacity
	Youth 11v11	At capacity
	Youth 9v9	1 match equivalent session
	Mini 7v7	At capacity
	Mini 5v5	At capacity
Westbury	Adult	0.5 match equivalent sessions
	Youth 11v11	0.5 match equivalent sessions
	Youth 9v9	1 match equivalent session
	Mini 7v7	At capacity
	Mini 5v5	At capacity
<b>Wiltshire</b>	<b>Adult</b>	<b>12.5 match equivalent sessions</b>
	<b>Youth 11v11</b>	<b>22.5 match equivalent sessions</b>
	<b>Youth 9v9</b>	<b>10.5 match equivalent sessions</b>
	<b>Mini 7v7</b>	<b>5.5 match equivalent sessions</b>
	<b>Mini 5v5</b>	<b>7.5 match equivalent sessions</b>
<b>3G pitches</b>		
Stonehenge	11v11	0.5 pitches
Bradford-on-Avon	11v11	1 pitch
Calne	11v11	1 pitch
Chippenham & Villages	11v11	0.5 3G pitches
Corsham	11v11	1 3G pitch
Devizes	11v11	0.5 3G pitches
Malmesbury	11v11	1 3G pitch
Marlborough	11v11	1 3G pitch
Melksham	11v11	2 3G pitches
Pewsey	11v11	0.5 3G pitches
Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade	11v11	1 3G pitch
Salisbury	11v11	0.5 3G pitches
South West Wiltshire	11v11	0.5 3G pitches
Southern Wiltshire	11v11	1.5 3G pitches
Tidworth	11v11	At capacity
Trowbridge	11v11	1.5 3G pitches
Warminster	11v11	0.5 3G pitches
Westbury	11v11	0.5 3G pitches
<b>Wiltshire</b>	<b>11v11</b>	<b>15 3G pitches</b>
<b>Cricket squares</b>		
Stonehenge	Senior (Saturday)	20 match equivalent sessions
	Senior (Sunday)	40 match equivalent sessions
	Junior (midweek)	60 match equivalent sessions
Bradford-on-Avon	Senior (Saturday)	49 match equivalent sessions
	Senior (Sunday)	49 match equivalent sessions
	Junior (midweek)	49 match equivalent sessions

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Analysis area	Pitch/facility type	Current supply/demand balance
Calne	Senior (Saturday)	8 match equivalent sessions
	Senior (Sunday)	8 match equivalent sessions
	Junior (midweek)	8 match equivalent sessions
Chippenham & Villages	Senior (Saturday)	5 match equivalent sessions
	Senior (Sunday)	15 match equivalent sessions
	Junior (midweek)	45 match equivalent sessions
Corsham	Senior (Saturday)	22 match equivalent sessions
	Senior (Sunday)	22 match equivalent sessions
	Junior (midweek)	16 match equivalent sessions
Devizes	Senior (Saturday)	10 match equivalent sessions
	Senior (Sunday)	30 match equivalent sessions
	Junior (midweek)	68 match equivalent sessions
Malmesbury	Senior (Saturday)	40 match equivalent sessions
	Senior (Sunday)	40 match equivalent sessions
	Junior (midweek)	72 match equivalent sessions
Marlborough	Senior (Saturday)	10 match equivalent sessions
	Senior (Sunday)	50 match equivalent sessions
	Junior (midweek)	54 match equivalent sessions
Melksham	Senior (Saturday)	15 match equivalent sessions
	Senior (Sunday)	25 match equivalent sessions
	Junior (midweek)	33 match equivalent sessions
Pewsey	Senior (Saturday)	40 match equivalent sessions
	Senior (Sunday)	40 match equivalent sessions
	Junior (midweek)	60 match equivalent sessions
Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade	Senior (Saturday)	2 match equivalent sessions
	Senior (Sunday)	8 match equivalent sessions
	Junior (midweek)	10 match equivalent sessions
Salisbury	Senior (Saturday)	7 match equivalent sessions
	Senior (Sunday)	7 match equivalent sessions
	Junior (midweek)	15 match equivalent sessions
South West Wiltshire	Senior (Saturday)	12 match equivalent sessions
	Senior (Sunday)	42 match equivalent sessions
	Junior (midweek)	64 match equivalent sessions
Southern Wiltshire	Senior (Saturday)	At capacity
	Senior (Sunday)	10 match equivalent sessions
	Junior (midweek)	12 match equivalent sessions
Tidworth	Senior (Saturday)	3 match equivalent sessions
	Senior (Sunday)	3 match equivalent sessions
	Junior (midweek)	5 match equivalent sessions
Trowbridge	Senior (Saturday)	At capacity
	Senior (Sunday)	40 match equivalent sessions
	Junior (midweek)	48 match equivalent sessions
Warminster	Senior (Saturday)	40 match equivalent sessions
	Senior (Sunday)	60 match equivalent sessions
	Junior (midweek)	90 match equivalent sessions
Westbury	Senior (Saturday)	12 match equivalent sessions
	Senior (Sunday)	12 match equivalent sessions
	Junior (midweek)	12 match equivalent sessions
<b>Wiltshire</b>	<b>Senior (Saturday)</b>	<b>83 match equivalent sessions</b>
	<b>Senior (Sunday)</b>	<b>313 match equivalent sessions</b>
	<b>Junior (midweek)</b>	<b>541 match equivalent sessions</b>

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Analysis area	Pitch/facility type	Current supply/demand balance
<b>Rugby union - grass pitches</b>		
Stonehenge	Senior	1.9 match equivalent sessions
Bradford-on-Avon	Senior	1.9 match equivalent sessions
Calne	Senior	0.5 match equivalent sessions
Chippenham & Villages	Senior	1.7 match equivalent session
Corsham	Senior	2.55 match equivalent sessions
Devizes	Senior	5.05 match equivalent sessions
Malmesbury	Senior	1.5 match equivalent sessions
Marlborough	Senior	3.05 match equivalent sessions
Melksham	Senior	2.65 match equivalent sessions
Pewsey	Senior	1 match equivalent session
Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade	Senior	1.15 match equivalent sessions
Salisbury	Senior	9.95 match equivalent sessions
South West Wiltshire	Senior	0.5 match equivalent sessions
Southern Wiltshire	Senior	At capacity
Tidworth	Senior	At capacity
Trowbridge	Senior	5.55 match equivalent sessions
Warminster	Senior	1 match equivalent session
Westbury	Senior	At capacity
<b>Wiltshire</b>	<b>Senior</b>	<b>31.6 match equivalent sessions</b>
<b>Rugby league - grass pitches</b>		
Stonehenge	Senior	No current supply or demand
Bradford-on-Avon	Senior	No current supply or demand
Calne	Senior	No current supply or demand
Chippenham & Villages	Senior	No current supply or demand
Corsham	Senior	No current supply or demand
Devizes	Senior	No current supply or demand
Malmesbury	Senior	No current supply or demand
Marlborough	Senior	No current supply or demand
Melksham	Senior	No current supply or demand
Pewsey	Senior	No current supply or demand
Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade	Senior	No current supply or demand
Salisbury	Senior	No current supply or demand
South West Wiltshire	Senior	No current supply or demand
Southern Wiltshire	Senior	No current supply or demand
Tidworth	Senior	No current supply or demand
Trowbridge	Senior	No current supply or demand
Warminster	Senior	No current supply or demand
Westbury	Senior	No current supply or demand
<b>Wiltshire</b>	<b>Senior</b>	<b>No current supply or demand</b>
<b>Hockey - AGPs</b>		
Stonehenge	Full size	Sufficient supply: however, quality and tenure improvements are required.
Bradford-on-Avon	Full size	Sufficient supply: however, quality and tenure improvements are required.
Calne	Full size	Sufficient supply: however, quality and tenure improvements are required.
Chippenham & Villages	Full size	Sufficient supply: however, quality and tenure improvements are required.

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Analysis area	Pitch/facility type	Current supply/demand balance
Corsham	Full size	Sufficient supply: however, quality and tenure improvements are required.
Devizes	Full size	Sufficient supply: however, quality and tenure improvements are required.
Malmesbury	Full size	Sufficient supply: however, quality and tenure improvements are required.
Marlborough	Full size	Sufficient supply: however, quality and tenure improvements are required.
Melksham	Full size	Sufficient supply: however, quality and tenure improvements are required.
Pewsey	Full size	Sufficient supply: however, quality and tenure improvements are required.
Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade	Full size	Sufficient supply: however, quality and tenure improvements are required.
Salisbury	Full size	Sufficient supply: however, quality and tenure improvements are required.
South West Wiltshire	Full size	Sufficient supply: however, quality and tenure improvements are required.
Southern Wiltshire	Full size	Sufficient supply: however, quality and tenure improvements are required.
Tidworth	Full size	Sufficient supply: however, quality and tenure improvements are required.
Trowbridge	Full size	Sufficient supply: however, quality and tenure improvements are required.
Warminster	Full size	Sufficient supply: however, quality and tenure improvements are required.
Westbury	Full size	Sufficient supply: however, quality and tenure improvements are required.
<b>Wiltshire</b>	<b>Full size</b>	<b>Sufficient supply: however, quality and tenure improvements are required.</b>

The following table identifies the quantitative findings overall across Wiltshire after taking into account future demand. This is based on a variety of factors, including population growth and club aspirations, up to the period until 2038 in line with the Council's Local Plan.

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Table 3.2: Future quantitative headline findings (pitch sports)

Sport	Pitch/facility type	Future supply/ demand balance (2038)
Football	Adult	Shortfall of 14.5 match equivalent sessions
	Youth 11v11	Shortfall of 24 match equivalent sessions
	Youth 9v9	Shortfall of 11.5 match equivalent sessions
	Mini 7v7	Spare capacity of 5 match equivalent sessions
	Mini 5v5	Spare capacity of 7.5 match equivalent sessions
3G pitches	11v11	Shortfall of 15 pitches
Cricket	Senior (Saturday)	Spare capacity of 53 match equivalent sessions
	Senior (Sunday)	Spare capacity of 283 match equivalent sessions
	Junior (midweek)	Spare capacity of 541 match equivalent sessions
Rugby union	Senior	Shortfall of 33.6 match equivalent sessions
Rugby league	Senior	No current supply or demand
Hockey	Full size	Sufficient supply: however, quality and tenure improvements are required.

For the other grass pitch sports (American football and Aussie rules), there is sufficient levels of supply to meet demand both currently and also when taking into consideration future demand. This being said, there is a requirement for greater levels of maintenance for the dual use rugby union pitch at Chippenham Rugby Club which caters for both rugby union and Aussie Rules demand. In addition, if the flag American football team from Salisbury City Maurauders progresses to play full contact it will need a dedicated pitch as there currently is no such provision.

## Conclusions

The existing position for all playing pitch sports is either that demand is being met or that there is a shortfall, whereas the future position shows the exacerbation of current shortfalls and the creation of additional shortfalls for some pitch/facility types and in some areas where demand is currently being met.

Where spare capacity exists or where demand is being met, this does not equate to a surplus of provision, with any spare capacity instead considered as a solution to overcoming shortfalls. As such, there is a clear need to protect all existing provision until all demand is met, or there is a requirement to replace provision to an equal or better quantity and quality before it is lost, in line with national planning policy and Sport England's Playing Fields Policy.

For the most part, the shortfalls identified could be met by better utilising current provision, such as through improving quality, pitch re-configuration, installing additional sports lighting, enabling access to existing unused provision, such as at unavailable school sites, and bringing disused sites back into use. That being said, there could be a need for some new provision in specific areas to completely alleviate existing and future deficits given the considerable shortfalls identified, especially for football, cricket and rugby union where current shortfalls are significant. This will also be necessary where other forms of eradicating the shortfalls are not possible (e.g., financially) or where they are not the preferred approach.

In relation to football, there is also a specific shortfall of 3G pitches that can only be met through increased provision. This is also a particularly large deficit that is identified in 17 of the 18 analysis areas.

## PART 4: SPORT SPECIFIC ISSUES SCENARIOS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

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

The included scenarios focus on the impact that they will have on the shortfalls and key issues identified and how they can be overcome. **However, whilst each can improve the picture to a greater or lesser extent, it should be noted that carrying out some scenarios to the fullest degree is likely to be unviable and that a combination of actions will instead be required to ensure that all current and future demand can be met.**

### Football – grass pitches

#### *Assessment Report summary*

##### **Football – supply and demand summary**

- Actual spare capacity totals 36.5 match equivalent sessions per week across 57 pitches, whilst 59 pitches across 45 sites are overplayed by a combined total of 69 match equivalent sessions per week.
- There is a current shortfall of adult, youth 11v11 and youth 9v9 pitch capacity, with overall spare capacity identified on mini 7v7 and mini 5v5 pitches.
- When factoring in future demand, the overall shortfalls worsen, although the spare capacity on the mini pitches remains despite being reduced.

##### **Football – supply summary**

- The audit identifies a total of 477 grass football pitches within Wiltshire across 215 sites, with 309 pitches across 126 sites identified as being available for community use.
- There are also a large number of disused football pitches across Wiltshire.
- Tenure of football sites in Wiltshire is generally secure, although not at most educational and MOD sites.
- Of the pitches that are available for community use, 48 are assessed as good quality, 126 as standard quality and 135 as poor quality.
- Of the 126 sites used for community football, 17 (13%) are serviced by good quality ancillary facilities, 47 (37%) by standard quality facilities and 50 (40%) by poor quality facilities.
- The remaining 12 sites (10%) are not serviced by onsite clubhouse/changing room provision and therefore have no rating provided.

##### **Football – demand summary**

- There are 861 teams from across 131 affiliated clubs playing regular, competitive matches on football pitches within Wiltshire, with this consisting of 136 adult men's, 14 adult women's, 361 youth boys', 64 youth girls' and 286 mini teams.
- 14 clubs play within the men's national league system and have to adhere to ground grading, whilst three clubs play within the female national league pyramid.
- The only known imported demand into Wiltshire is from Swindon Town FC - the Club uses Beversbrook Sports Facility, which is its training ground.
- Salisbury Youth FC has a number of its teams competing in youth football leagues in Hampshire, with this representing exported demand.
- Clarendon Juniors FC reports that it currently operates a waiting list of players wishing to join the Club within already established teams (unmet demand).
- Future demand from population growth projects an increase of four men's, three youth 11v11, two youth 9v9 and one mini 7v7 teams.
- Of responding clubs, 16 report aspirations to increase the number of teams they provide.

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## Scenarios

### *Improving pitch quality / addressing overplay*

In total, there are 59 pitches in Wiltshire across 45 sites that are overplayed by a combined total of 69 match equivalent sessions per week. Improving quality of such provision will increase capacity across the sites and as a consequence reduce both current and future shortfalls.

To illustrate the above, Table 4.1 highlights that the large majority of existing overplay would be alleviated if quality improved to good at each site. As a reminder, the capacity rating for each type and quality rating is:

Adult pitches		Youth pitches		Mini pitches	
Pitch quality	Matches per week	Pitch quality	Matches per week	Pitch quality	Matches per week
Good	3	Good	4	Good	6
Standard	2	Standard	2	Standard	4
Poor	1	Poor	1	Poor	2

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

Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	Pitch type	No. of pitches	Current quality	Current capacity rating	Good quality capacity rating
3	Alderbury Football Club	Southern Wiltshire	Adult	1	Standard	1	0
15	Archers Gate Centenary Pavilion	Stonehenge	Adult	1	Poor	0.5	1.5
15	Archers Gate Centenary Pavilion	Stonehenge	Youth (9v9)	1	Poor	1.5	1.5
24	Barrys Field	Southern Wiltshire	Youth (11v11)	2	Standard	0.5	3.5
31	Beverbrook Sports Facility	Calne	Youth (11v11)	2	Standard	4	0
42	Bowood Sports Ground	Calne	Youth (11v11)	1	Good	0.5	0.5
46	Bradon Forest School	Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade	Youth (9v9)	1	Standard	0.5	1.5
49	Brian White Head Sports & Social Club	Southern Wiltshire	Adult	1	Poor	3.5	1.5
61	Castle Combe Sports Field	Chippenham & Villages	Youth (11v11)	1	Standard	1	1
89	Corsham Town Football Club	Corsham	Adult	1	Poor	0.5	1.5
100	Daykin Estates Ground	Trowbridge	Youth (11v11)	1	Standard	1.5	0.5



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Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	Pitch type	No. of pitches	Current quality	Current capacity rating	Good quality capacity rating
100	Daykin Estates Ground	Trowbridge	Youth (9v9)	1	Standard	0.5	1.5
114	Durrington Recreation Ground	Stonehenge	Adult	1	Poor	0.5	1.5
116	Elcot Lane Playing Field	Marlborough	Youth (9v9)	1	Poor	0.5	2.5
127	Forest Community Centre	Melksham	Adult	1	Poor	0.5	1.5
130	Gerard Buxton Sports Ground	Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade	Youth (11v11)	1	Good	2	2
130	Gerard Buxton Sports Ground	Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade	Youth (9v9)	1	Good	0.5	0.5
136	Green Lane Playing Fields	Devizes	Youth (11v11)	1	Standard	1	1
136	Green Lane Playing Fields	Devizes	Youth (9v9)	1	Standard	1	1
150	High Road Playing Fields	Malmesbury	Youth (11v11)	1	Poor	1.5	1.5
150	High Road Playing Fields	Malmesbury	Youth (9v9)	1	Poor	1	2
181	Laverstock & Ford Sports Club	Southern Wiltshire	Adult	1	Standard	1.5	0.5
184	Leafy Lane Playing Fields	Corsham	Youth (9v9)	1	Standard	0.5	1.5
191	Ludgershall Sports & Social Club Football Ground	Tidworth	Adult	1	Poor	1	1
195	Malmesbury Victoria Football Club	Malmesbury	Adult	1	Poor	0.5	1.5
201	Marlborough Town Football Club	Marlborough	Adult	1	Poor	0.5	1.5
206	Mere Peace Memorial Sports & Recreation Ground	South West Wiltshire	Adult	1	Poor	1	1
208	Middle Street Meadow	Salisbury	Youth (11v11)	1	Poor	3.5	0.5
218	Netherhampton Road	South West Wiltshire	Adult	2	Standard	2	0
225	Nunton Recreation Ground	Southern Wiltshire	Adult	1	Poor	1.5	0.5

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Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	Pitch type	No. of pitches	Current quality	Current capacity rating	Good quality capacity rating
228	Nursted Road	Devizes	Adult	1	Good	1	1
236	Pewsey Old Hospital Pitches	Pewsey	Youth (9v9)	1	Poor	0.5	2.5
244	Princecroft Primary School	Warminster	Youth (9v9)	1	Poor	1	2
248	Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Field (Melksham)	Melksham	Adult	1	Standard	1	0
248	Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Field (Melksham)	Melksham	Youth (9v9)	2	Standard	1	3
251	Ramsbury Recreation Centre	Marlborough	Youth (9v9)	1	Standard	2.5	0.5
253	Redland Lane	Westbury	Youth (11v11)	1	Standard	0.5	1.5
254	Redlynch Recreation Ground	Southern Wiltshire	Adult	2	Poor	0.5	3.5
261	Salisbury Road Recreation Ground	Marlborough	Youth (9v9)	1	Poor	2.5	0.5
267	School Lane Playing Field	Bradford-on-Avon	Youth (11v11)	1	Poor	1	2
281	South Newton Rec	Stonehenge	Adult	1	Poor	1.5	0.5
281	South Newton Rec	Stonehenge	Youth (9v9)	1	Poor	1	2
299	St Laurence School	Bradford-on-Avon	Youth (11v11)	2	Poor	1.5	4.5
310	Stanley Park Sports Ground	Chippenham & Villages	Youth (9v9)	1	Good	1.5	1.5
314	Studley Green Community Centre	Trowbridge	Adult	1	Poor	3	1
314	Studley Green Community Centre	Trowbridge	Youth (11v11)	1	Poor	6.5	3.5
328	The Elisha Field	Devizes	Youth (11v11)	1	Poor	0.5	2.5
343	Tidworth Town Football Club Homeground	Tidworth	Adult	1	Poor	0.5	1.5
343	Tidworth Town Football Club Homeground	Tidworth	Youth (9v9)	1	Poor	0.5	2.5
349	Victoria Park (Salisbury)	Salisbury	Adult	1	Poor	2	0

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Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	Pitch type	No. of pitches	Current quality	Current capacity rating	Good quality capacity rating
350	Victory Field Recreation Ground	Bradford-on-Avon	Youth (9v9)	1	Poor	1.5	1.5
360	Warminster Town Football Club	Warminster	Adult	1	Poor	1	1
362	West Lavington Playing Field	Devizes	Adult	1	Poor	0.5	1.5

As seen, most overplayed pitches could accommodate current demand if quality improved to good. Only 11 of the currently overplayed pitches would still display a shortfall even if quality is maximised, with these identified at:

- ✦ Bowood Sports Ground
- ✦ Brian White Head Sports & Social Club
- ✦ Gerard Buxton Sports Ground
- ✦ Laverstock & Ford Sports Club
- ✦ Middle Street Meadow
- ✦ Nursteed Road
- ✦ Ramsbury Recreation Centre
- ✦ Stanley Park Sports Ground
- ✦ Studley Green Community Centre

At Bowood Sports Ground, Gerard Buxton Sports Ground, Nursteed Road and Stanley Park Sports Ground, deficits remain as quality is already good, whereas overplay remains at the remaining sites due to particularly high levels of demand. In such examples, steps should be taken to transfer some demand to alternative sites with actual spare capacity.

Improving quality as set out above will eradicate existing pitch shortfalls across adult, and youth 9v9 pitches on a Authority-wide basis, with overall spare capacity therefore created on all pitch types other than youth 11v11 (a shortfall of three match equivalent sessions will remain). Furthermore, only localised shortfalls will remain in the Calne (youth 11v11), Chippenham & Villages (youth 9v9), Devizes (adult), Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade (adult and youth 11v11), Southern Wiltshire (adult and youth 11v11) and Trowbridge (adult and youth 11v11) analysis areas.

Table 4.2: Impact on supply and demand if quality of overplayed pitches improved to good

Analysis area	Pitch type	Current supply/ demand balance (match equivalent sessions)	Potential supply/ demand balance (match equivalent sessions)
Stonehenge	Adult	2.5	0.5
	Youth 11v11	0	0
	Youth 9v9	2.5	0
	Mini 7v7	0	0
	Mini 5v5	0	0
Bradford-on-Avon	Adult	0.5	0.5
	Youth 11v11	2.5	0
	Youth 9v9	1.5	0
	Mini 7v7	0	0
	Mini 5v5	0	0

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Analysis area	Pitch type	Current supply/ demand balance (match equivalent sessions)	Potential supply/ demand balance (match equivalent sessions)
Calne	Adult	2.5	2.5
	Youth 11v11	4.5	0.5
	Youth 9v9	0	0
	Mini 7v7	1.5	1.5
	Mini 5v5	0.5	0.5
Chippenham & Villages	Adult	1.5	1.5
	Youth 11v11	1	0
	Youth 9v9	1.5	1.5
	Mini 7v7	0	0
	Mini 5v5	1	1
Corsham	Adult	3.5	4
	Youth 11v11	0	0
	Youth 9v9	0	0.5
	Mini 7v7	1	1
	Mini 5v5	1	1
Devizes	Adult	1.5	1
	Youth 11v11	1.5	0
	Youth 9v9	1	0
	Mini 7v7	0	0
	Mini 5v5	0	0
Malmesbury	Adult	0.5	0
	Youth 11v11	1.5	0
	Youth 9v9	0.5	1.5
	Mini 7v7	2	2
	Mini 5v5	2	2
Marlborough	Adult	0.5	0
	Youth 11v11	1	1
	Youth 9v9	5.5	2
	Mini 7v7	0	0
	Mini 5v5	0	0
Melksham	Adult	1	0.5
	Youth 11v11	0.5	0.5
	Youth 9v9	0.5	0.5
	Mini 7v7	0	0
	Mini 5v5	1.5	1.5
Pewsey	Adult	1	1
	Youth 11v11	0.5	0.5
	Youth 9v9	0.5	0
	Mini 7v7	0	0
	Mini 5v5	0	0
Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade	Adult	0	0
	Youth 11v11	1	1
	Youth 9v9	1	0.5
	Mini 7v7	0	0
	Mini 5v5	0	0

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Analysis area	Pitch type	Current supply/ demand balance (match equivalent sessions)	Potential supply/ demand balance (match equivalent sessions)
Salisbury	Adult	1	1
	Youth 11v11	3.5	0
	Youth 9v9	0	0
	Mini 7v7	0	0
	Mini 5v5	0	0
South West Wiltshire	Adult	3	1
	Youth 11v11	0	0
	Youth 9v9	1	1
	Mini 7v7	0	0
	Mini 5v5	0	0
Southern Wiltshire	Adult	8	4.5
	Youth 11v11	0.5	0.5
	Youth 9v9	3	3
	Mini 7v7	1	1
	Mini 5v5	1.5	1.5
Tidworth	Adult	1.5	0
	Youth 11v11	0	0
	Youth 9v9	0.5	0
	Mini 7v7	0	0
	Mini 5v5	0	0
Trowbridge	Adult	2.5	0.5
	Youth 11v11	8	3.5
	Youth 9v9	0.5	0
	Mini 7v7	0	0
	Mini 5v5	0	0
Warminster	Adult	0	1
	Youth 11v11	0	0
	Youth 9v9	1	0
	Mini 7v7	0	0
	Mini 5v5	0	0
Westbury	Adult	0.5	0.5
	Youth 11v11	0.5	0.5
	Youth 9v9	1	1
	Mini 7v7	0	0
	Mini 5v5	0	0
<b>Wiltshire</b>	<b>Adult</b>	<b>12.5</b>	<b>8</b>
	<b>Youth 11v11</b>	<b>22.5</b>	<b>3</b>
	<b>Youth 9v9</b>	<b>10.5</b>	<b>7</b>
	<b>Mini 7v7</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>5.5</b>
	<b>Mini 5v5</b>	<b>7.5</b>	<b>7.5</b>

In addition, the future shortfall of adult and youth 9v9 pitches would also be eradicated and spare capacity would be produced. This means that, like with current demand, only a small future shortfall would remain on youth 11v11 pitches. This is shown in the table below.

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Table 4.3: Future supply and demand if quality improved of overplayed sites to good

Pitch type	Demand (match equivalent sessions)	
	Future total	Potential future total
Adult	14.5	6
Youth 11v11	24	4.5
Youth 9v9	11.5	6
Mini 7v7	5	5
Mini 5v5	7.5	7.5

### Providing security of tenure

Currently, 27.5 match equivalent sessions per week are played on unsecured pitches across Wiltshire. The following unsecure sites currently offer community use:

- ✦ Boscombe Down Sports Field
- ✦ Brandon Forest School
- ✦ Land Warfare Centre (Site 1)
- ✦ Larkhill Sports Ground
- ✦ Marlborough Road Pitches
- ✦ MOD Lyneham
- ✦ New Close Primary School
- ✦ Notton House School
- ✦ Princecroft Primary School
- ✦ Sarum Academy
- ✦ Sheldon School
- ✦ Somme Road – Aspire Defence Ground
- ✦ Southbroom St James Academy
- ✦ St Laurence School
- ✦ Tidworth Oval
- ✦ Walwayne Court School
- ✦ Kingdown School Playing Field

If these sites were to fall out of use, shortfalls would exacerbate on adult and youth pitches, whilst spare capacity would diminish on mini pitches. This would have a significant impact, as further shown in the table below. Some form of deficit would exist in each analysis area.

Table 4.4: Current supply and demand balance without unsecure sites

Analysis area	Pitch type	Current supply/ demand balance (match equivalent sessions)	Potential supply/ demand balance (match equivalent sessions)
Stonehenge	Adult	2.5	5
	Youth 11v11	0	1
	Youth 9v9	2.5	3.5
	Mini 7v7	0	1.5
	Mini 5v5	0	1.5
Bradford-on-Avon	Adult	0.5	0.5
	Youth 11v11	2.5	5
	Youth 9v9	1.5	1.5
	Mini 7v7	0	0
	Mini 5v5	0	0

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Analysis area	Pitch type	Current supply/ demand balance (match equivalent sessions)	Potential supply/ demand balance (match equivalent sessions)
Calne	Adult	2.5	2.5
	Youth 11v11	4.5	4.5
	Youth 9v9	0	0
	Mini 7v7	1.5	1.5
	Mini 5v5	0.5	0.5
Chippenham & Villages	Adult	1.5	1.5
	Youth 11v11	1	3
	Youth 9v9	1.5	1.5
	Mini 7v7	0	0
	Mini 5v5	1	1
Corsham	Adult	3.5	3.5
	Youth 11v11	0	0.5
	Youth 9v9	0	0
	Mini 7v7	1	0
	Mini 5v5	1	1
Devizes	Adult	1.5	1.5
	Youth 11v11	1.5	2
	Youth 9v9	1	1
	Mini 7v7	0	0
	Mini 5v5	0	0
Malmesbury	Adult	0.5	0.5
	Youth 11v11	1.5	1.5
	Youth 9v9	0.5	0.5
	Mini 7v7	2	2
	Mini 5v5	2	2
Marlborough	Adult	0.5	0.5
	Youth 11v11	1	1
	Youth 9v9	5.5	5.5
	Mini 7v7	0	0
	Mini 5v5	0	0
Melksham	Adult	1	1
	Youth 11v11	0.5	0.5
	Youth 9v9	0.5	0.5
	Mini 7v7	0	0
	Mini 5v5	1.5	1.5
Pewsey	Adult	1	1
	Youth 11v11	0.5	0.5
	Youth 9v9	0.5	0.5
	Mini 7v7	0	0
	Mini 5v5	0	0
Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade	Adult	0	1.5
	Youth 11v11	1	1
	Youth 9v9	1	2.5
	Mini 7v7	0	1
	Mini 5v5	0	0.5

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Analysis area	Pitch type	Current supply/ demand balance (match equivalent sessions)	Potential supply/ demand balance (match equivalent sessions)
Salisbury	Adult	1	1.5
	Youth 11v11	3.5	3.5
	Youth 9v9	0	1
	Mini 7v7	0	0
	Mini 5v5	0	0
South West Wiltshire	Adult	3	3
	Youth 11v11	0	0
	Youth 9v9	1	1
	Mini 7v7	0	0
	Mini 5v5	0	0
Southern Wiltshire	Adult	8	8
	Youth 11v11	0.5	0.5
	Youth 9v9	3	3
	Mini 7v7	1	1
	Mini 5v5	1.5	1.5
Tidworth	Adult	1.5	2.5
	Youth 11v11	0	0
	Youth 9v9	0.5	0.5
	Mini 7v7	0	0
	Mini 5v5	0	0
Trowbridge	Adult	2.5	2.5
	Youth 11v11	8	8
	Youth 9v9	0.5	0.5
	Mini 7v7	0	0
	Mini 5v5	0	1
Warminster	Adult	0	2
	Youth 11v11	0	0
	Youth 9v9	1	2
	Mini 7v7	0	0.5
	Mini 5v5	0	0
Westbury	Adult	0.5	0.5
	Youth 11v11	0.5	0.5
	Youth 9v9	1	1
	Mini 7v7	0	0
	Mini 5v5	0	0
<b>Wiltshire</b>	<b>Adult</b>	<b>12.5</b>	<b>20</b>
	<b>Youth 11v11</b>	<b>22.5</b>	<b>29</b>
	<b>Youth 9v9</b>	<b>10.5</b>	<b>17</b>
	<b>Mini 7v7</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>1.5</b>
	<b>Mini 5v5</b>	<b>7.5</b>	<b>4.5</b>

In addition, as shown in the following table, the future shortfalls on adult, youth 11v11 and youth 9v9 pitches would exacerbate and spare capacity would further reduce on mini 7v7 pitches.



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Table 4.5: Future supply and demand without unsecured sites

Pitch type	Demand (match equivalent sessions)	
	Future total	Potential future total
Adult	14.5	22
Youth 11v11	24	30.5
Youth 9v9	11.5	18
Mini 7v7	5	1
Mini 5v5	7.5	4.5

Conversely, 25 match equivalent sessions of spare capacity per week are currently discounted due to the sites having unsecure tenure. As such, securing tenure across all sites would provide increased levels of actual spare capacity which would then reduce existing shortfalls.

Table 4.6: Current supply and demand balance with all sites secured

Analysis area	Pitch type	Current supply/ demand balance (match equivalent sessions)	Potential supply/ demand balance (match equivalent sessions)
Stonehenge	Adult	2.5	0.5
	Youth 11v11	0	1
	Youth 9v9	2.5	2
	Mini 7v7	0	0
	Mini 5v5	0	0
Bradford-on-Avon	Adult	0.5	1.5
	Youth 11v11	2.5	2.5
	Youth 9v9	1.5	1.5
	Mini 7v7	0	0
	Mini 5v5	0	0
Calne	Adult	2.5	2.5
	Youth 11v11	4.5	4.5
	Youth 9v9	0	0
	Mini 7v7	1.5	1.5
	Mini 5v5	0.5	0.5
Chippenham & Villages	Adult	1.5	1.5
	Youth 11v11	1	1
	Youth 9v9	1.5	1.5
	Mini 7v7	0	0
	Mini 5v5	1	1
Corsham	Adult	3.5	3.5
	Youth 11v11	0	0.5
	Youth 9v9	0	0
	Mini 7v7	1	1
	Mini 5v5	1	2
Devizes	Adult	1.5	0.5
	Youth 11v11	1.5	1.5
	Youth 9v9	1	1
	Mini 7v7	0	0
	Mini 5v5	0	0

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Analysis area	Pitch type	Current supply/ demand balance (match equivalent sessions)	Potential supply/ demand balance (match equivalent sessions)
Malmesbury	Adult	0.5	0.5
	Youth 11v11	1.5	1.5
	Youth 9v9	0.5	0.5
	Mini 7v7	2	2
	Mini 5v5	2	2
Marlborough	Adult	0.5	0.5
	Youth 11v11	1	1
	Youth 9v9	5.5	5.5
	Mini 7v7	0	0
	Mini 5v5	0	0
Melksham	Adult	1	1
	Youth 11v11	0.5	0.5
	Youth 9v9	0.5	0.5
	Mini 7v7	0	0
	Mini 5v5	1.5	1.5
Pewsey	Adult	1	1
	Youth 11v11	0.5	0.5
	Youth 9v9	0.5	0.5
	Mini 7v7	0	0
	Mini 5v5	0	0
Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade	Adult	0	4.5
	Youth 11v11	1	0
	Youth 9v9	1	1
	Mini 7v7	0	0
	Mini 5v5	0	0
Salisbury	Adult	1	0
	Youth 11v11	3.5	3.5
	Youth 9v9	0	0
	Mini 7v7	0	0
	Mini 5v5	0	0
South West Wiltshire	Adult	3	3
	Youth 11v11	0	0
	Youth 9v9	1	1
	Mini 7v7	0	0
	Mini 5v5	0	0
Southern Wiltshire	Adult	8	8
	Youth 11v11	0.5	0.5
	Youth 9v9	3	3
	Mini 7v7	1	1
	Mini 5v5	1.5	1.5
Tidworth	Adult	1.5	0.5
	Youth 11v11	0	0
	Youth 9v9	0.5	0.5
	Mini 7v7	0	0
	Mini 5v5	0	0

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Analysis area	Pitch type	Current supply/ demand balance (match equivalent sessions)	Potential supply/ demand balance (match equivalent sessions)
Trowbridge	Adult	2.5	2.5
	Youth 11v11	8	8
	Youth 9v9	0.5	0.5
	Mini 7v7	0	0
	Mini 5v5	0	0
Warminster	Adult	0	3.5
	Youth 11v11	0	0
	Youth 9v9	1	1
	Mini 7v7	0	0
	Mini 5v5	0	0
Westbury	Adult	0.5	0.5
	Youth 11v11	0.5	0.5
	Youth 9v9	1	1
	Mini 7v7	0	0
	Mini 5v5	0	0
Wiltshire	Adult	12.5	6
	Youth 11v11	22.5	17.5
	Youth 9v9	10.5	10
	Mini 7v7	5.5	5.5
	Mini 5v5	7.5	8.5

Across Wiltshire as a whole, securing tenure across all provision would eradicate adult pitch shortfalls and reduce youth 11v11 and youth 9v9 deficits. It would also slightly increase overall spare capacity on mini 5v5 pitches whilst mini 7v7 pitches will remain the same level of spare capacity.

Table 4.7: Future supply and demand with tenure secured at all sites

Pitch type	Demand (match equivalent sessions)	
	Future total	Potential future total
Adult	14.5	4
Youth 11v11	24	19
Youth 9v9	11.5	11
Mini 7v7	5	5
Mini 5v5	7.5	8.5

### Increasing community use

Currently, a large number of pitches are unavailable for community use, predominately at school and MOD sites. This equates to 168 pitches at 89 sites, all of which could provide actual spare capacity if they were made available. The impact of making all pitches accessible to the community (and with secured tenure) is shown in the table below.

Only localised shortfalls would exist on youth pitches in the Stonehenge, Bradford-on-Avon, Calne, Chippenham & Villages, Devizes, Marlborough, Melksham, Pewsey, Royal Wootton Bassett & Crickdale, Salisbury, Tidworth and Trowbridge analysis areas in addition to adult shortfalls in the Melksham, South West Wiltshire and Southern Wiltshire analysis areas.

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Table 4.8: Current supply and demand balance with all sites available to the community

Analysis area	Pitch type	Current supply/ demand balance (match equivalent sessions)	Potential supply/ demand balance (match equivalent sessions)
Stonehenge	Adult	2.5	1.5
	Youth 11v11	0	0
	Youth 9v9	2.5	2.5
	Mini 7v7	0	1
	Mini 5v5	0	3
Bradford-on-Avon	Adult	0.5	0.5
	Youth 11v11	2.5	2.5
	Youth 9v9	1.5	1.5
	Mini 7v7	0	0
Calne	Adult	2.5	5.5
	Youth 11v11	4.5	3.5
	Youth 9v9	0	3
	Mini 7v7	1.5	3.5
	Mini 5v5	0.5	1.5
Chippenham & Villages	Adult	1.5	3.5
	Youth 11v11	1	0
	Youth 9v9	1.5	0.5
	Mini 7v7	0	4
	Mini 5v5	1	6
Corsham	Adult	3.5	8.5
	Youth 11v11	0	0
	Youth 9v9	0	0
	Mini 7v7	1	1
	Mini 5v5	1	3
Devizes	Adult	1.5	5.5
	Youth 11v11	1.5	1.5
	Youth 9v9	1	3
	Mini 7v7	0	0
	Mini 5v5	0	7
Malmesbury	Adult	0.5	8.5
	Youth 11v11	1.5	2.5
	Youth 9v9	0.5	2.5
	Mini 7v7	2	3
	Mini 5v5	2	14
Marlborough	Adult	0.5	1.5
	Youth 11v11	1	1
	Youth 9v9	5.5	5.5
	Mini 7v7	0	0
	Mini 5v5	0	0
Melksham	Adult	1	1
	Youth 11v11	0.5	0.5
	Youth 9v9	0.5	0.5
	Mini 7v7	0	1
	Mini 5v5	1.5	1.5

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Analysis area	Pitch type	Current supply/ demand balance (match equivalent sessions)	Potential supply/ demand balance (match equivalent sessions)
Pewsey	Adult	1	1
	Youth 11v11	0.5	0.5
	Youth 9v9	0.5	0.5
	Mini 7v7	0	2
	Mini 5v5	0	3
Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade	Adult	0	1
	Youth 11v11	1	1
	Youth 9v9	1	0
	Mini 7v7	0	1
	Mini 5v5	0	6
Salisbury	Adult	1	3
	Youth 11v11	3.5	3.5
	Youth 9v9	0	1
	Mini 7v7	0	2
	Mini 5v5	0	3
South West Wiltshire	Adult	3	3
	Youth 11v11	0	2
	Youth 9v9	1	3
	Mini 7v7	0	0
	Mini 5v5	0	1
Southern Wiltshire	Adult	8	6
	Youth 11v11	0.5	1.5
	Youth 9v9	3	3
	Mini 7v7	1	4
	Mini 5v5	1.5	4.5
Tidworth	Adult	1.5	1.5
	Youth 11v11	0	0
	Youth 9v9	0.5	0.5
	Mini 7v7	0	1
	Mini 5v5	0	0
Trowbridge	Adult	2.5	2.5
	Youth 11v11	8	8
	Youth 9v9	0.5	0.5
	Mini 7v7	0	2
	Mini 5v5	0	7
Warminster	Adult	0	7
	Youth 11v11	0	1
	Youth 9v9	1	0
	Mini 7v7	0	2
	Mini 5v5	0	0
Westbury	Adult	0.5	0.5
	Youth 11v11	0.5	1.5
	Youth 9v9	1	3
	Mini 7v7	0	0
	Mini 5v5	0	0

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Analysis area	Pitch type	Current supply/ demand balance (match equivalent sessions)	Potential supply/ demand balance (match equivalent sessions)
Wiltshire	Adult	12.5	40.5
	Youth 11v11	22.5	9.5
	Youth 9v9	10.5	8
	Mini 7v7	5.5	27.5
	Mini 5v5	7.5	61.5

As seen, overall, only youth 11v11 shortfalls would remain (albeit significantly reduced), thus evidencing the substantial impact that this would have.

Table 4.9: Future supply and demand with tenure secured at all sites

Pitch type	Demand (match equivalent sessions)	
	Future total	Potential future total
Adult	14.5	38.5
Youth 11v11	24	11.5
Youth 9v9	11.5	7
Mini 7v7	5	27
Mini 5v5	7.5	61.5

As it is likely to be unfeasible to gain access to all sites, priority should be placed on sites that provide multiple pitches as this would have the greatest impact on meeting demand, particularly where adult, youth 11v11 and youth 9v9 pitches are provided given the existing shortfalls that exist. There is no overarching need for access to additional mini 7v7 or mini 5v5 pitches given that spare capacity is already presented.

### Bringing disused pitches back into use

There are 54 sites that are either active sites which previously accommodated grass football pitches, or that are now completely disused. Combined, these previously provided 71 football pitches, which is a considerable number.

The impact of bringing all football pitches back into use across the sites is shown in the table below, based on what was supplied at the venues prior to them falling out of use. As seen, significant spare capacity will be created on adult pitches across Wiltshire, whilst shortfalls on youth 11v11 and youth 9v9 will be reduced. Overall spare capacity increases on both mini 7v7 and mini 5v5 pitch types.

Table 4.10: Impact of bringing disused pitches back into use

Analysis area	Pitch type	Current supply/ demand balance (match equivalent sessions)	Potential supply/ demand balance (match equivalent sessions)
Stonehenge	Adult	2.5	1.5
	Youth 11v11	0	1
	Youth 9v9	2.5	2.5
	Mini 7v7	0	0
	Mini 5v5	0	0
Bradford-on-Avon	Adult	0.5	3.5
	Youth 11v11	2.5	0.5
	Youth 9v9	1.5	0.5

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Analysis area	Pitch type	Current supply/ demand balance (match equivalent sessions)	Potential supply/ demand balance (match equivalent sessions)
	Mini 7v7	0	5
	Mini 5v5	0	1
Calne	Adult	2.5	5.5
	Youth 11v11	4.5	4.5
	Youth 9v9	0	0
	Mini 7v7	1.5	1.5
	Mini 5v5	0.5	0.5
Chippenham & Villages	Adult	1.5	1.5
	Youth 11v11	1	0
	Youth 9v9	1.5	1.5
	Mini 7v7	0	0
Corsham	Adult	3.5	3.5
	Youth 11v11	0	1
	Youth 9v9	0	0
	Mini 7v7	1	1
	Mini 5v5	1	4
Devizes	Adult	1.5	1.5
	Youth 11v11	1.5	1.5
	Youth 9v9	1	1
	Mini 7v7	0	1
	Mini 5v5	0	0
Malmesbury	Adult	0.5	0.5
	Youth 11v11	1.5	1.5
	Youth 9v9	0.5	0.5
	Mini 7v7	2	2
	Mini 5v5	2	5
Marlborough	Adult	0.5	0.5
	Youth 11v11	1	1
	Youth 9v9	5.5	5.5
	Mini 7v7	0	0
	Mini 5v5	0	0
Melksham	Adult	1	0
	Youth 11v11	0.5	3.5
	Youth 9v9	0.5	0.5
	Mini 7v7	0	0
	Mini 5v5	1.5	2.5
Pewsey	Adult	1	5
	Youth 11v11	0.5	1.5
	Youth 9v9	0.5	0.5
	Mini 7v7	0	2
	Mini 5v5	0	0
Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade	Adult	0	4
	Youth 11v11	1	1
	Youth 9v9	1	1
	Mini 7v7	0	1
	Mini 5v5	0	1

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Analysis area	Pitch type	Current supply/ demand balance (match equivalent sessions)	Potential supply/ demand balance (match equivalent sessions)
Salisbury	Adult	1	0
	Youth 11v11	3.5	2.5
	Youth 9v9	0	0
	Mini 7v7	0	0
	Mini 5v5	0	0
South West Wiltshire	Adult	3	1
	Youth 11v11	0	1
	Youth 9v9	1	1
	Mini 7v7	0	0
	Mini 5v5	0	0
Southern Wiltshire	Adult	8	8
	Youth 11v11	0.5	0.5
	Youth 9v9	3	3
	Mini 7v7	1	1
	Mini 5v5	1.5	2.5
Tidworth	Adult	1.5	1.5
	Youth 11v11	0	1
	Youth 9v9	0.5	0.5
	Mini 7v7	0	2
	Mini 5v5	0	2
Trowbridge	Adult	2.5	1.5
	Youth 11v11	8	8
	Youth 9v9	0.5	0.5
	Mini 7v7	0	0
	Mini 5v5	0	0
Warminster	Adult	0	2
	Youth 11v11	0	2
	Youth 9v9	1	1
	Mini 7v7	0	1
	Mini 5v5	0	1
Westbury	Adult	0.5	0.5
	Youth 11v11	0.5	0.5
	Youth 9v9	1	1
	Mini 7v7	0	0
	Mini 5v5	0	1
<b>Wiltshire</b>	<b>Adult</b>	<b>12.5</b>	<b>13.5</b>
	<b>Youth 11v11</b>	<b>22.5</b>	<b>7.5</b>
	<b>Youth 9v9</b>	<b>10.5</b>	<b>6.5</b>
	<b>Mini 7v7</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>17.5</b>
	<b>Mini 5v5</b>	<b>7.5</b>	<b>20.5</b>

In addition, only future shortfalls would remain on youth 11v11 and youth 9v9 pitches, albeit both at reduced levels. Significant spare capacity exists on adult, mini 7v7 and mini 5v5 pitches.



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Table 4.11: Future supply and demand with disused sites brought back into use

Pitch type	Demand (match equivalent sessions)	
	Future total	Potential future total
Adult	14.5	11.5
Youth 11v11	24	9
Youth 9v9	11.5	7.5
Mini 7v7	5	17
Mini 5v5	7.5	20.5

## Actioning all of the above scenarios

Via a combination of improving pitch quality, securing tenure, increasing community access and bringing disused sites back into use, all current shortfalls in Wiltshire would be alleviated overall and considerable spare capacity would be provided across the pitch types. This is especially the case in relation to adult provision. In addition, only minimal localised shortfalls would remain in the Chippenham & Village (youth 9v9), Southern Wiltshire (adult) and Trowbridge (youth 11v11) analysis areas.

Table 4.12: Current supply and demand balance through actioning all scenarios

Analysis area	Pitch type	Current supply/ demand balance (match equivalent sessions)	Potential supply/ demand balance (match equivalent sessions)
Stonehenge	Adult	2.5	11.5
	Youth 11v11	0	1
	Youth 9v9	2.5	0.5
	Mini 7v7	0	1
	Mini 5v5	0	3
Bradford-on-Avon	Adult	0.5	4.5
	Youth 11v11	2.5	2
	Youth 9v9	1.5	1
	Mini 7v7	0	5
	Mini 5v5	0	2
Calne	Adult	2.5	8.5
	Youth 11v11	4.5	0.5
	Youth 9v9	0	0
	Mini 7v7	1.5	3.5
	Mini 5v5	0.5	1.5
Chippenham & Villages	Adult	1.5	3.5
	Youth 11v11	1	0
	Youth 9v9	1.5	0.5
	Mini 7v7	0	4
	Mini 5v5	1	6
Corsham	Adult	3.5	9
	Youth 11v11	0	1.5
	Youth 9v9	0	0.5
	Mini 7v7	1	1
	Mini 5v5	1	4
Devizes	Adult	1.5	6.5
	Youth 11v11	1.5	0

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Analysis area	Pitch type	Current supply/ demand balance (match equivalent sessions)	Potential supply/ demand balance (match equivalent sessions)
	Youth 9v9	1	4
	Mini 7v7	0	1
	Mini 5v5	0	7
Malmesbury	Adult	0.5	10
	Youth 11v11	1.5	4
	Youth 9v9	0.5	3.5
	Mini 7v7	2	3
	Mini 5v5	2	17
Marlborough	Adult	0.5	2
	Youth 11v11	1	1
	Youth 9v9	5.5	2
	Mini 7v7	0	0
	Mini 5v5	0	0
Melksham	Adult	1	1.5
	Youth 11v11	0.5	3.5
	Youth 9v9	0.5	0.5
	Mini 7v7	0	1
	Mini 5v5	1.5	2.5
Pewsey	Adult	1	5
	Youth 11v11	0.5	1.5
	Youth 9v9	0.5	1
	Mini 7v7	0	2
	Mini 5v5	0	4
Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade	Adult	0	9.5
	Youth 11v11	1	0
	Youth 9v9	1	0.5
	Mini 7v7	0	2
	Mini 5v5	0	7
Salisbury	Adult	1	7
	Youth 11v11	3.5	1
	Youth 9v9	0	1
	Mini 7v7	0	2
	Mini 5v5	0	3
South West Wiltshire	Adult	3	1
	Youth 11v11	0	2
	Youth 9v9	1	3
	Mini 7v7	0	0
	Mini 5v5	0	1
Southern Wiltshire	Adult	8	2.5
	Youth 11v11	0.5	2.5
	Youth 9v9	3	3
	Mini 7v7	1	4
	Mini 5v5	1.5	4.5
Tidworth	Adult	1.5	3.5
	Youth 11v11	0	1
	Youth 9v9	0.5	1
	Mini 7v7	0	3

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Analysis area	Pitch type	Current supply/ demand balance (match equivalent sessions)	Potential supply/ demand balance (match equivalent sessions)
	Mini 5v5	0	2
Trowbridge	Adult	2.5	5.5
	Youth 11v11	8	3.5
	Youth 9v9	0.5	2
	Mini 7v7	0	2
	Mini 5v5	0	7
Warminster	Adult	0	13.5
	Youth 11v11	0	3
	Youth 9v9	1	2
	Mini 7v7	0	3
	Mini 5v5	0	0
Westbury	Adult	0.5	0.5
	Youth 11v11	0.5	2.5
	Youth 9v9	1	3
	Mini 7v7	0	0
	Mini 5v5	0	1
<b>Wiltshire</b>	<b>Adult</b>	<b>12.5</b>	<b>100</b>
	<b>Youth 11v11</b>	<b>22.5</b>	<b>23.5</b>
	<b>Youth 9v9</b>	<b>10.5</b>	<b>28</b>
	<b>Mini 7v7</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>47.5</b>
	<b>Mini 5v5</b>	<b>7.5</b>	<b>72</b>

Actioning all of the scenarios will also be sufficient to meet all future demand across Wiltshire as a whole.

Table 4.13: Future supply and demand with disused sites brought back into use

Pitch type	Demand (match equivalent sessions)	
	Future total	Potential future total
Adult	14.5	98
Youth 11v11	24	21.5
Youth 9v9	11.5	27
Mini 7v7	5	47
Mini 5v5	7.5	72

### *New pitch provision / pitch re-configuration*

The above scenarios show that all shortfalls across Wiltshire as a whole can be alleviated without the need for new pitch stock, whilst most localised shortfalls can also be overcome when assessing supply and demand on an analysis area basis. The only shortfalls that will remain are:

- ⚡ Chippenham & Villages – 0.5 match equivalent sessions on youth 9v9 pitches.
- ⚡ Southern Wiltshire – 2.5 match equivalent sessions on adult pitches.
- ⚡ Trowbridge – 3.5 match equivalent sessions on youth 11v11 pitches.

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To overcome these shortfalls via new pitch provision, one additional youth 9v9 pitch could be needed in the Chippenham & Villages Analysis Area, three additional adult pitches could be needed in the Southern Wiltshire Analysis Area, and four additional youth 11v11 pitches could be needed in the Trowbridge Analysis Area. However, the deficits could also be resolved through utilising overall spare capacity on other pitch types and converting the provision to the pitch type that is in need.

As an example of the above, 5.5 match equivalent sessions of spare capacity per week can be created on adult pitches in the Trowbridge Analysis Area through actioning relevant scenarios. This would therefore free up provision to be converted to youth 11v11 size.

Similarly, in the Chippenham & Villages Analysis Area 3.5 match equivalent sessions of spare capacity per week can be created on adult pitches to offset the small youth 9v9 pitch shortfalls. In the South West Wiltshire Analysis Area, five match equivalent sessions of spare capacity can be created on youth provision to offset the 2.5 match equivalent shortfall on adult pitches.

Notwithstanding the above, the need for additional pitches will increase if other scenarios are not actionable. These scenarios only demonstrate that there may not be a requirement.

### *Accounting for club future demand aspirations*

During consultation, 16 clubs report aspirations to increase its number of teams that they provide, equating to a predicted growth of 38 teams. This has previously been discounted from calculations as it is considered to be more aspirational than future growth predicted via population growth; however, if such demand is realised, spare capacity would reduce on mini 7v7 and mini 5v5 pitches, whilst shortfalls would worsen on adult, youth 11v11 and youth 9v9 pitches.

*Table 4.14: Supply and demand with club future demand aspirations accounted for*

Analysis area	Pitch type	Current supply/ demand balance (match equivalent sessions)	Potential supply/ demand balance (match equivalent sessions)
Stonehenge	Adult	2.5	3.5
	Youth 11v11	0	1
	Youth 9v9	2.5	4
	Mini 7v7	0	0
	Mini 5v5	0	0.5
Bradford-on-Avon	Adult	0.5	0
	Youth 11v11	2.5	3
	Youth 9v9	1.5	2.5
	Mini 7v7	0	0
	Mini 5v5	0	0.5
Calne	Adult	2.5	2.5
	Youth 11v11	4.5	5
	Youth 9v9	0	0.5
	Mini 7v7	1.5	1
	Mini 5v5	0.5	0.5
Chippenham & Villages	Adult	1.5	1.5
	Youth 11v11	1	1

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Analysis area	Pitch type	Current supply/ demand balance (match equivalent sessions)	Potential supply/ demand balance (match equivalent sessions)
	Youth 9v9	1.5	1.5
	Mini 7v7	0	0
	Mini 5v5	1	1
Corsham	Adult	3.5	3.5
	Youth 11v11	0	0
	Youth 9v9	0	0
	Mini 7v7	1	0.5
	Mini 5v5	1	1
Devizes	Adult	1.5	2
	Youth 11v11	1.5	1.5
	Youth 9v9	1	1
	Mini 7v7	0	0
	Mini 5v5	0	0
Malmesbury	Adult	0.5	2
	Youth 11v11	1.5	2.5
	Youth 9v9	0.5	0.5
	Mini 7v7	2	2
	Mini 5v5	2	2
Marlborough	Adult	0.5	1.5
	Youth 11v11	1	0.5
	Youth 9v9	5.5	6.5
	Mini 7v7	0	0
	Mini 5v5	0	0
Melksham	Adult	1	2
	Youth 11v11	0.5	0
	Youth 9v9	0.5	0.5
	Mini 7v7	0	0
	Mini 5v5	1.5	1.5
Pewsey	Adult	1	1
	Youth 11v11	0.5	0.5
	Youth 9v9	0.5	1
	Mini 7v7	0	0
	Mini 5v5	0	0
Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade	Adult	0	0.5
	Youth 11v11	1	1.5
	Youth 9v9	1	2.5
	Mini 7v7	0	0
	Mini 5v5	0	0
Salisbury	Adult	1	1.5
	Youth 11v11	3.5	3.5
	Youth 9v9	0	0.5
	Mini 7v7	0	0
	Mini 5v5	0	0
South West Wiltshire	Adult	3	3
	Youth 11v11	0	0
	Youth 9v9	1	1
	Mini 7v7	0	0

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Analysis area	Pitch type	Current supply/ demand balance (match equivalent sessions)	Potential supply/ demand balance (match equivalent sessions)
	Mini 5v5	0	0
Southern Wiltshire	Adult	8	9
	Youth 11v11	0.5	1
	Youth 9v9	3	2
	Mini 7v7	1	0.5
	Mini 5v5	1.5	0.5
Tidworth	Adult	1.5	1.5
	Youth 11v11	0	0
	Youth 9v9	0.5	0.5
	Mini 7v7	0	0
	Mini 5v5	0	0
Trowbridge	Adult	2.5	2.5
	Youth 11v11	8	8.5
	Youth 9v9	0.5	0.5
	Mini 7v7	0	0
	Mini 5v5	0	0
Warminster	Adult	0	0
	Youth 11v11	0	0
	Youth 9v9	1	1
	Mini 7v7	0	0
	Mini 5v5	0	0.5
Westbury	Adult	0.5	0.5
	Youth 11v11	0.5	0.5
	Youth 9v9	1	1
	Mini 7v7	0	0
	Mini 5v5	0	0
Wiltshire	<b>Adult</b>	<b>12.5</b>	<b>20</b>
	<b>Youth 11v11</b>	<b>22.5</b>	<b>28</b>
	<b>Youth 9v9</b>	<b>10.5</b>	<b>19</b>
	<b>Mini 7v7</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>4</b>
	<b>Mini 5v5</b>	<b>7.5</b>	<b>4.5</b>

However, carrying out the scenarios previously referenced would still be sufficient to accommodate this level of growth across Wiltshire as a whole. That being said, some additional localised shortfalls will be created on youth 9v9 pitches in the Stonehenge, Calne and Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade analysis areas, as well as on mini 5v5 pitches in the Warminster Analysis Area.

Table 4.15: Impact of future demand aspirations in addition to actioning other scenarios

Analysis area	Pitch type	Potential future supply and demand balance (match equivalent sessions)	Supply and demand balance with scenarios actioned (match equivalent sessions)
Stonehenge	Adult	3.5	10.5
	Youth 11v11	1	0
	Youth 9v9	4	1
	Mini 7v7	0	1
	Mini 5v5	0.5	2.5

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Analysis area	Pitch type	Potential future supply and demand balance (match equivalent sessions)	Supply and demand balance with scenarios actioned (match equivalent sessions)
Bradford-on-Avon	Adult	0	4
	Youth 11v11	3	1.5
	Youth 9v9	2.5	0
	Mini 7v7	0	5
	Mini 5v5	0.5	1.5
Calne	Adult	2.5	8.5
	Youth 11v11	5	0
	Youth 9v9	0.5	0.5
	Mini 7v7	1	3
	Mini 5v5	0.5	1.5
Chippenham & Villages	Adult	1.5	3.5
	Youth 11v11	1	0
	Youth 9v9	1.5	0.5
	Mini 7v7	0	4
	Mini 5v5	1	6
Corsham	Adult	3.5	9
	Youth 11v11	0	1.5
	Youth 9v9	0	0.5
	Mini 7v7	0.5	0.5
	Mini 5v5	1	4
Devizes	Adult	2	6
	Youth 11v11	1.5	0
	Youth 9v9	1	4
	Mini 7v7	0	1
	Mini 5v5	0	7
Malmesbury	Adult	2	8.5
	Youth 11v11	2.5	3
	Youth 9v9	0.5	2.5
	Mini 7v7	2	3
	Mini 5v5	2	17
Marlborough	Adult	1.5	1
	Youth 11v11	0.5	0.5
	Youth 9v9	6.5	1
	Mini 7v7	0	0
	Mini 5v5	0	0
Melksham	Adult	2	0.5
	Youth 11v11	0	3.5
	Youth 9v9	0.5	0.5
	Mini 7v7	0	1
	Mini 5v5	1.5	2.5
Pewsey	Adult	1	5
	Youth 11v11	0.5	1.5
	Youth 9v9	1	0.5
	Mini 7v7	0	2
	Mini 5v5	0	4

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Analysis area	Pitch type	Potential future supply and demand balance (match equivalent sessions)	Supply and demand balance with scenarios actioned (match equivalent sessions)
Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade	Adult	0.5	9
	Youth 11v11	1.5	0
	Youth 9v9	2.5	1
	Mini 7v7	0	2
	Mini 5v5	0	7
Salisbury	Adult	1.5	6.5
	Youth 11v11	3.5	1
	Youth 9v9	0.5	0.5
	Mini 7v7	0	2
	Mini 5v5	0	3
South West Wiltshire	Adult	3	1
	Youth 11v11	0	2
	Youth 9v9	1	3
	Mini 7v7	0	0
	Mini 5v5	0	1
Southern Wiltshire	Adult	9	3.5
	Youth 11v11	1	2
	Youth 9v9	2	2
	Mini 7v7	0.5	3.5
	Mini 5v5	0.5	3.5
Tidworth	Adult	1.5	3.5
	Youth 11v11	0	1
	Youth 9v9	0.5	1
	Mini 7v7	0	3
	Mini 5v5	0	2
Trowbridge	Adult	2.5	5.5
	Youth 11v11	8.5	4
	Youth 9v9	0.5	2
	Mini 7v7	0	2
	Mini 5v5	0	7
Warminster	Adult	0	13.5
	Youth 11v11	0	3
	Youth 9v9	1	2
	Mini 7v7	0	3
	Mini 5v5	0.5	0.5
Westbury	Adult	0.5	0.5
	Youth 11v11	0.5	2.5
	Youth 9v9	1	3
	Mini 7v7	0	0
	Mini 5v5	0	1
<b>Wiltshire</b>	<b>Adult</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>92.5</b>
	<b>Youth 11v11</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>17</b>
	<b>Youth 9v9</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>19.5</b>
	<b>Mini 7v7</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>46</b>
	<b>Mini 5v5</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>69</b>



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Where shortfalls do remain or develop, this could be still alleviated through pitch re-configuration, utilising the spare capacity that has been created.

### *Loss of access to smaller pitch sites*

Nationally, there is an issue with many smaller pitch sites becoming unviable, particularly from a maintenance and resource perspective. These are often single pitch sites that receive little to no usage, although it is recognised that some could have considerable community value, particularly for open space and informal recreation and when located more rurally or within an area of deprivation. Nevertheless, due to sustainability issues, some local authorities are looking into rationalising such stock in order to invest in the creation or extension of multi-pitch and potentially multi-sport 'hub' sites.

Based on evidence provided within the proceeding Assessment Report, there are a total of 39 sites accommodating 94 football pitches in Wiltshire which are managed by the Council or town/parish councils. Of these, 19 sites containing 66 pitches either have multiple pitches and/or cater for a minimum of 1.5 match equivalent sessions worth of demand on a weekly basis and are therefore considered to be of sufficient value for continued activity. These sites are as follows:

- ◀ Archers Gate Centenary Pavilion
- ◀ Beversbrook Sports Facility
- ◀ Bratton Recreation Ground
- ◀ Chestnut Springs Playing Field
- ◀ Durrington Recreation Ground
- ◀ Elcot Lane Playing Field
- ◀ Mere Peace Memorial Sports & Recreation Ground
- ◀ Middle Street Meadow
- ◀ Netherhampton Road
- ◀ Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Field (Melksham)
- ◀ Salisbury Road Recreation Ground
- ◀ School Lane Playing Field
- ◀ South Newton Rec
- ◀ Stanley Park Sports Ground
- ◀ Studley Green Community Centre
- ◀ The Elisha Field
- ◀ Victoria Park (Salisbury)
- ◀ West Lavington Playing Field
- ◀ Hudson's Field

The remaining sites generally have only one pitch and accommodate at most two teams or one match equivalent session worth of demand on a weekly basis. These sites are as follows:

- ◀ Aldbourne Sports Field
- ◀ Avon Park
- ◀ Bishopdown
- ◀ Bonnymead Park
- ◀ Box Recreation Ground
- ◀ Bulford Recreation Ground
- ◀ Castle Meadow Playing Field
- ◀ Dilton Marsh Playing Fields
- ◀ Duchy Manor
- ◀ Figheldean Recreation Ground
- ◀ Five Rivers Health & Wellbeing Centre

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- ◀ Green Lane Recreation Centre
- ◀ Holt Playing Field
- ◀ Lacock Recreation Ground
- ◀ Poulton Recreation Field
- ◀ Sands Lane Rowde
- ◀ St Marys Recreation Field
- ◀ The Knockdown Road Sports Field
- ◀ Westwood Playing Field
- ◀ White Lion Park

However, of these, Box Recreation Ground, Castle Meadow Playing Field, Duchy Manor and Lacock Recreation Ground also have provision for other sports, namely cricket, and are therefore also considered to be of sufficient value.

The remaining 17 sites are considered to be less preferable for investment or improvement. Where appropriate, loss of these sites for the development and re-provision of playing field land as part of a broader community offer could be considered. This is on the proviso that any proposal meets NPPF Paragraph 103 and Sport England's Playing Field Policy (see Part 5 for further information).

The table below further summarises the 17 sites, setting out what pitches are provided at each, the quality of the provision and current usage levels. Given the existing shortfalls evident for football, this is what would need to be replaced should any of the sites come forward for permanent loss.

*Table 4.16: Summary of football sites potentially suitable for development*

Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	Pitch size	No. of pitches	Quality	Current play (match equivalent sessions)
2	Aldbourn Sports Field	Marlborough	Adult	1	Poor	0
19	Avon Park	Bradford-on-Avon	Youth (9v9)	1	Standard	1
34	Bishopdown	Salisbury	Adult	1	Standard	1
39	Bonnymead Park	Stonehenge	Adult	1	Poor	0.5
56	Bulford Recreation Ground	Stonehenge	Adult	1	Poor	1
105	Dilton Marsh Playing Fields	Westbury	Adult	1	Poor	0.5
105	Dilton Marsh Playing Fields	Westbury	Mini (5v5)	1	Poor	0.5
122	Figheledean Recreation Ground	Stonehenge	Adult	1	Poor	0.5
126	Five Rivers Health & Wellbeing Centre	Salisbury	Youth (11v11)	1	Poor	1
137	Green Lane Recreation Centre	Corsham	Mini (5v5)	1	Poor	0
137	Green Lane Recreation Centre	Corsham	Mini (7v7)	1	Poor	0.5
137	Green Lane Recreation Centre	Corsham	Youth (9v9)	1	Poor	0.5
156	Holt Playing Field	Bradford-on-Avon	Adult	1	Standard	0.5

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Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	Pitch size	No. of pitches	Quality	Current play (match equivalent sessions)
242	Poulton Recreation Field	Bradford-on-Avon	Mini (7v7)	3	Poor	1
264	Sands Lane Rowde	Devizes	Adult	1	Poor	0.5
303	St Marys Recreation Field	Melksham	Adult	1	Standard	0.5
333	The Knockdown Road Sports Field	Malmesbury	Adult	1	Standard	1
333	The Knockdown Road Sports Field	Malmesbury	Mini (7v7)	1	Standard	0
368	Westwood Playing Field	Bradford-on-Avon	Adult	1	Poor	0
370	White Lion Park	Malmesbury	Mini (7v7)	2	Poor	0

Collectively, potential rationalisation of these sites would present a need to re-provide the playing field hectareage to be lost as well as the equivalent of 11 adult, one youth 11v11, two youth 9v9, seven mini 7v7 and one mini 5v5 pitch (in addition to suitable ancillary facilities). This is summarised by analysis area in the table below.

Table 4.17: Provision at sites potentially suitable for loss by analysis area

Map ID	Analysis area	Adult	Youth 11v11	Youth 9v9	Mini 7v7	Mini 5v5	3G shortfall
1	Stonehenge	3	-	-	-	-	0.5
2	Bradford-on-Avon	2	-	1	3	-	1
3	Calne	-	-	-	-	-	1
4	Chippenham & Villages	-	-	-	-	-	0.5
5	Corsham	-	-	1	1	-	1
6	Devizes	1	-	-	-	-	0.5
7	Malmesbury	1	-	-	3	-	1
8	Marlborough	1	-	-	-	-	1
9	Melksham	1	-	-	-	-	2
10	Pewsey	-	-	-	-	-	0.5
11	Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade	-	-	-	-	-	1
12	Salisbury	1	1	-	-	-	0.5
13	South West Wiltshire	-	-	-	-	-	0.5
14	Southern Wiltshire	-	-	-	-	-	1.5
15	Tidworth	-	-	-	-	-	-
16	Trowbridge	-	-	-	-	-	1.5
17	Warminster	-	-	-	-	-	0.5
18	Westbury	1	-	-	-	1	0.5
	<b>No. of pitches</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>15</b>

As part of the creation of hub sites, not only could they include multiple grass pitches, but 3G provision could also be explored, linked to the shortfalls that exist (and as included in the table above). This could also entail the grouping together of neighbouring analysis areas so that a strategically located hub site meets the requirements of several.

Notwithstanding the above, it is recognised that not all referenced sites could be lost, with some likely to have significant open space value away from playing pitch considerations. This scenario has just been provided as a guide to identify some potential site options for rationalisation. Moving forward, they will need to be considered on a site-by-site basis whilst also accounting for other existing purposes.

Furthermore, where one of the sites is within a quintile 1 or 2 postcode, maintaining and upgrading them for informal recreation should be considered ahead of rationalisation.

### **Recommendations**

- ◀ Protect existing quantity of pitches and ensure any existing and future proposals provide replacement provision in line with national planning policy.
- ◀ Improve pitch quality with a focus on overplayed pitches and pitches assessed as poor quality.
- ◀ Utilise the Football Foundation's (FF) PitchPower app to assist in the improvement and ongoing maintenance of provision.
- ◀ Provide security of tenure at sites, with a focus on those currently in use by clubs.
- ◀ Seek to gain community access to sites currently unavailable for community use, with a focus on those providing adult, youth 11v11 and youth 9v9 provision given current shortfalls.
- ◀ Consider bringing disused provision back into use, providing there is clear localised demand for the provision.
- ◀ Consider pitch re-configuration where the capacity of one pitch type can be used to reduce shortfalls of another and where it can better accommodate what demand is received.
- ◀ Consider the rationalisation of smaller pitch sites if it can contribute to the creation of larger, better quality hub sites in strategic locations (and providing any loss is in line with national planning policy) – where one of these sites is within a quintile 1 or 2 postcode, maintaining and upgrading them for informal recreation should be considered ahead of rationalisation.
- ◀ Improve ancillary facilities where there is a demand to do so and where it can benefit the wider footballing offer (all new pavilions/extensions must consider environmental sustainability measures).
- ◀ Ensure clubs can progress through the football pyramid and meet relevant ground grading requirements.
- ◀ Where appropriate, develop partnerships and/or lease arrangements with large, sustainable, development-minded clubs to manage their own sites (e.g., via leasehold).
- ◀ Ensure that any large housing developments are provided for and assess the need for new pitch provision through master planning on an individual basis.
- ◀ Where a housing development is not of a size to justify on-site football provision, consider using contributions to improve existing sites within the locality.
- ◀ Where a development is of a size to justify on-site football provision, focus on the creation of multi-pitch sites that reduce existing shortfalls.

## Third generation turf (3G) pitches

### *Assessment Report summary*

#### **3G – supply and demand summary**

- ◀ Based on current demand, there is a shortfall of 3G pitches to meet football training requirements, and shortfalls are evident within all analysis areas apart from Tidworth.
- ◀ There is evidence to warrant the creation of additional World Rugby compliant 3G provision given the grass pitch shortfalls evident as this could be a solution to alleviating the deficits.

#### **3G – supply summary**

- ◀ In total, there are 13 11v11 and 10 smaller sized 3G pitches identified in Wiltshire, although four 11v11 and six smaller sized pitches are unavailable for community use.
- ◀ All of the community available 11v11 and small size pitches are serviced by sports lighting.
- ◀ Despite obtaining planning permission (19/10805/FUL) in June 2021, a proposed development adjacent to Trowbridge Rugby Club for the creation of a 3G pitch, suitable for rugby union and football, is no longer happening due to raising costs.
- ◀ A planning application (PL/2024/00325) for an additional pitch at Stanley Park Sports Ground has recently been submitted.
- ◀ Six of the 13 11v11 3G pitches are either FA or FIFA certified, whilst the certification for the pitch at The Wellington Academy expired in June 2023.
- ◀ There are currently two World Rugby compliant 3G pitches, located at Chippenham Rugby Club and Tidworth Oval.
- ◀ For the community available 11v11 3G pitches, there are four good quality pitches (44%), four standard quality pitches (44%) and one poor quality pitches identified (11%).
- ◀ No ancillary facility issues have been identified.

#### **3G – demand summary**

- ◀ The 3G pitches currently servicing Wiltshire are broadly reported to be operating at or close to capacity at peak times, especially during winter months.
- ◀ Whilst most activity is football related, some rugby union activity has been identified as well, with the pitch at Chippenham Rugby Club being used heavily for both training and match play.
- ◀ High levels of unmet demand for 3G pitch access is expressed, with 62% of responding football clubs stating that additional provision is required to meet or better cater for their training requirements.
- ◀ No significant exported or imported 3G pitch demand is identified, outside of some central venue match play requirements in Hampshire and professional club activity by Swindon Town FC.
- ◀ If future demand from population projections (and/or club aspirations) is realised, this will further increase 3G requirements for football and rugby union.

## **Scenarios**

### *Accommodating current football training demand*

If all teams were to utilise sports-lit 3G pitches to accommodate their training demand (based on the FA's model of one 11v11 pitch being able to cater for 38 teams) there is a need for full 23 size 3G pitch equivalents in Wiltshire (rounded down from 22.65). This means a current shortfall of 14.5 11v11 3G pitch equivalents based on the current supply.

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Table 4.18: Current demand for 3G pitches in Wiltshire (based on 38 teams per pitch)

Current number of teams	3G requirement <sup>2</sup>	Current number of 11v11 3G pitch equivalents	Current shortfall
874	23	8.5	14.5

Alternatively, the table below considers the number of 3G pitches required if every team was to remain training within the respective analysis area that they play in. This not only identifies where the potential needs exist across Wiltshire, but it can also be used to guide which areas should be targeted for new provision.

Table 4.19: Current demand for 3G pitches in Wiltshire by analysis area

Analysis area	Current number of teams	Current requirement <sup>3</sup>	Current number of 11v11 3G pitch equivalents	Current shortfall
Stonehenge	63	1.5	1	0.5
Bradford-on-Avon	31	1	-	1
Calne	70	2	1	1
Chippenham & Villages	76	2	1.5	0.5
Corsham	44	1	-	1
Devizes	63	1.5	1	0.5
Malmesbury	38	1	-	1
Marlborough	42	1	-	1
Melksham	85	2	-	2
Pewsey	13	0.5	-	0.5
Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade	84	2	1	1
Salisbury	48	1.5	1	0.5
South West Wiltshire	22	0.5	-	0.5
Southern Wiltshire	65	1.5	-	1.5
Tidworth	30	1	2	0
Trowbridge	54	1.5	-	1.5
Warminster	22	0.5	-	0.5
Westbury	22	0.5	-	0.5

This shows an overall shortfall of 15 11v11 3G pitch equivalents and identifies that there are specific shortfalls in all analysis areas other than the Tidworth Analysis Area, which is deemed to have a sufficient level of 3G pitch provision (it is theoretically over-supplied).

Overall, the amount of 3G pitches required within the analysis area modelling is broadly the same as the Wiltshire-wide analysis. With this being said, clubs will travel to neighbouring analysis areas to access provision if required, especially if strategically located in close proximity. For example, the oversupply in the Tidworth Analysis Area could meet some demand from the Pewsey and Stonehenge analysis areas, meaning the potential shortfalls may in some capacity be met. Therefore, the overall shortfall may be slightly less than the model suggests in certain localities.

<sup>2</sup> Rounded to the nearest 0.5.

<sup>3</sup> Rounded to the nearest 0.5.

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### *Accommodating future demand*

When factoring in future demand from population growth, the requirement for 3G pitch provision is unaltered, with an increase of only 10 teams projected. This also applies on an analysis area basis. However, if club aspirations are realised, there will likely be an increased need.

Club aspirations have been discounted prior to this point as they are considered to be more theoretical than demand forecast through population increases. As a reminder, 16 clubs identify growth plans, with this equating to 38 teams. The table below explore what this will mean in regards to 3G pitches if all this demand utilised such provision for training.

*Table 4.20: Potential future demand for 3G pitches in Wiltshire by analysis area*

Analysis area	Future number of teams	Future requirement <sup>4</sup>	Current number of 11v11 3G pitch equivalents	Potential shortfall	Change
Stonehenge	71	2	1	1	0.5
Bradford-on-Avon	36	1	-	1	0
Calne	70	2	1	1	0
Chippenham & Villages	76	2	1.5	0.5	0
Corsham	44	1	-	1	0
Devizes	64	2	1	1	0.5
Malmesbury	45	1	-	1	0
Marlborough	47	1	-	1	0
Melksham	88	2.5	-	2.5	0.5
Pewsey	14	0.5	-	0.5	0
Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade	89	2	1	1	0.5
Salisbury	50	1.5	1	0.5	0
South West Wiltshire	22	0.5	-	0.5	0
Southern Wiltshire	73	1.5	-	1.5	0
Tidworth	30	1	2	0	0
Trowbridge	55	1.5	-	1.5	0
Warminster	23	0.5	-	0.5	0
Westbury	22	0.5	-	0.5	0

As seen, across Wiltshire as a whole, there could be a need for an additional two full 3G pitches, over and above current requirements. This is because of the level of growth identified in the Stonehenge, Devizes, Melksham and Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade analysis areas.

<sup>4</sup> Rounded to the nearest 0.5.

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### *Accessing unavailable 3G pitches*

There are currently four 11v11 3G pitches that are unavailable for community use. Providing availability across this provision could therefore reduce new pitch requirements. These pitches are identified below:

- ◀ Land Warfare Centre (Warminster)
- ◀ MOD Larkhill (Stonehenge)
- ◀ MOD Lyneham (Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade)
- ◀ Swinton Barracks (Tidworth)

If all the above became community available with secured community access, the existing shortfalls in the Stonehenge, Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade, Tidworth and Warminster analysis areas for 3G would be alleviated. This is shown in the table below.

*Table 4.21: 3G pitch requirements if all provision was available for community use*

Analysis area	Current shortfall	11v11 pitches unavailable for community use	Potential shortfall
Stonehenge	0.5	1	0
Bradford-on-Avon	1	-	1
Calne	1	-	1
Chippenham & Villages	0.5	-	0.5
Corsham	1	-	1
Devizes	0.5	-	0.5
Malmesbury	1	-	1
Marlborough	1	-	1
Melksham	2	-	2
Pewsey	0.5	-	0.5
Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade	1	1	0
Salisbury	0.5	-	0.5
South West Wiltshire	0.5	-	0.5
Southern Wiltshire	1.5	-	1.5
Tidworth	0	1	0
Trowbridge	1.5	-	1.5
Warminster	0.5	1	0
Westbury	0.5	-	0.5

However, the provision at each site is managed by the MOD, which means that obtaining security of tenure for community clubs could be unrealistic and should therefore not be seen as a priority over and above providing new pitches.

### *Increasing the supply of 11v11 3G pitches*

As outlined in the preceding Assessment Report, the recommended dimensions for a 11v11 pitch for football are 100 x 64 metres, extending to an area of 106 x 70 metres with the recommended minimum three metre run off area included. These dimensions allow for all age group match play to take place including adults, youth under 17/18 and younger age groups via overmarked pitches e.g., the marking out of two 9v9 pitches for under 11/12s. In addition, the recommended dimensions for a rugby union pitch to allow match play, in line with World Rugby Law 1, is 106 x 68 metres with a 5-metre run off around the full perimeter of the pitch.



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

Unless otherwise stated and justified for an individual pitch, proposals in this PPS for any new 11v11 3G pitches are based on providing them to the recommended dimensions.

Based on the above and the previous scenarios, the table overleaf provides a summary of each of the 18 analysis areas and potential options, where required, for 3G developments based on findings from the Assessment Report as well as from consultation. Findings from PPS documents from bordering local authorities (Cotswold 2022 / South Gloucestershire 2023 and Dorset 2019) have also been used where available in order assist.

Any recommendations will require additional work outside of the PPS in order to further understand their feasibility and to understand if they meet strategic goals for the football partners. Where multiple options are provided, this process will also assist in the identification of a preferred site (or sites). Any 3G pitch development will require a supporting business plan to ensure long-term viability and to ensure it meets community requirements (e.g., through the identification of partner clubs).

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Table 4.22: 3G requirements and potential options by analysis area

Analysis area	Shortfall (no. of pitches)	Context
Stonehenge	0.5	<p>The Wiltshire LFFP identifies Boscombe Down Sports Field as a potential option for a 11v11 3G pitch, although due to the sites size it is anticipated any potential development would be a conversion of the currently disused hockey suitable AGP rather than the creation of a new pitch. Any such development would therefore encroach on playing field land and it would also require the refurbishment of accompanying sports lighting. Furthermore, the site would need to be outside of the MOD facility in order to ensure it provides security of tenure and is readily available for community use.</p> <p>Any development in the Analysis Area for football could also take into consideration the ambitions of Amesbury RUFC to relocate from its current site Archers Gate Centenary Pavilion. If a pitch was to built be to World Rugby specification, it could accommodate all competitive and training demand from the Club as well as meeting football demand. With only 0.5 pitch equivalents required from a football perspective, the two sports could feasibly co-exist on one additional 11v11 pitch.</p>
Bradford-on-Avon	1	<p>The LFFP identifies Bradford-on-Avon Sports &amp; Social Club as a potential site for the development of a 11v11 3G pitch. Findings from the PPS supports this with the majority of demand being generated from Bradford Town FC (including youth). The Club currently spreads its competitive and training demand across multiple sites and wants to centralise this as much as possible.</p>
Calne	1	<p>There are no current development plans on how the 3G shortfall of one 11v11 pitch can be alleviated. However, a select number of sites within the area are of a suitable size and have the potential infrastructure to develop a 11v11 pitch, with options including Beversbrook Sports Facility and Kingsbury Green Academy. The former site already has a 11v11 3G pitch in addition to multiple grass pitches and relevant ancillary provision and is well used for football, whilst the latter has sufficient playing field land and surrounding ancillary provision to potentially develop provision.</p>
Chippenham & Villages	0.5	<p>Stanley Park Sports Ground has recently submitted a planning application (PL/2024/00325) to create a second 11v11 sports lit 3G pitch. If successful, this development would alleviate the shortfall within the analysis area. It could also create a theoretical oversupply that could be used to meet demand from neighbouring analysis areas (e.g., Calne, Corsham and Malmesbury).</p>
Corsham	1	<p>There are aspirations to extend the current smaller sized 3G pitch at Leafy Lane Playing Fields to a 11v11 pitch, although an official application is yet to be submitted. This would meet requirements in the area, although it should be noted that if the pitch were to be extended the current NTP would need to be relocated as it would not have a sufficient enough boundary.</p>

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Analysis area	Shortfall (no. of pitches)	Context
Devizes	0.5	There are no current known aspirations for any small or 11v11 3G developments within the Devizes Analysis Area. Therefore, additional work is required to identify suitable sites. This being said, The Elisha Field, Green Lane Playing Fields and Nursteed Road are all well used grass football pitch sites within the area that could be explored, with each site also having some level of overplay that a 3G pitch could potentially alleviate. Only a smaller sized pitch is currently required.
Malmesbury	1	Findings from the Cotswold PPS indicates that a 11v11 3G pitch is planned to be developed at Tetbury Memorial Recreation Ground. The pitch is anticipated to cater for demand from the Malmesbury Analysis Area, which will therefore reduce the demand for a 11v11 pitch. This should be reassessed once the pitch in Tetbury has been established to gain a better understanding of exactly how much demand from Wiltshire it is accommodating and what outstanding need remains (if any).
Marlborough	1	The FF has identified St John's School (Marlborough) as a potential site for a 11v11 sports lit 3G pitch, although no formal plans have been submitted as of yet. This site is one of only a few sites within Marlborough which has the infrastructure and available land to establish such provision.
Melksham	2	One 11v11 pitch is planned to be created at the Oakfield Stadium to accommodate both football and rugby union activity. Evidence from the PPS supports this development as it would assist in providing both training and competitive capacity for football teams in addition to alleviating overplayed rugby union pitches. No options for a second 11v11 pitch have been uncovered in order to fully alleviate the shortfall. However, there could be scope to create a hub site in the area, potentially involving the rationalisation of smaller grass pitches as set out earlier in the football scenarios.
Pewsey	0.5	There are no current known aspirations for any small or 11v11 3G developments within Pewsey, despite a current shortfall of 0.5 11v11 3G equivalents within the Analysis Area. At present, there are only two main sites where such provision could be feasibly located, with these being Pewsey Vale Football Club and Pewsey Old Hospital Pitches.

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Analysis area	Shortfall (no. of pitches)	Context
Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade	1	<p>There are six sites in Royal Wootton Bassett &amp; Cricklade Analysis Areas that are currently used for grass roots football, with these being Gerard Buxton Sports Ground, Cricklade Leisure Centre, Bradon Forest School, Purton Football Club and MOD Lyneham. Of these, only Gerard Buxton Sports Ground, Cricklade Leisure Centre and Bradon Forest School have suitable infrastructure and accessibility to provide a 11v11 sports-lit 3G pitch.</p> <p>Gerard Buxton Sports Ground contains artificial provision and could only realistically accommodate another pitch if it replaced the Step 5 pitch used by Royal Wootton Bassett Town FC and Tier 6 Royal Wootton Bassett Town Ladies FC. The remaining playing field land encompasses two cricket squares with the outfield overmarked with grass football pitches. These pitches could not be converted to 3G without affecting the usability of the cricket squares.</p> <p>Bradon Forest School is located between the two main settlements of Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade, in Purton, meaning it would be suitable for multiple clubs from all areas to access. It is also an educational site meaning any 3G provision would be used to meet curricular and extracurricular demand.</p> <p>Cricklade Leisure Centre is located to the north of the analysis area and currently accommodates 13 teams from Cricklade Town FC and Cricklade Youth FC. However, the playing field on the site is smaller than the others with limited accompanying carparking available. There would also be a need to install sports lighting which could be problematic due to the site's proximity to housing.</p>
Salisbury	0.5	<p>Although there is only a shortfall of 0.5 11v11 3G pitches, there could be an argument to create one 11v11 pitch at Hudson's Field in order to assist with both football and rugby union deficits. Alternatively, one 11v11 pitch could be created in the South West Wiltshire Analysis Area (at Netherhampton Road) as this could feasibly cater for demand from Salisbury.</p>
South West Wiltshire	0.5	<p>Netherhampton Road and Mere Peace Memorial Sports &amp; Recreation Ground are the two main sites for football in the South West Wiltshire Analysis Area. The former site is used by 12 teams from Salisbury Youth FC, whereas the latter is used by four teams from Mere Town FC and both sites have pitches that are overplayed. As such, the installation of 3G provision at either of the sites would assist in reducing both grass pitch and artificial shortfalls.</p> <p>Although only a small sized pitch is theoretically required, an alternative approach could be to create a 11v11 pitch at Netherhampton Road in order to alleviate the shortfall in the South West Wiltshire Analysis Area whilst also catering for excess demand from the Salisbury Analysis Area. However, further analysis will be required to ensure this site could accommodate a 3G pitch. The users of Netherhampton Road, Salisbury Youth FC, account for the majority of demand (55%) within South West Wiltshire.</p>
Southern Wiltshire	1.5	<p>Alderbury Football Club and Barrys Field are two of the larger and well used sites within the analysis area which have the potential to accommodate 3G pitch provision. The pitches at the former site hosts ten teams, whereas the latter hosts 25 teams, with each site also having some form of overplay.</p>

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Analysis area	Shortfall (no. of pitches)	Context
Tidworth	-	There is currently no shortfall of 3G provision with the current supply of one 11v11 pitch each at Tidworth Oval and The Wellington Academy. However, Tidworth Oval is operated through the MOD meaning tenure is not considered secure as access could be removed with limited notice, whilst there are quality issues at The Wellington Academy. If access to either pitch is lost, then a shortfall may arise. Therefore, it is recommended that both issues are looked into, and a resolution found to ensure that new provision is not required.
Trowbridge	1.5	Despite obtaining planning permission (19/10805/FUL) in June 2021, a proposed development adjacent to Trowbridge Rugby Club for the creation of a sports-lit 3G pitch and a new pavilion is no longer progressing due to raising costs. The Town Council is looking for other potential site options for 3G pitch development after the aforementioned plan was cancelled in early 2024. The pitch was to be compliant for both rugby and football. An alternative potential site option for a 3G pitch could be at John of Gaunt School which currently has a poor quality full size hockey suitable AGP. This pitch could be converted to 3G if agreeable with EH as it has not historically received any community hockey usage and with hockey shortfalls existing.
Warminster	0.5	As both the Westbury and Warminster analysis areas have a shortfall of 0.5 11v11 3G equivalents, it is suggested that one 11v11 pitch is established in a suitable strategic location to provide for both analysis areas. This would cater for higher levels of training and competitive demand than two small sized pitches. That being said, there are limited sites across the analysis areas that are of suitable size to accommodate such provision and which are also available for community use. The main site which seems to be used is Redland Lane which is used by Westbury Youth FC (14 teams); however, the site is surrounded by housing and has limited associated ancillary provision such as carparking and clubhouse facilities.
Westbury	0.5	As both the Westbury and Warminster analysis areas have a shortfall of 0.5 11v11 3G equivalents, it is suggested that one 11v11 pitch is established in a suitable strategic location to provide for both analysis areas. This would cater for higher levels of training and competitive demand than two small sized pitches. That being said, there are limited sites across the analysis areas that are of suitable size to accommodate such provision and which are also available for community use. The main site which seems to be used is Redland Lane which is used by Westbury Youth FC (14 teams); however, the site is surrounded by housing and has limited associated ancillary provision such as carparking and clubhouse facilities.

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In addition, the infill requirements of each new pitch requires consideration, with issues currently arising in relation to rubber crumb (see “loss of access to 3G rubber crumb provision” scenario). There are currently several alternatives, although not all are presently FA/FIFA or World Rugby compliant.

### *Moving football match play demand to 3G pitches*

In Wiltshire, currently 63 affiliated teams are registered as using 3G pitches for regular match play, which is a relatively low number when considered against the total number of teams that there are. To increase such demand, the FA is particularly keen to work with local authorities to understand the potential demand for 11v11 3G pitches should all competitive matches that are currently played on council pitches be transferred.

At peak time for each format of play, there are 297 teams in Wiltshire accessing local authority pitches for matches (including parish and town council sites) at peak time for each format of play. The table below explores this further.

*Table 4.23: Number of teams currently using council grass pitches*

Pitch type	Pitch size	Peak period	No. of teams
Adult	11v11	Sunday AM	47
Youth	11v11	Sunday AM	90
Youth	9v9	Sunday AM	56
Mini	7v7	Sunday AM	52
Mini	5v5	Sunday AM	52
<b>Total</b>			<b>297</b>

The FA suggests an approach for estimating the number of 11v11 3G pitches required to accommodate the above demand for competitive matches, as seen in the table below.

*Table 4.24: 11v11 3G pitches required for the transfer of council grass pitch demand*

Format	No. of teams at peak time	No. of matches at peak time	No. of 3G units required per match <sup>5</sup>	Total 3G units required	No. of 3G pitches required
Adult	47	24	32	768	12
Youth 11v11	90	45	32	1,440	24
Youth 9v9	56	28	10	280	7
Mini 7v7	52	26	8	208	6.5
Mini 5v5	52	26	4	104	3.25

In total, 41 11v11 3G pitches would be required to accommodate all matches played on council pitches (as peak time for youth 11v11, youth 9v9, mini 7v7 and mini 5v5 demand is the same). However, as this is significantly above the number of pitches currently needed to accommodate training demand, this is not considered to be achievable as providing so many pitches is unlikely to be sustainable. This is because they would not have enough midweek usage to make them financially viable.

<sup>5</sup> Based on how pitches are split within a 11v11 3G pitch

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An alternative approach to consider is the transfer of specific formats of play e.g., all mini football demand from grass to 3G pitches. As such, the table below tests a scenario that would enable all mini 5v5 and mini 7v7 football to transfer based on a programme of play at current peak time (Saturday AM).

*Table 4.25: Moving all mini matches to 3G pitches*

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

Based on the above programming and separate start times for the formats, the overall need is for 16 11v11 3G pitches (rounded up from 15.75) to accommodate all current mini match play demand. This is calculated based on 126 teams playing mini 5v5 football and 160 teams playing mini 7v7 football. This could therefore be accommodated by alleviating training shortfalls, with some spare capacity remaining to also cater for other forms of demand.

### *World Rugby compliant 3G pitches*

There are two World Rugby compliant pitches in Wiltshire, with these located at Chippenham Rugby Club and Tidworth Oval. The former is used for training and competitive demand by Chippenham RUFC, whilst the latter is used by the MOD to meet its demand, which includes rugby union activity. However, externally, it is mainly used for community football training.

Given the rugby union grass pitch shortfalls identified in the Assessment Report, further provision of World Rugby compliant 3G pitches would be warranted as a means to reducing the deficits. In particular, there is a clear need in the Stonehenge, Corsham, Melksham, Salisbury and Trowbridge analysis areas that could be delivered in partnership with meeting/reducing football needs, or independently providing that a sustainable rugby union-led programme could be established. It should be noted that whilst any 3G pitch could be built for WR compliance for training, in order to host matches the pitch has to be constructed to 106m x 68m with a 5m run off surrounding the entire pitch. Please see the rugby union section for more information.

### *Loss of access of 3G rubber crumb provision*

The utilisation of 3G provision across Wiltshire and nationally is strategically important to accommodate both training and competitive demand for various sports, particularly for both football and rugby union. As evidenced in the Assessment Report, where known through booking data, community available 11v11 3G pitches are extensively used midweek for football and rugby union training with little spare capacity remaining. At the weekend, there are also two match equivalent sessions of competitive rugby union demand and 26 match equivalent sessions of competitive football demand taking place on the existing stock. This will only increase as new pitches are provided.

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However, in September 2023 the European Commission completed the adoption of the EU REACH (Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals) restriction on the sale of intentionally added microplastics onto the European market, which includes rubber infill for 3G AGPs. The Commission has confirmed an eight-year transition period before the new restriction becomes effective and from October 2031, rubber crumb will no longer be purchasable within the EU. This results in a major threat to existing and new 3G pitch provision.

Following the UK's exit from the EU, the regulatory framework for such matters now sits at a UK level (except for Northern Ireland, which continues to follow EU REACH requirements) and the Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (DEFRA) recently commissioned an evidence project to review emissions of intentionally added microplastics in the UK, including rubber infill. The project is expected to report in spring 2025 and will inform any future regulatory actions in Great Britain. Sports England has provided more information on the matter with its position statement on 3G pitches.<sup>6</sup>

Subject to the above, should 3G pitches no longer be accessible for training demand, the below table identifies how many good quality sports lit grass pitches would be required in replacement to accommodate all football training demand currently taking place in Wiltshire for each relevant age format. This assumes that every team will train for one match equivalent session a week on their preferred pitch type.

*Table 4.26: Summary of grass pitch requirements without access to 3G provision*

Format	Total number of teams	Good quality pitch capacity (match equivalent sessions)	Total number of good quality pitches required	Potential playing field hectareage required
Adult	150	3	50	30
Youth 11v11	245	4	62	37
Youth 9v9	180	4	45	19
Mini 7v7	160	6	27	6
Mini 5v5	126	6	21	4

As seen, there would be a requirement for 205 additional grass football pitches and approximately 96 hectares of land (given that shortfalls exist on the current stock). Furthermore, there would also be a requirement to accommodate 8.25 match equivalent sessions of additional training demand from Chippenham RUFC which equates to three good quality sports lit rugby union pitches.

The above is wholly unfeasible and showcases just how crucial the provision of 3G is. As such, in the event that the existing rubber crumb infills become outlawed, there will be a need to resurface them with an alternative suitable and appropriate infill based on the findings of the DEFRA report. Several solutions are currently being tested.

## **Recommendations**

- ◀ Protect current stock of 3G pitches.
- ◀ Seek to resurface existing provision when it is required to sustain quality.
- ◀ Install additional 3G pitch provision to meet football training and match play demand as well as to assist in reducing rugby union grass pitch shortfalls.
- ◀ Ensure that any new 3G pitches are constructed to meet FA/RFU recommended dimensions and quality performance standards that meet relevant testing criteria.

<sup>6</sup> [Position statement on 3G pitches | Sport England](#)



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- ◀ Ensure all existing and new operators of 3G pitches have a sinking fund in place for carpet replacement and recycling of the carpet and infill containment strategies via planning conditions.
- ◀ Ensure that all existing and new pitches that are on the FA register are re-tested every three years to sustain certification.
- ◀ Ensure that all existing and new pitches that are World Rugby compliant are re-tested every two years to sustain certification.
- ◀ Ensure that all new 3G pitches are serviced by sports lighting (LED with controllable switch gear) to maximise usage potential.
- ◀ For pitches with existing sports lighting, encourage a switch to more energy efficient provision, where required.
- ◀ Encourage more match play demand to transfer onto 3G pitch provision.
- ◀ Ensure that any new 3G pitches with external funding have community use in place and seek to use this to also tie in access to grass pitch and other sporting provision.
- ◀ Ensure ancillary facilities are appropriate to support 3G pitch provision.
- ◀ Ensure suitable infill containment is retro-fitted and that all pitches have containment and recycling strategies in place, with alternatives to rubber crumb to be explored, subject to the findings of the DEFRA report.

### Cricket squares

#### *Assessment Report summary*

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

- ◀ There are 26 squares in Wiltshire that have potential capacity to accommodate further demand on a Saturday, 37 squares on Sundays, and 46 squares during midweek.
- ◀ There are 18 sites in Wiltshire overplayed by a total of 226 match equivalent sessions.
- ◀ Overall, there is currently sufficient capacity of natural turf cricket squares to meet current and future demand for club cricket across Wiltshire.

##### **Cricket – supply summary**

- ◀ In total, there are 97 grass wicket cricket squares in Wiltshire provided across 82 sites, with 80 squares available for community use across 75 sites.
- ◀ There are a total of 57 active non-turf pitches (NTPs) with 26 accompanying grass wickets squares and the remaining 31 being standalone.
- ◀ Heytesbury & Sutton Veny and Fonthill Park cricket clubs are considered to have unsecure tenure due to having yearly rolling renting arrangements on their home sites.
- ◀ Of the grass wicket squares, 66 (68%) are rated as good quality, whilst 31 (32%) are rated as standard quality - there are no poor quality grass wicket cricket squares identified.
- ◀ The audit of ancillary facilities at available grass pitch cricket sites determines that 20 sites are accompanied by good quality facilities and 47 have standard quality provision, with only 11 sites categorised as having poor quality provision.
- ◀ One community available square at Sheldon School which has no onsite ancillary provision.
- ◀ Of the 74 community available sites, just over half (39 or 53%) have fixed net provision.

##### **Cricket – demand summary**

- ◀ There are 70 clubs in Wiltshire which collectively provide 324 teams, equating to 205 senior men's, 19 senior women's, 91 junior boys' teams and nine junior girls' teams.
- ◀ The largest club in the authority is Chippenham CC with 17 teams.
- ◀ Most teams are based in the Chippenham & Villages Analysis Area (36 teams), whereas the fewest are found in the Tidworth Analysis Area (six teams).
- ◀ Swindon CC and Swindon Super Strikers CC import demand into the authority through senior men's teams, whereas three club export demand outside of Wiltshire.
- ◀ 33 clubs are involved in All Stars, 28 in Dynamos and 12 field female softball teams.
- ◀ Wiltshire Cricket runs several teams in Wiltshire, with 32 venues different venues accessed.
- ◀ It is expected that three additional men's team are to be generated by population growth, whilst 12 responding clubs indicate total aspirational growth equating to 18 teams.

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## Scenarios

### Accommodating overplay

It is considered that a regular, sufficient maintenance regime can sustain sites with minimal levels of overplay. This could therefore be deemed as the case at:

- ◀ Biddestone Village Hall
- ◀ Bratton Recreation Ground
- ◀ Chestnut Springs Playing Field
- ◀ Devizes Sports Club
- ◀ Gerard Buxton Sports Ground
- ◀ Goatacre Cricket Club
- ◀ Goatacre Recreation Ground
- ◀ Salisbury & South Wilts Sports Club

Furthermore, many clubs playing at such sites do not necessarily believe that there is an issue and are able to accommodate such demand. However, attempts should be made to reduce identified overplay to ensure there is no detrimental effect on quality over time, especially at sites where overplay is significant.

Improving quality is one way to increase capacity, albeit many of the overplayed sites in Wiltshire are already good quality. The impact of improving all overplayed squares to good quality is shown in the table below.

Table 4.27: Overplay if all overplayed squares were good quality

Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	Current quality	Current capacity rating (match equivalent sessions)	Good quality capacity rating (match equivalent sessions)
32	Biddestone Village Hall	Chippenham & Villages	Standard	7	5
32	Biddestone Village Hall	Chippenham & Villages	Standard	3	5
48	Bratton Recreation Ground	Westbury	Good	3	3
69	Chestnut Springs Playing Field	Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade	Good	1	1
72	Chippenham Sports Club	Chippenham & Villages	Standard	30	14
82	Collingbourne Ducis Recreation Ground	Tidworth	Standard	23	16
85	Corsham Cricket Club	Corsham	Good	22	22
96	Culver Close Playing Field	Bradford-on-Avon	Good	17	17
104	Devizes Sports Club	Devizes	Standard	1	3
130	Gerard Buxton Sports Ground	Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade	Good	1	1
131	Goatacre Cricket Club	Calne	Good	2	2

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Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	Current quality	Current capacity rating (match equivalent sessions)	Good quality capacity rating (match equivalent sessions)
132	Goatacre Recreation Ground	Calne	Good	6	6
186	Leighton Recreation Centre	Westbury	Good	9	9
241	Potterne Cricket Club (The Grove)	Devizes	Good	18	18
258	Salisbury & South Wilts Sports Club	Salisbury	Good	3	3
276	Sheldon School	Chippenham & Villages	Standard	5	1
285	Spaniels Bridge	Devizes	Standard	21	10
327	The Downs	Bradford-on-Avon	Good	32	32
394	St Barnabas Cricket Ground	Melksham	Good	15	15
395	Chalke Valley Cricket Club	South West Wiltshire	Standard	8	3
-	-	-	<b>Total</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>173</b>

As seen, overplay would be eradicated and spare capacity produced at Biddestone Village Hall and Devizes Sports Club, whereas it would be reduced to more minimal levels at Sheldon School and Chalke Valley Cricket Club. This would decrease overall overplay across Wiltshire by 54 match equivalent sessions per season and overplay in the Chippenham & Villages Analysis Area would be fully alleviated.

In contrast, the deficit on the squares at Chippenham Sports Club, Collingbourne Ducis Recreation Ground, Corsham Cricket Club, Culver Close Playing Field, Leighton Recreation Centre, Potterne Cricket Club (The Grove), Spaniels Bridge, The Downs and St Barnabas Cricket Ground cannot be reduced as they are already good quality. An alternative approach is therefore required.

A potential option to reduce shortfalls on sites that remain overplayed would be to either install NTPs where such provision is not already in place, or to greater utilise exists NTPs where they are in place. This is the case at Collingbourne Ducis Recreation Ground and Spaniels Bridge, whereas installation could be explored as a priority at:

- ◀ Corsham Cricket Club
- ◀ Culver Close Playing Field
- ◀ Leighton Recreation Centre
- ◀ Potterne Cricket Club (The Grove)
- ◀ The Downs
- ◀ St Barnabas Cricket Ground

As a caveat, whilst the inclusion of NTPs for the management of fixtures would assist in alleviating overplay issues, usage is subject to league rules and minimum pitch specifications. Generally, they are only suitable for junior match play. Furthermore, installation should not lead to undue pressure being placed on clubs and volunteers, particularly where provision would need to be self-funded.

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### *Hybrid wickets*

Although not currently readily available within grassroots cricket, there may be potential in the future to address overplay through the installation of hybrid wickets on competitive senior squares. The ECB has been working with SIS Pitches on the installation of such provision at county cricket clubs such as Edgbaston Cricket Ground in 2019 and more recently at recreational sites such as Perry Hall Playing Fields (Birmingham) in 2021 and Didsbury Cricket Club (Manchester) in 2022.

A hybrid wicket combines natural turf grass with less than 5% of uniquely engineered, soft polyethylene yarn, which has already been used for other sports such as to improve golf tees, tennis courts and pitch surrounds. These wickets are designed to offer greater capacity in addition to reducing the time spent on repair works, with a faster recovery time intended. Reports have found that hybrid wickets improve surface stability, reduce wear, reduce bowler foot holes and significantly extended hours of playing time (around double the capacity of natural turf provision).

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

Although it is difficult at this stage to understand what impact hybrid wickets could have on site capacity, it is suggested that it could potentially eradicate all overplay on both junior and senior wickets. This is based on the assumption that more senior demand can take place on the hybrid wickets, thus allowing for the outer senior wickets to be used/converted for more junior demand.

In Wiltshire, South Wilts CC and Redlynch & Hale CC have identified ambitions to install hybrid wickets on their squares at Salisbury & South Wilts Sports Club and Redlynch Recreation Ground, respectively. South Wilts CC is looking to install four hybrid wickets across its two squares onsite, whilst Redlynch & Hale CC is looking to install two hybrid wickets. This would very likely fully alleviate shortfalls at Salisbury & South Wilts Sports Club (Redlynch Recreation Ground is not currently overplayed, although that is not to say that hybrid wicket installation would not have benefits).

In addition, should hybrid wickets become more common and their impact more known, other sites in Wiltshire which would benefit and should be targeted for installation include:

- ◀ Chippenham Sports Club
- ◀ Collingbourne Ducis Recreation Ground
- ◀ Corsham Cricket Club
- ◀ Culver Close Playing Field
- ◀ Leighton Recreation Centre
- ◀ Potterne Cricket Club (The Grove)
- ◀ Spaniels Bridge
- ◀ St Barnabas Cricket Ground
- ◀ The Downs

This is because of high levels of existing overplay that cannot be reduced through quality improvements.

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### *Impact of losing access to education and MOD sites*

There are currently two sites in Wiltshire that are used for community cricket which are under either educational or MOD management and therefore provide no security of tenure. These sites are Land Warfare Centre, which is operated by the MOD and used by Warminster CC, and Sheldon School, which is operated in the education sector and used by Chippenham CC.

If community access to both sites was to be lost, existing demand need to be relocated. In total, this equates to 18 match equivalent sessions a season in the Warminster Analysis Area and 21 match equivalent sessions a season in the Chippenham & Villages Analysis Area.

In regard to relocating the demand from Chippenham CC (four men's teams and one U13s team), sites in the Chippenham & Villages Analysis Area such as Grittleton Cricket Ground, Langley Burrell Playing Pitch and The Green could be utilised and collectively provide sufficient capacity. However, this is unlikely to be an issue as the Club is currently negotiating a 30-year lease agreement with the School.

Warminster CC could feasibly relocate its demand to The Corsley War Memorial Playing Field, which has spare capacity across all peak times (Saturday, Sunday and midweek).

### *Future demand – club aspirations*

Below is a summary from the preceding Assessment Report of club aspirations for future demand. This has previously been discounted as it is considered to be more theoretical than population-based growth.

*Table 4.28: Future demand aspirations expressed by club (number of teams)*

Club	Analysis area	Senior men	Senior women	Junior boys	Junior girls
Avebury CC	Marlborough	-	1	-	-
Biddestone CC	Chippenham & Villages	1	-	-	-
Bratton CC	Westbury	1	-	1	-
Chippenham CC	Chippenham & Villages	-	1	1	-
Corsham CC	Corsham	-	1	-	-
Collingbourne CC	Tidworth	-	-	2	-
Devizes CC	Devizes	1	1	2	-
Farley CC	Southern Wiltshire	-	-	1	-
Goateacre CC	Calne	-	1	1	-
Heytesbury & Sutton Veny CC	Warminster	1	-	1	-
Melksham CC	Melksham	-	1	1	-
Potterne CC	Devizes	-	-	-	1
Redlynch & Hale CC	Southern Wiltshire	-	1	1	-
Shrewton CC	Stonehenge	1	1	-	-
Steeple Langford CC	South West Wiltshire	-	-	1	1
Westbury & District CC	Westbury	1	-	-	-
Wilcot CC	Pewsey	-	-	1	-
-	<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>2</b>

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Of the above, all future demand expressed by Farley, Heytesbury & Sutton Veny, Melksham, Redlynch & Hale, Steeple Langford and Wilcot cricket clubs as well as the senior women and junior teams from Devizes CC can be accommodated on squares currently used by the clubs. No action is therefore required in relation to these.

Furthermore, future demand from Corsham CC, Collingbourne CC, Goatacre CC and Potterne CC could be accommodated if existing overplay at their sites was alleviated (e.g., via quality improvements and/or NTP installation/use), whereas both overplay, and security of tenure would need to be addressed for Biddestone CC and Chippenham CC (Sheldon School) to actualise their future aspirations.

The remaining clubs cannot realistically be accommodated as there is no actual spare capacity at their individual sites and no way for this to be created. This therefore relates to the senior men's growth at Devizes CC and all growth at:

- ◆ Avebury CC
- ◆ Bratton CC
- ◆ Shrewton CC
- ◆ Westbury & District CC

If the clubs did actualise their ambitions, they would need to find a secondary site in their analysis area with sufficient capacity. Potential options for these clubs are therefore outlined in the table below.

*Table 4.29: Summary of potential future demand solutions*

Club	Analysis area	Future demand	Potential options
Avebury CC	Marlborough	1 x senior women's	Marlborough Cricket Club Minal Cricket Club & Sports Field Ramsbury Recreation Centre
Bratton CC	Westbury	1 x senior men's 1 x junior boys'	-
Devizes CC	Devizes	1 x senior men's	Erlestoke & Coulston Cricket Club Spye Park Cricket Club Urchfont Village Cricket Club
Shrewton CC	Stonehenge	1 x senior men's 1 x senior women's	Archers Gate Centenary Pavilion Great Durnford
Westbury & District CC	Westbury	1 x senior men's	-

For Bratton CC and Westbury & District CC, there is no suitable alternative provision in the Westbury Analysis Area. They would, thus, need to access provision in a neighbouring analysis area, or a new square will need to be established.

Westbury & District CC has aspirations to develop an additional square which would address the needs stated above. This is further explored in the following scenario.

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### *Establishing new provision*

As referenced above, there could be rationale to establish new cricket provision in Wiltshire, particularly in order to accommodate future demand and especially within the Westbury Analysis Area. Westbury & District CC's aspiration to develop a secondary site, either by itself or in partnership with a local school, should therefore be supported. Establishing access to this provision by Bratton CC would also be beneficial.

Elsewhere, overplay can theoretically be alleviated or at least be reduced to manageable levels through qualitative improvements and via installation of NTPs and/or hybrid wickets. As such, there is no overarching requirement for new squares, although the need will increase if other options to eradicate shortfalls are not undertaken or are deemed to be unviable.

Malmesbury CC also highlights a desire to create a second square due to capacity pressures at its current site (The Worthies). It is currently operating at capacity meaning the Club does require access to additional provision for its future demand; however, there are three sites (Bradstone Sports Field, Charlton Village Hall & Playing Fields and Oaksey Playing Field) in the locality that capacity to accommodate this.

In addition, Cricklade CC also reports that it is currently searching for a new site to develop provision. However, this is due to its existing site having flooding issues, with the costs for undertaking repairs rising. The new facility would therefore replace this provision rather than providing additional pitch stock, meaning there would be no discernible impact in terms of accommodating additional demand, although it should be supported as a means to improving quality. Any square would also need to be a minimum of ten good quality wickets to meet current levels of demand, but it is suggested that additional wickets or an NTP/hybrid wicket should also be installed as this will provide capacity for growth.

### *Bringing disused sites back into use*

There are six sites in Wiltshire containing disused cricket provision. These are:

- ◀ Barry's Field Sports Ground (Southern Wiltshire Analysis Area)
- ◀ Compton Chamberlayne Cricket Field (South West Analysis Area)
- ◀ Fovant Cricket Club (South West Wiltshire Analysis Area)
- ◀ Minety Playing Fields (Malmesbury Analysis Area)
- ◀ North Bradley Peace Memorial Trust Recreation Ground (Trowbridge Analysis Area)
- ◀ South Newton Rec (Stonehenge Analysis Area)

Fovant Cricket Club and Compton Chamberlayne Cricket Field are entirely disused sites, whereas all remaining sites are still active playing fields that are used for football and/or rugby union.

Based on the above scenarios, there is no clear requirement to bring any of the sites back into use for cricket, although this is dependent on actioning other requirements such as quality improvements and NTP installation. As such, whilst not currently needed, each site should be retained as strategic reserve until all relevant shortfalls within the areas in which they reside are overcome.

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### *Meeting recreational and informal demand (NTPs)*

NTPs provide general recreational and informal cricketing opportunities in a non-traditional club environment, particularly when such provision is open access and located at local authority sites. These help to grow engagement and participation opportunities, especially within groups that are currently under-represented (e.g., women and girls and disability cricket).

Across Wiltshire, there are currently eight standalone NTPs at accessible sites for recreational and informal demand. These are located at the following:

- ◀ Beversbrook Sports Facility (Calne)
- ◀ Castle Meadow Playing Field (South West Wiltshire)
- ◀ Chalke Valley Sports Centre (South West Wiltshire)
- ◀ Donhead Sports Club (South West Wiltshire)
- ◀ Landford Recreation Ground (Southern Wiltshire)
- ◀ Leafy Lane Playing Fields (Corsham)
- ◀ Seend Lye Field (Devizes)
- ◀ Village Green (Devizes)

However, it should also be noted that some informal/recreational demand is exporting to the neighbouring authority of Swindon to participate in midweek short format leagues such as Last Man Stands (LMS). Furthermore, the number of accessible NTPs in Wiltshire is deemed insufficient with only five out of the 18 analysis areas currently accommodating preferable provision.

Based on the above, it is suggested that more standalone, accessible NTPs are established across Wiltshire, particularly focusing on the analysis areas that do not have provision and in particular areas of high population density such as Stonehenge, Bradford-on-Avon, Chippenham, Melksham, Royal Wootton Bassett, Salisbury, Trowbridge, Warminster and Westbury. The Council as well as relevant parish and town councils should explore potential options with the ECB/WCB to better analyse informal/recreational and to understand if potential investment opportunities.

New playing field provision is generally not required to accommodate the above. Instead, existing park and recreation ground sites should be utilised.

### **Recommendations**

- ◀ Protect existing quantity of cricket squares.
- ◀ Improve quality of standard quality squares, particularly where overplay is present (e.g., at Biddestone Village Hall, Devizes Sports Club, Sheldon School and Chalke Valley Cricket Club), and sustain quality at good quality sites.
- ◀ Install NTPs at overplayed sites that are not currently serviced by such provision (e.g., at Corsham Cricket Club, Culver Close Playing Field, Leighton Recreation Centre, Potterne Cricket Club, The Downs and St Barnabas Cricket Ground).
- ◀ Explore the installation of hybrid wickets as and when more information is known as their effectiveness and their viability, particularly at key sites that are well used.
- ◀ Ensure future demand can be accommodation through the utilisation of secondary squares and potentially via new pitch provision in the Westbury Analysis Area.
- ◀ Seek to secure tenure at currently unsecured sites (i.e., Sheldon School and Land Warfare Centre) and ensure access to alternative venues can be sought should the provision be lost.



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- ◀ Improve security of tenure for clubs without ownership or a long-term lease agreement in place (e.g., at Heytsbiry Park, Kenney Valley Village Hall & Recreation Ground, Stop Lane and Whitley Golf Club).
- ◀ Retain disused provision as strategic reserve.
- ◀ Improve ancillary facilities where there is a need to do so, especially where existing provision is poor quality and where women's and girls' demand exists (e.g., at Alexander Park, Broughton Gifford Common, Coronation Field, Grittleton Cricket Ground, Great Bedwyn Cricket Club, Harnham Cricket Ground, Heytesbury Park, Langford Recreation Ground, Langley Burrell Playing Pitch, Purton Cricket Club, Great Dumford and Whitley Gold Club).
- ◀ Ensure all new pavilions and extensions to existing pavilions consider environmental sustainability measures.
- ◀ Improve existing and provide additional training facilities (e.g., practice nets) where there is demand to do so (e.g., at Biddestone Village Hall, Chippenham Rugby Club, Collingbourne Ducis Recreation Ground, Devizes Sports Club, Erlestoke & Coulston Cricket Club, Grittleton Cricket Groudn, Kilmington & Stourton Cricket Club, The Green and The Worthies).
- ◀ Ensure recreational and informal cricket demand can be appropriately accommodated and demand increased, particularly through the installation of standalone NTPs at park and recreation ground sites in areas where they are not currently provided.
- ◀ Continue to support ECB initiatives such as All Stars, Dynamos and women's softball.
- ◀ Ensure that any large housing developments are provided for and assess the need for new pitch provision through master planning on an individual basis.
- ◀ Where a development is of a size to justify on-site cricket provision, ensure that any proposals for new squares will attract adequate demand.
- ◀ Where a development is not of a size to justify on-site cricket provision, consider using contributions to improve existing sites within the locality.
- ◀ Ensure that any developments nearby to existing or new cricket sites do not prejudice the use of the provision (e.g., through ball-strike issues).

### Rugby union - grass pitches

#### **Assessment report summary**

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

- ◀ There are 25 pitches across 11 sites that have potential spare capacity in Wiltshire; however, only 13 pitches at eight sites have actual spare capacity for further play.
- ◀ There are 25 pitches across 12 sites which are overplayed by a total of 38.1 match equivalent sessions per week.
- ◀ Overall, there is a current shortfall of 31.6 match equivalent sessions per week on senior rugby union pitches to meet current demand, with shortfalls evident in 10 out of the 18 analysis areas.

##### **Rugby union - supply summary**

- ◀ Within Wiltshire, there are 104 rugby union pitches, with 65 available for community use - the 39 unavailable pitches are located either at education or MOD managed sites.
- ◀ There are 10 sites that are either active sites which have previously accommodated rugby union provision, or which are completely disused sites.
- ◀ Amesbury RUFC is the only club which is known to have an issue with its current tenure agreement.
- ◀ There are future development plans/aspirations involving Marlborough RUFC, Trowbridge RUFC, Cricklade RUFC and Amesbury RUFC.
- ◀ Of the community available rugby union pitches, 28 are of good quality, 22 are standard quality and 15 are poor quality.
- ◀ 12 sites are serviced by good quality ancillary facilities, four by standard quality ancillary facilities and two by poor quality ancillary facilities.

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## Rugby union - demand summary

- ▶ There are 19 community clubs based in Wiltshire providing a total of 188 teams.
- ▶ Broken down, there are 33 senior men's, six senior women's, 41 age grade boys, 22 age grade girls and 86 age grade mixed teams.
- ▶ Bradford-on-Avon, Chippenham, Devizes, Marlborough, Melksham, Royal Wootton Bassett, Salisbury and Trowbridge clubs all accommodate women and girls demand to some capacity.
- ▶ In addition to match play demand, there are 79 match equivalent sessions of training demand occurring on a weekly basis, with 59 match equivalent sessions of this taking place on match pitches through either permanent or portable sports lighting.
- ▶ There is latent demand expressed by Trowbridge, Amesbury, Wheatsheaf Cabin Crew, Warminster and Cricklade rugby clubs.
- ▶ Future growth from population increases amounts to one senior men's, two age grade boys and four mini mixed teams, whilst nine clubs report future aspirations equating to seven match equivalent sessions per week.

## Scenarios

### Improving pitch quality of overplayed pitches

There are 23 rugby union pitches across 12 sites in Wiltshire which are overplayed by a total of 38.1 match equivalent sessions per week.

The table below examines what would be the impact of improving the quality of all these pitches to good (with capacity for three match equivalent sessions per week per pitch).

Table 4.30: Capacity of overplayed pitches if quality was maximised to good

Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	No. of pitches	Sports-lit?	Current quality	Current capacity rating (match sessions)	Good quality rating (match sessions)
15	Archers Gate Centenary Pavilion	Stonehenge	1	No	Standard	1.9	1.2
22	Ballards Ash Sports Ground	Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade	2	Yes	Good	3.15	3.15
44	Bradford-on-Avon Rugby Club	Bradford-on-Avon	1	Yes	Standard	1.9	1.2
71	Chippenham Rugby Club	Chippenham & Villages	2	Yes	Standard	1.7	1
88	Corsham Rugby Club	Corsham	1	Yes	Standard	2.65	1.95
88	Corsham Rugby Club	Corsham	1	No	Standard	0.4	0.3
104	Devizes Sports Club	Devizes	1	Yes	Standard	3.15	2.45
104	Devizes Sports Club	Devizes	1	No	Standard	1.9	1.2
121	Fairview Fields	Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade	1	Yes	Standard	0.15	0.55

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Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	No. of pitches	Sports-lit?	Current quality	Current capacity rating (match sessions)	Good quality rating (match sessions)
200	Marlborough Rugby Club	Marlborough	2	No	Standard	3.05	1.65
229	Oakfield Stadium	Melksham	1	Yes	Standard	1.15	0.45
229	Oakfield Stadium	Melksham	2	No	Standard	1.55	0.15
262	Salisbury Rugby Football Club	Salisbury	1	Yes	Standard	7.65	6.95
345	Trowbridge Rugby Club (Doric Park)	Trowbridge	1	Yes	Standard	5.15	4.45
345	Trowbridge Rugby Club (Doric Park)	Trowbridge	3	No	Standard	0.4	1.7
400	Hudson's Field	Salisbury	2	No	Standard	2.3	0.9

As seen, only overplay on some pitches at Corsham Rugby Club, Trowbridge Rugby Club (Doric Park) and Fairview Fields could be fully alleviated.

Overall, overplay would reduce to 26.7 match equivalent sessions per week. This would reduce the shortfall across Wiltshire to 17.7 match equivalent sessions, as shown in the table below. Shortfalls would, however, remain in 10 of the analysis areas.

Table 4.31: Overall impact of improving pitch quality across Wiltshire

Analysis area	Current total (match equivalent sessions)	Potential total (match equivalent sessions)
Stonehenge	1.9	1.2
Bradford-on-Avon	1.9	1.2
Calne	0.5	0.5
Chippenham & Villages	1.7	1
Corsham	2.55	1.15
Devizes	5.05	3.65
Malmesbury	1.5	1.5
Marlborough	3.05	1.65
Melksham	2.65	0.6
Pewsey	1	1
Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade	1.15	1.15
Salisbury	9.95	7.85
South West Wiltshire	0.5	0.5
Southern Wiltshire	0	0
Tidworth	0	0
Trowbridge	5.55	2.75
Warminster	1	1
Westbury	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>31.6</b>	<b>17.7</b>

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Whilst in principle the improvement of pitch quality and maintenance can be seen in the table above, it should be noted that for all clubs increasing pitch maintenance programmes may not be as feasible as at other sites. This is down to the long-term cost implications and also the time required to be invested by volunteers to enhance a pitch to good quality and to ensure maintenance is at a high enough standard to maintain this.

### *Increasing sports-lit provision*

Most pitches that would remain overplayed despite pitch quality improvements are serviced by sports lighting. This is because usage is often more concentrated on this provision as training demand can be accommodated in addition to match play. However, this could be somewhat reduced by adding additional sports lighting to affected sites, particularly where existing non-lit pitches have spare capacity for an increase in demand.

In Wiltshire, the following sites currently have overplayed sports-lit pitches:

- ◀ Ballards Ash Sports Ground
- ◀ Bradford-on-Avon Rugby Club
- ◀ Chippenham Rugby Club
- ◀ Colerne Rugby Football Club (Higgins Field)
- ◀ Corsham Rugby Club
- ◀ Devizes Sports Club
- ◀ Fairview Fields (Cricklade Rugby Club)
- ◀ Oakfield Stadium
- ◀ Salisbury Rugby Football Club
- ◀ Trowbridge Rugby Club (Donic Park)

Of these, the overplay could be eradicated at Fairview Fields (Cricklade Rugby Club) through pitch quality improvements and it is therefore considered that no additional lighting is presently needed.

For the remaining sites, the table below explores potential sports lighting options.

*Table 4.32: Summary of additional sports lighting requirements/options*

Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	Comments
22	Ballards Ash Sports Ground	Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade	The site has one sports lit pitch that is overplayed by 3.15 match equivalent sessions and two non-lit pitches that have spare capacity of 2.4 match equivalent sessions. Adding additional lighting to these could therefore reduce overall overplay across the site to 0.75 match equivalent sessions.
44	Bradford-on-Avon Rugby Club	Bradford-on-Avon	The site has one sports lit pitch that is overplayed by 1.9 match equivalent sessions and two non-lit pitches that have spare capacity of 0.3 match equivalent sessions. Adding additional lighting to these could therefore reduce overall overplay across the site to 1.6 match equivalent sessions.
71	Chippenham Rugby Club	Chippenham	The site has no pitches without lighting and therefore could not accommodate additional sports-lit provision.

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Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	Comments
88	Corsham Rugby Club	Corsham	The site has one sports lit pitch that is overplayed by 2.65 match equivalent sessions and one non-lit pitch that is overplayed by 0.4 match equivalent sessions. Adding additional lighting would therefore have no overall benefit, even if quality was also improved.
104	Devizes Sports Club	Devizes	The site has one sports lit pitch that is overplayed by 3.15 match equivalent sessions and one non-lit pitch that is overplayed by 1.9 match equivalent sessions. Adding additional lighting would therefore have no overall benefit, even if quality was also improved.
229	Oakfield Stadium	Melksham	The site has two sports lit pitches that are overplayed by 1.55 match equivalent sessions and one non-lit pitch that is overplayed by 1.15 match equivalent sessions. Adding additional lighting would therefore have no overall benefit, even if quality was also improved.
262	Salisbury Rugby Football Club	Salisbury	The site has no pitches without lighting and therefore could not accommodate additional sports-lit provision.
345	Trowbridge Rugby Club (Doric Park)	Trowbridge	The site has one sports lit pitch that is overplayed by 5.15 match equivalent sessions and three non-lit pitches that are overplayed by 0.4 match equivalent sessions. If quality improved, these would provide spare capacity which could therefore accommodate some training demand with the installation of sports lighting. This could then reduce total overplay across the site to 3.45 match sessions.

As seen, additional sports lighting could be installed at Ballards Ash Sports Ground, Devizes Sports Club, Bradford-on-Avon Rugby Club and Trowbridge Rugby Club (Doric Park) to reduce overplay levels, through spreading current training demand across other pitches onsite. It would, however, make no discernible difference at the remaining sites.

Notwithstanding the above, it should be noted that the installation of sports lighting is likely to result in a need for increased maintenance and therefore increased costs. This is because it leads to an intensification of use, with additional work then required to ensure that quality is sustained.

### *World Rugby compliant 3G pitches*

There are aspirations to create new World Rugby compliant 3G pitches across Wiltshire, particularly in the Trowbridge and Melksham analysis areas. In Trowbridge, this warrants support as, whilst overplay can be reduced through pitch quality improvements and additional sports lighting, it cannot be fully alleviated. Access to a 3G pitch to accommodate all training demand from the Club would enable the transfer of 7.75 match equivalent sessions from the grass pitches and therefore eradicate all deficits.

Based on the above, although the initial planned development for a 3G pitch on land adjacent to Trowbridge Rugby Club will not be proceeding due to rising costs, it is still recommended that a pitch be established in the Analysis Area in order to alleviate grass rugby union shortfalls. Additionally, it would assist in reducing football-based deficits for training and competitive demand.

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Similarly, in Melksham, overplay at Oakfield Stadium cannot be fully alleviated through qualitative improvements or additional sports lighting. The Club would also therefore benefit from access to a World Rugby compliant pitch as this would enable the transfer of 5.5 match equivalent sessions of demand (current overplay equates to 4.75 match equivalent sessions per week).

In addition, although no existing plans are in place, based on evidence from the PPS, a World Rugby compliant pitch would also be beneficial in the Stonehenge, Salisbury and Corsham analysis areas. This is because overplay cannot be alleviated completely without such provision or without access to additional grass pitches.

For the Stonehenge Analysis Area, Amesbury RUFC has a desire to relocate from Archers Gate Centenary Pavilion due to restrictions in accessing its pitches and ancillary provision. It has mentioned Boscombe Down Sports Field as a potential site which is also identified as a site for a potential 3G pitch, linked to football. Scope could therefore exist to also make this World Rugby compliant.

### *Additional pitch provision*

Based on the above scenarios, additional grass rugby union provision could be required in the Stonehenge, Corsham, Melksham, Salisbury and Trowbridge analysis areas, although the need for this would be eradicated through the provision of World Rugby compliant 3G pitch provision.

Elsewhere, Marlborough RUFC is currently undertaking consultation with relevant stakeholders on behalf of Marlborough Town Council with the aim of developing additional sports provision in partnership with Marlborough Youth FC. It also aspires to develop additional pitch provision on the area of land directly in front of its clubhouse, with this large enough to accommodate age grade provision.

The Club's site currently accommodates two standard quality senior pitches, neither of which are sports lit. The pitches are accumulatively overplayed by 3.05 match equivalent sessions due to a mixture of competitive and training demand, with training demand taking place via the use of portable lighting. To fully alleviate the overplay, there would be a need to create one good quality senior pitch, in addition to improving the existing provision. Furthermore, at least two pitches will need to be serviced by permanent or portable sports lighting.

*Table 4.33: Additional pitch needs for Marlborough RUFC (match equivalent sessions)*

Site ID	Site name	Pitch size	No. of pitches	Current quality	Competitive demand	Training sessions	Capacity rating
	<b>Current</b>						
200	Marlborough Rugby Club	Senior	1	Standard	3.5	-	0.9
200	Marlborough Rugby Club	Senior	1	Standard	0.5	4.25	2.15
	<b>Potential</b>						
200	Marlborough Rugby Club	Senior	1	Good	3	-	0.3
200	Marlborough Rugby Club	Senior	1	Good	0.5	2	0.8
200	Marlborough Rugby Club	Senior	1	Good	0.5	2.25	0.55

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### Accessing MOD and education pitches

Across Wiltshire there are substantial number of grass rugby union pitches at either MOD or school sites which could have capacity to reduce shortfalls. Spare capacity at these sites has currently been discounted due to a number of factors including not being available for community use, being played to capacity through curricular/extracurricular demand, a lack of sports lighting, not providing security of tenure and/or the poor pitch quality. The relevant sites have been outlined in the table below.

Table 4.34: Capacity of overplayed pitches if quality was maximised to good

Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	Available for community use?	No. of pitches	Pitch type	Sports lights?	Quality rating	Capacity rating (match equivalent sessions)	Potential actual spare capacity (match equivalent sessions)
16	Arcot Road (Aspire Defence Ground)	Tidworth	No	1	Senior	No	Standard	-	1
21	Azimghur Barracks	Corsham	No	1	Senior	No	Standard	-	1
33	Bishop Wordsworths School	Salisbury	Yes	2	Senior	No	Poor	0	2
46	Bradon Forest School	Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade	Yes	1	Senior	No	Poor	0	1
63	Chafyn Grove School	Salisbury	No	2	Senior	No	Good	-	2
93	Cricklade Manor Prep School	Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade	No	2	Junior	No	Poor	-	2
98	Dauntsey's School	Devizes	Yes	9	Senior	No	Good	18	9
103	Devizes School	Devizes	Yes	2	Senior	No	Poor	0	2
163	John of Gaunt School	Trowbridge	Yes	2	Senior	No	Poor	0	2
171	Kingsbury Green Academy	Calne	No	1	Senior	No	Poor	-	1
176	Land Warfare Centre (Site 1)	Warminster	No	1	Senior	No	Standard	-	1
182	Lavington School	Devizes	Yes	1	Senior	No	Poor	0	1
194	Malmesbury School	Malmesbury	No	2	Senior	No	Standard	-	2
197	Marlborough College	Marlborough	No	8	Senior	No	Good	-	8

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Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	Available for community use?	No. of pitches	Pitch type	Sports lights?	Quality rating	Capacity rating (match equivalent sessions)	Potential actual spare capacity (match equivalent sessions)
205	Melksham Oak Community School	Melksham	Yes	1	Senior	No	Standard	0	2
211	MOD Larkhill	Stonehenge	No	2	Senior	No	Standard	-	2
212	MOD Lyneham	Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade	No	3	Senior	No	Standard	-	3
238	Pewsey Vale School	Pewsey	No	1	Senior	No	Poor	-	1
255	Royal Wootton Bassett Academy	Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade	No	1	Senior	No	Poor	-	1
276	Sheldon School	Chippenham & Villages	Yes	3	Senior	No	Poor	0	3
280	Somme Road (Aspire Defence Ground)	Tidworth	No	1	Senior	No	Standard	-	1
297	St John's Marlborough	Marlborough	Yes	1	Senior	No	Poor	0	1
299	St Laurence School	Bradford-on-Avon	Yes	1	Senior	No	Poor	0	1
320	Tedworth Park Polo Club (Tidworth Site)	Tidworth	No	1	Senior	No	Standard	-	1
323	The Clarendon Academy	Trowbridge	Yes	1	Senior	No	Poor	0	1
325	The Corsham School	Corsham	No	1	Senior	No	Standard	-	2
337	The Trafalgar School at Downton	Southern Wiltshire	No	1	Senior	No	Poor	-	1
357	Warminster Prep School	Warminster	No	1	Junior	No	Poor	-	1
359	Warminster School	Warminster	No	1	Senior	No	Standard	-	1
374	Wiltshire College Lackham	Corsham	No	1	Senior	No	Poor	-	1
398	Land Warfare Centre (Site 2)	Warminster	No	3	Senior	No	Standard	-	3
399	Larkhill Sports Ground	Stonehenge	No	1	Senior	No	Standard	2	2
401	Buckley Barracks	Chippenham & Villages	No	1	Senior	No	Standard	-	1



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In total, there 64 match equivalent sessions of potential spare capacity discounted across the sites. As seen below, if this capacity could be accessed, shortfalls across Wiltshire as a whole and in most analysis areas would be alleviated. Only deficits would remain in the Bradford-on-Avon, Melksham, Trowbridge and Salisbury analysis areas.

*Table 4.35: Impact of accessing MOD and education sites across Wiltshire*

Analysis area	Current total (match equivalent sessions)	Potential additional spare capacity (match equivalent sessions)	Potential total (match equivalent sessions)
Stonehenge	1.9	4	2.1
Bradford-on-Avon	1.9	1	0.9
Calne	0.5	1	1.5
Chippenham & Villages	1.7	4	2.3
Corsham	2.55	4	1.45
Devizes	5.05	12	6.95
Malmesbury	1.5	2	0.5
Marlborough	3.05	9	5.95
Melksham	2.65	2	0.65
Pewsey	1	1	2
Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade	1.15	7	5.85
Salisbury	9.95	4	5.95
South West Wiltshire	0.5	-	0.5
Southern Wiltshire	0	1	1
Tidworth	0	3	3
Trowbridge	5.55	3	2.55
Warminster	1	6	7
Westbury	0	-	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>31.6</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>32.4</b>

Notwithstanding the above, it is doubtful that security of tenure could be secured at all the sites mentioned, particularly those managed by the MOD and independent schools which have greater autonomy on their provision. Furthermore, due to the nature of rugby union, it must be noted that most clubs would not access the facilities even if they were available as many are often reluctant to utilise secondary venues. Nevertheless, attempts could be made to strategically align some community clubs with some of the sites as a means to reducing shortfalls, if all partners were willing.

### *Reinstating disused provision*

There are four disused sites in Wiltshire which previously accommodated rugby union provision. These are Meerut Road, The Conigre, Grittleton House School and The Water Pitches. In addition, there are also a number of sites that are still actively used for sport but which no longer supply rugby union provision including Dinton Recreation Ground, The Wellington Academy, Sarum Academy, Avon Valley College, Matravers School and Abbeyfield School.

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Reinstating pitches at the aforementioned sites could theoretically assist in alleviating the identified shortfalls for rugby union; however, based on several factors including issues with security of tenure, lack of accompanying ancillary provision, geographical location, current playing field quality and/or the potential cost of reinstating the provision, they are not currently considered to be viable prospects. No clubs express an aspiration to access any of the sites suggesting that use of them would be questionable even if they were brought back into the supply picture.

Notwithstanding the above, each site should be retained as strategic reserve until all relevant shortfalls within the areas in which they reside are overcome.

### *Accommodating future demand from club aspirations*

Overall, nine clubs that responded to consultation report future aspirations. Future demand identified by these equates to 20 teams and seven match equivalent sessions per week on senior pitches, as summarised in the table below.

*Table 4.36: Summary of aspirational future demand*

Club	Analysis area	Future team aspirations	Match equivalent sessions per week
Amesbury RUFC	Stonehenge	1 x age grade girls (U12s)	0.25
Amesbury RUFC	Stonehenge	1 x age grade boys (U12s)	0.25
Amesbury RUFC	Stonehenge	1 x age grade mixed	0.125
Calne RUFC	Calne	3 x Age grade mixed 1 x Age grade boys 1 x Age grade girls	1.75
Cricklade RUFC	Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade	3 x age grade (boys and girls U13-U18 inc.)	1.5
Cricklade RUFC	Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade	1 x age grade mixed	0.125
Devizes RUFC	Devizes	1 x age grade girls (U12s)	0.25
Marlborough RUFC	Marlborough	1 x age grade girls (U12s)	0.25
Marlborough RUFC	Marlborough	1 x age grade girls (U13s – U18s)	0.5
Royal Wootton Bassett RUFC	Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade	1 x age grade girls (U12s)	0.25
Trowbridge RUFC	Trowbridge	1 x age grade girls (U12s)	0.25
Wheatsheaf Cabin Crew RUFC	South West Wiltshire	1 x age grade (boys and girls U13-U18 inc.)	0.5
Wheatsheaf Cabin Crew RUFC	South West Wiltshire	1 x Senior men's	0.5
Westbury RUFC	Westbury	1 x Senior men's	0.5
-	-	<b>Total</b>	<b>5.25</b>

This has previously been discounted from calculations as it is considered to be more theoretical than future growth predicted via population growth; however, if such demand is realised, it will increase shortfalls throughout Wiltshire. The table below therefore examines if there is potential to accommodate this demand at the clubs existing sites based on current levels of supply.

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Table 4.37: Summary of future demand impact

Club name	Analysis area	Comments
Amesbury RUFC	Stonehenge	Existing provision at Archers Gate Centenary Pavilion is overplayed by 1.9 match equivalent sessions, although this could reduce to 1.4 match equivalent sessions with quality improvements. All match play demand could be accommodated on the pitch if it was improved to good quality, even if growth is realised; however, training demand will need to access alternative provision e.g., a World Rugby compliant 3G pitch.
Calne RUFC	Calne	Existing provision at Calne Recreation Ground has spare capacity of 1.3 match equivalent sessions, meaning growth of 1.75 match equivalent sessions for match play would result in overplay being established. This would also worsen when accounting for the additional training demand that would also be received.
Cricklade RUFC	Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade	Existing provision at Fairview Fields is overplayed by 0.75 match equivalent sessions, although some spare capacity could be created with pitch quality improvements. This, however, would only be sufficient to accommodate one of the four teams planned for.
Devizes RUFC	Devizes	Existing provision at Devizes Sports Club is overplayed by 5.05 match equivalent sessions, although this could reduce to 3.65 match equivalent sessions with quality improvements. All match play demand could be accommodated on the two pitches if quality improved to good, even if growth is realised; however, training demand will need to access alternative provision e.g., a World Rugby compliant 3G pitch.
Marlborough RUFC	Marlborough	Existing provision at Marlborough Rugby Club is overplayed by 3.05 match equivalent sessions, although this could reduce to 1.65 match equivalent sessions with quality improvements. All match play demand could be accommodated on the two pitches if quality improved to good, even if growth is realised; however, training demand will need to access alternative provision e.g., a World Rugby compliant 3G pitch.
Royal Wootton Bassett RUFC	Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade	Future match play demand could be accommodated via spare capacity on the non sports-lit pitches (2.4 match equivalent sessions); however, training demand could not be without quality improvements and additional lighting being provided.
Trowbridge RUFC	Trowbridge	Existing provision at Doric Park is overplayed by 5.15 match equivalent sessions, although this can be reduced via quality improvements. All match play demand could be accommodated on the four existing pitches, even if growth is realised; however, training demand will need to access alternative provision e.g., a World Rugby compliant 3G pitch.
Wheatsheaf Cabin Crew RUFC	South West Wiltshire	Netherhampton Road has sufficient spare capacity to accommodate the Club's growth plans.
Westbury RUFC	Westbury	Sufficient spare capacity to accommodate the Club's growth plans.

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As seen, only Wheatsheaf Cabin Crew RUFC and Westbury RUFC could accommodate all future growth plans on the current supply available to the clubs. For all others, other scenarios highlighted within this section of the report will first need to be realised e.g., pitch quality improvements, increased sports lighting and additional World Rugby compliant 3G provision.

### **Recommendations**

- ◀ Protect existing quantity of rugby union pitches.
- ◀ Improve pitch quality at all sites used by clubs through improved maintenance and/or the installation of drainage systems.
- ◀ Install additional sports lighting where overplay exists as a result of concentrated training demand (e.g., at Ballards Ash Sports Ground and Trowbridge Rugby Club).
- ◀ Seek to establish additional World Rugby compliant 3G pitches, with priority placed on the Trowbridge, Melksham, Stonehenge, Corsham and Salisbury analysis areas.
- ◀ Explore creation of hybrid rugby union pitches as another means to alleviating overplay.
- ◀ Support plans that will create additional rugby union provision for clubs currently experiencing shortfalls (e.g., Marlborough RUFC).
- ◀ Explore access to MOD and education sites if community clubs can be strategically aligned to the provision.
- ◀ Retain disused provision as strategic reserve.
- ◀ Ensure future demand can be adequately accommodated, particularly in regards to women's and girls' demand.
- ◀ Improve the ancillary facilities (e.g., clubhouses) servicing the clubs and ensure facilities are inclusive and have appropriate segregation (e.g., for Amesbury, Calne, Cricklade, Minety, Warminster and Wheatsheaf Cabin Crew rugby clubs).
- ◀ Ensure all new pavilions and extensions consider environmental sustainability measures.
- ◀ Seek to provide increased security of tenure for clubs at their home grounds where it is required (e.g., for Amesbury RUFC and Calne RUFC).
- ◀ Ensure that any large housing developments are provided for and assess the need for new pitch provision through master planning on an individual basis.
- ◀ Where a development is of a size to justify on-site rugby provision, ensure that any proposals for new pitches will attract adequate demand.
- ◀ Where a development is not of a size to justify on-site rugby provision, or if sufficient demand cannot be attracted, consider using contributions to improve existing sites within the locality.

### **Rugby league – grass pitches**

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

- ◀ As no demand has been identified within Wiltshire there is no requirement for any provision to be established.
- ◀ Focus should be placed on ensuring that any demand that does exist can be accommodated within clubs outside of the region (e.g., Swindon St George RLFC).

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

- ◀ There are no rugby league pitches in Wiltshire, although there are in neighbouring authorities.

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

- ◀ No rugby league demand is taking place in Wiltshire, although some residents are likely being accommodated in neighbouring authorities where clubs are present.
- ◀ With no provision in place for rugby league and with no clear need identified, it is imperative that localised demand is signposted to neighbouring authorities to ensure that it can be catered for.

## Scenarios

N/A

## Recommendations

- ◀ Ensure any localised demand is signposted to nearby clubs e.g., Swindon St George RLFC.

## Hockey - artificial grass pitches

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#### Hockey – supply and demand summary

- ◀ Overall, there is currently a sufficient supply of hockey suitable pitches in Wiltshire, although capacity pressures do exist in addition to quality and security of tenure issues.
- ◀ Priority should be placed on protecting and improving the pitches currently in use for hockey, in addition to better providing for Salisbury HC and Devizes HC.

#### Hockey – supply summary

- ◀ There are 19 full size hockey suitable AGPs in Wiltshire, with 18 serviced by sports lighting (only the pitch at Dauntsey's School is without sports lighting).
- ◀ Two of the pitches are disused, with these located at Devizes School and Boscombe Down Sports Field, whilst the pitch at MOD Larkhill is unavailable for community access.
- ◀ There are also ten smaller size sand-based pitches provided; however, none of these are suitable for purposeful hockey demand.
- ◀ Of the full size AGPs, 47% are owned and managed by the education sector, whilst two are managed by sports club, one by the Council, one commercially and four by the MOD.
- ◀ Security of tenure is limited, with only Chippenham, Corsham, Royal Wootton Bassett and Salisbury hockey clubs having any form of security of tenure at their respective home venues.
- ◀ The majority of the pitches that offer community use have relatively good availability, with Warminster School and Marlborough College being the exceptions due to limited availability at weekends.
- ◀ Of the community available full size pitches, five are assessed as good quality, seven as standard and seven as poor quality.
- ◀ Ancillary provision is generally considered to be adequate, although issues are identified at Dauntsey's School, Marlborough College and Springfield Community Campus.

#### Hockey – demand summary

- ◀ There are seven hockey clubs based in Wiltshire collectively catering for 107 teams.
- ◀ In total, there are 26 senior men's, 25 senior women's and 31 junior teams currently provided as well as 25 other team variations (including veteran's and mixed teams).
- ◀ The largest club is Salisbury HC (25 teams), whilst the smallest is West Wilts HC (eight teams).
- ◀ Various EH initiatives are implemented by clubs such as Royal Wootton Bassett, Marlborough and Salisbury hockey clubs.
- ◀ No imported or exported demand is identified, although Devizes HC has an aspiration to relocate closer to Devizes.
- ◀ No latent or unmet demand has been discovered; however, Salisbury HC reports that it has demand for additional pitch provision which it hopes to provide alongside its existing pitch at Salisbury & South West Sports Club.
- ◀ Only two clubs report future demand, with these being Devizes HC and Royal Wootton Bassett HC.
- ◀ Based on current demand, most available pitches have some level of spare capacity to accommodate additional usage; however, many of those with a significant amount are either poor quality and/or located away from clubs.

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## Scenarios

### *Improving pitch quality*

In total, there are seven full size pitches in Wiltshire rated as poor quality. Of these, two at Boscombe Down Sports Field and Devizes School are now disused, whilst the remainder are located at John of Gaunt School, Melksham Oak Community School, MOD Larkhill, Stonar School and Warminster Kingsdown. That being said, only the pitch Warminster Kingsdown is actively used by a community hockey club (West Wilts HC).

In addition, there are also standard quality pitches at Dauntsey's School (x2), Marlborough College (x2), Salisbury & South Wilts Sports Club and Springfield Community Campus which are currently used by Devizes HC, Marlborough HC, Salisbury HC, and Corsham HC, respectively. Although these pitches do not require an immediate resurface, they likely will within the lifespan of the PPS document (within the next five years) as they are all close to or over their 10 year recommended lifespan.

If the standard and poor quality pitches are not refurbished when required, there is potential for them to become unusable for competitive hockey, as was the case at Devizes School which was previously used by Devizes HC until the surface became unusable. The table below explores what the supply and demand picture would look like without access to any of the implicated pitches.

*Table 4.38: Impact of loss of access to poor and standard quality pitches*

Analysis area	Current supply and demand balance (match equivalent sessions)	Capacity across poor/ standard quality pitches (match equivalent sessions)	Potential supply and demand balance (match equivalent sessions)
Stonehenge	0	-	0
Bradford-on-Avon	0	-	0
Calne	4	-	4
Chippenham & Villages	0.5	-	0.5
Corsham	1	4	3
Devizes	4	6	2
Malmesbury	0	-	0
Marlborough	1.5	4	2.5
Melksham	0	-	0
Pewsey	0	-	0
Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade	1	-	1
Salisbury	0	4	4
South West Wiltshire	0	-	0
Southern Wiltshire	0	-	0
Tidworth	0	-	0
Trowbridge	0	-	0
Warminster	1	-	1
Westbury	0	-	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>6</b>

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As seen, an overall shortfall would be established as well as localised shortfalls in the Corsham, Devizes, Marlborough and Salisbury analysis areas. As such, pitch resurfacing when required is vital, particularly at:

- ◀ Dauntsey's School
- ◀ Kingdown School
- ◀ Marlborough College
- ◀ Salisbury & South Wilts Sports Club
- ◀ Springfield Community Campus

### *Security of tenure*

Presently, tenure for Devizes HC (Dauntsey's School), West Wilts HC (Land Warfare Centre and Kingdown School), Marlborough HC (Marlborough College) and Salisbury HC (Tidworth Oval) is considered unsecure. These clubs rent the use of these pitches on a reasonable basis with the operators theoretically available to remove community access at a moment's notice. The impact of this happening across Wiltshire is evidenced in the following table.

*Table 4.39: Impact of loss of access to unsecured pitches*

Analysis area	Current supply and demand balance (match equivalent sessions)	Capacity across unsecure sites (match equivalent sessions)	Potential supply and demand balance (match equivalent sessions)
Stonehenge	0	-	0
Bradford-on-Avon	0	-	0
Calne	4	-	4
Chippenham & Villages	0.5	-	0.5
Corsham	1	-	1
Devizes	4	6	2
Malmesbury	0	-	0
Marlborough	1.5	4	2.5
Melksham	0	-	0
Pewsey	0	-	0
Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade	1	-	1
Salisbury	0	4	4
South West Wiltshire	0	-	0
Southern Wiltshire	0	-	0
Tidworth	0	-	0
Trowbridge	0	-	0
Warminster	1	4	3
Westbury	0	-	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>6</b>

A loss of access to the unsecured sites would establish an overall shortfall as well as localised shortfalls in the Devizes, Marlborough, Salisbury and Warminster analysis areas. As such, attempts should be made to improve tenure at the implicated sites.

Notwithstanding the above, only Devizes HC currently indicates a potential issue, with this regarding access at Dauntsey's School. All remaining clubs suggest that there is a good working relationship with providers and that access is assured for the foreseeable future.

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### *Bringing disused provision back into use*

The pitch at Devizes School is classified as disused having not been used since 2020 due to its poor quality. Devizes HC used the provision until its closure where it then relocated to Dauntsey's School, where it now has to spread its eight senior teams across the two pitches as there is reduced capacity. This is due to the provision being utilised in the mornings to meet curricular and extra-curricular demand.

As intimated above, Devizes HC reports uncertainty regarding future access at Dauntsey's School as the current headteacher is due to retire at the end of the current (2023/2024) school year. Furthermore, it reports wanting to return to Devizes School as it is in a better location for its membership base.

Based on the above, it is recommended in the first instance to secure a usage agreement at Dauntsey's School in order to safeguard the Club's immediate future. However, following this, bringing the pitch back into use at Devizes School should be sought as this will provide a better, longer term option.

The pitch at Boscombe Down Sports Field is also identified as being disused; however, no hockey demand for this to be brought back into the supply has been uncovered. A proposal is in place to convert it to 3G.

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

None of the AGPs currently in use for hockey should be considered for conversion unless replacement provision is provided within the locality. For clarity, this applies to pitches at the following sites:

- ◀ Chippenham Sports Club
- ◀ Dauntsey's School (x2)
- ◀ Kingdown School
- ◀ Land Warfare Centre (Site 1)
- ◀ Marlborough College (x2)
- ◀ Royal Wootton Bassett Academy
- ◀ Salisbury & South Wilts Sports Club
- ◀ Springfield Community Campus
- ◀ Tidworth Oval

In addition, the disused pitch at Devizes School should also be protected based on expressed aspirations from Devizes HC and given uncertainty around future access at Dauntsey's School.

The remaining pitches could be suitable for 3G pitch conversion if they were considered to be strategically located by the FF and Wiltshire FA. However, conversion should only be pursued if hockey related issues in the areas in which they reside are firstly overcome as, until such a point, the provision provides an alternative solution. As a result, agreement from EH is also imperative.

Furthermore, any 3G conversion will need to be carried out in accordance with Sport England's Playing Fields Policy.



## **Recommendations**

- ◀ Protect all pitches for continued hockey demand where existing hockey activity takes place or could take place in the future.
- ◀ Resurface pitches that have reached the end of their recommended lifespans.
- ◀ Ensure a sinking fund is in place for long-term sustainability at all venues.
- ◀ Look to improve security of tenure for all clubs using school and MOD sites through long-term community use agreements.
- ◀ Seek to increase capacity of pitches for hockey demand where it is currently limited e.g., due to internal usage or sports lighting restrictions.
- ◀ Only support 3G conversion plans if no hockey clubs are adversely affected and providing that there are no hockey related capacity issues within the relevant areas.
- ◀ Explore options to improve the ancillary facility offer where it is required (all new pavilions/extensions must consider environmental sustainability measures).
- ◀ Ensure that any large housing developments are provided for and assess the need for new pitch provision through master planning on an individual basis.
- ◀ Where a development is of a size to justify on-site provision, ensure that any proposals for new pitches will attract adequate demand.
- ◀ Where a development is not of a size to justify on-site provision, or if sufficient demand cannot be attracted, consider using contributions to improve existing sites within the locality.

## **Other sports**

### **Assessment Report summary**

#### **Other grass pitch sports – supply and demand summary**

- ◀ For American football, the provision used at Barry Field's is sufficient to cater for demand due to the Salisbury City Marauders only participating in flag football; however, should the Club progress into full contact activity, a dedicated pitch will be required.
- ◀ In isolation, the pitch used for Aussie Rules at Chippenham Rugby Club is sufficient to accommodate the demand expressed by Chippenham Redbacks; however, the dual use nature of the provision is likely to be impacting on post-season remedial work.

#### **Other grass pitch sports – supply summary**

- ◀ Currently, there are no dedicated American football pitches within Wiltshire.
- ◀ Salisbury City Marauders trains and plays its fixtures at Barry's Fields, which is predominately used for football, in the Southern Wiltshire Analysis Area.
- ◀ The Club does not require an American football pitch due to the nature of its demand (it only requires a space for 5v5 activity).
- ◀ A rugby union pitch at Chippenham Rugby Club is used to accommodate Australian rules football via Chippenham Redbacks.

#### **Other grass pitch sports – demand summary**

- ◀ Salisbury City Marauders fields two American football teams including an adult flag team from 16+ and a youth contact team from U13-U16 level.
- ◀ As the Club does not currently provide teams for players wanting to play contact American football above the age of 16, it is likely that players travel to Swindon to play for Swindon Storm.
- ◀ Chippenham Redbacks was formed in 2007 and field one team, which is a senior men's team that competes in the Welsh/West of England Australian Football League.

## **Scenarios**

N/A

## ***Recommendations***

- ◀ Ensure continued access to existing sites and pitches to enable continued access for American football and Aussie rules activity.
- ◀ Look to improve pitch quality at Chippenham Rugby Club, in line with rugby union recommendations, and dual use nature of the provision is appropriately maintained.
- ◀ Identify potential location for a full size American football pitch should demand for one exist in the future.

## PART 5: STRATEGIC RECOMMENDATIONS

The strategic recommendations reflect overarching and common areas to be addressed across Wiltshire based on the sport-by-sport and overall findings. As such, they apply across playing pitch facilities and may not be specific to just one sport or one area.

### OBJECTIVE 1

To **protect** the existing supply of playing pitch provision and ancillary facilities where it is needed for meeting current and future needs

#### Recommendations:

- a) Ensure, through the use of the PPS, that playing pitch facilities are protected through the implementation of local planning policy.
- b) Ensure that the level of playing provision provided is sustainable.
- c) Secure tenure and access to sites for high quality, development minded clubs, through a range of solutions and partnership agreements.
- d) Maximise community use of education facilities where needed.

### **Recommendation (a) – Ensure, through the use of the PPS, that playing pitch facilities are protected through the implementation of local planning policy.**

The PPS shows that all existing playing field sites cannot be deemed surplus to requirements because of shortfalls now and/or in the future. As such, all provision requires protection or appropriate mitigation until all identified shortfalls have been overcome. This includes underused and poor quality sites as there is a requirement for such provision to help meet and alleviate the identified shortfalls i.e., following improvements.

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

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

Should facilities be taken out of use for any reason (e.g., council budget restraints), it is imperative that the land is retained so that it can be brought back into use in the future. This means that land containing provision should not be altered (except to improve play) and should remain free from tree cover and permanent built structures, unless the current picture changes to the extent that the site in question is no longer needed (subject to being informed by a review of the PPS or a separate needs assessment), or unless replacement provision is provided to an equal or greater quantity and quality.

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The PPS should be used to help inform development management decisions that affect existing or new playing pitch provision as well as accompanying ancillary facilities. All applications should be assessed on a case-by-case basis taking into account site specific factors. In addition, Sport England is a statutory consultee on planning applications that affect or prejudice the use of provision used within the last five years and will use the PPS to help assess that planning application against its Playing Fields Policy. This only allows for development in the event of at least one of five exceptions being met.

### *Policy Exception E1:*

‘A carefully quantified and documented assessment of current and future needs has demonstrated to the satisfaction of Sport England that there is an excess of playing field provision in the catchment, and the site has no special significance to the interests of sport’.<sup>7</sup>

### *Policy Exception E2*

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

### *Policy Exception E3*

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

- ◀ Reduce the size of any playing pitch;
- ◀ Result in the inability to use any playing pitch (including the maintenance of adequate safety margins and run-off areas);
- ◀ Reduce the sporting capacity of the playing field to accommodate playing pitches or the capability to rotate or reposition playing pitches to maintain quality;
- ◀ Result in the loss of other sporting provision or ancillary facilities on the site;
- ◀ Prejudice the use of any remaining areas of playing field on the site’.

### *Policy Exception E4:*

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

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

### *Policy Exception E5*

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

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<sup>7</sup> The catchment can align with the analysis areas used within the PPS.

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Sites in Wiltshire can also be protected for community use through additional status, such as through Community Right to Bid as Assets of Community Value. An Asset of Community Value is land or buildings nominated by a local voluntary or community group and which the Council decides meets the requirements to be listed as an asset of community value. The statutory rules about assets of community value can be found in sections 87 – 103 of the Localism Act.

If the owner of land or buildings that are listed as Assets of Community Value wants to sell them, they must contact the Council which will notify the community group that nominated the asset. The community group then has the opportunity to register its interest as a potential bidder, triggering a six-month moratorium period during which, subject to certain exceptions, the owner can only sell the asset if it is to a community interest group. Only after the moratorium period can the owner sell to whomever they choose.

Furthermore, playing field sites can be protected through Fields in Trust's (FiT) King George V or Queen Elizabeth II programmes. Protection for these is a legal agreement between FiT and the landowner of a space that they will retain for use as a green space, usually a public park, playing field or recreation ground, in perpetuity. Examples in Wiltshire are King George V Playing Field, Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Field and Queen Elizabeth II Playing Fields.

### ***Rationalisation***

The above is not to say that no sites can or should be lost. In fact, it may be appropriate to consider rationalisation of certain smaller sites (i.e. one/two pitch sites with no changing provision) to generate investment in creating bigger and better venues (hub sites). It is vital, however, that there is no net loss of facilities and that replacement provision is in place and available for use prior to existing provision being lost.

The following sites could be suitable for rationalisation, subject to any capital receipt being invested into a nearby site (or sites) identified in the Action Plan, and providing that the site which is to be lost is not still required for future use:

- ◀ Aldbourne Sports Field
- ◀ Avon Park
- ◀ Bishopdown
- ◀ Bonnymead Park
- ◀ Bulford Recreation Ground
- ◀ Dilton Marsh Playing Fields
- ◀ Figheldean Recreation Ground
- ◀ Five Rivers Health & Wellbeing Centre
- ◀ Green Lane Recreation Centre
- ◀ Holt Playing Field
- ◀ Poulton Recreation Field
- ◀ Sands Lane Rowde
- ◀ St Marys Recreation Field
- ◀ The Knockdown Road Sports Field
- ◀ Westwood Playing Field
- ◀ White Lion Park

The rationale behind the selection of these sites is that they are all operated by the Council or town/parish councils and provide only one or two pitches for only one sport. Such provision can be costly to maintain relative to demand levels. However, it has not at this stage considered any wider community value that the sites have (e.g., as open space), with this also needing to be factored into any future decision making process.

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Furthermore, any of the sites that sit within a quintile 1 or 2 postcode, the maintenance and/or upgrading of the provision for informal recreation should be considered ahead of any rationalisation. The same also applies to any disused provision (see below).

### ***Disused sites***

Disused sites that have been unused for more than five years should also be protected from development or replaced in accordance with Sport England's policy exceptions as they currently provide a solution to reducing identified shortfalls. As such, any disused sites are included within the PPS and the Action Plan together with a recommendation in relation to bringing the site back into use, retain it as strategic reserve, or to mitigate permanent loss to address the shortfalls identified. This is despite Sport England not being a statutory consultee on such applications.

The lawful use of a disused playing field is still that of a playing field until such time as it is developed for a non-pitch sport use or its use is formally changed through the planning system. There is no positive obligation, under planning law, for a playing field to be actively used as such.

The below lists known disused playing field sites currently within Wiltshire:

- ◀ All Cannings Cricket Club (SN10 3NR - Pewsey)
- ◀ Dauntsey Road Playing Field (SN15 5EL – Malmesbury)
- ◀ Enford Village Hall & Recreation Ground (SN9 6DD – Stonehenge)
- ◀ Hospital Pitch Campion Drive (SN12 7SN – Melksham)
- ◀ King George V Playing Field Melksham (SN12 7ED – Melksham)
- ◀ Meriton Avenue Recreation Ground (SN13 0BP – Corsham)
- ◀ Stallards Recreation Ground (BA14 9AP – Trowbridge)
- ◀ Priestley Grove (SN11 8DX – Calne)
- ◀ Cherhill Cricket Club (SN11 8UL – Calne)
- ◀ Milton Lilbourne Village Hall (SN9 5LQ – Pewsey)
- ◀ Compton Chamberlayne Cricket Field (SP3 5JB - South West)
- ◀ Fovant Cricket Club (SP3 5DH - South West Wiltshire)
- ◀ Meerut Road (SP9 7SU – Tidworth)
- ◀ The Conigre (SN12 6ES – Melksham)
- ◀ Grittleton House School (SN14 6AP – Chippenham & Villages)
- ◀ The Water Pitches (SN6 6BL – Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade)

In addition to above, there are some existing playing field sites which may be able to or have previously accommodated more pitches than are presently marked. There may also be sites which are no longer prepared and used for formal sport but that still serve another function, such as a public open space or park. These sites should therefore not be considered disused as they continue to operate as part of the green infrastructure typology.

Where disused sites (as well as smaller active sites) sit within a quintile 1 or 2 postcode, the maintaining and/or upgrading of the site for informal recreation, or an opportunity to create an Active Environment for residents, should be considered in the first instance. In line with Sport England's Active Design Principles, providing activity infrastructure and activating spaces is important to help people to lead more physically active lives. Within areas of deprivation, it is known that inactivity is higher and structural inequality/deficits in provision exist. To positively impact physical activity behaviours, Doorstep access to years-round quality (ideally sports-lit) sporting provision is required.

For remaining disused sites (and smaller active sites) rationalisation (to create bigger, better quality sites) could be considered. Where this is the case, justification as to why they are suitable for rationalisation will be required, and national and local planning policy requirements will still need to be met.

### **Recommendation (b) – Ensure that the level of provision provided remains sustainable.**

The PPS sets out the current supply and demand picture for all included sports and makes clear recommendations as to how the existing supply can be retained and for how shortfalls and deficits can be overcome. Generally, these rely significantly on being able to improve the existing stock to increase capacity given that it is accepted that new pitch provision on a large scale is unlikely and, in most cases, unnecessary. However, it should also be acknowledged that the level of investment required to action the recommendations is likely to be high, which could in parts be seen as being unviable and unsustainable. This is especially the case given growing budget restraints faced by most local authorities.

Furthermore, it is acknowledged that many existing sites are already under considerable pressure, even without any improvements taking place. As such, in order to increase overall sustainability as well as the number of recommendations that can be actioned and the number of investment opportunities that can be sought, it is considered that the following should be pursued:

- ◀ Work with NGBs and other relevant stakeholders to increase knowledge and to, where appropriate, secure funding through funding pots and grants.
- ◀ Support clubs in applying for funding and maintenance assistance e.g., via PitchPower and the Grass Pitch Maintenance Fund (GPMF).
- ◀ Ensure sites in need of investment provide long-term security of tenure to club users.
- ◀ Consider asset transfer of appropriate sites to clubs/groups that have the resource to take on self-management obligations.
- ◀ Consider rationalisation of sites that do not receive sufficient levels of income generation in order to create bigger, better quality sites that are more likely to be financially viable (subject to meeting planning policy requirements).
- ◀ Share information of best practice where sites are being appropriately and sustainably maintained/improved.
- ◀ Share maintenance resources where possible e.g., via the use of equipment banks.
- ◀ Maximise the level of artificial provision available given the capacity and maintenance benefits they provide and seek to maximise usage of such facilities.
- ◀ Ensure sinking funds are in place so that provision remains useable.
- ◀ Ensure ancillary facilities servicing sites are appropriate for all forms of play likely to be received (e.g., for women's and girls' activity and individuals with a disability or long-term health condition) where it is required so that usage and therefore income can be maximised.
- ◀ Ensure a process is in place to secure and maximise developer contributions and ensure any investment by this means is directed towards appropriate sites.
- ◀ Engage with neighbouring local authorities to explore how cross-boundary facilities and developments can be of wider benefit.
- ◀ Ensure that the PPS is regularly updated as part of the Stage E process in order to continually prioritise actions and investment requirements and to monitor impact of previous funding.
- ◀ As part of the Stage E process, challenge and review the impact of the PPS against Structural Inequality and Identity projects/work to help address health inequalities.

Many of these are therefore touched upon with other recommendations in this section of the Strategy.

### ***Covid-19 pandemic***

In early 2020, there began a global pandemic from the spreading of Covid-19 (Coronavirus) which led England to enter various states of lockdown from 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2020 till the end of May 2023. The lockdowns generally required the general public to remain at home and only leave their households for food, health reasons or work (only if work cannot be carried out at home). In addition, if people were to go outside, they were restricted in the activities they could do and often had to remain two metres apart. This understandably led to all sporting activities including all those covered in the PPS documents to reduce or cease entirely.

Due to activity not being allowed, Covid-19 obviously had a direct impact on participation in relevant sports which saw a drop in demand during this time period. Information gathered by Sport England through its Active Lives Adult Survey<sup>8</sup> indicates that activity in team sports dropped from *circa* three million (November 2018-19) to as low as two million (November 2020-21). With this being said, this figure has is now believed to have recovered to pre-pandemic levels, with stabilisation at around 3.1 million players.

In correlation to demand returning to pre-2020 levels, emerging data from the FA indicates that nationally, following a drop in team numbers during the pandemic (approximately 100,000), numbers have recovered to more than offset this (approximately 110,000) and are now steadily increasing as normal. Anecdotal evidence from the remaining NGBs (EH/ECB/RFL/RFU) also shows signs of stabilisation and recovery since a decline during the lockdowns, although no specific details are available to reference.

Based on the above, it is broadly considered that the impact of Covid-19 on demand levels has now been corrected, with no action therefore required regarding this. However, it should also be referenced that many community clubs and facility operators suffered financially from the pandemic to a lack of income from aspects such as subs, facility hire and bar revenue. Some level of grant funding was made available from Sport England and NGBs to limit the impact of this; however, some cost-saving mechanisms needed to be put in place such as through maintenance reductions and sinking fund investment. Such necessary actions are likely to have a had a longer standing impact on the supply of provision that will be relevant to the PPS and will have resulted in specific recommendations (e.g., pitch and ancillary facility improvements).

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

A number of school, MOD and private sites are being used in Wiltshire for competitive play, predominantly for cricket, hockey and football. In some cases, use of such facilities has been classified as secure; however, it is not necessarily formalised and relevant organisations should seek to establish appropriate community use agreements, including access to changing provision where required.

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<sup>8</sup>[Sport England Active Lives Survey November 2021-22](#)



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The above is especially the case for sites that have unsecured community use despite receiving high levels of use, as is the case in Wiltshire at:

- ◀ Avon Valley College
- ◀ Bradon Forest School
- ◀ Dauntsey's School
- ◀ Land Warfare Centre Site 1
- ◀ Larkhill Sports Ground
- ◀ Marlborough College
- ◀ MOD Lyneham
- ◀ New Close Primary School
- ◀ Notton House School
- ◀ Royal Wootton Bassett Academy
- ◀ Princecroft Primary School
- ◀ Sarum Academy
- ◀ Somme Road – Aspire Defence Ground
- ◀ St Laurence School
- ◀ Southbroom St James Academy
- ◀ The Wellington Academy

Not having fully formalised usage presents a risk for clubs using these sites as community use could technically be terminated at any time. Securing community use will therefore help to create additional capacity and could help to address deficiencies (existing capacity has generally been discounted at such sites given that it is not guaranteed capacity).

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

Given current budgetary pressures, it is increasingly important for the Council to work with voluntary sector organisations to enable them to take greater levels of ownership and support the wider development and maintenance of facilities. To facilitate this, where practical, it should support and enable clubs to generate sufficient funds for the acquisition and development of sites, providing that this is to the benefit of sport.

The Council should also further explore opportunities where security of tenure could be granted via lease agreements (minimum 25 years as recommended by Sport England and NGBs) so that clubs are in a position manage assets and to apply for external funding for site improvements. This is particularly the case at poor quality local authority sites, possibly with inadequate or no ancillary facilities, so that quality can be enhanced and sites developed.

Local sports clubs that could be able to manage their own assets should be supported by partners including the Council and NGBs to achieve sustainability across a range of areas including management, membership, funding, facilities, volunteers and partnership work. For example, club development should be supported and clubs should be encouraged to develop business and sports development plans to show how facilities can be sustainable and to maximise income generation.

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Relevant clubs could also be encouraged to look at different management models such as registering as Community Amateur Sports Clubs (CASC)<sup>9</sup>. They should also be signposted to work with partners locally, such as volunteer support agencies or local businesses.

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

Table 5.1: Recommended criteria for lease of council sport sites to clubs/organisations

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

Furthermore, the Council could establish a series of core outcomes to derive from clubs taking on a lease arrangement to ensure that the most appropriate clubs are assigned to sites. As an example, outcomes may include:

- ◀ Increasing participation, particularly within priority groups such as women's and girls;, lower socio-economic groups, individuals with a disability or a long-term health condition and ethnically diverse communities.
- ◀ Supporting the development of coaches and volunteers.
- ◀ Commitment to quality standards.
- ◀ Improvements (where required) to facilities, or as a minimum retaining existing standards.

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

For clubs with lease arrangements already in place, these should be reviewed when fewer than 25 years remain so that extensions can be secured, thus improving security of tenure and helping them attract funding for site development. Any club with less than 25 years remaining on an agreement is unlikely to gain any external funding (unless the agreement has been recently entered into).

<sup>9</sup> <http://www.cascinfo.co.uk/cascbenefits>

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Current examples of clubs with lease agreements that have less than 25 years remaining include:

- ◀ Bishops Canning CC
- ◀ Cricklade CC
- ◀ Cricklade RUFC
- ◀ Great Dunford CC
- ◀ Malmesbury CC
- ◀ Minety RUFC
- ◀ Potterne CC
- ◀ Westbury & District CC
- ◀ White Horse CC

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

To maximise community use, a more coherent, structured relationship with schools is recommended. The ability to access good facilities within the local community is vital to any sports organisation, yet many clubs struggle to find good quality places to play and train. In Wiltshire, pricing policies at facilities can be a barrier to access at some education sites but physical access, poor quality and resistance from providers to open up provision is also an issue, especially at academies and independent schools.

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

In some instances, facilities are unavailable for community use due to poor quality and therefore remedial works will be required before it can be established. The low carrying capacity of these facilities sometimes leads to them being played to capacity or overplayed simply due to curricular and extra-curricular use, meaning they cannot accommodate any additional use by the community.

As a priority, community use options should be explored at large education sites offering several pitches, with focus therefore placed predominately on secondary schools rather than primary schools. Securing access to such sites will significantly reduce shortfalls throughout the analysis areas that they are based within. Examples of schools that should be targeted include:

- ◀ Abbeyfield School
- ◀ Bishop Wordsworth School
- ◀ Dauntsey's School
- ◀ Devizes School
- ◀ John of Gaunt School
- ◀ Kingsbury Green Academy
- ◀ Malmesbury School
- ◀ Marlborough College
- ◀ Maltravers School
- ◀ Pembroke Park Primary School
- ◀ Sandroyd School
- ◀ St Johns Marlborough
- ◀ St Laurence School
- ◀ The Clarendon Academy
- ◀ The Corsham School

- ◀ The Trafalgar School at Downton
- ◀ Warminster School

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

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

Where new schools are provided in major new residential developments, these should be designed to facilitate community access, with opportunities for meeting the community's outdoor sports needs explored at the outset to maximise the potential for facility provision to be made within the developments, if appropriate. An example of this is ensuring the provision of youth 11v11 and/or youth 9v9 grass football pitches, given current shortfalls and their suitability for the playing format of students, or multi-use provision such as AGPs given the range of sports they can cater for.

### **OBJECTIVE 2**

To enhance playing pitch provision and ancillary facilities through improving quality and management of sites

#### **Recommendations:**

- e) Improve quality
- f) Adopt a tiered approach (hierarchy of provision) to the management and improvement of sites.
- g) Work in partnership with stakeholders to secure funding.
- h) Secure developer contributions.

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

There are a number of ways in which it is possible to improve quality, including, for example, addressing overplay and improving maintenance. Given that the majority of councils' face reducing budgets, it is currently advisable to look at improving key sites as a priority (e.g., the largest sites that are the most overplayed or the poorest). The Action Plan within this document provides a starting point for this, identifying key sites, poor quality sites and/or sites that are overplayed which should be prioritised for improvement.

Notwithstanding the above, with pressures on budgets, any wide-ranging direct investment into quality is unlikely and other options for improvements should therefore also be considered. This could be via clubs leasing/managing sites as highlighted in Objective 1, with clubs taking on maintenance, whilst other options may include the use of equipment banks and the pooling of resources for maintenance.

### ***Addressing quality issues***

Quality in Wiltshire is variable but generally facilities are assessed as standard quality, although poor quality provision is more prevalent than good quality provision. Where facilities are assessed as standard or poor quality and/or overplayed, maintenance regimes should be reviewed and, where possible, improved to ensure that what is being done is of an appropriate standard to sustain/improve pitch quality. Ensuring continuance of existing maintenance of good quality pitches is also essential.

Based upon an achievable target, using existing quality scoring to provide a baseline, a standard should be used to identify deficiencies and investment should be focused on those sites which fail to meet the proposed quality standard. For the purposes of quality assessments, the Strategy refers to pitches and ancillary facilities separately as being of 'good', 'standard' or 'poor' quality. However, some good quality sites have poor quality elements and vice versa (e.g., a good quality pitch may be serviced by poor quality changing facilities).

It is also important to note the impact the weather has on quality. The worse the weather, the poorer the facilities tend to become, especially if no, or inadequate, drainage systems are in place. This also means that quality can vary year on year dependent upon the weather and levels of rainfall, although maintenance regimes could be altered to reduce this impact.

If a poor quality site receives little or no usage that is not to say that no improvement is needed. It may instead be the case that it receives no demand because of its quality, thus an improvement in said quality will attract demand to the site, potentially from overplayed standard or good quality sites (thus reducing capacity issues). Where this occurs, it is vital that the improvements are advertised and marketed towards potential users as their perception of the provision may need altering.

In addition, without appropriate, fit for purpose ancillary facilities, good quality provision may be underutilised, especially by adults and female users who have more of a requirement. Changing facilities form the most essential part of this offer (although other provision can be key for income generation) and therefore key sites should be given priority for improvement. For the majority of sports, no senior league matches can take place without appropriate changing facilities and the same also applies to female demand.

For football, The FA has a Pitch Improvement Programme aimed at improving the standard of grass pitches across the Country. For provision included in the programme, clubs can utilise the services of the FF's PitchPower app to carry out a free on-site assessment of their pitches. This then provides the Grounds Management Association (GMA) with the detail needed to create a personalised, informative report to advise on how improvements can be made. Clubs then receive bespoke advice and support to help with any future actions, funding applications and equipment, with clubs getting access to discounted rates for machinery and consumables through local partnerships.

The tool is available across mobile apps and desktop and is open to access by all providers, including clubs, schools and local authorities. Following a PitchPower report, organisations can work towards the recommended dedicated maintenance regime identified to improve the quality of their pitches. Applicants are required to submit a PitchPower assessment for each of their pitches as a condition of a grant funding application for FF pitch investment, such as the GPMF.

For rugby union, rugby league and cricket, the respective NGBs are now also utilising PitchPower, with reports being produced similar to those for football.

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For the improvement/replacement of 3G and hockey provision, this is most commonly linked to age, with any surfaces older than 10 years generally requiring replacement. Where pitches are provided, sinking funds should be put into place to ensure that refurbishment can take place when it is required. This is a requirement of FF funded pitches, as per its terms and conditions.

As improving all sites is unlikely to be feasible from a budgetary and logistical perspective, key sites with a larger number of pitches should be prioritised, particularly where they are well used or could be well used following improvements. The table below identifies sites in Wiltshire that could be focused on for each relevant sport, based on their current status.

*Table 5.2: Key sites requiring quality improvements (by sport)*

Sport	Sites for improvement
Football	Alderbury Football Club Archers Gate Centenary Pavilion Barrys Field Beversbrook Sports Facility Bradon Forest School Brian White Head Sports & Social Club Castle Combe Sports Field Corsham Town Football Club Daykin Estates Ground Durrington Recreation Ground Elcot Lane Playing Field Forest Community Centre Green Lane Playing Fields High Road Playing Fields Laverstock & Ford Sports Club Leafy Lane Playing Fields Ludgershall Sports & Social Club Football Ground Malmesbury Victoria Football Club Marlborough Town Football Club Mere Peace Memorial Sports & Recreation Ground Middle Street Meadow Netherhampton Road Nunton Recreation Ground Pewsey Old Hospital Pitches Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Field (Melksham) Ramsbury Recreation Centre Redland Lane Redlynch Recreation Ground Salisbury Road Recreation Ground School Lane Playing Field South Newton Rec St Laurence School Studley Green Community Centre The Elisha Field The Wellington Academy (3G) Tidworth Town Football Club Homeground Victoria Park (Salisbury) Victory Field Recreation Ground

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Sport	Sites for improvement
	Warminster Town Football Club West Lavington Playing Field
Rugby union	Archers Gate Centenary Pavilion Bradford-on-Avon Rugby Club Bradford-on-Avon Rugby Club Calne Recreation Ground Colerne Rugby Football Club (Higgins Field) Hudson's Field Oakfield Stadium Trowbridge Rugby Club (Doric Park)
Rugby league	-
Hockey	Dauntsey's School Marlborough College Springfield Community Campus Salisbury & South Wilts Sports Club Kingdown School
Cricket	Biddestone Village Hall Chippenham Sports Club Collingbourne Ducis Recreation Ground Devizes Sports Club Gerard Buxton Sports Ground Sheldon School Spaniels Bridge Chalke Valley Cricket Club
Other grass pitch sports	-

## Addressing overplay

In order to improve the overall quality of the outdoor facility stock, it is necessary to ensure that provision is not overplayed beyond recommended carrying capacity. This is determined by assessing quality (via a non-technical site assessment) and allocating a match/usage limit to each.

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

Table 5.3: Carrying capacity of pitches

Sport	Pitch type	No. of matches		
		Good quality	Standard quality	Poor quality
Football	Adult pitches	3 per week	2 per week	1 per week
	Youth pitches	4 per week	2 per week	1 per week
	Mini pitches	6 per week	4 per week	2 per week
Rugby union	Senior pitches	3.3 per week	2.6 per week	2 per week
Rugby league	Senior pitches	3 per week	2 per week	1 per week
	Junior pitches	3 per week	2 per week	1 per week
Cricket	One grass wicket	5 per season	4 per season	0 per season
	One synthetic wicket	60 per season	60 per season	0 per season

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Sport	Pitch type	No. of matches		
		Good quality	Standard quality	Poor quality
Hockey	Sand/water based AGP	4 per day	4 per day	N/A

It is imperative to engage with clubs to ensure that sites are not played beyond their capacity. The table below therefore details key sites in Wiltshire with existing levels of overplay for each sport.

*Table 5.4: Key sites requiring quality improvements (by sport)*

Sport	Overplayed sites
Football	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Alderbury Football Club</li> <li>Archers Gate Centenary Pavilion</li> <li>Barrys Field</li> <li>Beversbrook Sports Facility</li> <li>Bowood Sports Ground</li> <li>Bradon Forest School</li> <li>Brian White Head Sports &amp; Social Club</li> <li>Castle Combe Sports Field</li> <li>Corsham Town Football Club</li> <li>Daykin Estates Ground</li> <li>Durrington Recreation Ground</li> <li>Elcot Lane Playing Field</li> <li>Forest Community Centre</li> <li>Gerard Buxton Sports Ground</li> <li>Green Lane Playing Fields</li> <li>High Road Playing Fields</li> <li>Laverstock &amp; Ford Sports Club</li> <li>Leafy Lane Playing Fields</li> <li>Ludgershall Sports &amp; Social Club Football Ground</li> <li>Malmesbury Victoria Football Club</li> <li>Marlborough Town Football Club</li> <li>Mere Peace Memorial Sports &amp; Recreation Ground</li> <li>Middle Street Meadow</li> <li>Netherhampton Road</li> <li>Nunton Recreation Ground</li> <li>Nursted Road</li> <li>Pewsey Old Hospital Pitches</li> <li>Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Field (Melksham)</li> <li>Ramsbury Recreation Centre</li> <li>Redland Lane</li> <li>Redlynch Recreation Ground</li> <li>Salisbury Road Recreation Ground</li> <li>School Lane Playing Field</li> <li>South Newton Rec</li> <li>Stanley Park Sports Ground</li> <li>Studley Green Community Centre</li> <li>The Elisha Field</li> <li>Tidworth Town Football Club Homeground</li> <li>Victoria Park (Salisbury)</li> <li>Victory Field Recreation Ground</li> </ul>



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Sport	Overplayed sites
	Warminster Town Football Club West Lavington Playing Field
Rugby union	Archers Gate Centenary Pavilion Ballards Ash Sports Ground Bradford-on-Avon Rugby Club Chippenham Rugby Club Colerne Rugby Football Club (Higgins Field) Corsham Rugby Club Devizes Sports Club Fairview Fields (Cricklade Rugby Club) Hudson's Field Marlborough Rugby Club Oakfield Stadium Salisbury Rugby Football Club Trowbridge Rugby Club (Doric Park)
Rugby league	-
Hockey	-
Cricket	Biddestone Village Hall Bratton Recreation Ground Chestnut Springs Playing Field Chippenham Sports Club Collingbourne Ducis Recreation Ground Corsham Cricket Club Culver Close Playing Field Devizes Sports Club Gerard Buxton Sports Ground Goatacre Cricket Club Goatacre Recreation Ground Leighton Recreation Centre Potterne Cricket Club (The Grove) Salisbury & South Wilts Sports Club Sheldon School Spaniels Bridge The Downs St Barnabas Cricket Ground Chalke Valley Cricket Club
Other grass pitch sports	-

Where overplay is identified, play should be encouraged, where possible, to be transferred to alternative venues that are not operating at capacity, or quality should be improved to increase capacity to appropriate levels. Where play is transferred, this may include transferring play to 3G pitches or to sites not currently available for community use but which may be in the future.

For rugby union, additional sports lighting, in conjunction with quality improvements, can further reduce levels of overplay at club sites as it allows clubs to spread training demand across a greater number of pitches or unmarked areas. If permanent sports lighting is not possible, portable sports lighting can be provided as an alternative.

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For cricket, an increase in NTPs is key to alleviating overplay as this allows for the transfer of junior demand from grass wickets. It also does not require any additional playing pitch space as NTPs can be installed in situ with existing squares. Hybrid wickets could also be explored, although the effectiveness of these is yet to be made clear.

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

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

To allow for facility developments to be programmed within a phased approach, the Council should adopt a tiered approach to the management and improvement of playing pitch sites and associated facilities.

The identification of sites is based on their strategic importance in an authority-wide and sporting context. As such, this takes into account the level of demand accommodated and the potential impact the recommended actions will have on addressing the identified shortfalls/issues. The proposed site-hierarchy is summarised in the following table.

*Table 5.5: Proposed tiered site criteria*

Criteria	Hub sites	Key centres	Local sites
Site location	Strategically located in the authority. Priority sites for NGBs.	Strategically located within the analysis area.	Serves the local community.
Site layout	Accommodates three or more grass pitches / facility types, generally including provision of an AGP (or with the potential).	Accommodates two or more grass pitches / facility types.	Accommodates one or two pitches.
Type of sport	Multi-sport provision. Could also operate as a central venue.	Single or multi-sport provision.	Generally single sport provision but may cater for more at a basic level.
Management	Management control allows for wide community use, i.e., through the local authority, a leisure operator or a school/college/university with a community use agreement.	Management control generally allows for wide community use but may include sites that are owned or leased by clubs/other organisations.	Management control can be via the local authority, schools, clubs and other providers.
Maintenance regime	Maintenance regime aligns or could align with NGB guidelines.	Maintenance regime aligns or could align with NGB guidelines.	Standard maintenance regime or an in-house maintenance contract.

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Criteria	Hub sites	Key centres	Local sites
Ancillary facilities	Good quality ancillary facilities on site (or potential), with sufficient changing rooms and car parking to serve the number of pitches; may include wider social/function facilities.	Good quality ancillary facility on site (or potential), with sufficient changing rooms and car parking to serve the number of pitches.	Limited or no changing room access on site.

**Hub sites** are of authority-wide importance where users are willing to travel to access the range and high quality of facilities offered and are likely to be multi-sport. Actions at these sites are likely to have a greater impact on addressing the issues identified in the PPS.

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

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

**Local sites** refer to those sites offering minimal provision or that are of minimal value to the wider community. Primarily they are sites with one pitch/facility or a low number of pitches/facilities that service just one or two sports. They could, however, be valuable open spare or informal sporting resource for a particular community.

For council sites in this tier, consideration should be given, on a site-by-site basis, to the feasibility of a club taking on a long-term lease (if not already present) so that external funding can be sought. Such sites will require some level of investment, either to the playing pitch provision or ancillary facilities, and it is anticipated that one of the conditions of offering a hire/lease is that the Club would be in a position to source external funding to improve/extend the provision. Alternatively, site rationalisation could be sought if the provision is of particularly small sites and no clubs are interested in access.

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

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

Partners, led by the Council, should ensure that appropriate funding is secured for improved sports provision and directed to areas of need. This should be underpinned by a robust strategy for improvement in playing pitch provision and accompanying ancillary facilities, with the PPS able to be used as an evidence base for attracting investment.

Furthermore, to address community need, target priority areas and reduce provision duplication, a coordinated approach to strategic investment is required. In delivering this recommendation, the Council should maintain a regular dialogue with local partners through the PPS Steering Group as well as with neighbouring local authorities. Cross-border developments can accommodate demand from with Wiltshire (and vice versa) and lessen requirements.

To attract investment, the Council should stay informed in relation to relevant and appropriate funding pots, both in regard to what it can directly attract as well as to what clubs could attract independently (with the Council able to assist with this process). This can also be helped through the PPS Steering Group signposting partners to what could be available.

Although some investment in new provision will not be made by the Council directly, it is important that the Steering Group seeks to direct and lead a strategic and co-ordinated approach to facility development. This includes delivery from education sites, NGBs, sports clubs and the commercial sector.

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

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

For playing pitches, it is recommended the Council uses Sport England's Playing Pitch Calculator as a tool for helping to determine the additional demand for pitches and to estimate the likely developer contribution required. This should form the basis of the Council working with Sport England to develop a process and guidance for obtaining developer contributions and should aid the negotiation process with developers.

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

The PPS should be used to help determine the likely impact of a new development (or group of developments) on demand and the capacity of existing sites in the area, and whether there is a need for contributions to be put towards improvements to increase the capacity of existing provision, or if new provision is required (or a combination of both). Where development is located within access of existing high-quality provision, this does not necessarily mean that there is no need for further provision or improvement to existing provision, as additional demand arising from the development is likely to result in increased usage (which can result in overplay or quality deterioration).

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

The preference from Sport England and the NGBs is for multi-pitch and potentially multi-sport sites to be developed, supported by a clubhouse and adequate parking facilities which consider the potential for further development in the future. This is because single-pitch facilities are more likely to become under-used (or unused), unviable and unsustainable.

Where new provision is not required but where contributions to existing sites is instead to be sought, the PPS Action Plan should be used to identify suitable sites within the locality that should receive the funding. This may involve directing investment into provision most likely to receive demand from the housing development, or into provision that is most in need (e.g., due to quality issues).

Sport England also recommends that a number of objectives which should be implemented to enable best use of the Calculator:

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

For further information, please see Part 7 of this report.

### **OBJECTIVE 3**

To provide new playing pitch provision and ancillary facilities where there is current or future demand to do so

#### **Recommendations:**

- i) Rectify quantitative shortfalls through the current facility stock.
- j) Identify opportunities to increase to the overall stock to accommodate both current and future demand.

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

The Council and its partners should work to rectify identified inadequacies and meet identified shortfalls as outlined in the preceding Assessment Report and the sport-by-sport specific recommendations (Part 4) as well as the following Action Plan (Part 6). First and foremost, it is imperative that the current levels of provision are protected and maintained (or appropriately mitigated) to ensure that the overall picture does not worsen in the future.

To reduce the identified shortfalls, there is not necessarily a need for a significant level of new provision, with the current provision instead able to be better utilised to overcome most deficits. Maximising use of existing provision through a combination of the following will help to reduce shortfalls and accommodate future demand:

- ◀ Improving quality in order to improve the capacity to accommodate more demand.
- ◀ Transferring demand from overplayed sites to sites with spare capacity and/or to artificial surfaces.
- ◀ The re-designation of facilities e.g., converting an unused pitch (or pitch type) for one sport to instead cater for another sport (or another pitch type).
- ◀ Bringing disused pitches back into use.
- ◀ Securing community use at education/MOD sites including those currently unavailable.
- ◀ Working with commercial and private providers to increase usage and secure tenure.
- ◀ Exploring lease/management arrangements with appropriate clubs/organisations.
- ◀ Establishing additional sports lighting.
- ◀ Installing artificial/hybrid surfaces.

The PPS identifies priority sites that should be focused upon, including those that are presently overplayed and/or poor quality as well as unused and unsecure sites that are particularly large. It also advises how issues can be overcome. This is done on a site-by-site basis in the proceeding Action Plan.

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

Better utilising the stock of provision across Wiltshire will lessen the need for new provision. Although there are identified shortfalls, most current and future demand is currently being met and most existing shortfalls can be addressed via quality improvements and/or improved access to sites that are presently used minimally or that are currently unavailable. Adding to the current stock is therefore not recommended as a priority solution, although for certain sports and in specific areas it could be required. This is especially the case for football, cricket and rugby union given the substantial deficits identified.

In relation to football, there is also a specific shortfall of 3G pitches that can only be met through increased provision. This is also relatively substantial and applies across 17 of the 18 analysis areas, and an increase in supply would also be beneficial to rugby union if pitches are supplied as World Rugby compliant. However, when establishing new pitches, consideration must be given to sustainability measures given current uncertainty around rubber crumb infill (suitable infill containment should be able to be retro-fitted and alternative infills should be explored).

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

For housing developments, as outlined in Recommendation (h), Sport England's Playing Pitch Calculator can be used as a guide to inform requirements. In addition, housing developers can set aside additional land for new pitches, over and above development requirements, which then be the responsibility of the Council (or a parish/town council) to manage.

Local open spaces and places to access pitch sports in an informal manner should also be considered for new developments.

### **PART 6: ACTION PLAN**

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

#### ***Site hierarchy***

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

#### ***Partners***

The column indicating partners refers to the main organisations that the Council would look to work with to support delivery of the actions.

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

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

#### ***Priority***

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

Medium priority actions have analysis area importance and are identified on the basis of the impact that they will have on addressing the issues identified in the assessment, although not to the same extent as high priority actions.

The low priority actions tend to be where little work is required, or where the status quo can be maintained, or they are for single pitch or single sport sites with only local specific importance. However, the actions may still contribute to addressing issues for specific users and there may also be opportunities to action some of the recommendations made against such sites relatively quickly e.g., through S106 funding.

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### **Costs**

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

- (L) - Low - less than £150k
- (M) - Medium - £150k-£750k
- (H) - High £750k and above

These are based on Sport England's estimated facility costs which can be found at: <https://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/design-and-cost-guidance/cost-guidance/>

### **Timescales**

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

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

### **Aim**

Each action seeks to meet at least one of the three Sport England aims of the Strategy. These are:

- ◀ Enhance
- ◀ Provide
- ◀ Protect.

### **Community Area Profiles**

Before the Action Plan for each analysis area, there is a summary of the current and future supply and demand analysis findings for each sport compared against the picture across Wiltshire as a whole. There is also a brief synopsis of the priority recommendations for each sport, with this helping provide an area-specific overview.

Notwithstanding the above, greater levels of detail for each analysis area can be found in Appendix 1: Community Area Profiles. This includes more detailed information in relation to supply and demand findings.



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## AREA 1 - STONEHENGE

Sport	Pitch/facility type	Current supply/ demand balance	Future supply/ demand balance
Football	Adult	2.5 match equivalent sessions	2.5 match equivalent sessions
Football	Youth 11v11	At capacity	At capacity
Football	Youth 9v9	2.5 match equivalent sessions	2.5 match equivalent sessions
Football	Mini 7v7	At capacity	At capacity
Football	Mini 5v5	At capacity	At capacity
3G	11v11	0.5 pitches	0.5 pitches
Cricket	Saturday	20 match equivalent sessions	20 match equivalent sessions
Cricket	Sunday	40 match equivalent sessions	40 match equivalent sessions
Cricket	Midweek	60 match equivalent sessions	60 match equivalent sessions
Rugby union	Senior	1.9 match equivalent sessions	1.9 match equivalent sessions
Rugby league	Senior	At capacity	At capacity
Hockey	Full size	At capacity	At capacity

### Priority recommendations

Sport	Headline findings
<b>Football</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Protect provision.</li> <li>◀ Improve pitch quality to reduce/alleviate overplay at sites (e.g. at Archers Gate Centenary Pavilion, Durrington Recreation Ground and South Newton Rec).</li> <li>◀ Improve ancillary facilities where required and provide ancillary facilities at sites that are currently without (e.g. at Larkhill Sports Ground).</li> <li>◀ Seek to provide security of tenure for clubs, enabling actual spare capacity (e.g. at Boscombe Down Sports Field, Marlborough Road Pitches and Larkhill Sports Ground).</li> </ul>
<b>3G pitches</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Protect provision.</li> <li>◀ Ensure a sinking fund is in place for long-term sustainability (e.g. Marlborough Road Pitches).</li> <li>◀ Support aspirations to provide an additional 11v11 pitch given the large shortfalls on grass pitches (e.g. at Boscombe Down Sports Field) providing it meets national and local planning policy.</li> </ul>
<b>Rugby union</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Protect provision.</li> <li>◀ Improve quality to eradicate overplay (e.g. at Archers Gate Centenary Pavilion).</li> <li>◀ Look to provide improved ancillary provision (e.g. at Archers Gate Centenary Pavilion).</li> <li>◀ Seek to provide improved security of tenure via a community use agreement (e.g. Archers Gate Centenary Pavilion).</li> <li>◀ Support Amesbury RUFC in relocating to a new site where suitable.</li> </ul>
<b>Rugby league</b>	◀ N/A
<b>Hockey</b>	◀ N/A
<b>Cricket</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Protect provision.</li> <li>◀ Improve quality of square at Great Durnford.</li> <li>◀ Explore opportunities to utilise actual spare capacity.</li> </ul>

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Site ID	Site	Postcode	Sport	Management	Current status	Recommended actions	Partners	Site hierarchy tier	Priority	Timescales	Cost	Aim
8	All Saints C of E Primary School	SP4 9PJ	Football	Education	Two mini 5v5 pitches that are poor quality not available for community use.	Improve pitch quality as appropriate to meet curricular and extracurricular demand.	FA, FF, WFA, Education	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
11	Stonehenge School	SP4 7PW	3G	Education	A standard quality smaller size 3G pitch that is unavailable for community use and is without sports lighting.	Explore potential of installing sports lighting and enabling community use. Sustain 3G quality with appropriate maintenance. Ensure a relevant sinking fund is in situ and refurbish when appropriate.	FA, FF, WFA, Education	Local	L	M	L	Protect Enhance
12	Stonehenge School Playing Fields	SP4 7PH	Football	Education	Three adult pitches that have recently been brought back into use for school usage.	Explore options with the School for community use access.	FA, FF, WFA, Education	Local	M	S	L	Protect
12	Stonehenge School Playing Fields	SP4 7PH	Football	Education	Two standalone NTPs.	Retain for curricular and extra-curricular needs.	ECB, WCB, Education	Local	L	L	L	Protect
14	Appleford School	SP3 4HL	Football	Education	Two mini 7v7 pitches which are good quality but not available for community use.	Sustain pitch quality with appropriate maintenance to meet curricular and extracurricular demand.	FA, FF, WFA, Education	Local	L	L	L	Protect
15	Archers Gate Centenary Pavilion	SP4 7XX	Cricket	Amesbury Town Council	A nine wicket good quality grass square accompanied standard quality ancillary. Square has capacity to accommodate additional demand. Leased to Amesbury CC.	Sustain square quality with appropriate maintenance. Utilise spare capacity to accommodate future demand/alleviate shortfalls.	ECB, WCB, Amesbury Town Council	Local	L	S	L	Protect
15	Archers Gate Centenary Pavilion	SP4 7XX	Football	Amesbury Town Council	One adult pitch, one youth 9v9 pitch and one mini 5v5 pitch which are poor quality. One mini 7v7 pitch which is standard quality. The adult and youth 9v9 pitch are overplayed by 0.5 match equivalent sessions and 1.5 match equivalent sessions respectively. The remaining pitches are played to capacity at peak time. Accompanied by standard quality ancillary football.	Look to improve the pitches with enhanced levels of maintenance.	FA, FF, WFA, Amesbury Town Council	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
15	Archers Gate Centenary Pavilion	SP4 7XX	Rugby union	Amesbury Town Council	One standard (Basic) quality senior rugby pitch that is overplayed. Accompanied by ancillary provision of poor quality. Amesbury RUFC currently has no secure agreement on the site and therefore is considered to have unsecure tenure, whilst the Club has grown and continues to do so significantly it aspires to relocate off the site to enable its growth.	Sustain pitch quality through appropriate levels of maintenance. Support Amesbury RUFC in tenure agreement and/or in finding an alternative site for continued growth. Improve ancillary facilities.	RFU, Amesbury Town Council	Local	H	M	M	Protect

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Site ID	Site	Postcode	Sport	Management	Current status	Recommended actions	Partners	Site hierarchy tier	Priority	Timescales	Cost	Aim
20	Avon Valley College	SP4 8HH	Football	Education	One adult pitch, one youth 9v9 pitch, one mini 7v7 pitch and one mini 5v5 pitch all of which are standard quality. The adult and youth 9v9 pitch are played to capacity. The remaining pitches are played to capacity at peak time. Accompanied by standard quality ancillary provision.	Sustain pitch quality with appropriate levels of maintenance to meet community, curricular and extracurricular demand.	FA, FF, WFA, Education	Local	M	L	L/M	Protect
39	Bonnymead Park	SP4 7BB	Football	Council	One adult pitch that has spare capacity discounted due to poor quality. The site is home to Amesbury Town FC (Regional Feeder League).	Consider potential rationalisation of provision to contribute to a hub site. If not feasible improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance.	FA, FF, WFA	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
40	Boscombe Down Sports Field	SP4 7LP	Football	MOD	One youth 11v11 pitch, one youth 9v9 pitch, one mini 7v7 pitch and one mini 5v5 pitch all of which are standard quality. The mini pitches are played to capacity at peak time whereas the youth pitches have spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure. Accompanied by standard quality ancillary provision.	Sustain pitch quality with appropriate levels of maintenance. Explore options for securing long term tenure for community users.	FA, FF, WFA, MOD	Key centre	H	S	L/M	Protect
40	Boscombe Down Sports Field	SP4 7LP	Hockey / 3G	MOD	One disused full size (11v11) pitch that is equipped with sports lighting. Provision has been identified for a potential conversion to 3G which would alleviate football and rugby union shortfalls (if Amesbury RUFC is relocated). Pitch is deemed surplus to requirements for hockey purposes.	Explore the feasibility of converting the disused hockey suitable AGP to FA and WR compliant 3G in order to alleviate identified football and rugby union shortfalls. This would include the relocation of Amesbury RUFC. Any loss of hockey suitable provision would require agreed mitigation for hockey through relevant dialogue with NGBs and SE. Any development on site would need to secure long term tenure for community users.	FA, FF, WFA, EH, MOD	Key centre	H	M	M	Protect Provide Enhance
56	Bulford Recreation Ground	SP4 9DY	Football	Council	One adult pitch that has spare capacity discounted due to poor quality. Accompanied by poor quality ancillary provision.	Consider potential rationalisation of provision to contribute to a hub site. If not feasible improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance.	FA, FF, WFA	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
114	Durrington Recreation Ground	SP4 8HH	Football	Council	One poor quality adult pitch that is overplayed by 0.5 match equivalent sessions. Accompanied by poor quality ancillary provision.	Improve pitch quality with enhanced level of maintenance.	FA, FF, WFA	Local	M	S	L	Protect Enhance

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Site ID	Site	Postcode	Sport	Management	Current status	Recommended actions	Partners	Site hierarchy tier	Priority	Timescales	Cost	Aim
117	Enford Village Hall & Recreation Ground	SN9 6DD	Football (Disused)	Trust	Disused site which accommodated one youth 11v11 pitch last marked circa 2014.	Explore feasibility of bringing the playing field back into use given local shortfalls and ensure replacement provision is provided in line with national planning policy should a proposal come forward that will result in permanent loss.	FA, FF, WFA, Trust	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
122	Figheldean Recreation Ground	SP4 8JR	Football	Council	One adult pitch that has spare capacity discounted due to poor quality.	Consider potential rationalisation of provision to contribute to a hub site. If not feasible improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance.	FA, FF, WFA	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
123	Fisherton Recreation Ground (Closed)	SP4 7AJ	Football	Council	One adult pitch not actively marked with a set of posts. Used for recreational demand.	Retain as appropriate to meet recreational demand.	FA, FF, WFA	Local	L	L	L	Protect
169	Kings Gate Primary School	SP4 7GD	Football	Education	One poor quality mini 5v5 pitch not available for community use.	Improve pitch quality as appropriate to meet curricular and extra-curricular demand.	FA, FF, WFA, Education	Local	L	L	L	Protect
199	Marlborough Road Pitches	SP4 9AA	Cricket	MOD	One standalone NTP that's not available for community use.	Sustain quality as appropriate and retain as current use.	ECB, WCB, MOD	Key centre	L	L	L	Protect
199	Marlborough Road Pitches	SP4 9AA	Football	MOD	One standard quality adult pitch that has spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure.	Sustain pitch quality with appropriate levels of maintenance. Explore potential options to secure community users long term tenure.	FA, FF, WFA, MOD	Key centre	L	S	L	Protect
199	Marlborough Road Pitches	SP4 9AA	3G	Sports club	One standard quality 11v11 3G pitch that is equipped with sports lighting. The pitch has exceeded its 10-year recommended lifespan and thus requires resurfacing.	Look to refurbish the pitch when required based on its quality. Ensure a sinking fund is in situ. Explore certifying the pitch formally for competitive use.	FA, FF, WFA, MOD	Key centre	H	M	H	Protect Enhance
211	Mod Larkhill	SP4 8QT	Football	MOD	Three adult pitches, all of which are good quality and not available for community use.	Sustain pitch quality with appropriate maintenance.	FA, FF, WFA, MOD	Local	L	L	L	Protect
211	Mod Larkhill	SP4 8QT	3G	MOD	Two good quality 11v11 3G pitches, both of which are unavailable for community use but are equipped with sports lighting.	Explore community use options.	FA, FF, WFA, MOD	Local	M	S	L	Protect
211	Mod Larkhill	SP4 8QT	Cricket	MOD	A standard quality eight wicket grass square that is not available for community use.	Sustain quality as appropriate and retain as current use.	ECB, WCB, MOD	Local	L	L	L	Protect
211	Mod Larkhill	SP4 8QT	Rugby Union	MOD	Two standard quality senior pitches that are not available for community use nor sports lit.	Sustain pitch quality with appropriate maintenance.	RFU, MOD	Local	L	L	L	Protect
211	Mod Larkhill	SP4 8QT	Hockey	MOD	One poor quality full size pitch that is unavailable for community use but is equipped with sports lighting. The pitch has exceeded its 10-year recommended lifespan and thus requires resurfacing.	Explore community use options. Resurface the full size pitch to improve quality and ensure a sinking fund is in place for long-term sustainability.	EH, MOD	Local	H	S	H	Protect Enhance Provide

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Site ID	Site	Postcode	Sport	Management	Current status	Recommended actions	Partners	Site hierarchy tier	Priority	Timescales	Cost	Aim
217	Netheravon Airfield	SP4 9SA	Football	MOD	One standard quality adult pitch that is unavailable for community use.	Explore community use options.	FA, FF, WFA, MOD	Local	L	L	L	Protect
277	Shrewton Recreation Ground	SP3 4JU	Football	Trust	One poor quality adult pitch that has spare capacity discounted due to poor pitch quality. The site is home to Shrewton United FC (Regional Feeder League).	Improve quality to establish actual spare capacity for clubs. Ensure the site meets the minimum requirements to progress through the football pyramid.	FA, FF, WFA, Trust	Local	M	S	M	Protect Enhance
277	Shrewton Recreation Ground	SP3 4JU	Cricket	Trust	A good quality nine wicket grass square accompanied by an NTP. Leased to Shrewton CC from Trustees. Square has minimal capacity for additional demand. The Club is currently developing a new ground (SP3 4DZ), located just under one kilometre from the Club's current venue. The new provision will have a 10-wicket grass square that has been laid and is ready for use, with some teams to relocate there from the start of the 2024 season. The Club also aspires to establish ancillary provision at the new site.	Sustain the square quality with appropriate maintenance. Utilise spare capacity to accommodate future demand/alleviate shortfalls. Assist the Club in its plans in establishing a new facility for the start of the 2024. Explore the possibility of creating ancillary provision at the new site.	ECB, WCB, Sports Club	Local	H	S-M	H	Protect Provide
281	South Newton Rec	SP2 0QD	Football	South Newton Parish Council	One adult pitch and one youth 9v9 pitch, both of which are poor quality and overplayed by 2.5 match equivalent sessions per week. Ancillary facilities are poor quality to the point of being unsafe to use.	Improve pitch quality to alleviate overplay. Improve ancillary facilities.	FA, FF, WFA, Parish Council	Local	M	S	M	Protect Enhance
281	South Newton Rec	SP2 0QD	Cricket (Disused)	South Newton Parish Council	Site previously accommodated a nine wicket grass square until 2018.	Retain as strategic reserve if an increase in demand warrants reinstating the provision. Ensure any permanent loss of provision meets national planning policy requirements.	ECB, WCB, Parish Council	Local	L	L	L	Protect
387	Great Durnford	SP4 6AY	Cricket	Sports club	A standard quality eight wicket grass square accompanied by poor quality ancillary provision. Leased to Great Durnford CC. Square has spare capacity to accommodate additional demand.	Sustain square quality with appropriate maintenance. Utilise spare capacity to accommodate future demand/alleviate shortfalls. Explore options to improve ancillary provision quality.	ECB, WCB, Sports Club	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance

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## AREA 2 – BRADFORD-ON-AVON

Sport	Pitch/facility type	Current supply/ demand balance	Future supply/ demand balance
Football	Adult	0.5 match equivalent sessions	0.5 match equivalent sessions
Football	Youth 11v11	2.5 match equivalent sessions	2.5 match equivalent sessions
Football	Youth 9v9	1.5 match equivalent sessions	1.5 match equivalent sessions
Football	Mini 7v7	At capacity	At capacity
Football	Mini 5v5	At capacity	At capacity
3G	11v11	1 pitch	1 pitch
Cricket	Saturday	49 match equivalent sessions	49 match equivalent sessions
Cricket	Sunday	49 match equivalent sessions	49 match equivalent sessions
Cricket	Midweek	49 match equivalent sessions	49 match equivalent sessions
Rugby union	Senior	1.9 match equivalent sessions	1.9 match equivalent sessions
Rugby league	Senior	At capacity	At capacity
Hockey	Full size	At capacity	At capacity

### Priority recommendations

Sport	Headline findings
<b>Football</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Protect provision.</li> <li>◀ Improve pitch quality to reduce/alleviate overplay at sites (e.g. at School Lane Playing Field, St Laurence School and Victory Field Recreation Ground).</li> <li>◀ Improve ancillary facilities where required and provide ancillary facilities at sites that are currently without (e.g. at School Lane Playing Field).</li> <li>◀ Support the redevelopment of the Clubhouse at Poulton Recreation Field.</li> <li>◀ Support the Town Council and Bradford Town Youth in finding a suitable home base for all its teams.</li> </ul>
<b>3G pitches</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Look to provide suitable provision to cater for demand within the area, exploring the feasibility to develop a 11v11 3G at Bradford-on-Avon Sports &amp; Social Club.</li> </ul>
<b>Rugby union</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Protect provision.</li> <li>◀ Improve quality to eradicate overplay (e.g. at Bradford-on-Avon Rugby Club).</li> </ul>
<b>Rugby league</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ N/A</li> </ul>
<b>Hockey</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Protect provision.</li> <li>◀ Resurface pitch to improve quality and protect usage (e.g. at Stonar School).</li> </ul>
<b>Cricket</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Protect provision.</li> <li>◀ Seek to alleviate overplay via the installation of an NTP or Hybrid wickets at (e.g. at Culver Close Playing Field and The Downs).</li> <li>◀ Support the pavilion development plans at Culver Close Playing Field.</li> <li>◀ Support Bradford-on-Avon CC in development of fixed net provision at Culver Close Playing Field.</li> </ul>

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Site ID	Site	Postcode	Sport	Management	Current status	Recommended actions	Partners	Site hierarchy tier	Priority	Timescales	Cost	Aim
17	Atworth Recreation Ground (Closed)	SN12 8HE	Football (Recreational)	Council	One adult pitch and one mini 5v5 pitch not actively marked. Each pitch has a set of posts. Used for recreational demand.	Explore the feasibility of bringing the pitch back into use (and improve quality) for affiliated demand from the community.	FA, FF, WFA	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
19	Avon Park	BA2 7FF	Football	Council	One standard quality youth 9v9 pitch that is serviced with poor quality ancillary facilities.	Consider potential rationalisation of provision to contribute to a hub site. If not feasible improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance.	FA, FF, WFA	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
28	Bearfield Playing Field	BA15 1RN	Football (Recreational)	Council	One youth 9v9 pitch not actively marked with a set of posts. Used for recreational demand.	Explore the feasibility of bringing the pitch back into use and improved pitch quality where appropriate, for affiliated demand from the community.	FA, FF, WFA	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
44	Bradford-on-Avon Rugby Club	BA15 2HR	Football (Disused)	Sports Club	Two adult pitches, two youth 11v11 pitches and four mini 7v7 pitches no longer marked. The playing field land is now being used for rugby union and archery demand.	Explore future potential of re-enabling football at the site providing rugby union activity is not adversely affected.	FA, FF, WFA, Sports Club	Local	L	L	L	Protect
44	Bradford-on-Avon Rugby Club	BA15 2HR	Rugby Union	Sports Club	Three standard quality senior pitches, of which one has sports lighting. Pitch with sports lighting is overplayed, whilst the remaining two pitches have minimal spare capacity. Accompanied by good quality ancillary provision.	Improve pitch quality to reduce overplay through enhanced levels of maintenance and consider installation of additional sports lighting to fully alleviate it.	RFU, Sports Club	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
45	Bradford-on-Avon Sports & Social Club	BA15 1EX	Football/ 3G	Community Organisation	Two good quality adult pitches. Bradford Town FC (Step 6) aspires to redevelop the site's changing rooms which are currently in old shipping containers. The site is identified as a potential site for a 11v11 3G pitch.	Support the Club in its aspirations to improve its ancillary facilities. Ensure the site meets the minimum requirements to progress through the football pyramid. Explore the feasibility of developing a 11v11 3G pitch onsite.	FA, FF, WFA, Community Organisation	Local	H	M	H	Protect Enhance Provide
96	Culver Close Playing Field	BA15 1LF	Cricket	Bradford-on-Avon Town Council	A good quality nine-wicket grass square used by Bradford-on-Avon CC. Overplayed by 17 match equivalent sessions. Bradford on Avon CC aspires to build fixed net provision at Culver Close Playing Field. The Club is also working closely with the Town Council as it looks towards the replacement of its current pavilion, which currently has asbestos, and has submitted a planning application for this.	Sustain square quality with appropriate maintenance. Explore options to install an NTP / hybrid wicket to alleviate overplay. Explore using sites with spare capacity to alleviate overplay. Support the pavilion development plans at Culver Close Playing Field. Support Bradford-on-Avon CC in development of fixed net provision at Culver Close Playing Field.	ECB, WCB, Bradford-on-Avon Town Council	Local	H	S	M-H	Protect Provide

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156	Holt Playing Field	BA14 6RT	Football	Council	One standard quality adult pitch that has actual spare capacity amounting to 0.5 match equivalent sessions per week. The site is serviced with poor quality ancillary facilities.	Consider potential rationalisation of provision to contribute to a hub site. If not feasible improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance.	FA, FF, WFA	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
157	Holt VC Primary School	BA14 6RA	Football	Education	One poor quality mini 5v5 pitch that is unavailable for community use.	Improve quality for curricular and extra-curricular demand.	FA, FF, WFA Education	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
242	Poulton Recreation Field	BA15 1EA	Football	Council	Three poor quality mini 7v7 pitches that have spare capacity discounted due to poor pitch quality. The site is serviced with poor quality ancillary facilities.	Consider potential rationalisation of provision to contribute to a hub site. If not feasible improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance.	FA, FF, WFA	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
267	School Lane Playing Field	BA14 8UU	Football	Council	One youth 11v11 pitch, one youth 9v9 pitch, one mini 7v7 pitch and one mini 5v5 pitch, all of which are poor quality. The youth 11v11 pitch is overplayed by one match equivalent session per week, whilst the youth 9v9 pitch is played to capacity and the mini 7v7 pitch has spare capacity discounted due poor pitch quality. The site is without ancillary facilities.	Improve quality to alleviate overplay and establish actual spare capacity. Explore the feasibility of providing appropriate ancillary provision.	FA, FF, WFA	Local	M	M	H	Protect Provide
299	St Laurence School	BA15 1DZ	Football	Education	One adult pitch and two youth 11v11 pitches, all of which are poor quality. The adult pitch has spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure and poor pitch quality, whilst the youth 11v11 pitch is overplayed by 1.5 match equivalent sessions per week.	Improve quality to alleviate overplay on pitches. Seek to provide a community use agreement, enabling security of tenure for clubs and establishing actual spare capacity.	FA, FF, WFA Education	Local	M	S	L	Protect Enhance
299	St Laurence School	BA15 1DZ	Rugby Union	Education	One poor quality senior rugby union pitch available for community use. Pitch is played to capacity from curricular demand.	Improve quality of pitch through enhanced levels of demand for curricular and extracurricular use.	RFU, Education	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
299	St Laurence School	BA15 1DZ	Hockey	Education	One smaller size pitch that is unavailable for community use and is without sports lighting.	Explore sports lighting installation for curricular and extra-curricular demand.	EH, Education	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
313	Stonar School	SN12 8NT	Hockey	Education	One poor quality full size pitch that is available for community use and serviced with sports lighting. The pitch has exceeded its 10-year recommended lifespan (installed in 2010) and thus requires resurfacing.	Resurface pitch to improve quality and ensure a sinking fund is in place for long-term sustainability.	EH, Education	Local	H	S	H	Protect Enhance Provide



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Site ID	Site	Postcode	Sport	Management	Current status	Recommended actions	Partners	Site hierarchy tier	Priority	Timescales	Cost	Aim
327	The Downs	BA15 2LX	Cricket	Sports Club	A good quality 12 wicket grass square owned by Winsley CC. Accompanied by standard quality ancillary provision. Overplayed by 32 match equivalent sessions. The Club exports its third and fourth teams to Bath & North East Somerset.	Sustain square quality with appropriate maintenance. Explore options on how to alleviate overplay including installing an onsite NTP, hybrid wickets, utilisation of provision with spare capacity and potential creation of new provision.	ECB, WCB, Sports Club	Local	H	S-M	L-H	Protect Provide
350	Victory Field Recreation Ground	BA15 1LE	Football	Community Organisation	One youth 9v9 pitch, one mini 7v7 pitch and one mini 5v5 pitch, all of which are poor quality. The youth 9v9 pitch is overplayed by 1.5 match equivalent sessions per week, whilst the mini 5v5 pitch has spare capacity discounted due to poor pitch quality. The site is serviced with poor quality ancillary facilities.	Improve quality to alleviate overplay on pitches and to establish actual spare capacity for clubs.	FA, FF, WFA, Community Organisation	Local	M	S	L	Protect Enhance
368	Westwood Playing Field	BA15 2DL	Football	Council	One poor quality adult pitch that has spare capacity discounted due to poor pitch quality. The site is serviced with poor quality ancillary facilities.	Consider potential rationalisation of provision to contribute to a hub site. If not feasible improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance.	FA, FF, WFA	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
377	Winsley Parish Field	BA15 2NW	Football (Recreational)	Parish Council	One mini 7v7 pitch not actively marked. Used for recreational demand.	Explore the feasibility of bringing the pitch back into use (and improve pitch quality where appropriate) for affiliated demand from the community.	FA, FF, WFA Parish Council	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance

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## AREA 3 - CALNE

Sport	Pitch/facility type	Current supply/ demand balance	Future supply/ demand balance
Football	Adult	2.5 match equivalent sessions	2.5 match equivalent sessions
Football	Youth 11v11	4.5 match equivalent sessions	4 match equivalent sessions
Football	Youth 9v9	At capacity	At capacity
Football	Mini 7v7	1.5 match equivalent sessions	1.5 match equivalent sessions
Football	Mini 5v5	0.5 match equivalent sessions	0.5 match equivalent sessions
3G	11v11	1 pitch	1 pitch
Cricket	Saturday	8 match equivalent sessions	8 match equivalent sessions
Cricket	Sunday	8 match equivalent sessions	8 match equivalent sessions
Cricket	Midweek	8 match equivalent sessions	8 match equivalent sessions
Rugby union	Senior	0.5 match equivalent sessions	0.5 match equivalent sessions
Rugby league	Senior	At capacity	At capacity
Hockey	Full size	At capacity	At capacity

### Priority recommendations

Sport	Headline findings
<b>Football</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Protect provision.</li> <li>◀ Improve pitch quality to reduce/alleviate overplay at sites (e.g. Beversbrook Sports Facility and Bowood Sports Ground).</li> <li>◀ Improve ancillary facilities where required.</li> </ul>
<b>3G pitches</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Protect provision.</li> <li>◀ Ensure a sinking fund is in place for long-term sustainability (e.g. at Beversbrook Sports Facility).</li> <li>◀ Support aspirations to provide an additional 11v11 pitch given the large shortfalls on grass pitches and 3G pitches (e.g. at Beversbrook Sports Facility or Kingsbury Green Academy) providing it meets national and local planning policy.</li> </ul>
<b>Rugby union</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Protect provision.</li> <li>◀ Improve quality to pitches at Calne Recreation Ground.</li> <li>◀ Seek to provide improved security of tenure at Calne Recreation Ground.</li> </ul>
<b>Rugby league</b>	◀ N/A
<b>Hockey</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Protect provision.</li> <li>◀ Resurface pitch to improve quality and protect usage (e.g. at St Marys Calne Sports Centre).</li> </ul>
<b>Cricket</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Protect provision.</li> <li>◀ Seek to alleviate overplay via the installation of an NTP and Hybrid wickets (e.g. Beversbrook Sports Facility, Goatacre Cricket Club and Goatacre Recreation Ground).</li> </ul>

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Site ID	Site	Postcode	Sport	Management	Current status	Recommended actions	Partners	Site hierarchy tier	Priority	Timescales	Cost	Aim
31	Beverbrook Sports Facility	SN11 9FL	Football	Council	Four adult pitches, two youth 11v11 pitches, two mini 7v7 pitches and two mini 5v5 pitches, all of which are standard quality and available for community use. The adult pitches have actual spare capacity amounting to 2.5 match equivalent sessions per week, whilst the youth 11v11 pitches are overplayed by four match equivalent sessions per week. There are also an additional three good quality adult pitches which are unavailable for community use (used principally by Swindon Town FC).	Utilise actual spare capacity where it exists, via the transfer of demand from overplayed sites or via future demand. Improve quality to alleviate overplay where it exists.	FA, FF, WFA	Key Centre	M	S	L	Protect Enhance
31	Beverbrook Sports Facility	SN11 9FL	3G	Sports Club	One 11v11 3G pitch and one smaller size 3G pitch, the former is standard quality having been installed in 2016.	Once the pitch reaches the end of its lifespan (2026), look to resurface pitch to improve quality and ensure a sinking fund is in place for long-term sustainability. Explore the potential to develop a second 3G onsite.	FA, FF, WFA, Sports Club	Key Centre	H	S	H	Protect Enhance Provide
31	Beverbrook Sports Facility	SN11 9FL	Cricket	Calne Town Council	A nine wicket grass square and a standalone NTP both of which are good quality. The square is played to capacity. Annual rent to Calne CC from Calne Town Council.	Sustain square and NTP quality with appropriate maintenance. Explore greater utilisation of NTP or creation of an NTP on the main square to provide additional capacity for future growth.	ECB, WCB, Calne Town Council	Key Centre	L	L	L	Protect
42	Bowood Sports Ground	SN11 9LX	Football	Sports Club	One youth 11v11 pitch, two mini 7v7 pitches and one mini 5v5 pitch, all of which are good quality. The mini pitches both have actual spare capacity totalling two match equivalent sessions per week, whilst the youth 11v11 pitch is overplayed by 0.5 match equivalent sessions per week. The site is serviced with poor quality ancillary facilities.	Utilise actual spare capacity where it exists, via the transfer of demand from overplayed sites or via future demand. Improve quality to alleviate overplay where it exists. Explore feasibility of improving the site's ancillary facilities.	FA, FF, WFA, Sports Club	Local	M	M	M	Protect Enhance
59	Calne Recreation Ground	SN11 8DX	Football (Disused)	Council	One disused adult pitch and one disused youth pitch, with the site currently actively used for rugby union. The areas where the football pitches resided are also known as Potters Field (to the east) and Hillcroft Green Space (to the south).	Retain areas as strategic reserve, with any future development proposals needing to meet national planning policy requirements. If the pitches are brought back into use, ensure they are good quality.	FA, FF, WFA	Local	H	L	L	Protect Enhance
59	Calne Recreation Ground	SN11 8DX	Cricket	Council	A disused cricket square, with the site currently actively used for rugby union.	Ensure site retains the capability of re-providing the cricket square should it ever be required.	ECB	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance

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Site ID	Site	Postcode	Sport	Management	Current status	Recommended actions	Partners	Site hierarchy tier	Priority	Timescales	Cost	Aim
59	Calne Recreation Ground	SN11 8DX	Rugby Union	Council	One good quality senior pitch with actual spare capacity. The Club has future growth aspirations for age grade rugby that would result in a shortfall if realised. Accompanied by standard quality ancillary provision. Club currently operates on a yearly rolling agreement. It is reported that Calne Town Council has aspirations to develop the site.	Sustain pitch quality and seek solution to ensure future demand aspirations can be accommodated. Look to secure more formal agreement onsite. Explore sports lighting installation to better accommodate midweek training use. Ensure that any development plans detail how the existing senior rugby union pitch would be protected along with the remainder of the designated playing field. NB: Any development must meet NPPF Paragraph 103 or subsequent paragraph.	RFU	Local	H	H	M	Protect Enhance
60	Calne Town Football Club	SN11 9EE	Football	Sports Club	One standard quality adult pitch. The site is home to Calne Town FC First Team (Step 6) & Reserves (Regional Feeder League).	Sustain quality.	FA, FF, WFA, Sports Club	Local	L	S	L	Protect
101	Derry Hill C of E Aided Primary School	SN11 9NN	Football	Education	One poor quality mini 5v5 pitch that is unavailable for community use.	Improve quality to better accommodate curricular and extra-curricular demand.	FA, FF, WFA, Education	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
131	Goatacre Cricket Club	SN11 9JA	Cricket	Sports Club	A good quality grass square owned by Goatacre CC with ten wickets. Marginally overplayed by two match equivalent sessions.	Sustain square quality with appropriate maintenance. If overplay increase explore installing an NTP to provide capacity.	ECB, WCB, Sports Club	Local	L	M	L	Protect
132	Goatacre Recreation Ground	SN11 9JA	Cricket	Sports Club	A good quality grass square with five wickets accompanied by a NTP overplayed by six match equivalent sessions. Leased to Goatacre CC.	Sustain square quality with appropriate maintenance. If overplay increase explore installing an NTP to provide capacity.	ECB, WCB, Sports Club	Local	L	M	L	Protect
151	Hilmarton Primary School	SN11 8SG	Football	Education	One poor quality mini 7v7 pitch that is unavailable for community use.	Improve quality to better accommodate curricular and extra-curricular demand.	FA, FF, WFA, Education	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
171	Kingsbury Green Academy	SN11 8YH	Cricket	Education	One standalone NTP that's not available for community use.	Sustain quality as appropriate and retain as current use.	ECB, WCB, Education	Local	L	L	L	Protect
171	Kingsbury Green Academy	SN11 8YH	3G	Education	Identified as a potential site for 3G development to meet shortfalls in Calne. The site has sufficient playing field land and surrounding ancillary provision to potentially develop provision.	Explore the feasibility of developing a 11v11 3G pitch onsite.	FA, FF, WFA, Education	Local	H	L	H	Provide
196	Mardon Vale Academy	SN11 9BD	Football	Education	One poor quality youth 9v9 pitch that is unavailable for community use.	Improve quality to better accommodate curricular and extra-curricular demand.	FA, FF, WFA, Education	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance

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Site ID	Site	Postcode	Sport	Management	Current status	Recommended actions	Partners	Site hierarchy tier	Priority	Timescales	Cost	Aim
287	Springfields Academy	SN11 0DS	Football	Education	One poor quality youth 9v9 pitch that is unavailable for community use.	Improve quality to better accommodate curricular and extra-curricular demand.	FA, FF, WFA, Education	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
287	Springfields Academy	SN11 0DS	3G	Education	One smaller size 3G pitch that is available for community use and equipped with sports lighting.	Sustain quality.	FA, FF, WFA, Education	Local	L	L	L	Protect
293	St Edmunds RC Primary School	SN11 9BX	Hockey	Education	One smaller size pitch that is unavailable for community use and is without sports lighting.	Retain for curricular and extra-curricular demand.	EH, Education	Local	L	L	L	Protect
301	St Marys Calne Sports Centre	SN11 0DW	Hockey	Education	One standard quality full size pitch that is available for community use and is equipped with sports lighting. The pitch is nearing the end of its 10-year recommended lifespan and thus will require resurfacing.	Once the pitch reaches the end of its lifespan (2025), look to resurface pitch to improve quality and ensure a sinking fund is in place for long-term sustainability.	EH, Education	Local	H	S	H	Protect Enhance Provide

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## AREA 4 – CHIPPENHAM & VILLAGES

Sport	Pitch/facility type	Current supply/ demand balance	Future supply/ demand balance
Football	Adult	1.5 match equivalent sessions	1.5 match equivalent sessions
Football	Youth 11v11	1 match equivalent session	1.5 match equivalent session
Football	Youth 9v9	1.5 match equivalent sessions	1.5 match equivalent sessions
Football	Mini 7v7	At capacity	At capacity
Football	Mini 5v5	1 match equivalent sessions	1 match equivalent sessions
3G	11v11	0.5 pitches	0.5 pitches
Cricket	Saturday	5 match equivalent sessions	5 match equivalent sessions
Cricket	Sunday	15 match equivalent sessions	5 match equivalent sessions
Cricket	Midweek	45 match equivalent sessions	45 match equivalent sessions
Rugby union	Senior	1.7 match equivalent sessions	1.7 match equivalent sessions
Rugby league	Senior	At capacity	At capacity
Hockey	Full size	At capacity	At capacity

### Priority recommendations

Sport	Headline findings
<b>Football</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⚡ Protect provision.</li> <li>⚡ Improve pitch quality to reduce/alleviate overplay at sites (e.g. at Castle Combe Sports Field and Stanley Park Sports Ground).</li> <li>⚡ Improve ancillary facilities where required.</li> <li>⚡ Support Chippenham Town FC in upgrading facilities to meet ground grading requirements for Step 2 football and above.</li> </ul>
<b>3G pitches</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⚡ Protect provision.</li> <li>⚡ Ensure a sinking fund is in place for long-term sustainability (e.g. Chippenham Rugby Club and Stanley Park Sports Ground).</li> <li>⚡ Support aspirations to provide an additional 11v11 pitch given the large shortfalls on grass pitches (e.g. at Stanley Park Sports Ground) providing it meets national and local planning policy.</li> </ul>
<b>Rugby union</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⚡ Protect provision.</li> <li>⚡ Improve quality to eradicate overplay (e.g. at Chippenham Rugby Club).</li> <li>⚡ Look to provide improved ancillary provision (e.g. at Chippenham Rugby Club).</li> <li>⚡ Explore feasibility to provide ancillary provision at Sutton Benger Recreation Ground.</li> </ul>
<b>Rugby league</b>	⚡ N/A
<b>Hockey</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⚡ Protect provision.</li> <li>⚡ Ensure a sinking fund is in place for long-term sustainability (e.g. Chippenham Sports Club).</li> </ul>
<b>Cricket</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⚡ Protect provision.</li> <li>⚡ Transfer demand to sites with actual spare capacity to alleviate overplay (e.g. at Grittleton Cricket Ground, Langley Burrell Playing Pitch and The Green).</li> <li>⚡ Improve quality of squares to alleviate overplay (e.g. Sheldon School, Chippenham Sports Club and Biddestone Village Hall).</li> <li>⚡ Seek to alleviate overplay via the installation of an NTP's or Hybrid wickets (e.g. Sheldon School, Chippenham Sports Club and Biddestone Village Hall).</li> <li>⚡ Support ancillary development plans (e.g. at Biddestone Village Hall, The Green and Sheldon School).</li> <li>⚡ Support the fixed net refurbishment plans at Chippenham Sports Club.</li> <li>⚡ Explore opportunities to utilise actual spare capacity via the transfer of demand from overplayed sites and/or through future demand.</li> <li>⚡ Look to secure tenure for Biddestone CC at Biddestone Village Hall and Chippenham CC at Sheldon School through a long term agreement.</li> </ul>

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Site ID	Site	Postcode	Sport	Management	Current status	Recommended actions	Partners	Site hierarchy tier	Priority	Timescales	Cost	Aim
1	Abbeyfield School	SN15 3XB	Football	Education	One adult pitch, one youth 11v11 pitch and two youth 9v9 pitches, all of which are poor quality and unavailable for community use.	Improve quality and explore community use options.	FA, FF, WFA, Education	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
1	Abbeyfield School	SN15 3XB	Rugby Union (Disused)	Education	One disused senior pitch with the site currently actively used for football.	No action required.	RFU	-	-	-	-	-
1	Abbeyfield School	SN15 3XB	Cricket	Education	One standalone NTP that's not available for community use.	Sustain quality as appropriate and retain as current use.	ECB, WCB, Education	Local	L	L	L	Protect
1	Abbeyfield School	SN15 3XB	Hockey	Education	One smaller size pitch that is unavailable for community use and is without sports lighting.	Explore sports lighting potential to better accommodate curricular and extra-curricular demand.	EH, Education	Local	L	S	L	Protect
32	Biddestone Village Hall	SN14 7BZ	Football	Trust	One poor quality adult pitch that has spare capacity discounted due to poor pitch quality. The site is serviced with poor quality ancillary facilities.	Improve quality to establish actual spare capacity for clubs. Explore feasibility of improving the site's ancillary provision.	FA, FF, WFA, Trust	Local	M	M	M	Protect Enhance
32	Biddestone Village Hall	SN14 7BZ	Cricket	Trust	Two standard quality grass cricket squares one with 12 wickets and one with eight wickets accompanied by an NTP. Rolling informal lease to Biddestone CC from Parish Council. Tenure considered unsecure. Accompanied by two standard and two poor quality practice lanes. The larger square is overplayed by seven match equivalent sessions whereas the smaller square is overplayed by three match equivalent sessions.	Improve both squares in quality with enhanced levels of maintenance in order to alleviate overplay. Assist Biddestone CC in obtaining long term tenure on the site. Explore options to improve poor quality practice facilities. Support plans to provide dedicated changing provision to better service the second square.	ECB, WCB, Trust	Local	M	S	L-M	Enhance Protect
61	Castle Combe Sports Field	SN14 7HD	Football	Sports Club	One youth 11v11 pitch, one youth 9v9 pitch, one mini 7v7 pitch and two mini 5v5 pitches, all of which are standard quality. The youth 11v11 pitch is overplayed by one match equivalent session per week, whilst the mini 5v5 pitches have actual spare capacity totalling one match equivalent session per week.	Utilise actual spare capacity where it exists, via the transfer of demand from overplayed sites or via future demand. Improve quality to alleviate overplay where it exists.	FA, FF, WFA, Sports Club	Local	M	S	L	Protect Enhance
67	Charter Primary School	SN15 3EA	Hockey	Education	One smaller size pitch that is unavailable for community use and is without sports lighting.	Explore sports lighting potential to better accommodate curricular and extra-curricular demand.	EH, Education	Local	L	S	L	Protect

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Site ID	Site	Postcode	Sport	Management	Current status	Recommended actions	Partners	Site hierarchy tier	Priority	Timescales	Cost	Aim
71	Chippenham Rugby Club	SN14 0YZ	3G	Sports Club	A World Rugby compliant 3G pitch that accommodated training demand from Chippenham RUFC. Serviced by sports lighting and assessed as good quality following 2019 installation.	Ensure a sinking fund is in place for long-term sustainability. Maximise usage to assist with grass pitch capacity issues, where possible.	RFU, FA, FF, Sports Club	Key Centre	M	L	L	Protect
71	Chippenham Rugby Club	SN14 0YZ	Rugby Union	Sports Club	Two standard grass pitches that are overplayed, despite a World Rugby compliant 3G pitch being on site. This is due to high levels of match demand. Serviced by good quality changing facilities.	Improve pitch quality to alleviate overplay.	RFU, Sports Club	Key Centre	M	S	L	Enhance Protect
71	Chippenham Rugby Club	SN14 0YZ	Cricket	Sports Club	A good quality square that is utilised by Allington CC. Serviced by a good quality clubhouse but with two poor quality practice nets. Overall spare capacity remains.	Sustain quality. Improve practice nets.	ECB, WCB, Sports Club	Key Centre	M	S	L	Enhance Protect
71	Chippenham Rugby Club	SN14 0YZ	Aussie Rules	Sports Club	Site is accessed by Chippenham Redbacks, with one of the rugby union pitches doubling up as an Aussie rules pitch. In isolation, this is sufficient to accommodate the demand, although the dual use nature will impact on post-season remedial work.	Ensure maintenance is of a sufficient level to continue to support the demand or explore transfer of activity to a more suitable site e.g., a dual use pitch that is not overplayed for its primary purpose, or a dedicated Aussie rules pitch.	AFLE, Sports Club	Key Centre	M	S	L	Enhance Protect
72	Chippenham Sports Club	SN14 0YZ	Cricket	Sports Club	A standard quality grass square with 16 wickets that is overplayed by 30 match equivalent sessions. Chippenham CC reports inconsistency bounce and a regular need for post season renovations.	Improve square quality with enhanced levels of maintenance. Explore options to alleviate overplay including installing an NTP, hybrid wickets and/or transferring partial demand to a site with spare capacity. Support plans for new ancillary facilities (and sports hall) on site.	ECB, WCB, Sports Club	Key Centre	H	S	M	Enhance Protect Provide
72	Chippenham Sports Club	SN15 1NH	Hockey	Sports Club	One good quality full size artificial pitch that is equipped with sports lighting. Also, a separate warm up space.	Sustain quality and ensure a sinking fund is in place for long-term sustainability. Support plans for new ancillary facilities (and sports hall) on site.	EH, Sports Club	Local	L	L	L	Protect
73	Chippenham Town Football Club	SN14 6LR	Football	Sports Club	One good quality adult pitch. The site is home to Chippenham Town FC (Step 2).	Ensure the site meets the minimum requirements to progress through the football pyramid.	FA, FF, WFA, Sports Club	Local	L	L	L	Protect
129	Frogwell Primary School	SN14 0DG	Football	Education	One mini 7v7 pitch and one mini 5v5 pitch, both of which are poor quality and unavailable for community use.	Improve quality to better accommodate curricular and extra-curricular demand.	FA, FF, WFA, Education	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance



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Site ID	Site	Postcode	Sport	Management	Current status	Recommended actions	Partners	Site hierarchy tier	Priority	Timescales	Cost	Aim
140	Grittleton Cricket Ground	SN14 6AW	Cricket	Trust	A good quality seven wicket grass square that has capacity to accommodate additional demand. Annual rental from Grittleton Village Hall Trustees to Grittleton CC. Accompanied by poor quality ancillary and practice facilities.	Sustain square quality with appropriate levels of maintenance. Look to secure a long term for Grittleton CC. Explore options to improve poor quality ancillary and practice provision. Utilise spare capacity to accommodate future demand/alleviate shortfalls.	ECB, WCB, Trust	Local	M	M	L-M	Protect Enhance
141	Grittleton House School (Closed)	SN14 6AP	Football (Disused)	Private	Two disused adult pitches; the site closed in 2016 and has since reopened as a wedding venue.	No action required.	FA, FF, WFA, Private	-	-	-	-	-
141	Grittleton House School (Closed)	SN14 6AP	Rugby union (Disused)	Private	Two disused senior pitches; the site closed in 2016 and has since reopened as a wedding venue.	No action required.	RFU, Private	-	-	-	-	-
141	Grittleton House School (Closed)	SN14 6AP	Cricket (Disused)	Private	One disused NTP; the site closed in 2016 and has since reopened as a wedding venue.	No action required.	ECB, WCB, Private	-	-	-	-	-
143	Hardenhuish School	SN14 6RJ	Cricket	Education	One standalone NTP that's not available for community use.	Sustain quality as appropriate and retain as current use.	ECB, WCB, Education	Local	L	L	L	Protect
161	Hullavington C of E Primary & Nursery School	SN14 6EF	Football	Education	One poor quality mini 5v5 pitch that is unavailable for community use.	Improve quality to better accommodate curricular and extra-curricular demand.	FA, FF, WFA, Education	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
162	Ivy Lane Primary School	SN15 1HE	Football	Education	One poor quality mini 5v5 pitch that is unavailable for community use.	Improve quality to better accommodate curricular and extra-curricular demand.	FA, FF, WFA, Education	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
172	Kington Langley Playing Field	SN15 5NJ	Football	Community Organisation	One poor quality youth 9v9 pitch that has spare capacity discounted due to poor pitch quality. The site is serviced with poor quality ancillary facilities.	Improve quality to establish actual spare capacity. Explore feasibility of improving the site's ancillary provision.	FA, FF, WFA, Community Organisation	Local	M	M	M	Protect Enhance
173	Kington St Michael C of E Primary School	SN14 6LE	Football	Education	One poor quality mini 5v5 pitch that is unavailable for community use.	Improve quality to better accommodate curricular and extra-curricular demand.	FA, FF, WFA, Education	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
179	Langley Burrell Playing Pitch	SN15 4LL	Football (Disused)	Trust	One disused youth 11v11 pitch with the site currently actively used for cricket.	Explore potential of bringing site back into use for football, providing cricket is not adversely affected.	FA, FF, WFA, Trust	Local	L	S	L	Protect

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Site ID	Site	Postcode	Sport	Management	Current status	Recommended actions	Partners	Site hierarchy tier	Priority	Timescales	Cost	Aim
179	Langley Burrell Playing Pitch	SN15 4LL	Cricket	Trust	A standard quality six wicket grass square with capacity to accommodate additional demand. Annual rented to Langley Burrell CC from Village Hall Trust. Accompanied by poor quality ancillary provision.	Sustain square quality with appropriate levels of maintenance. Look to secure a long term for Langley Burrell CC. Explore options to improve poor quality ancillary provision. Utilise spare capacity to accommodate future demand/alleviate shortfalls.	ECB, WCB, Trust	Local	M	S	L-M	Protect Enhance
214	Monkton Park Primary School	SN15 3PN	Football	Education	One poor quality mini 5v5 pitch that is unavailable for community use.	Improve quality to better accommodate curricular and extra-curricular demand.	FA, FF, WFA, Education	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
250	Queen's Crescent Primary School	SN14 0QT	Football	Education	One poor quality mini 7v7 pitch that is unavailable for community use.	Improve quality to better accommodate curricular and extra-curricular demand.	FA, FF, WFA, Education	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
268	Seagry C of E Primary School	SN15 5EX	Football	Education	One poor quality mini 7v7 pitch that is unavailable for community use.	Improve quality to better accommodate curricular and extra-curricular demand.	FA, FF, WFA, Education	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
276	Sheldon School	SN14 6HJ	Football	Education	Four poor quality youth 11v11 pitches which are played to capacity.	Improve quality to better accommodate curricular and community demand.	FA, FF, WFA, Education	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
276	Sheldon School	SN14 6HJ	Rugby Union	Education	Three poor quality senior rugby union pitches. Pitches are played to capacity from curricular use.	Improve quality of pitch through enhanced levels of demand for curricular and extracurricular use.	RFU, Education	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
276	Sheldon School	SN14 6HJ	Cricket	Education	A four wicket grass square accompanied by an NTP and a standalone NTP all of which is standard quality. The former provision is overplayed by five match equivalent sessions. Chippenham CC is in the process of obtaining a long term agreement on the provision. Once agreed the Club aspires to develop onsite ancillary provision.	As a priority secure long term tenure for Chippenham CC on the site. Improve square quality with enhanced levels of maintenance. If long term tenure is secured explore options to establish purpose built ancillary provision for the Club.	ECB, WCB, Education	Local	H	S	M	Protect Provide Enhance
302	St Marys RC Primary School	SN15 2AH	Football	Education	One poor quality mini 7v7 pitch that is unavailable for community use.	Improve quality to better accommodate curricular and extra-curricular demand.	FA, FF, WFA, Education	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
310	Stanley Park Sports Ground	SN15 3RR	Football	Council	Three adult pitches, three youth 11v11 pitches, one youth 9v9 pitch, one mini 7v7 pitch and three mini 5v5 pitches, all of which are good quality. The adult pitches have actual spare capacity amounting to 1.5 match equivalent sessions per week, whilst the youth 9v9 pitch is overplayed by 1.5 match equivalent sessions per week.	Utilise actual spare capacity where it exists, via the transfer of demand from overplayed sites or via future demand. Consider transferring demand to sites with actual spare capacity to alleviate overplay.	FA, FF, WFA,	Key Centre	M	S	L	Protect

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Site ID	Site	Postcode	Sport	Management	Current status	Recommended actions	Partners	Site hierarchy tier	Priority	Timescales	Cost	Aim
310	Stanley Park Sports Ground	SN15 3RR	3G	Council	One standard quality 11v11 3G pitch that is equipped with sports lighting. The pitch has exceeded its 10-year recommended lifespan and thus requires resurfacing. Planning permission (PL/2024/00325) for an additional 3G pitch at Stanley Park Sports Ground has recently been submitted.	Resurface the 11v11 pitch before quality deteriorates further and ensure a sinking fund is in place for long-term sustainability. Support the plans for the construction of a new 3G pitch at the site.	FA, FF, WFA	Key Centre	H	S	H	Protect Enhance Provide
316	Sutton Benger C of E Aided Primary School	SN15 4RP	Football	Education	One poor quality mini 5v5 pitch that is unavailable for community use.	Improve quality to better accommodate curricular and extra-curricular demand.	FA, FF, WFA, Education	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
317	Sutton Benger Recreation Ground	SN15 4RU	Rugby Union	Community Organisation	A standard quality senior pitch that is used by Sutton Benger RUFC for both match play and training (via portable lighting) demand. Actual spare capacity remains. No changing facilities are provided on site, with a nearby village hall instead accessed.	Retain spare capacity to sustain quality. Explore provision of dedicated changing facilities on site. Explore creation of permanent sports-lighting solution.	RFU, Community Organisation	Local	M	S	M	Protect Enhance
317	Sutton Benger Recreation Ground	SN15 4RU	Cricket	Community Organisation	A standard quality grass square with five wickets that has spare capacity for additional demand. Used by Sutton Benger CC.	Sustain square quality with appropriate maintenance. Utilise spare capacity to accommodate future demand/alleviate shortfalls. Ensure tenure is secure for Sutton Benger CC.	ECB, WCB, Community Organisation	Local	L	L	L	Protect
331	The Green	SN15 4BG	Cricket	Christian Malford Village Parish Council	A good quality seven wicket grass square with capacity for additional demand. Christian Malford CC annually rents from the Parish Council. Accompanied by poor quality practice facilities.	Sustain square quality with appropriate maintenance. Utilise spare capacity to accommodate future demand/alleviate shortfalls. Explore options to improve poor quality ancillary provision.	ECB, WCB, Parish Council	Local	L	S	L	Protect
381	Yatton Keynell Jubilee Playing Field	SN14 7BD	Football	Sports Club	One poor quality youth 11v11 pitch that has spare capacity discounted due to poor pitch quality. The site is serviced with poor quality ancillary facilities.	Improve quality to establish actual spare capacity for clubs. Explore feasibility of improving the site's ancillary provision.	FA, FF, WFA, Sports Club	Local	M	M	M	Protect Enhance

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## AREA 5 - CORSHAM

Sport	Pitch/facility type	Current supply/ demand balance	Future supply/ demand balance
Football	Adult	3.5 match equivalent sessions	3.5 match equivalent sessions
Football	Youth 11v11	At capacity	At capacity
Football	Youth 9v9	At capacity	At capacity
Football	Mini 7v7	1 match equivalent session	1 match equivalent session
Football	Mini 5v5	1 match equivalent session	1 match equivalent session
3G	11v11	1 pitch	1 pitch
Cricket	Saturday	22 match equivalent sessions	22 match equivalent sessions
Cricket	Sunday	22 match equivalent sessions	22 match equivalent sessions
Cricket	Midweek	16 match equivalent sessions	16 match equivalent sessions
Rugby union	Senior	2.55 match equivalent sessions	2.55 match equivalent sessions
Rugby league	Senior	At capacity	At capacity
Hockey	Full size	At capacity	At capacity

### Priority recommendations

Sport	Headline findings
<b>Football</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Protect provision.</li> <li>◀ Improve pitch quality to reduce/alleviate overplay at sites (e.g. at Corsham Town Football Club and Leafy Lane Playing Fields).</li> <li>◀ Improve ancillary facilities where required.</li> <li>◀ Seek to provide security of tenure for clubs, enabling actual spare capacity (e.g. at Notton House School)</li> </ul>
<b>3G pitches</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Protect provision.</li> <li>◀ Look to provide suitable provision to cater for demand within the area, exploring the feasibility to develop a 11v11 3G at Bradford-on-Avon Sports &amp; Social Club.</li> <li>◀ Support aspirations to provide an additional 11v11 pitch given the large shortfalls on grass pitches (e.g. at Leafy Lane Playing Fields) providing it meets national and local planning policy.</li> </ul>
<b>Rugby union</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Protect provision.</li> <li>◀ Improve quality to eradicate overplay (e.g. at Colerne Rugby Football Club (Higgins Field) and Corsham Rugby Club)</li> </ul>
<b>Rugby league</b>	◀ N/A
<b>Hockey</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Protect provision.</li> <li>◀ Ensure when required, to resurface pitch to improve quality and protect for long-term hockey usage (e.g. at Springfield Community Campus) and look to put in place a sinking fund for future replacement of pitch.</li> <li>◀ Ensure sports lighting of pitch at Springfield Community Campus is brought back to full use.</li> </ul>
<b>Cricket</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Protect provision.</li> <li>◀ Seek to alleviate overplay via the installation of an NTP or Hybrid wickets (e.g. Corsham Cricket Club).</li> <li>◀ Support ancillary development plans/improvements (e.g. at Corsham Cricket Club).</li> </ul>

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Site ID	Site	Postcode	Sport	Management	Current status	Recommended actions	Partners	Site hierarchy tier	Priority	Timescales	Cost	Aim
21	Azimghur Barracks	SN14 8QY	Football	MOD	Two standard quality adult pitches that are unavailable for community use.	No action required.	FA, FF, WFA, MOD	-	-	-	-	-
21	Azimghur Barracks	SN14 8QY	Rugby Union	MOD	One standard quality senior pitch that is unavailable for community use.	No action required.	RFU, MOD	-	-	-	-	-
43	Box Recreation Ground	SN13 8NT	Football	Council	One good quality adult pitch. Actual spare capacity of one match equivalent session at peak time. Accompanying ancillary provision of standard quality	Consider potential rationalisation of provision to contribute to a hub site. If not feasible improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance.	FA, FF, WFA	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
43	Box Recreation Ground	SN13 8NT	Cricket	Council	One good quality adult pitch that has actual spare capacity amounting to one match equivalent session per week.	Utilise actual spare capacity where it exists, via the transfer of demand from overplayed sites or via future demand.	ECB, WCB	Local	L	S	L	Protect
43	Box Recreation Ground	SN13 8NT	Cricket	Council	A standard quality eight wicket grass square accompanied by a NTP that has not a capacity for additional demand. Used Box CC.	Improve square quality with enhanced levels of maintenance. Ensure Box CC has long term security of tenure.	ECB, WCB	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
81	Colerne Rugby Football Club (Higgins Field)	SN14 8AT	Rugby Union	Sports Club	One standard quality senior pitch with sports lighting and actual spare capacity. Accompanied by good quality ancillary provision.	Improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance.	RFU, Sports Club	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
85	Corsham Cricket Club	SN13 9EU	Cricket	Sports club	One good quality grass square with 13 wickets overplayed by 22 match equivalent sessions. Leased to Corsham CC.	Sustain square quality with appropriate levels of maintenance. Explore options to alleviate overplay including installing an NTP, hybrid wickets and/or transferring partial demand to a site with spare capacity. Support plans to expand the footprint of the pavilion.	ECB, WCB, Sports Club	Local	M	S	M	Protect Enhance Provide
86	Corsham Primary School	SN13 9YW	Football	Education	Two poor quality mini 5v5 pitches that are unavailable for community use.	Improve quality to better accommodate curricular and extra-curricular demand.	FA, FF, WFA, Education	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
88	Corsham Rugby Club	SN13 9QG	Rugby Union	Sports Club	Two standard quality senior pitches, one of which has sports lighting. All pitches are overplayed. Accompanied by good quality ancillary provision.	Improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance. Explore installation of additional sports lighting to enable dispersion of training demand across the site.	RFU, Sports Club	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
89	Corsham Town Football Club	SN13 9HS	Football	Sports Club	One poor quality adult pitch that is overplayed by 0.5 match equivalent session per week. The site is serviced with poor quality ancillary facilities. The site is home to Corsham Town FC (Step 5).	Improve quality to alleviate overplay. Explore feasibility of improving ancillary provision.	FA, FF, WFA, Sports Club	Local	M	M	M	Protect Enhance

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Site ID	Site	Postcode	Sport	Management	Current status	Recommended actions	Partners	Site hierarchy tier	Priority	Timescales	Cost	Aim
137	Green Lane Recreation Centre	SN14 8AU	Football	Council	One youth 9v9 pitch, one mini 7v7 pitch and one mini 5v5 pitch, all of which are poor quality and have spare capacity discounted due to poor pitch quality. The site is serviced with poor quality ancillary facilities.	Consider potential rationalisation of provision to contribute to a hub site. If not feasible improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance.	FA, FF, WFA	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
175	Lacock Recreation Ground	SN15 2LQ	Football	Lacock Parish Council	One standard quality adult pitch that has actual spare capacity amounting to one match equivalent session per week.	Consider rationalisation of provision to contribute to a hub site. If not feasible improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance.	FA, FF, WFA, Parish Council	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
175	Lacock Recreation Ground	SN15 2LQ	Cricket	Lacock Parish Council	A standard quality grass square with six wickets that has spare capacity for additional demand. Used by Lacock CC.	Improve square quality with enhanced levels of maintenance. Ensure Lacock CC has long term security of tenure.	ECB, WCB, Parish Council	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
184	Leafy Lane Playing Fields	SN13 0JY	Football	Trust	Two youth 11v11 pitches, one youth 9v9 pitch, one mini 7v7 pitch and one mini 5v5 pitch, all of which are good quality. Two adult pitches, one mini 7v7 pitch and one mini 5v5 pitch, all of which are standard quality. One youth 9v9 pitch, one mini 7v7 pitch and one mini 5v5 pitch, all of which are poor quality. The two adult pitches, two youth 9v9 pitches, two mini 7v7 pitches and two mini 5v5 pitches each have actual spare capacity totalling 4.5 match equivalent sessions per week. One of the youth 9v9 pitches is overplayed by 0.5 match equivalent sessions per week.	Utilise actual spare capacity where it exists, via the transfer of demand from overplayed sites or via future demand. Improve quality to alleviate overplay where it exists.	FA, FF, WFA, Trust	Key Centre	M	S	L	Protect Enhance
184	Leafy Lane Playing Fields	SN13 0JY	3G	Trust	One smaller size 3G pitch that is equipped with sports lighting. There are currently plans to extend the pitch to a youth 9v9 sized 3G pitch. The pitch has exceeded its 10-year recommended lifespan and thus requires resurfacing.	Resurface pitch to improve quality and ensure a sinking fund is in place for long-term sustainability. Support the plans for the extension of the current 3G pitch, or the development of a new 3G pitch.	FA, FF, WFA, Trust	Key Centre	H	S	H	Protect Enhance Provide
184	Leafy Lane Playing Fields	SN13 0JY	Cricket	Trust	A standalone NTP.	Improve quality as required and retain as current use.	ECB, WCB, Trust	Local	L	L	L	Protect
207	Meriton Avenue Recreation Ground	SN13 0BP	Football (Disused)	Council	Disused site which previously accommodated one youth 11v11 pitch. Last actively marked out circa 2016.	Explore feasibility of bringing the playing field back into use given local shortfalls and ensure replacement provision is provided in line with national planning policy should a proposal come forward that will result in permanent loss.	FA, FF, WFA	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance

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Site ID	Site	Postcode	Sport	Management	Current status	Recommended actions	Partners	Site hierarchy tier	Priority	Timescales	Cost	Aim
216	Neston Recreation Ground	SN13 9SN	Football (Recreational)	Council	One mini 5v5 pitch not actively marked. Used for recreational demand.	Explore the feasibility of bringing the pitch back into use (and improve quality) for affiliated demand from the community.	FA, FF, WFA	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
224	Notton House School	SN15 2NF	Football	Education	One youth 11v11 pitch and one mini 5v5 pitch, both of which are standard quality and have spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure. The site is serviced with poor quality ancillary facilities.	Seek to provide a community use agreement, enabling security of tenure for clubs and establishing actual spare capacity at the site. Explore feasibility of improving ancillary provision.	FA, FF, WFA, Education	Local	M	M	M	Protect Enhance
256	Rudloe Recreation Ground (Closed)	SN13 0LZ	Football (Recreational)	Council	One mini 5v5 pitch not actively marked. Used for recreational demand.	Explore the feasibility of bringing the pitch back into use (and improve quality) for affiliated demand from the community.	FA, FF, WFA	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
286	Springfield Community Campus	SN13 9DN	Hockey	Council	One standard quality full size pitch that is equipped with sports lighting. The pitch has exceeded its 10-year recommended lifespan and thus requires resurfacing.	Resurface the full size pitch before quality deteriorates further and ensure a sinking fund is in place for long-term sustainability.	EH	Local	H	S	H	Protect Enhance Provide
325	The Corsham School	SN13 9DF	Football	Education	Two poor quality adult pitches that are unavailable for community use.	Improve quality and explore community use options.	FA, FF, WFA, Education	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
325	The Corsham School	SN13 9DF	Rugby Union	Education	Two poor quality senior pitches that are unavailable for community use.	Improve quality for continued school use.	RFU, Education	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
374	Wiltshire College Lackham	SN15 2NY	Football	Education	One standard quality adult pitch that is unavailable for community use.	Explore community use options.	FA, FF, WFA, Education	Local	L	S	L	Protect

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## AREA 6 - DEVIZES

Sport	Pitch/facility type	Current supply/ demand balance	Future supply/ demand balance
Football	Adult	1.5 match equivalent sessions	2 match equivalent sessions
Football	Youth 11v11	1.5 match equivalent sessions	1.5 match equivalent sessions
Football	Youth 9v9	1 match equivalent session	1 match equivalent session
Football	Mini 7v7	At capacity	At capacity
Football	Mini 5v5	At capacity	At capacity
3G	11v11	0.5 pitches	0.5 pitches
Cricket	Saturday	10 match equivalent sessions	20 match equivalent sessions
Cricket	Sunday	30 match equivalent sessions	20 match equivalent sessions
Cricket	Midweek	68 match equivalent sessions	68 match equivalent sessions
Rugby union	Senior	5.05 match equivalent sessions	5.05 match equivalent sessions
Rugby league	Senior	At capacity	At capacity
Hockey	Full size	At capacity	At capacity

### Priority recommendations

Sport	Headline findings
<b>Football</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Protect provision.</li> <li>◀ Improve pitch quality to reduce/alleviate overplay at sites (e.g. at Green Lane Playing Fields, Nursteed Road, The Elisha Field and West Lavington Playing Field).</li> <li>◀ Improve ancillary facilities where required and provide ancillary facilities at sites that are currently without (e.g. at Davis Field).</li> <li>◀ Seek to provide security of tenure for clubs, enabling actual spare capacity (e.g. at Southbroom St James Academy).</li> </ul>
<b>3G pitches</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Protect provision.</li> <li>◀ Support aspirations to provide an additional 11v11 pitch given the large shortfalls on grass pitches (e.g. at the Elisha Field, Green Lane Playing Fields and Nursteed Road) providing it meets national and local planning policy.</li> </ul>
<b>Rugby union</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Protect provision.</li> <li>◀ Improve quality to eradicate overplay (e.g. at Devizes Sports Club).</li> </ul>
<b>Rugby league</b>	◀ N/A
<b>Hockey</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Protect provision.</li> <li>◀ Resurface and bring back into use Devizes School pitch with the relocation of Devizes HC back onsite. Work together with the School, Club and Council to establish responsibility for resurfacing of the surface.</li> <li>◀ Look to secure access to pitch at Dauntsey's School pitch for Devizes HC in the short-term whilst Devizes School pitch is resurfaced.</li> </ul>
<b>Cricket</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Protect provision.</li> <li>◀ Transfer demand to sites with actual spare capacity to alleviate overplay (e.g. at Erlestoke &amp; Coulston Cricket Club, Spye Park Cricket Club and Urchfont Village Cricket Club).</li> <li>◀ Improve quality of squares to alleviate overplay (e.g. at Devizes Sports Club and Spaniels Bridge).</li> <li>◀ Seek to alleviate overplay via the installation of an NTP or Hybrid wickets (e.g. Potterne Cricket Club).</li> <li>◀ Support ancillary development plans/improvements (e.g. at Potterne Cricket Club).</li> <li>◀ Explore opportunities to utilise actual spare capacity via the transfer of demand from overplayed sites and/or through future demand (e.g. at Erlestoke &amp; Coulston Cricket Club, Spye Park Cricket Club and Urchfont Village Cricket Club)</li> </ul>



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Site ID	Site	Postcode	Sport	Management	Current status	Recommended actions	Partners	Site hierarchy tier	Priority	Timescales	Cost	Aim
35	Bishops Cannings School C of E Aided Primary School	SN10 2LD	Football	Education	Two poor quality mini 5v5 pitches that are unavailable for community use.	Improve quality to better accommodate curricular and extra-curricular demand.	FA, FF, WFA, Education	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
54	Bromham Jubilee Field	SN15 2JB	Football	Sports Club	One poor quality adult pitch that has spare capacity discounted due to poor pitch quality. The site is serviced with poor quality ancillary facilities.	Improve quality to establish actual spare capacity for clubs. Explore feasibility of improving the site's ancillary provision.	FA, FF, WFA, Sports Club	Local	M	M	M	Protect Enhance
98	Dauntsey's School	SN10 4HE	Football	Education	Five adult pitches and two youth 9v9 pitches, all of which are good quality and unavailable for community use.	Explore community use options.	FA, FF, WFA, Education	Local	L	S	L	Protect
98	Dauntsey's School	SN10 4HE	Cricket	Education	Five good quality grass cricket squares none of which are available for community use.	Sustain square quality as appropriate and retain as current use.	ECB, WCB, Education	Local	L	L	L	Protect
98	Dauntsey's School	SN10 4HE	Hockey	Education	Two standard quality full size pitches, both of which are available for community use. However, only one of the pitches is equipped with sports lighting. One smaller size pitch that is available for community use but is without sports lighting. Both pitches have exceeded their 10-year recommended lifespan and thus require resurfacing.	Resurface both full size pitches before quality deteriorates further and ensure a sinking fund is in place for long-term sustainability.	EH, Education	Local	H	S	H	Protect Enhance Provide
99	Davis Field	SN10 4AN	Football	Sports Club	One adult pitch and one mini 7v7 pitch, both of which are poor quality and have spare capacity discounted due to poor pitch quality. The site is without ancillary provision.	Improve quality to establish actual spare capacity for clubs.	FA, FF, WFA, Sports Club	Local	M	S	L	Protect Enhance
103	Devizes School	SN10 3AG	Football	Education	One adult pitch and one youth 9v9 pitch, both of which are poor quality and unavailable for community use. An aspiration exists for a new clubhouse at the site.	Improve quality and explore community use options. Support plans to establish a new clubhouse provided it meets national planning policy requirements.	FA, FF, WFA, Education	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
103	Devizes School	SN10 3AG	Rugby Union	Education	Two poor quality senior pitches. Played to capacity by curricular demand. An aspiration exists for a new clubhouse at the site.	Improve quality for continued curricular and extracurricular demand. Support plans to establish a new clubhouse provided it meets national planning policy requirements.	RFU, Education	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance

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Site ID	Site	Postcode	Sport	Management	Current status	Recommended actions	Partners	Site hierarchy tier	Priority	Timescales	Cost	Aim
103	Devizes School	SN10 3AG	Hockey (Disused)	Education	One disused full size pitch that has been out of use since 2020. Devizes HC aspires to bring demand back to the site however, until resurfaced, this cannot be done. The Club suggests that currently neither the Council nor the School believe that they are responsible for the replacement of the surface. Previously, a pre-application was submitted which included resurfacing the pitch as a Gen2, and an aspiration exists to provide a new clubhouse.	Resurface the pitch and bring back into use for Devizes HC. Work together with the School, Club and Council to establish responsibility for resurfacing of the surface. Once replaced set in place a sinking fund to ensure the pitch does not fall into disrepair and access lost in the future. Support plans to establish a new clubhouse provided it meets national planning policy requirements.	EH, Education, Sports Club, Council	Local	H	S	H	Protect Enhance Provide
104	Devizes Sports Club	SN10 2DL	Cricket	Sport Club	Two grass squares one with 14 wickets and the other with four wickets accompanied by an NTP. The former square is good quality and has capacity for additional play. The latter square is overplayed by one match equivalent sessions. Devizes CC is looking to build its own cricket ancillary facilities away from the current provision operated by Devizes RFC. It is also looking to protect its second square with perimeter fencing.	Sustain good quality square with appropriate maintenance. Improve levels of maintenance on the second square in order to alleviate overplay. Explore the potential of creating a purpose built ancillary provision for the cricket club. Explore options to protect the second square.	ECB, WCB, Sports Club	Key Centre	M	M	L	Protect Provide Enhance
104	Devizes Sports Club	SN10 2DL	Rugby Union	Sport Club	Two standard quality senior pitches, of which one has sports lighting. All pitches are overplayed. Accompanied by good quality ancillary provision.	Improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance. Explore installation of additional sports lighting to enable dispersion of training demand across the site.	RFU, Sports Club	Key Centre	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
109	Downland School	SN10 5EF	Football	Education	One poor quality mini 5v5 pitch that is unavailable for community use.	Improve quality to better accommodate curricular and extra-curricular demand.	FA, FF, WFA, Education	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
118	Erlestoke & Coulston Cricket Club	SN10 5TX	Cricket	Sports Club	A good quality square with ten wickets that has spare capacity to accommodate additional demand, The site has a poor quality practice lane.	Sustain square quality with appropriate levels of maintenance. Explore options to improve practice facilities. Support plans to replace the pavilion.	ECB, WCB, Sports Club	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
125	Five Lanes CE (VA) Primary School (Worton Site)	SN10 5SE	Football	Education	One poor quality mini 5v5 pitch that is unavailable for community use.	Improve quality to better accommodate curricular and extra-curricular demand.	FA, FF, WFA, Education	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance

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Site ID	Site	Postcode	Sport	Management	Current status	Recommended actions	Partners	Site hierarchy tier	Priority	Timescales	Cost	Aim
136	Green Lane Playing Fields	SN10 5EP	Football	Wiltshire FA	One good quality adult pitch, one standard quality youth 11v11 pitch and one standard quality youth 9v9 pitch, all of which are available for community use. The adult pitch is played to capacity, whilst the remaining pitches are overplayed by a combined total of two match equivalent sessions per week.	Improve quality to alleviate overplay. Explore the potential to develop a second 3G onsite.	FA, FF, WFA,	Hub	H	L	H	Protect Enhance Provide
136	Green Lane Playing Fields	SN10 5EP	3G	Wiltshire FA	One good quality 11v11 3G pitch that is available for community use and is equipped with sports lighting.	Sustain quality. Explore the potential to develop a second 3G onsite.	FA, FF, WFA,	Hub	H	L	H	Protect Provide
182	Lavington School	SN10 4EB	Cricket	Education	One standalone NTP that's not available for community use.	Sustain quality as appropriate and retain as current use.	ECB, WCB, Education	Local	L	L	L	Protect
228	Nursteed Road	SN10 3DX	Football	Sports Club	One good quality adult pitch and one standard quality youth 9v9 pitch. The latter is played to capacity, whilst the former is overplayed by 2.5 match equivalent sessions per week. Devizes Town FC (Step 6) aspires to replace its current perimeter fencing and update its sports lighting with LED lighting.	Consider transferring demand to sites with actual spare capacity to alleviate overplay. Support the Club in its aspirations for more secure perimeter fencing and LED lighting. Explore the potential to develop a 3G onsite.	FA, FF, WFA, Sports Club	Local	H	L	H	Protect Enhance Provide
241	Potterne Cricket Club (The Grove)	SN10 5PH	Cricket	Sports Club	One ten wicket good quality square which is overplayed by 18 match equivalent sessions. Leased long term to Potterne CC. The Club aspires to relocate its changing rooms to provide additional ancillary space.	Sustain square quality with appropriate maintenance. Explore installing an NTP in order to alleviate overplay. Explore assisting the Club with its ancillary provision plans where possible.	ECB, WCB, Sports Club	Local	L	S	M	Protect Provide
264	Sands Lane Rowde	SN10 2QW	Football	Council	One poor quality adult pitch that has spare capacity discounted due to poor pitch quality. The site is serviced with poor quality ancillary provision.	Consider potential rationalisation of provision to contribute to a hub site. If not feasible improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance.	FA, FF, WFA,	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
270	Seend Church of England Primary School	SN12 6NJ	Football	Education	Two poor quality mini 5v5 pitches, both of which are unavailable for community use.	Improve quality to better accommodate curricular and extra-curricular demand.	FA, FF, WFA, Education	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
271	Seend Lye Field	SN12 6NS	Football	Community Organisation	One poor quality adult pitch that is played to capacity. The site is serviced with poor quality ancillary facilities.	Improve quality to establish actual spare capacity for clubs. Explore feasibility of improving the site's ancillary provision.	FA, FF, WFA, Community Organisation	Local	M	M	M	Protect Enhance
271	Seend Lye Field	SN12 6NS	Cricket	Community Organisation	One standalone NTP.	Sustain quality as appropriate based on usage.	ECB, WCB, Community Organisation	Local	L	L	L	Protect

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278	Silverwood School	SN10 2QQ	Football	Education	One poor quality youth 9v9 pitch that is unavailable for community use.	Improve quality and explore community use options.	FA, FF, WFA, Education	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
283	Southbroom St James Academy	SN10 3AH	Football	Education	One adult pitch and one youth 11v11 pitch, both of which are poor quality and have spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure.	Improve quality and seek to provide a community use agreement, enabling actual spare capacity for clubs.	FA, FF, WFA, Education	Local	M	S	L	Protect Enhance
285	Spaniels Bridge	SN10 3LG	Cricket	Sports Club	A 11 wicket grass square accompanied by an NTP used by Bishops Cannings CC, Wiltshire CCC and Potterne CC. Leased long term to the former club. Square is standard quality and overplayed by 21 match equivalent sessions.	Improve square quality with enhanced levels of maintenance to alleviate overplay. Explore the potential of transferring partial demand off the site to a square with spare capacity. Explore the potential of installing hybrid wickets to alleviate overplay.	ECB, WCB, Sports Club	Local	M	S	L	Protect Enhance
288	Spoye Park Cricket Club	SN15 2PS	Cricket	Sports Club	One good quality square with ten wickets that has spare capacity to accommodate additional demand. Leased to Spoye Park CC and also used by Wiltshire CCC.	Sustain square quality with appropriate maintenance. Look to utilise spare capacity to accommodate future demand/alleviate shortfalls on other sites.	ECB, WCB, Sports Club	Local	L	S	L	Protect
291	St Barnabas C of E Primary School	SN10 4NT	Football	Education	One poor quality mini 5v5 pitch that is unavailable for community use.	Improve quality to better accommodate curricular and extra-curricular demand.	FA, FF, WFA, Education	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
328	The Elisha Field	SN10 4NT	Football/ 3G	Council	One youth 11v11 pitch, two mini 7v7 pitches and two mini 5v5 pitches, all of which are poor quality. The youth 11v11 pitch is overplayed by 0.5 match equivalent sessions per week, whilst the remaining pitches have spare capacity discounted due to poor pitch quality.	Improve quality to alleviate overplay and establish actual spare capacity for clubs. Explore the potential to develop a 11v11 3G onsite	FA, FF, WFA	Local	H	M	H	Protect Enhance Provide
348	Urchfont Village Cricket Club	SN10 4RJ	Cricket	Sports Club	A good quality 11 wicket grass square that has spare capacity to accommodate additional demand. Leased long term to Urchfont Village CC.	Sustain square quality with appropriate maintenance. Look to utilise spare capacity to accommodate future demand/alleviate shortfalls on other sites.	ECB, WCB, Sports Club	Local	L	S	L	Protect
362	West Lavington Playing Field	SN10 4HR	Football	Council	One poor quality adult pitch that is overplayed by 0.5 match equivalent sessions per week.	Improve quality to alleviate overplay.	FA, FF, WFA	Local	M	S	L	Protect Enhance
389	Village Green	SN10 1RT	Cricket	Poulshot Parish Council	A standalone NTP used by Poulshot CC.	Sustain quality with appropriate maintenance based on levels of demand.	ECB, WCB, Parish Council	Local	L	L	L	Protect

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## AREA 7 - MALMESBURY

Sport	Pitch/facility type	Current supply/ demand balance	Future supply/ demand balance
Football	Adult	0.5 match equivalent sessions	0.5 match equivalent sessions
Football	Youth 11v11	1.5 match equivalent sessions	1.5 match equivalent sessions
Football	Youth 9v9	0.5 match equivalent sessions	0.5 match equivalent sessions
Football	Mini 7v7	2 match equivalent sessions	2 match equivalent sessions
Football	Mini 5v5	2 match equivalent sessions	2 match equivalent sessions
3G	11v11	1 pitch	1 pitch
Cricket	Saturday	40 match equivalent sessions	40 match equivalent sessions
Cricket	Sunday	40 match equivalent sessions	40 match equivalent sessions
Cricket	Midweek	72 match equivalent sessions	72 match equivalent sessions
Rugby union	Senior	1.5 match equivalent sessions	1.5 match equivalent sessions
Rugby league	Senior	At capacity	At capacity
Hockey	Full size	At capacity	At capacity

### Priority recommendations

Sport	Headline findings
<b>Football</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Protect provision.</li> <li>◀ Improve pitch quality to reduce/alleviate overplay at sites (e.g. at High Road Playing Fields and Malmesbury Victoria Football Club).</li> <li>◀ Improve ancillary facilities where required and provide ancillary facilities at sites that are currently without (e.g. High Road Playing Fields, Luckington Playing Field and White Lion Park).</li> </ul>
<b>3G pitches</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Protect provision.</li> <li>◀ Look to establish an understanding that the Tetbury Memorial Recreation Ground (Cotswold) 3G plays for demand from Malmesbury. If required support aspirations for new build 3G pitches to meet requirement for demand.</li> </ul>
<b>Rugby union</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Protect provision.</li> </ul>
<b>Rugby league</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ N/A</li> </ul>
<b>Hockey</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ N/A</li> </ul>
<b>Cricket</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Protect provision.</li> <li>◀ Support ancillary development plans/improvements (e.g. at Charlton Village Hall &amp; Playing Field and The Worthies).</li> <li>◀ Explore opportunities to utilise actual spare capacity for future demand.</li> </ul>

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Site ID	Site	Postcode	Sport	Management	Current status	Recommended actions	Partners	Site hierarchy tier	Priority	Timescales	Cost	Aim
47	Bradstone Sports Field	SN6 6PH	Football	Community Organisation	One youth 11v11 pitch and one mini 7v7 pitch, both of which are poor quality. One youth 9v9 pitch that is standard quality. The youth 11v11 pitch is played to capacity, whilst the mini 7v7 pitch has spare capacity discounted due to poor pitch quality. The youth 9v9 pitch has actual spare capacity amounting to one match equivalent session per week. The site is serviced with poor quality ancillary facilities.	Improve quality to establish actual spare capacity for clubs. Utilise actual spare capacity where it exists, via the transfer of demand from overplayed sites or via future demand. Explore the feasibility of improving the site's ancillary provision.	FA, FF, WFA, Community Organisation	Key Centre	M	M	M	Protect Enhance
47	Bradstone Sports Field	SN6 6PH	Cricket	Community Organisation	A good quality ten wicket grass square used by Ashton Keynes CC. Square has spare capacity to accommodate additional demand.	Sustain square quality with appropriate maintenance. Look to utilise spare capacity to accommodate future demand/alleviate shortfalls on other sites.	ECB, WCB, Community Organisation	Key Centre	M	S	L	Protect
50	Brinkworth Earl Danbys C of E Primary School (Lower Site)	SN15 4HU	Football	Education	One poor quality mini 5v5 pitch that is unavailable for community use.	Improve quality to better accommodate curricular and extra-curricular demand.	FA, FF, WFA, Education	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
51	Brinkworth Earl Danbys C of E Primary School (Upper School)	SN15 5AX	Football	Education	One poor quality mini 5v5 pitch that is unavailable for community use.	Improve quality to better accommodate curricular and extra-curricular demand.	FA, FF, WFA, Education	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
66	Charlton Village Hall & Playing Field	SN16 9DL	Cricket	Charlton Parish Council	A standard quality grass square with five wickets. Square has spare capacity to accommodate additional demand. Rented by Charlton CC.	Sustain square quality with appropriate maintenance. Look to utilise spare capacity to accommodate future demand/alleviate shortfalls on other sites. Support the Club in its plans to invest in clubhouse improvements.	ECB, WCB, Parish Council	Local	L	S	L	Protect
94	Crudwell C of E Primary School	SN16 9ER	Football	Education	One poor quality mini 5v5 pitch that is unavailable for community use.	Improve quality to better accommodate curricular and extra-curricular demand.	FA, FF, WFA, Education	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
95	Crudwell Village Hall & Recreation Ground	SN16 9HB	Football	Education	One adult pitch and one mini 5v5 pitch, both of which are poor quality and have spare capacity discounted due to poor pitch quality. The site is serviced with poor quality ancillary facilities.	Improve quality to establish actual spare capacity for clubs. Explore the feasibility of improving the site's ancillary provision.	FA, FF, WFA, Education	Local	M	M	M	Protect Enhance
97	Dauntsey Road Playing Field	SN15 5EL	Football (Disused)	Council	Disused site which previously accommodated one adult pitch. Last actively marked out circa 2017.	Explore feasibility of bringing the playing field back into use (and improve quality) given local shortfalls and ensure replacement provision is provided in line with national planning policy should a proposal come forward that will result in permanent loss.	FA, FF, WFA	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance

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Site ID	Site	Postcode	Sport	Management	Current status	Recommended actions	Partners	Site hierarchy tier	Priority	Timescales	Cost	Aim
150	High Road Playing Fields	SN6 6NX	Football	Community Organisation	One youth 11v11 pitch, one youth 9v9 pitch and one mini 7v7 pitch, all of which are poor quality. The youth 11v11 and youth 9v9 pitches are overplayed by 2.5 match equivalent sessions per week. The site is without ancillary facilities.	Improve quality to alleviate overplay. Explore the feasibility of providing appropriate ancillary provision at the site.	FA, FF, WFA, Community Organisation	Local	H	M	H	Protect Enhance Provide
183	Lea and Garsdon Church of England Primary School	SN16 9NQ	Football	Education	One standard quality mini 7v7 pitch that is unavailable for community use.	Retain to accommodate curricular and extra-curricular demand.	FA, FF, WFA, Education	Local	L	L	L	Protect
189	Luckington Playing Field	SN14 6PB	Football	Community Organisation	One poor quality youth 9v9 pitch that has spare capacity discounted due to poor pitch quality. The site is without ancillary facilities.	Improve quality to establish actual spare capacity for clubs. Explore the feasibility of providing appropriate ancillary provision at the site.	FA, FF, WFA, Community Organisation	Local	M	M	H	Protect Enhance Provide
193	Malmesbury C of E Primary School	SN16 9JR	Football	Education	Two poor quality mini 5v5 pitches, both of which are unavailable for community use.	Improve quality to better accommodate curricular and extra-curricular demand.	FA, FF, WFA, Education	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
194	Malmesbury School	SN16 0DF	Football	Education	Two adult pitches and two youth 9v9 pitches, both of which are poor quality and played to capacity.	Improve quality and seek to provide a community use agreement, to establish actual spare capacity for clubs.	FA, FF, WFA, Education	Local	M	S	L	Protect Enhance
194	Malmesbury School	SN16 0DF	Rugby Union	Education	Two standard quality senior pitches unavailable for community use.	Improve pitch quality for continued school use.	RFU, Education	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
195	Malmesbury Victoria Football Club	SN16 9JS	Football	Sports Club	One poor quality adult pitch that is overplayed by 0.5 match equivalent sessions per week. The site is home to Malmesbury Victoria FC (Step 6).	Improve quality to alleviate overplay.	FA, FF, WFA, Sports Club	Local	M	S	L	Protect Enhance
210	Minety Church of England Primary School	SN16 9QL	Football	Education	One poor quality mini 5v5 pitch that is unavailable for community use.	Improve quality to better accommodate curricular and extra-curricular demand.	FA, FF, WFA, Education	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
210	Minety Church of England Primary School	SN16 9QL	3G	Education	One smaller size 3G pitch that is unavailable for community use and is without sports lighting. The pitch has exceeded its 10-year recommended lifespan and thus requires resurfacing.	Resurface pitch to improve quality for curricular and extra-curricular demand and ensure a sinking fund is in place for long-term sustainability.	FA, FF, WFA, Education	Local	L	S	H	Protect Enhance Provide
230	Oaksey Playing Field	SN16 9TG	Football	Trust	One youth 9v9 pitch and one mini 7v7 pitch, both of which are poor quality and have spare capacity discounted due to poor pitch quality. The site is serviced with poor quality ancillary facilities.	Improve quality to establish actual spare capacity for clubs. Explore the feasibility of improving the site's ancillary provision.	FA, FF, WFA, Trust	Local	M	M	M	Protect Enhance
230	Oaksey Playing Field	SN16 9TG	Cricket	Trust	A standard quality seven wicket grass square that has spare capacity to accommodate additional demand. Used by Oaksey CC.	Sustain square quality with appropriate maintenance. Look to utilise spare capacity to accommodate future demand/alleviate shortfalls on other sites.	ECB, WCB, Trust	Local	L	S	L	Protect

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Site ID	Site	Postcode	Sport	Management	Current status	Recommended actions	Partners	Site hierarchy tier	Priority	Timescales	Cost	Aim
249	Queen Elizabeth II Playing Fields (Minety)	SN16 9QH	Football	Community Organisation	One adult pitch and one mini 7v7 pitch, both of which are good quality. The latter has actual spare capacity amounting to one match equivalent session per week. The site is serviced with poor quality ancillary facilities.	Utilise actual spare capacity where it exists, via the transfer of demand from overplayed sites or via future demand. Explore the feasibility of improving the site's ancillary provision.	FA, FF, WFA, Community Organisation	Local	H	M	M	Protect Enhance
249	Queen Elizabeth II Playing Fields (Minety)	SN16 9QH	Rugby Union	Community Organisation	Three good quality senior pitches, of which one has sports lighting. Minety RUFC reports the drainage on the pitch has started to decrease in recent years. All pitches have actual spare capacity. Accompanied by standard quality ancillary provision.	Sustain pitch quality with appropriate levels of maintenance. Investigate drainage issues and look to improve where necessary.	RFU, Community Organisation	Local	H	M	M	Protect Enhance
249	Queen Elizabeth II Playing Fields (Minety)	SN16 9QH	Cricket (Disused)	Community Organisation	Disused pitch which previously accommodated a seven-wicket grass square. Last actively marked out circa 2017. Site actively used for football and rugby union.	No action required.	ECB, WCB, Community Organisation	Local		-	-	-
252	Red Bull Pitches	SN16 0RA	Football	Sports Club	One good quality youth 11v11 pitch, one standard quality youth 11v11 pitch, one standard quality youth 9v9 pitch and one poor quality youth 9v9 pitch, one poor quality mini 7v7 pitch and two standard quality mini 5v5 pitches. One of the youth 11v11 pitches and one of the mini 7v7 pitches have spare capacity discounted due to poor pitch quality, whilst one of the youth 9v9 pitches is played to capacity. The remaining youth 9v9 pitch and both of the mini 5v5 pitches have actual spare capacity amounting to 2.5 match equivalent sessions per week.	Improve quality of poor quality pitches, to establish actual spare capacity for clubs. Utilise actual spare capacity where it exists, via the transfer of demand from overplayed sites or via future demand.	FA, FF, WFA, Sports Club	Key Centre	H	S	M	Protect Enhance
333	The Knockdown Road Sports Field	SN16 0NJ	Football	Council	One adult pitch and one mini 7v7 pitch, both of which are standard quality. The latter has actual spare capacity amounting to one match equivalent session per week. The site is serviced with poor quality ancillary facilities.	Consider potential rationalisation of provision to contribute to a hub site. If not feasible improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance.	FA, FF, WFA	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance



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Site ID	Site	Postcode	Sport	Management	Current status	Recommended actions	Partners	Site hierarchy tier	Priority	Timescales	Cost	Aim
341	The Worthies	SN16 9JX	Cricket	Sports Club	A good quality 11-wicket grass square that does not have enough capacity to accommodate further demand, Leased to Malmesbury CC however a new lease is currently being negotiated. Accompanied by poor quality practice provision. The Club aspires to develop a second square to allow for future growth.	Sustain square quality with appropriate maintenance. Look to improve onsite practice provision. Ensure the Club obtains a new long term lease. Explore where possible with the club's ambitions to create a second square for future demand. Support plans to upgrade pavilion.	ECB, WCB Sports Club,	Local	M	M	M-H	Protect Enhance Provide
370	White Lion Park	SN16 0QP	Football	Council	Two poor quality mini 7v7 pitches that have spare capacity discounted due to poor pitch quality. The site is without ancillary facilities.	Consider potential rationalisation of provision to contribute to a hub site. If not feasible, improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance and explore creation of appropriate ancillary facilities.	FA, FF, WFA	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
396	Sherston Magna Cricket Ground	SN16 0NX	Cricket	<i>Unknown</i>	A standard quality ten wicket grass square that has capacity to accommodate additional demand.	Sustain square quality with appropriate maintenance. Look to utilise spare capacity to accommodate future demand/alleviate shortfalls on other sites.	ECB, WCB	Local	L	S	L	Protect

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## AREA 8 - MARLBROUGH

Sport	Pitch/facility type	Current supply/ demand balance	Future supply/ demand balance
Football	Adult	0.5 match equivalent sessions	0.5 match equivalent sessions
Football	Youth 11v11	1 match equivalent session	1 match equivalent session
Football	Youth 9v9	5.5 match equivalent sessions	5.5 match equivalent sessions
Football	Mini 7v7	At capacity	At capacity
Football	Mini 5v5	At capacity	At capacity
3G	11v11	1 pitch	1 pitch
Cricket	Saturday	10 match equivalent sessions	10 match equivalent sessions
Cricket	Sunday	50 match equivalent sessions	50 match equivalent sessions
Cricket	Midweek	54 match equivalent sessions	54 match equivalent sessions
Rugby union	Senior	3.05 match equivalent sessions	3.05 match equivalent sessions
Rugby league	Senior	At capacity	At capacity
Hockey	Full size	At capacity	At capacity

### Priority recommendations

Sport	Headline findings
<b>Football</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Protect provision.</li> <li>◀ Improve pitch quality to reduce/alleviate overplay at sites (e.g. at Elcot Lane Playing Field, Marlborough Town Football Club, Ramsbury Recreation Centre and Salisbury Road Recreation Ground).</li> <li>◀ Improve ancillary facilities where required and provide ancillary facilities at sites that are currently without (e.g. at Aldbourne Sports Field and Elcot Lane Playing Field).</li> </ul>
<b>3G pitches</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Look to provide suitable provision to cater for demand within the area, exploring the feasibility to develop a 11v11 3G at St John's Marlborough.</li> </ul>
<b>Rugby union</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Protect provision.</li> <li>◀ Improve quality to eradicate overplay (e.g. at Marlborough Rugby Club).</li> <li>◀ Support Marlborough RUFC in developing a new training area on site, with the potential to service this with sports lighting.</li> </ul>
<b>Rugby league</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ N/A</li> </ul>
<b>Hockey</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Protect provision.</li> <li>◀ When required resurface pitches at Marlborough College to improve quality and protect for long-term hockey usage.</li> <li>◀ Look to secure access through a community use agreement at Marlborough College for Marlborough HC to establish long term security of tenure.</li> </ul>
<b>Cricket</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Protect provision.</li> <li>◀ Look to secure usage of Kennet Valley Village Hall &amp; Recreation Ground for Kennet Valley CC through long-term lease agreement.</li> <li>◀ Explore opportunities to utilise actual spare capacity for future demand.</li> </ul>

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Site ID	Site	Postcode	Sport	Management	Current status	Recommended actions	Partners	Site hierarchy tier	Priority	Timescales	Cost	Aim
2	Aldbourn Sports Field	SN8 2DS	Football	Council	One poor quality adult pitch that has spare capacity discounted due to poor pitch quality. The site is without ancillary provision.	Consider potential rationalisation of provision to contribute to a hub site. If not feasible, improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance and explore creation of appropriate ancillary facilities.	FA, FF, WFA	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
18	Avebury Sports Field	SN8 1RD	Football	Sports Club	One standard quality youth 11v11 pitch that has one match equivalent sessions per week of actual spare capacity.	Utilise actual spare capacity where it exists, via the transfer of demand from overplayed sites or via future demand.	FA, FF, WFA, Sports Club	Local	L	S	L	Protect
18	Avebury Sports Field	SN8 1RD	Cricket	Sports Club	A good quality 11 wicket grass square that has capacity to accommodate additional demand. Leased long term from Avebury CC.	Sustain square quality with appropriate maintenance. Look to utilise spare capacity to accommodate future demand/alleviate shortfalls on other sites.	ECB, WCB, Sports Club	Local	L	S	L	Protect
116	Elcot Lane Playing Field	SN8 2BD	Football	Council	One poor quality youth 9v9 pitch that is overplayed by 0.5 match equivalent sessions per week. The site is without ancillary provision.	Improve quality to alleviate overplay. Explore feasibility of providing appropriate ancillary provision.	FA, FF, WFA	Local	H	M	H	Protect Enhance Provide
165	Kennet Valley Village Hall & Recreation Ground	SN8 4EL	Cricket	Community Organisation	A six wicket standard quality grass square. Used by Kennet Valley CC which has unsecure agreement to use the site. Spare capacity on the site cannot be used due to unsecure tenure.	Sustain square quality with appropriate levels maintenance. Look to secure tenure for Kennet Valley CC. If tenure can be secured look to utilise spare capacity.	ECB, WCB, Community Organisation	Local	H	S	L	Protect Provide
197	Marlborough College	SN8 1PA	Football	Education	Seven adult pitches, four youth 11v11 pitches and six mini 5v5 pitches, all of which are good quality and unavailable for community use.	Explore community use options.	FA, FF, WFA, Education	Key Centre	L	S	L	Protect
197	Marlborough College	SN8 1PA	Rugby Union	Education	Eight good quality senior pitches unavailable for community use.	Sustain quality with continued school use.	RFU, Education	Key Centre	L	L	L	Protect
197	Marlborough College	SN8 1PA	Cricket	Education	Five grass squares and four standalone NTPs none of which are available for community use. All provision is good quality.	Sustain quality as appropriate to meet curricular and extracurricular demand.	ECB, WCB, Education	Key Centre	L	L	L	Protect
197	Marlborough College	SN8 1PA	Hockey	Education	Two standard quality full size pitches, both of which are available for community use and equipped with sports lighting. Both pitches have exceeded their 10-year recommended lifespan and thus require resurfacing.	Resurface the pitch before further deterioration occurs and ensure a sinking fund is in place for long-term sustainability.	EH, Education	Key Centre	H	S	H	Protect Enhance Provide
198	Marlborough Cricket Club	SN8 3HN	Football	Sports Club	One mini 7v7 pitch and one mini 5v5 pitch, both of which are standard quality.	Sustain quality.	FA, FF, WFA, Sports Club	Local	L	L	L	Protect

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Site ID	Site	Postcode	Sport	Management	Current status	Recommended actions	Partners	Site hierarchy tier	Priority	Timescales	Cost	Aim
198	Marlborough Cricket Club	SN8 3HN	Cricket	Sports Club	A good quality 14 wicket grass square that has actual spare capacity to accommodate additional demand.	Sustain square quality with appropriate maintenance. Look to utilise spare capacity to accommodate future demand/alleviate shortfalls on other sites.	ECB, WCB, Sports Club	Local	L	S	L	Protect
200	Marlborough Rugby Club	SN8 1DL	Football	Sports Club	One poor quality adult pitch that has spare capacity discounted due to poor pitch quality. The site is serviced with poor quality ancillary facilities.	Improve quality to establish actual spare capacity for clubs. Explore feasibility of improving the site's ancillary provision.	FA, FF, WFA, Sports Club	Local	H	M	H	Protect Enhance
200	Marlborough Rugby Club	SN8 1DL	Rugby Union	Sports Club	Two standard quality senior pitches that are both overplayed. Accompanied by good quality ancillary provision. In partnership with the local youth football club, Marlborough RUFC is looking to develop a dedicated training area on site, which would potentially including sports lighting of the area.	Improve pitches through enhanced levels of maintenance. Explore opportunity to develop dedicated training area, with sports lighting.	RFU, Sports Club	Local	M	M	M	Protect Enhance
201	Marlborough Town Football Club	SN8 2BG	Football	Sports Club	One poor quality adult pitch that is overplayed by 0.5 match equivalent sessions per week.	Improve quality to alleviate overplay.	FA, FF, WFA, Sports Club	Local	M	S	L	Protect Enhance
209	Minal Cricket Club & Sports Field	SN8 2LY	Football	Sports Club	Two mini 7v7 pitches and one mini 5v5 pitch, all of which are poor quality. The former are played to capacity, whilst the latter have spare capacity discounted due to poor pitch quality.	Improve quality to establish actual spare capacity for clubs.	FA, FF, WFA, Sports Club	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
209	Minal Cricket Club & Sports Field	SN8 2LY	Cricket	Sports Club	A good quality six wicket grass square that has spare capacity to accommodate additional demand. Used by Marlborough CC.	Sustain square quality with appropriate maintenance. Look to utilise spare capacity to accommodate future demand/alleviate shortfalls on other sites.	ECB, WCB, Sports Club	Local	L	S	L	Protect
251	Ramsbury Recreation Centre	SN8 2RB	Football	Trust	One youth 11v11 pitch and one youth 9v9 pitch, both of which are standard quality. The former is played to capacity and the latter is overplayed by 2.5 match equivalent sessions per week.	Improve quality to alleviate overplay.	FA, FF, WFA, Trust	Local	M	S	L	Protect Enhance
251	Ramsbury Recreation Centre	SN8 2RB	Cricket	Trust	A good quality six wicket square accompanied by an NTP. Square has capacity to accommodate additional demand. Rented annual to Ramsbury CC.	Sustain square quality with appropriate maintenance. Look to utilise spare capacity to accommodate future demand/alleviate shortfalls on other sites.	ECB, WCB, Trust	Local	L	S	L	Protect
261	Salisbury Road Recreation Ground	SN8 4AE	Football	Council	One poor quality youth 9v9 pitch that is overplayed by 2.5 match equivalent sessions per week.	Improve quality to alleviate overplay.	FA, FF, WFA	Local	M	S	L	Protect Enhance

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Site ID	Site	Postcode	Sport	Management	Current status	Recommended actions	Partners	Site hierarchy tier	Priority	Timescales	Cost	Aim
297	St John's Marlborough	SN8 4AX	Football	Education	Two standard quality adult pitches that are unavailable for community use.	Explore community use options.	FA, FF, WFA, Education	Local	L	S	L	Protect
297	St John's Marlborough	SN8 4AX	3G	Education	The FF has identified St John's School (Marlborough) as a potential site for a 11v11 sports lit 3G pitch, although no formal plans have been submitted as of yet. This would be built to WR compliancy to ensure Marlborough RFC could utilise for training	Explore opportunity to develop 3G pitch onsite.	FA, FF, WFA RFU Education	Local	H	L	H	Provide
297	St John's Marlborough	SN8 4AX	Rugby Union	Education	One poor quality senior pitch. Pitch to capacity by curricular demand.	Improve pitch quality for curricular and extra curricular demand.	RFU, Education	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance

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## AREA 9 - MELKSHAM

Sport	Pitch/facility type	Current supply/ demand balance	Future supply/ demand balance
Football	Adult	1 match equivalent session	1.5 match equivalent session
Football	Youth 11v11	0.5 match equivalent sessions	0.5 match equivalent sessions
Football	Youth 9v9	0.5 match equivalent sessions	1 match equivalent session
Football	Mini 7v7	At capacity	0.5 match equivalent sessions
Football	Mini 5v5	1.5 match equivalent sessions	1.5 match equivalent sessions
3G	11v11	2 pitches	2 pitches
Cricket	Saturday	15 match equivalent sessions	15 match equivalent sessions
Cricket	Sunday	25 match equivalent sessions	25 match equivalent sessions
Cricket	Midweek	33 match equivalent sessions	33 match equivalent sessions
Rugby union	Senior	2.65 match equivalent sessions	2.65 match equivalent sessions
Rugby league	Senior	At capacity	At capacity
Hockey	Full size	At capacity	At capacity

### Priority recommendations

Sport	Headline findings
<b>Football</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Protect provision.</li> <li>◀ Improve pitch quality to reduce/alleviate overplay at sites (e.g. at Forest Community Centre and Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Field (Melksham)).</li> <li>◀ Improve ancillary facilities where required.</li> </ul>
<b>3G pitches</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Look to provide suitable provision to cater for demand within the area, exploring the feasibility to develop a 11v11 3G at Oakfield Stadium, working with all football partners to establish a second location for a 3G pitch to cater for demand.</li> </ul>
<b>Rugby union</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Protect provision.</li> <li>◀ Improve quality to eradicate overplay (e.g. at Oakfield Stadium).</li> </ul>
<b>Rugby league</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ N/A</li> </ul>
<b>Hockey</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Protect provision.</li> <li>◀ Resurface pitch to improve quality and protect usage (e.g. at Melksham Oak Community School).</li> </ul>
<b>Cricket</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Protect provision.</li> <li>◀ Transfer demand to sites with actual spare capacity to alleviate overplay (e.g. at Broughton Gifford Common and The Manor).</li> <li>◀ Seek to alleviate overplay via the installation of an NTP or Hybrid wickets (e.g. St Barnabas Cricket Ground).</li> <li>◀ Support ancillary development plans/improvements (e.g. Melksham House and Whitley Golf Club).</li> <li>◀ Support the pavilion development plans at St Barnabas Cricket Ground.</li> <li>◀ Explore opportunities to utilise actual spare capacity via the transfer of demand from overplayed sites and/or through future demand (e.g. Broughton Gifford Common, Melksham House and The Manor).</li> <li>◀ Look to secure tenure for Whitley CC CC at Whitley Golf Club through a long term agreement.</li> </ul>

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Site ID	Site	Postcode	Sport	Management	Current status	Recommended actions	Partners	Site hierarchy tier	Priority	Timescales	Cost	Aim
9	Aloeric Primary School	SN12 6HN	Football	Education	One poor quality mini 7v7 pitch that is unavailable for community use.	Improve quality to better accommodate curricular and extra-curricular demand.	FA, FF, WFA, Education	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
55	Broughton Gifford Common	SN12 8LY	Football (Disused)	Broughton Gifford Parish Council	One disused adult pitch with the site currently actively used for cricket.	Explore potential of bringing site back into use for football, providing cricket is not adversely affected.	FA, FF, WFA, Parish Council	Local	L	M	L	Protect Enhance
55	Broughton Gifford Common	SN12 8LY	Cricket	Broughton Gifford Parish Council	A good quality seven wicket grass square that has capacity to accommodate additional demand, Used by Broughton Gifford CC Accompanied by poor quality ancillary provision.	Sustain square quality with appropriate maintenance. Look to utilise spare capacity to accommodate future demand/alleviate shortfalls on other sites. Explore options, where possible, to improve poor quality ancillary provision.	ECB, WCB, Parish Council	Local	L	S	L	Protect
127	Forest Community Centre	SN12 7BB	Football	Community Organisation	One adult pitch and one mini 5v5 pitch, both of which are poor quality. The former is overplayed by 0.5 match equivalent sessions per week, whilst the latter has spare capacity discounted due to poor pitch quality.	Improve quality to alleviate overplay and establish spare capacity for clubs.	FA, FF, WFA, Community Organisation	Local	M	S	L	Protect Enhance
160	Hospital Pitch Campion Drive	SN12 7SN	Football (Disused)	Council	Disused site which accommodated one adult pitch last marked circa 2006.	Explore feasibility of bringing the playing field back into use (and improve quality) given local shortfalls and ensure replacement provision is provided in line with national planning policy should a proposal come forward that will result in permanent loss.	FA, FF, WFA, Council	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
168	King George V Playing Field (Melksham)	SN12 7ED	Football (Disused)	Council	Disused site which previously accommodated one youth 11v11 pitch. Last actively marked out circa 2015.	Explore feasibility of bringing the playing field back into use (and improve quality) given local shortfalls and ensure replacement provision is provided in line with national planning policy should a proposal come forward that will result in permanent loss.	FA, FF, WFA, Council	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
187	Little Marsh	BA14 6JE	Football	Sports Club	One poor quality adult pitch that is played to capacity. The site is serviced with poor quality ancillary facilities.	Improve quality to establish actual spare capacity for clubs. Explore feasibility of improving the site's ancillary provision.	FA, FF, WFA, Sports Club	Local	M	M	M	Protect Enhance

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Site ID	Site	Postcode	Sport	Management	Current status	Recommended actions	Partners	Site hierarchy tier	Priority	Timescales	Cost	Aim
204	Melksham House	SN12 6ES	Cricket	Sports club	A good quality ten wicket grass square, accompanied by an NTP, that has spare capacity to accommodate additional demand. Leased long term to Melksham CC. The Club has plans to develop dedicated women's changing rooms and extend its social area.	Sustain square quality with appropriate levels of maintenance. Assist the Club where possible, with its ancillary provision development plans. Look to utilise spare capacity to accommodate future demand/alleviate shortfalls on other sites.	ECB, WCB, Sports Club	Local	M	M	M	Protect Enhance
205	Melksham Oak Community School	SN12 6QZ	Football	Education	Four standard quality adult pitches that are unavailable for community use.	Explore community use options.	FA, FF, WFA, Education	Local	L	S	L	Protect
205	Melksham Oak Community School	SN12 6QZ	Rugby Union	Education	One standard quality senior pitch. Played to capacity by curricular demand.	Sustain pitch quality for curricular and extracurricular demand.	RFU, Education	Local	L	L	L	Protect
205	Melksham Oak Community School	SN12 6QZ	Hockey	Education	One poor quality full size pitch that is available for community use and is equipped with sports lighting. The pitch has exceeded its 10-year recommended lifespan and thus requires resurfacing.	Resurface the pitch to improve quality and ensure a sinking fund is in place for long-term sustainability.	EH, Education	Local	H	S	H	Protect Enhance Provide
229	Oakfield Stadium	SN12 7GU	Football/ 3G	Sports Club	Two adult pitches and two youth 9v9 pitches, all of which are good quality. Four youth 11v11 pitches, one youth 9v9 pitch, two mini 7v7 pitches and three mini 5v5 pitches, all of which are standard quality. The site is home to Melksham Town FC (Step 4). The youth 11v11 pitches, two of the youth 9v9 pitches and three mini 5v5 pitches each have actual spare capacity amounting to a combined total of 2.5 match equivalent sessions per week. Aspirations exist for the construction of a new 11v11 3G pitch at the site.	Utilise actual spare capacity where it exists, via the transfer of demand from overplayed sites or via future demand. Ensure the site meets the minimum requirements to progress through the football pyramid. Support plans for the potential construction of a 11v11 3G pitch, and consider suitability for both football and rugby (World Rugby compliancy) given dual use nature of the site.	FA, FF, WFA, RFU, Sports Club	Key Centre	H	M	H	Protect Enhance Provide
229	Oakfield Stadium	SN12 7GU	Rugby Union	Sports Club	Three standard quality senior pitches, of which two have sports lighting. Each pitch is overplayed. Accompanied by good quality ancillary provision.	Improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance. Consider 3G provision as a solution to capacity issues.	RFU, Sports Club	Key Centre	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
248	Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Field (Melksham)	SN12 6TL	Football	Council	One adult pitch, two youth 9v9 pitches, two mini 7v7 pitches and three mini 5v5 pitches, all of which are standard quality. The adult and youth 9v9 pitches are both overplayed by two match equivalent sessions per week.	Improve quality to alleviate overplay.	FA, FF, WFA	Local	M	S	L	Protect Enhance



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Site ID	Site	Postcode	Sport	Management	Current status	Recommended actions	Partners	Site hierarchy tier	Priority	Timescales	Cost	Aim
275	Shaw Village Hall	SN12 8EP	Football	Community Organisation	One poor quality adult pitch that is played to capacity. The site is serviced with poor quality ancillary facilities.	Improve quality to establish actual spare capacity for clubs. Explore feasibility of improving the site's ancillary provision.	FA, FF, WFA, Community Organisation	Local	M	M	M	Protect Enhance
303	St Marys Recreation Field	BA14 6EN	Football	Council	One standard quality adult pitch that has actual spare capacity amounting to 0.5 match equivalent sessions per week.	Consider potential rationalisation of provision to contribute to a hub site. If not feasible improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance.	FA, FF, WFA	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
303	St Marys Recreation Field	BA14 6EN	Football (Recreational)	Council	One youth 11v11 pitch not actively marked with a set of posts. Used for recreational demand.	Explore the feasibility of bringing the pitch back into use (and improve quality) for affiliated demand from the community.	FA, FF, WFA	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
324	The Conigre	SN12 6ES	Football (Disused)	Unknown	Disused site which previously accommodated one adult pitch Last actively marked out circa 2017.	Explore options to bring the site back into use. If permanent loss is to be pursued, ensure any development is compliant with national planning policy.	FA, FF, WFA	Local	L	S	L	Protect
324	The Conigre	SN12 6ES	Rugby Union (Disused)	Unknown	Disused site which previously accommodated one senior pitch Last actively marked out circa 2017.	Explore options to bring the site back into use. If permanent loss is to be pursued, ensure any development is compliant with national planning policy.	RFU	Local	L	S	L	Protect
388	The Manor	BA14 6SB	Cricket	Unknown	A good quality seven wicket grass square that has capacity to accommodate additional demand. Used by Keevil CC.	Sustain square quality with appropriate maintenance. Look to utilise spare capacity to accommodate future demand/alleviate shortfalls on other sites.	ECB, WCB	Local	L	S	L	Protect
391	Whitley Golf Club	SN12 8EQ	Cricket	Golf Club	A standard quality six-wicket grass square that has capacity to accommodate additional discounted due to unsecure tenure. Used by Whitley CC which rents the use of the provision. The Club does not have access to toilets nor suitable female changing in its pavilion, having to use facilities at the golf club.	Sustain square quality with appropriate maintenance. Look to secure long term tenure for Whitley CC. Explore potential options to improve onsite ancillary provision for Whitley CC, particularly regarding accessing toilets.	ECB, WCB, England Golf, Golf Club	Local	M	M	L-M	Protect Enhance Provide
394	St Barnabas Cricket Ground	SN12 7PT	Cricket	Unknown	A good quality seven wicket grass square overplayed 15 match equivalent sessions. Used Corsham CC which expresses an ambition to invest in onsite ancillary provision.	Sustain square quality with appropriate maintenance. Explore options to assist the Club in its ancillary provision ambitions.	ECB, WCB	Local	L	M	L-M	Protect Enhance

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## AREA 10 - PEWSEY

Sport	Pitch/facility type	Current supply/ demand balance	Future supply/ demand balance
Football	Adult	1 match equivalent session	1 match equivalent session
Football	Youth 11v11	0.5 match equivalent sessions	0.5 match equivalent sessions
Football	Youth 9v9	0.5 match equivalent sessions	0.5 match equivalent sessions
Football	Mini 7v7	At capacity	At capacity
Football	Mini 5v5	At capacity	At capacity
3G	11v11	0.5 pitches	0.5 pitches
Cricket	Saturday	40 match equivalent sessions	40 match equivalent sessions
Cricket	Sunday	40 match equivalent sessions	40 match equivalent sessions
Cricket	Midweek	60 match equivalent sessions	60 match equivalent sessions
Rugby union	Senior	1 match equivalent session	1 match equivalent session
Rugby league	Senior	At capacity	At capacity
Hockey	Full size	At capacity	At capacity

### Priority recommendations

Sport	Headline findings
<b>Football</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Protect provision.</li> <li>◀ Improve pitch quality to reduce/alleviate overplay at sites (e.g. at Pewsey Old Hospital Pitches).</li> <li>◀ Improve ancillary facilities where required.</li> <li>◀ Support Pewsey Vale Youth FC in its aspirations to develop its facilities at Pewsey Old Hospital Pitches.</li> </ul>
<b>3G pitches</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Look to provide suitable provision to cater for demand within the area, exploring the feasibility to develop a 11v11 3G at either Pewsey Vale Football Club and Pewsey Old Hospital Pitches.</li> </ul>
<b>Rugby union</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Protect provision.</li> </ul>
<b>Rugby league</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ N/A</li> </ul>
<b>Hockey</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ N/A</li> </ul>
<b>Cricket</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Protect provision.</li> <li>◀ Support ancillary development plans/improvements (e.g. at Great Bedwyn Cricket Club).</li> </ul>

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Site ID	Site	Postcode	Sport	Management	Current status	Recommended actions	Partners	Site hierarchy tier	Priority	Timescales	Cost	Aim
5	All Cannings Church of England Primary School	SN10 3PG	Football	Education	Two poor quality mini 5v5 pitches that are unavailable for community use.	Improve quality to better accommodate curricular and extra-curricular demand.	FA, FF, WFA, Education	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
6	All Cannings Cricket Club (Closed)	SN10 3NR	Football (Disused)	Sports Club	One disused adult and one disused youth football pitch. Last maintained circa 2017 accompanied by ancillary provision.	Explore feasibility of bringing the playing field back into use given local shortfalls and ensure replacement provision is provided in line with national planning policy should a proposal come forward that will result in permanent loss.	FA, FF, WFA	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
7	All Cannings Village Green	SN10 3PB	Football (Recreational)	Council	One youth 11v11 pitch not actively marked with a set of posts. Used for recreational demand.	Explore the feasibility of bringing the pitch back into use (and improve quality) for affiliated demand from the community.	FA, FF, WFA	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
13	Angela Yeates Memorial Ground	SN9 5NL	Rugby Union	Council	Two standard quality senior pitches. Pitches have actual spare capacity. Accompanied by good quality ancillary provision.	Improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance.	RFU	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
23	Barn Meadow	SN8 3AJ	Football	Community Organisation	One adult pitch and one youth 11v11 pitch, both of which are standard quality and have actual spare capacity amounting to 1.5 match equivalent sessions per week. The site is serviced with poor quality ancillary facilities.	Utilise actual spare capacity where it exists, via the transfer of demand from overplayed sites or via future demand. Explore feasibility of improving the site's ancillary provision.	FA, FF, WFA, Community Organisation	Local	M	M	M	Protect Enhance
57	Burbage & Easton Royal Sports Club	SN8 3AN	Football (Disused)	Sports Club	One disused adult pitch with the site currently actively used for cricket.	Explore potential of bringing site back into use for football, providing cricket is not adversely affected.	FA, FF, WFA, Sports Club	Local	L	M	L	Protect Enhance
57	Burbage & Easton Royal Sports Club	SN8 3AN	Cricket	Sports Club	Two grass squares one with ten wickets the other with six and an NTP. Used Burbage & Easton Royal CC. Neither square has capacity to accommodate any additional demand.	Sustain each squares quality with appropriate levels of maintenance.	ECB, WCB, Sports Club	Local	L	L	L	Protect
134	Great Bedwyn Cricket Club	SN8 3PB	Cricket	Sports Club	One good quality eight wicket grass square with capacity to accommodate additional demand. Accompanied by poor quality ancillary provision. Great Bedwyn CC wants to improve its poor quality changing facilities. It also states an ambition to install an electronic scoreboard in the coming years.	Sustain square quality with appropriate levels of maintenance. Assist the Club in its plans regarding ancillary improvements.	ECB, WCB, Sports Club	Local	M	M	M	Protect Enhance
135	Great Bedwyn Memorial Playing Field	SN8 3LR	Football	Community Organisation	One poor quality adult pitch that has spare capacity discounted due to poor pitch quality. The site is serviced with poor quality ancillary facilities.	Improve quality to establish actual spare capacity for clubs. Explore feasibility of improving the site's ancillary provision.	FA, FF, WFA, Community Organisation	Local	M	M	M	Protect Enhance

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Site ID	Site	Postcode	Sport	Management	Current status	Recommended actions	Partners	Site hierarchy tier	Priority	Timescales	Cost	Aim
236	Pewsey Old Hospital Pitches	SN9 5NL	Football	Sports Club	One youth 9v9 pitch, one mini 7v7 pitch and one mini 5v5 pitch, all of which are poor quality. The youth 9v9 pitch is overplayed by 0.5 match equivalent sessions per week. The mini 5v5 pitch is played to capacity. The site is serviced with poor quality ancillary facilities. Pewsey Vale Youth FC aspires to develop the site's ancillary facilities, this would be through the development of dedicated women's and girls' facilities and added car parking space.	Improve quality to alleviate overplay. Explore the feasibility of improving the site's ancillary provision via the Club's aspirations. Explore the opportunity to develop a 11v11 3G pitch onsite, alongside potential at Pewsey Vale Football Club (only one is required).	FA, FF, WFA, Sports Club	Local	H	M	H	Protect Enhance Provide
237	Pewsey Vale Football Club	SN9 5BS	Football	Sports Club	One adult pitch and two mini 7v7 pitches, all of which are poor quality. The former is played to capacity, whilst the latter has spare capacity discounted due to poor pitch quality. The site is serviced with poor quality ancillary facilities. The site is home to Pewsey Vale FC (Regional Feeder League).	Improve quality to establish actual spare capacity for clubs. Ensure the site meets the minimum requirements to progress through the football pyramid. Explore the opportunity to develop a 11v11 3G pitch onsite, alongside potential at Pewsey Old Hospital Pitches (only one is required).	FA, FF, WFA, Sports Club	Local	H	L	H	Protect Enhance Provide
238	Pewsey Vale School	SN9 5EW	Rugby Union	Education	One poor quality senior pitch unavailable for community use.	Improve pitch quality for continued school use.	RFU, Education	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
257	Rushall C of E Primary School	SN9 6EN	Football	Education	One poor quality mini 5v5 pitch that is unavailable for community use.	Improve quality to better accommodate curricular and extra-curricular demand.	FA, FF, WFA, Education	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
274	Shalbourne Recreation Ground	SN8 3PZ	Cricket	Sports Club	One good quality five wicket grass square that has capacity to accommodate additional demand. Used by Shalbourne CC	Sustain square quality with appropriate maintenance. Look to utilise spare capacity to accommodate future demand/alleviate shortfalls on other sites.	ECB, WCB, Sports Club	Local	L	S	L	Protect
294	St Francis School	SN9 5NT	Football	Education	Two poor quality mini 7v7 pitches that are unavailable for community use.	Improve quality to better accommodate curricular and extra-curricular demand.	FA, FF, WFA, Education	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
346	Upavon Playing Fields	SN9 6AB	Football (Recreational)	Council	One adult pitch not actively marked with a set of posts. Used for recreational demand.	Explore the feasibility of bringing the pitch back into use (and improve quality) for affiliated demand from the community.	FA, FF, WFA	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
384	The Ground at Big Garston Field	SN9 6EH	Cricket	Unknown	A standard quality five wicket grass square that has capacity to accommodate additional demand. Used by Avon Valley CC.	Sustain square quality with appropriate maintenance. Look to utilise spare capacity to accommodate future demand/alleviate shortfalls on other sites.	ECB, WCB	Local	L	S	L	Protect

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Site ID	Site	Postcode	Sport	Management	Current status	Recommended actions	Partners	Site hierarchy tier	Priority	Timescales	Cost	Aim
392	Sir Phillip Dunn Memorial Ground	SN9 5NS	Cricket	Sports Club	A standard quality ten wicket grass square, accompanied by an NTP, that has capacity to accommodate additional demand. Leased to Wilcot CC that aspires to install an electronic scoreboard and fixed practice bays.	Sustain square quality with appropriate levels of maintenance. Assist the Club, where possible, with its ancillary and practice provision plans.	ECB, WCB, Sports Club	Local	M	M	M	Protect Enhance

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## AREA 11 – ROYAL WOOTTON BASSETT & CRICKLADE

Sport	Pitch/facility type	Current supply/ demand balance	Future supply/ demand balance
Football	Adult	At capacity	0.5 match equivalent sessions
Football	Youth 11v11	1 match equivalent session	1.5 match equivalent sessions
Football	Youth 9v9	1 match equivalent session	1.5 match equivalent sessions
Football	Mini 7v7	At capacity	At capacity
Football	Mini 5v5	At capacity	At capacity
3G	11v11	1 pitch	1 pitch
Cricket	Saturday	2 match equivalent sessions	2 match equivalent sessions
Cricket	Sunday	8 match equivalent sessions	8 match equivalent sessions
Cricket	Midweek	10 match equivalent sessions	10 match equivalent sessions
Rugby union	Senior	1.15 match equivalent sessions	1.15 match equivalent sessions
Rugby league	Senior	At capacity	At capacity
Hockey	Full size	At capacity	At capacity

### Priority recommendations

Sport	Headline findings
<b>Football</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Protect provision.</li> <li>◀ Improve pitch quality to reduce/alleviate overplay at sites (e.g. at Bradon Forest School and Gerard Buxton Sports Ground).</li> <li>◀ Improve ancillary facilities where required.</li> <li>◀ Seek to provide security of tenure for clubs, enabling actual spare capacity (e.g. at Bradon Forest School and MOD Lyneham).</li> </ul>
<b>3G pitches</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Protect provision.</li> <li>◀ Ensure a sinking fund is in place for long-term sustainability (e.g. Gerard Buxton Sports Ground).</li> <li>◀ Support aspirations to provide an additional 11v11 pitch given the large shortfalls (e.g. at one of Gerard Buxton Sports Ground, Cricklade Leisure Centre and Bradon Forest School) providing it meets national and local planning policy.</li> </ul>
<b>Rugby union</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Protect provision.</li> <li>◀ Improve quality to eradicate overplay (e.g. at Fairview Fields (Cricklade Rugby Club)).</li> <li>◀ Support Cricklade RUFC in its search for a new venue.</li> <li>◀ Look to provide improved ancillary provision (e.g. at Fairview Fields (Cricklade Rugby Club)).</li> </ul>
<b>Rugby league</b>	◀ N/A
<b>Hockey</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Protect provision.</li> <li>◀ Look to secure longer term access through an extended community use agreement past the current lifespan of the agreement (currently until 2030) at Royal Wootton Bassett Academy for Royal Wootton Bassett HC to establish long term security of tenure.</li> </ul>
<b>Cricket</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Protect provision.</li> <li>◀ Transfer demand to sites with actual spare capacity to alleviate overplay (e.g. at Purton Cricket Club and Manor Lane).</li> <li>◀ Seek to alleviate overplay via the installation of an NTP or Hybrid wickets (e.g. Gerard Buxton Sports Ground, Chestnut Springs Playing Field or Cricklade Cricket Club).</li> <li>◀ Support ancillary development plans/improvements (e.g. at Gerard Buxton Sports Ground and Purton Cricket Club.).</li> <li>◀ Explore opportunities to utilise actual spare capacity via the transfer of demand from overplayed sites and/or through future demand (e.g. Purton Cricket Club and Manor Lane).</li> </ul>

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Site ID	Site	Postcode	Sport	Management	Current status	Recommended actions	Partners	Site hierarchy tier	Priority	Timescales	Cost	Aim
22	Ballards Ash Sports Ground	SN4 8DS	Football (Disused)	Sports Club	Three disused pitches that are now used for rugby union demand. Football pitches not required due to the development Royal Wootton Bassett Sports Association.	No action required.	FA, FF, WFA, Sports Club	Local	-	-	-	Protect
22	Ballards Ash Sports Ground	SN4 8DS	Rugby Union	Sports Club	Five good quality senior pitches, with two serviced by sports lighting. The sports-lit pitches are overplayed, whilst some spare capacity exists on the remaining pitches. Serviced by good quality ancillary facilities.	Sustain quality. Consider installation of additional sports lighting to disperse training demand and reduce overplay. Consider access to suitable 3G provision to fully eradicate overplay.	RFU, Sports Club	Local	H	M	M	Enhance Protect
46	Bradon Forest School	SN5 4AT	3G	Education	Identified as a potential site for 3G development to meet shortfalls in Calne. The site has sufficient playing field land and surrounding ancillary provision to potentially develop provision.	Explore the feasibility of developing a 11v11 3G pitch onsite.	FA, FF, WFA, Education	Local	H	L	H	Provide
46	Bradon Forest School	SN5 4AT	Rugby Union	Education	One poor quality junior pitch. Pitch is played to capacity due to curricular demand.	Improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance for curricular and extra curricular demand.	RFU, Education	Local	L	L	L	Protect
46	Bradon Forest School	SN5 4AT	Cricket	Education	One standalone NTP that's not available for community use.	Sustain quality as appropriate and retain as current use.	ECB, WCB, Education	Local	L	L	L	Protect
52	Broad Hinton C of E Primary School	SN4 9PQ	Football	Education	One poor quality mini 5v5 pitch that is unavailable for community use.	Improve quality to better accommodate curricular and extra-curricular demand.	FA, FF, WFA, Education	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
69	Chestnut Springs Playing Field	SN5 3NH	Football	Lydiard Millicent Parish Council	Two youth 11v11 pitches, one youth 9v9 pitch, one mini 7v7 pitch and one mini 5v5 pitch, all of which are standard quality. The youth 9v9 pitches are played to capacity.	Sustain quality.	FA, FF, WFA, Parish Council	Local	L	L	L	Protect
69	Chestnut Springs Playing Field	SN5 3NH	Cricket	Lydiard Millicent Parish Council	A good quality five wicket grass square overplayed by one match equivalent session. Used by Lydiard Millicent CC.	Sustain quality with appropriate levels of maintenance.	ECB, WCB, Parish Council	Local	L	L	L	Protect
91	Cricklade Cricket Club	SN6 6BL	Cricket	Sports Club	A good quality ten wicket grass square that is played to capacity. Leased to Cricklade CC with a new agreement currently being negotiated.	Sustain quality with appropriate levels of maintenance. Ensure a new long term agreement is secured to provide security of tenure for Cricklade CC.	ECB, WCB, Sports Club	Local	H	S	L	Protect

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92	Cricklade Leisure Centre	SN6 6JW	Football	Community Organisation	One standard quality adult pitch, one standard quality youth 11v11 pitch, one good quality youth 9v9 pitch and one good quality mini 5v5 pitch. The adult pitch is played to capacity, whilst the youth 11v11 pitch has actual spare capacity amounting to one match equivalent session per week. The site is serviced with poor quality ancillary facilities.	Utilise actual spare capacity where it exists, via the transfer of demand from overplayed sites or via future demand. Explore feasibility of improving the site's ancillary provision. Explore the feasibility to develop a 11v11 3G pitch onsite, alongside other recommendations for new pitch provision in the area (only one addition pitch is required).	FA, FF, WFA, Community Organisation	Local	H	L	H	Protect Enhance Provide
93	Cricklade Manor Prep School	SN6 6BB	Football	Education	One standard quality youth 9v9 pitch that is unavailable for community use.	Improve quality to better accommodate curricular and extra-curricular demand.	FA, FF, WFA, Education	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
93	Cricklade Manor Prep School	SN6 6BB	Hockey	Education	One smaller size pitch that is unavailable for community use and is without sports lighting.	Retain for curricular and extra-curricular demand.	EH, Education	Local	L	L	L	Protect
121	Fairview Fields (Cricklade Rugby Club)	SN6 6GH	Rugby Union	Sports club	One standard quality senior pitch with sports lighting. Pitch is overplayed by 0.15 match equivalent sessions per week. Accompanied by standard quality ancillary provision. Cricklade RUFC is currently looking for new land to buy to develop a new pitch site with multiple pitches and purpose built clubhouse/changing.	Improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance. Explore opportunity to improve ancillary provision. Support club in looking for new site to help the Club grow.	RFU, Sports club	Local	M	M	M	Protect Enhance Provide
130	Gerard Buxton Sports Ground	SN4 8DS	Football	Royal Wootton Bassett Sports Association	Two adult pitches, one youth 11v11 pitch, one youth 9v9 pitch and one mini 5v5 pitch, all of which are good quality. The youth 11v11 pitch and youth 9v9 pitch are both overplayed by a combined total of 2.5 match equivalent sessions per week. The site is home to Royal Wootton Bassett Town FC (Step 5).	Consider transferring demand to sites with actual spare capacity to alleviate overplay. Ensure the site meets the minimum requirements to progress through the football pyramid. Explore the opportunity to develop a second 3G onsite, alongside other recommendations for new pitch provision in the area (only one addition pitch is required).	FA, FF, WFA, Sports Association	Key Centre	H	L	H	Protect Provide
130	Gerard Buxton Sports Ground	SN4 8DS	3G	Royal Wootton Bassett Sports Association	One standard quality 11v11 3G pitch that is available for community use and is equipped with sports lighting.	Sustain quality. Explore the opportunity to develop a second 3G onsite, alongside other recommendations for new pitch provision in the area (only one addition pitch is required).	FA, FF, WFA, Sports Association	Key Centre	H	L	H	Protect Provide
130	Gerard Buxton Sports Ground	SN4 8DS	Cricket	Royal Wootton Bassett Sports Association	One good quality square with 14 wickets overplayed by one match equivalent session. Also, one standard quality square with six wickets, accompanied by an NTP, with no capacity to accommodate and further demand.	Sustain good square quality with appropriate maintenance. Improve standard quality square with enhanced levels of maintenance. Improve pavilion, especially to better accommodate female activity.	ECB, WCB, Sports Association	Key Centre	L	S	L	Protect Enhance



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Site ID	Site	Postcode	Sport	Management	Current status	Recommended actions	Partners	Site hierarchy tier	Priority	Timescales	Cost	Aim
188	Longleaze Primary School	SN4 8BA	Football	Education	One poor quality mini 5v5 pitch that is unavailable for community use.	Improve quality to better accommodate curricular and extra-curricular demand.	FA, FF, WFA, Education	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
192	Lydiard Millicent C of E Primary School	SN5 3LR	Football	Education	One poor quality mini 5v5 pitch that is unavailable for community use.	Improve quality to better accommodate curricular and extra-curricular demand.	FA, FF, WFA, Education	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
212	Mod Lyneham	SN15 4XX	Football	MOD	Five standard quality adult pitches that have spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure.	Seek to provide a community use agreement, to establish actual spare capacity for clubs.	FA, FF, WFA, MOD	Local	M	S	L	Protect
212	Mod Lyneham	SN15 4XX	3G	MOD	One 11v11 3G pitch that is equipped with sports lighting but is unavailable for community use.	Explore community use options.	FA, FF, WFA, MOD	Local	H	S	L	Protect
212	Mod Lyneham	SN15 4XX	Cricket	MOD	One standalone NTP that's not available for community use.	Sustain quality as appropriate and retain as current use.	ECB, WCB, MOD	Local	L	L	L	Protect
221	Noremarsh Junior School	SN4 8BT	Football	Education	Two poor quality mini 5v5 pitches, both of which are available for community use.	Improve quality.	FA, FF, WFA, Education	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
245	Purton Cricket Club	SN5 4EB	Cricket	Sports club	A standard quality square with 13 wickets that has spare capacity to accommodate additional demand. Accompanied by poor quality ancillary facilities. Purton CC aspires to improve the provision including creating dedicated female changing rooms.	Sustain square quality with appropriate maintenance. Look to utilise spare capacity to accommodate future demand/alleviate shortfalls on other sites. Assist the Club, where possible, in improving onsite ancillary provision.	ECB, WCB, Sports Club	Local	M	M	M	Protect Enhance
246	Purton FC (The Redhouse)	SN5 4DT	Football	Sports Club	One standard quality adult pitch that is played to capacity.	Sustain quality.	FA, FF, WFA, Sports Club	Local	L	L	L	Protect
255	Royal Wootton Bassett Academy	SN4 7HG	Football	Education	One poor quality adult pitch that is unavailable for community use.	Improve quality and explore community use options.	FA, FF, WFA, Education	Local	M	S	L	Protect Enhance
255	Royal Wootton Bassett Academy	SN4 7HG	Rugby Union	Education	One poor quality senior pitch unavailable for community use.	Improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance for continued school use.	RFU, Education	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
255	Royal Wootton Bassett Academy	SN4 7HG	Hockey	Commercial	One good quality 11v11 pitch that is available for community use and is equipped with sports lighting.	Sustain quality.	EH, Commercial	Local	L	L	L	Protect
292	St Bartholomew's Primary Academy	SN4 8AZ	Hockey	Education	One smaller size pitch that is unavailable for community use and is without sports lighting.	Retain for curricular and extra-curricular demand.	EH, Education	Local	L	L	L	Protect
307	St Sampsons CE Primary School	SN6 6AX	Football	Education	One poor quality mini 7v7 pitch that is unavailable for community use.	Improve quality to better accommodate curricular and extra-curricular demand.	FA, FF, WFA, Education	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
308	St. Mary's C of E Primary School	SN5 4AR	Football	Education	One poor quality mini 5v5 pitch that is unavailable for community use.	Improve quality to better accommodate curricular and extra-curricular demand.	FA, FF, WFA, Education	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance

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339	The Water Pitches	SN6 6BL	Rugby Union (Disused)	Education	Two disused age grade pitches. Last maintained circa 2005.	Explore feasibility of bringing the playing field back into use given local shortfalls and ensure replacement provision is provided in line with national planning policy should a proposal come forward that will result in permanent loss.	RFU, Education	Local	L	L	L	Protect
390	Manor Lane	SN4 9PL	Cricket	Sports club	A standard quality square with eight wickets that has spare capacity to accommodate further demand. Leased long term to White Horse CC. There are five years remaining on its current agreement. The Club aspires to improve square quality and needs to replace its current machinery.	Improve square quality with enhanced levels of maintenance. Assist the Club in obtaining new machinery to better maintain provision. Ensure White Horse CC obtains a long new term lease agreement when required.	ECB, WCB, Sports Club	Local	M	M	M	Protect Enhance

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Sport	Pitch/facility type	Current supply/ demand balance	Future supply/ demand balance
Football	Adult	1 match equivalent session	1 match equivalent session
Football	Youth 11v11	3.5 match equivalent sessions	3.5 match equivalent sessions
Football	Youth 9v9	At capacity	At capacity
Football	Mini 7v7	At capacity	At capacity
Football	Mini 5v5	At capacity	At capacity
3G	11v11	0.5 pitches	0.5 pitches
Cricket	Saturday	7 match equivalent sessions	7 match equivalent sessions
Cricket	Sunday	7 match equivalent sessions	7 match equivalent sessions
Cricket	Midweek	15 match equivalent sessions	15 match equivalent sessions
Rugby union	Senior	9.95 match equivalent sessions	9.95 match equivalent sessions
Rugby league	Senior	At capacity	At capacity
Hockey	Full size	At capacity	At capacity

### Priority recommendations

Sport	Headline findings
<b>Football</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Protect provision.</li> <li>◀ Improve pitch quality to reduce/alleviate overplay at sites (e.g. at Middle Street Meadow and Victoria Park).</li> <li>◀ Improve ancillary facilities where required and provide ancillary facilities at sites that are currently without (e.g. at Hudson's Field).</li> <li>◀ Seek to provide security of tenure for clubs, enabling actual spare capacity (e.g. at Sarum Academy).</li> </ul>
<b>3G pitches</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Protect provision.</li> <li>◀ Ensure a sinking fund is in place for long-term sustainability (e.g. Sarum Academy).</li> <li>◀ Support aspirations to provide an additional 11v11 pitch given the large shortfalls on grass pitches (e.g. at Hudson's Field) providing it meets national and local planning policy.</li> </ul>
<b>Rugby union</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Protect provision.</li> <li>◀ Improve quality to eradicate overplay (e.g. at Salisbury Rugby Football Club and Hudson's Field).</li> </ul>
<b>Rugby league</b>	◀ N/A
<b>Hockey</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Protect provision.</li> <li>◀ Resurface pitch at Salisbury &amp; South Wilts Sports Club to improve quality and protect for long-term hockey usage.</li> </ul>
<b>Cricket</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Protect provision.</li> <li>◀ Transfer demand to sites with actual spare capacity to alleviate overplay (e.g. at Harnham Cricket Ground).</li> <li>◀ Seek to alleviate overplay via the installation of an NTP or Hybrid wickets (e.g. Salisbury &amp; South Wilts Sports Club).</li> <li>◀ Explore opportunities to utilise actual spare capacity via the transfer of demand from overplayed sites and/or through future demand (e.g. Harnham Cricket Ground).</li> </ul>

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30	Bemerton Heath Harlequins Football Club	SP2 9DR	Football	Sports Club	One standard quality adult pitch that is played to capacity. The site is home to Bemerton Heath Harlequins FC (Step 4).	Improve quality. Ensure the site meets the minimum requirements to progress through the football pyramid.	FA, FF, WFA, Sports Club	Local	M	S	L	Protect Enhance
33	Bishop Wordsworths School	SP1 2ED	Football	Education	Three standard quality adult pitches that are unavailable for community use.	Explore community use options.	FA, FF, WFA, Education	Local	L	S	L	Protect
33	Bishop Wordsworths School	SP1 2ED	Rugby Union	Education	Two poor quality senior pitches. Pitches are played to capacity due to curricular demand.	Improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance for curricular and extra curricular demand.	RFU, Education	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
34	Bishopdown	SP1 3EF	Football	Council	One standard quality adult pitch that is unavailable for community use.	Consider potential rationalisation of provision to contribute to a hub site. If not feasible improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance.	FA, FF, WFA	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
63	Chafyn Grove School	SP1 1LR	Cricket	Education	One grass square with nine wickets and one standalone NTP, neither of which are available for community use.	Sustain quality as appropriate to meet curricular and extracurricular demand.	ECB, WCB, Education	Local	L	L	L	Protect
63	Chafyn Grove School	SP1 1LR	Rugby Union	Education	Two good quality senior pitches unavailable for community use.	Sustain pitch quality.	RFU, Education	Local	L	L	L	Protect
63	Chafyn Grove School	SP1 1LR	Hockey	Education	One smaller size pitch that is unavailable for community use and is without sports lighting.	Retain for curricular and extra-curricular demand.	EH, Education	Local	L	L	L	Protect
126	Five Rivers Health and Wellbeing Centre	SP1 3NR	Football	Council	One poor quality youth 11v11 pitch that is played to capacity. Salisbury Rovers FC block book the space for weekly sessions and matches. Separately, the throwing cage on site has recently been refurbished.	Consider potential rationalisation of provision to contribute to a hub site. If not feasible improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance.	FA, FF, WFA	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
144	Harnham Church of England Junior School	SP2 8JZ	Football	Education	One poor quality mini 7v7 pitch that is unavailable for community use.	Improve quality to better accommodate curricular and extra-curricular demand.	FA, FF, WFA, Education	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
145	Harnham Community Sports & Social Club	SP2 8LA	Football (Recreational)	Sports Club	One youth 11v11 pitch not actively marked with a set of posts. Used for recreational demand.	Explore the feasibility of bringing the pitch back into use (and improve quality) for affiliated demand from the community.	FA, FF, WFA, Sports Club	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
146	Harnham Cricket Ground	SP2 8JY	Cricket	Salisbury City Council	A standard quality square with eight wickets that has spare capacity to accommodate additional demand. Annually rented by Harnham CC. Accompanied by poor quality ancillary provision.	Sustain square quality with appropriate levels of maintenance. Explore potential options of improving ancillary provision.	ECB, WCB, Sports Club	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
208	Middle Street Meadow	SP2 8LL	Football	Council	One poor quality youth 11v11 pitch that is overplayed by 3.5 match equivalent sessions per week. The site is serviced by no ancillary facilities.	Improve quality to alleviate overplay. Explore feasibility of providing on site ancillary provision.	FA, FF, WFA	Local	M	M	M	Protect Enhance

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Site ID	Site	Postcode	Sport	Management	Current status	Recommended actions	Partners	Site hierarchy tier	Priority	Timescales	Cost	Aim
233	Pembroke Park Primary School	SP2 9LY	Football	Education	One adult pitch, one youth 9v9 pitch and two mini 5v5 pitches, all of which are poor quality and unavailable for community use.	Improve quality and explore community use options.	FA, FF, WFA, Education	Local	M	S	L	Protect Enhance
258	Salisbury & South Wilts Sports Club	SP2 9NY	Football (Disused)	Sports Club	A disused adult pitch with the site currently actively used for cricket and hockey.	Explore potential of bringing site back into use for football, providing cricket is not adversely affected.	FA, FF, WFA, Sports Club	Key Centre	L	M	L	Protect
258	Salisbury & South Wilts Sports Club	SP2 9NY	Cricket	Sports Club	Two good quality squares one with 14 wickets, which is overplayed by three match equivalent sessions, and one with ten wickets which is played to capacity. The smaller square is accompanied by an NTP. Used by South Wilts CC which has ambitions to install hybrid wickets.	Sustain square quality with appropriate levels of maintenance. Explore the installations of hybrid wickets in order to provide additional capacity for the Club.	ECB, WCB, Sports Club	Key Centre	M	L	L	Protect Provide
258	Salisbury & South Wilts Sports Club	SP2 9NY	Hockey	Sports Club	One standard quality full size pitch that is available for community use and is equipped with sports lighting. The pitch has exceeded its 10-year recommended lifespan and thus requires resurfacing.	Resurface the pitch before further deterioration occurs and ensure a sinking fund is in place for long-term sustainability.	EH, Sports Club	Key Centre	H	S	H	Protect Enhance Provide
259	Salisbury Cathedral School	SP1 2EQ	Cricket	Education	A standard quality five wicket grass square that is not available for community use.	Sustain quality as appropriate to meet curricular and extracurricular demand.	ECB, WCB, Education	Local	L	L	L	Protect
262	Salisbury Rugby Football Club	SP1 3SA	Rugby Union	Council	One standard quality senior pitch with sports lighting. Pitch is significantly overplayed. Accompanied by good quality ancillary provision.	Improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance. Explore relocating some level of demand off pitch to protect its quality and ensure areas to be utilised are serviced by sports lighting to enable appropriate level of activity.	RFU Sports club	Local	H	H	M	Protect Enhance
265	Sarum Academy	SP2 9HS	Football	Education	One adult pitch and one youth 9v9 pitch, both of which are standard quality. The former has spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure.	Seek to provide a community use agreement, to establish actual spare capacity for clubs.	FA, FF, WFA, Education	Key Centre	M	S	L	Protect
265	Sarum Academy	SP2 9HS	3G	Education	One good quality 11v11 3G pitch that is available for community use and is equipped with sports lighting.	Sustain quality.	FA, FF, WFA, Education	Key Centre	L	L	L	Protect
265	Sarum Academy	SP2 9HS	Rugby Union (Disused)	Education	One disused senior pitch. Last maintained circa 2021. The pitch has been built on and replaced by a 11v11 3G pitch.	No action required	RFU, Education	Key Centre	-	-	-	-
266	Sarum St Pauls CE Primary School	SP2 7DG	Football	Education	One poor quality mini 7v7 pitch that is unavailable for community use.	Improve quality to better accommodate curricular and extra-curricular demand.	FA, FF, WFA, Education	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance

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Site ID	Site	Postcode	Sport	Management	Current status	Recommended actions	Partners	Site hierarchy tier	Priority	Timescales	Cost	Aim
300	St Martins C of E VA Primary School	SP1 2RG	Football	Education	One poor quality mini 5v5 pitch that is unavailable for community use.	Improve quality to better accommodate curricular and extra-curricular demand.	FA, FF, WFA, Education	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
349	Victoria Park (Salisbury)	SP1 3RP	Football	Council	One poor quality adult pitch that is overplayed by two match equivalent sessions per week. The site is serviced with poor quality ancillary facilities.	Improve quality to alleviate overplay. Explore feasibility of improving the site's ancillary provision.	FA, FF, WFA	Local	M	M	M	Protect Enhance
400	Hudson's Field	SP1 3SB	Football/ 3G	Council	Three poor quality adult pitches. Spare capacity is discounted due to poor pitch quality.	Look to improve quality with enhanced levels of maintenance. Explore the opportunity to develop a 11v11 3G pitch onsite.	FA, FF, WFA Council	Local	H	L	H	Protect Enhance Provide
400	Hudson's Field	SP1 3SB	Rugby union	Council	Two standard quality senior pitches that are overplayed. Site has no accompanying ancillary provision, however is located adjacent to Salisbury Rugby Club which has changing rooms to support demand on this site.	Improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance. Explore installation of sports lighting to help spread out training demand.	RFU, Council Sports club	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance

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## AREA 13 – SOUTH WEST WILTSHIRE

Sport	Pitch/facility type	Current supply/ demand balance	Future supply/ demand balance
Football	Adult	3 match equivalent sessions	3 match equivalent sessions
Football	Youth 11v11	At capacity	At capacity
Football	Youth 9v9	1 match equivalent session	1 match equivalent session
Football	Mini 7v7	At capacity	At capacity
Football	Mini 5v5	At capacity	At capacity
3G	11v11	0.5 pitches	0.5 pitches
Cricket	Saturday	12 match equivalent sessions	2 match equivalent sessions
Cricket	Sunday	42 match equivalent sessions	32 match equivalent sessions
Cricket	Midweek	64 match equivalent sessions	64 match equivalent sessions
Rugby union	Senior	0.5 match equivalent sessions	0.5 match equivalent sessions
Rugby league	Senior	At capacity	At capacity
Hockey	Full size	At capacity	At capacity

### Priority recommendations

Sport	Headline findings
<b>Football</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Protect provision.</li> <li>◀ Improve pitch quality to reduce/alleviate overplay at sites (e.g. at Mere Peace Memorial Sports &amp; Recreation Ground).</li> <li>◀ Improve ancillary facilities where required.</li> </ul>
<b>3G pitches</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Look to provide suitable provision to cater for demand within the area, exploring the feasibility to develop a 11v11 3G at Netherhampton Road.</li> </ul>
<b>Rugby union</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Protect provision.</li> </ul>
<b>Rugby league</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ N/A</li> </ul>
<b>Hockey</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ N/A</li> </ul>
<b>Cricket</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Protect provision.</li> <li>◀ Transfer demand to sites with actual spare capacity to alleviate overplay (e.g. at Dinton Recreation Ground and Duchy Manor).</li> <li>◀ Improve quality of squares to alleviate overplay (e.g. at Chalke Valley Cricket Club and Cleaves Farm, Chilmark).</li> <li>◀ Support ancillary development plans/improvements (e.g. at Langford Recreation Ground).</li> <li>◀ Explore opportunities to utilise actual spare capacity via the transfer of demand from overplayed sites and/or through future demand (e.g. Dinton Recreation Ground and Duchy Manor).</li> <li>◀ Look to secure tenure for Fonthill Park CC at Stop Lane through a long term agreement.</li> </ul>

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Site ID	Site	Postcode	Sport	Management	Current status	Recommended actions	Partners	Site hierarchy tier	Priority	Timescales	Cost	Aim
36	Bishopstone Recreation Ground	SP5 4DF	Football (Recreational)	Council	One adult pitch not actively marked with a one set of posts. Used for recreational demand.	Explore the feasibility of bringing the pitch back into use (and improve quality) for affiliated demand from the community.	FA, FF, WFA	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
62	Castle Meadow Playing Field	SP2 0HG	Football	Wilton Town Council	One poor quality adult pitch that has spare capacity discounted due to poor pitch quality. The site is serviced with poor quality ancillary facilities.	Consider potential rationalisation of provision to contribute to a hub site. If not feasible improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance.	FA, FF, WFA, Town Council	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
62	Castle Meadow Playing Field	SP2 0HG	Cricket	Wilton Town Council	A standalone NTP.	Sustain quality with appropriate maintenance based on levels of demand.	ECB, WCB, Parish Council	Local	L	L	L	Protect
64	Chalke Valley Sports Centre	SP5 5DX	Football (Disused)	Council	One disused adult pitch with the site currently actively used for cricket.	Explore potential of bringing site back into use for football, providing cricket is not adversely affected.	FA, FF, WFA	Local	L	M	L	Protect
64	Chalke Valley Sports Centre	SP5 5DX	Cricket	Council	A standalone NTP.	Sustain quality with appropriate maintenance based on levels of demand.	ECB, WCB	Local	L	L	L	Protect
106	Dinton Recreation Ground	SP3 5HH	Cricket	Sports Club	A good quality eight wicket grass square accompanied by an NTP. Square has spare capacity to accommodate additional demand. Used by Dinton CC.	Sustain square quality with appropriate maintenance. Look to utilise spare capacity to accommodate future demand/alleviate shortfalls on other sites.	ECB, WCB, Sports Club	Local	L	S	L	Protect
106	Dinton Recreation Ground	SP3 5HH	Rugby Union (Disused)	Sports Club	One disused senior pitch which now just has a solitary set of posts and no line markings. However, the site is still actively used for cricket.	Explore feasibility of bringing the playing field back into use given local shortfalls and ensure replacement provision is provided in line with national planning policy should a proposal come forward that will result in permanent loss.	RFU, Sports Club	Local	L	L	L	Protect
107	Donhead Sports Club	SP7 0PL	Football	Sports Club	One poor quality adult pitch that has spare capacity discounted due to poor pitch quality.	Improve quality to establish actual spare capacity for clubs.	FA, FF, WFA, Sports Club	Local	M	S	L	Protect Enhance
107	Donhead Sports Club	SP7 0PL	Cricket	Sports Club	A standalone NTP.	Sustain quality with appropriate maintenance based on levels of demand.	ECB, WCB, Sports Club	Local	L	L	L	Protect
113	Duchy Manor	BA12 6EW	Football	Mere Town Council	One youth 11v11 pitch and one mini 7v7 pitch, both of which are poor quality and have spare capacity discounted due to poor pitch quality.	Consider potential rationalisation of provision to contribute to a hub site. If not feasible improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance.	FA, FF, WFA, Town Council	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
113	Duchy Manor	BA12 6EW	Cricket	Mere Town Council	A standard quality nine wicket square that has spare capacity to accommodate additional demand. Square is accompanied by a NTP and is used by Mere CC and Kilmington & Stourton CC.	Sustain square quality with appropriate maintenance. Look to utilise spare capacity to accommodate future demand/alleviate shortfalls on other sites.	ECB, WCB, Town Council	Local	L	S	L	Protect



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Site ID	Site	Postcode	Sport	Management	Current status	Recommended actions	Partners	Site hierarchy tier	Priority	Timescales	Cost	Aim
166	Kilmington & Stourton Cricket Club	BA12 6QF	Cricket	Sports Club	A good quality square with ten wickets accompanied an NTP. Square has spare capacity for additional demand. Site has poor quality practice facilities.	Sustain square quality with appropriate maintenance. Look to utilise spare capacity to accommodate future demand/alleviate shortfalls on other sites. Explore options to improve poor quality practice provision.	ECB, WCB, Sports Club	Local	L	S	L	Protect
178	Langford Recreation Ground	SP3 4ND	Cricket	Sports Club	A good quality square with 12 wickets that has spare capacity to accommodate additional demand. Used by Steeple Langford CC which aspires to improve poor quality ancillary provision. The Club suggests this could be a replacement of its current provision.	Sustain square quality with appropriate maintenance. Look to utilise spare capacity to accommodate future demand/alleviate shortfalls on other sites. Explore options to improve poor quality ancillary provision.	ECB, WCB, Sports Club	Local	M	M	M-H	Protect Enhance
206	Mere Peace Memorial Sports & Recreation Ground	BA12 6EP	Football	Council	One poor quality adult pitch and one standard quality youth 9v9 pitch. The former is overplayed by one match equivalent session per week, whilst the latter has actual spare capacity amounting to one match equivalent session per week. The site is serviced with poor quality ancillary facilities.	Improve quality to alleviate overplay where it exists. Utilise actual spare capacity where it exists, via the transfer of demand from overplayed sites or via future demand. Explore feasibility of improving the site's ancillary provision.	FA, FF, WFA	Local	M	M	M	Protect Enhance
218	Netherhampton Road	SP2 8NP	Football	Council	Two standard quality adult pitches (over marked by youth pitches) and home to Salisbury Town Youth FC. Overplayed by two match equivalent sessions per week. Accompanied by good quality ancillary provision.	Support the Sports Association with the Home Advantage Programme bid and Community Asset Transfer to secure tenure. Upgrade ancillary facilities and improve pitch quality to alleviate overplay.	FA, FF, WFA	Local	H	L	H	Protect Enhance Provide
218	Netherhampton Road	SP2 8NP	Rugby Union	Council	One standard quality senior pitch. Pitch has actual spare capacity. Accompanied by good quality ancillary provision.	Support the Sports Association with the Home Advantage Programme bid and Community Asset Transfer to secure tenure. Improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance. Look to improve ancillary provision offer onsite.	RFU Council	Local	M	M	L	Protect Enhance
231	Oneschool Global UK Salisbury Campus	SP2 0JE	Football	Education	Two youth 9v9 pitches and one mini 5v5 pitch, both of which are poor quality and unavailable for community use.	Improve quality and explore community use options.	FA, FF, WFA, Education	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
263	Sandroyd School	SP5 5QD	Football	Education	Two good quality youth 11v11 pitches that are unavailable for community use.	Explore community use options.	FA, FF, WFA, Education	Local	L	S	L	Protect

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Site ID	Site	Postcode	Sport	Management	Current status	Recommended actions	Partners	Site hierarchy tier	Priority	Timescales	Cost	Aim
263	Sandroyd School	SP5 5QD	Cricket	Education	Three good quality grass cricket squares none of which are available for community use.	Sustain quality as appropriate to meet curricular and extracurricular demand.	ECB, WCB, Education	Local	L	L	L	Protect
263	Sandroyd School	SP5 5QD	Hockey	Education	One smaller size pitch that is available for community use but is without sports lighting.	Explore sports lighting potential.	EH, Education	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
344	Tisbury Lower Recreation Ground	SP3 6JR	Football	Sports Club	One standard quality adult pitch.	Sustain quality.	FA, FF, WFA, Sports Club	Local	L	L	L	Protect
382	Zeals Recreation Ground	BA12 6LL	Football (Recreational)	Council	One youth 11v11 pitch not actively marked with a set of posts. Used for recreational demand.	Explore the feasibility of bringing the pitch back into use (and improve quality) for affiliated demand from the community.	FA, FF, WFA	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
385	Cleeves Farm, Chilmark	SP3 5AY	Cricket	Unknown	A standard quality square with four wickets played to capacity. Used by Chilmark CC.	Improve square quality with enhanced levels of maintenance.	ECB, WCB	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
386	Stop Lane	SP3 6EZ	Cricket	Private	A good quality square with nine wickets. Unsecure tenure means there is no additional capacity. Annually rented by Fonthill Park CC.	Sustain quality with appropriate maintenance. Look to secure long term tenure for Fonthill Park CC.	ECB, WCB, Private	Local	M	S	L	Protect Provide
395	Chalke Valley Cricket Club	SP5 5BA	Cricket	Sports Club	One standard quality grass square with five wickets accompanied by and NTP. Site also has a standalone NTP. The grass square is overplayed by eight match equivalent sessions.	Improve square quality with enhanced levels of maintenance on order to alleviate overplay.	ECB, WCB, Sports Club	Local	M	S	L	Protect Enhance
-	Compton Chamberlayne Cricket Field	-	Cricket (Disused)	Council	Compton Chamberlayne Cricket Field is a disused site that previously contained eight grass wickets. It has not been maintained for cricket since circa 2011.	Explore feasibility of bringing the playing field back into use given local shortfalls and ensure replacement provision is provided in line with national planning policy should a proposal come forward that will result in permanent loss.	ECB, WCB	Local	L	L	L	Protect
-	Fovant Cricket Club	-	Cricket (Disused)	Council	Fovant Cricket Club is an entirely disused site that is under private ownership and now maintained as private gardens. The site previously provided an eight wicket square and was last maintained for cricket in 2014.	Explore feasibility of bringing the playing field back into use given local shortfalls and ensure replacement provision is provided in line with national planning policy should a proposal come forward that will result in permanent loss.	ECB, WCB	Local	L	L	L	Protect

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## AREA 14 – SOUTHERN WILTSHIRE

Sport	Pitch/facility type	Current supply/ demand balance	Future supply/ demand balance
Football	Adult	8 match equivalent sessions	8.5 match equivalent sessions
Football	Youth 11v11	0.5 match equivalent sessions	0.5 match equivalent sessions
Football	Youth 9v9	3 match equivalent sessions	3 match equivalent sessions
Football	Mini 7v7	1 match equivalent session	1 match equivalent session
Football	Mini 5v5	1.5 match equivalent sessions	1.5 match equivalent sessions
3G	11v11	1.5 pitches	1.5 pitches
Cricket	Saturday	At capacity	At capacity
Cricket	Sunday	10 match equivalent sessions	10 match equivalent sessions
Cricket	Midweek	12 match equivalent sessions	12 match equivalent sessions
Rugby union	Senior	At capacity	At capacity
Rugby league	Senior	At capacity	At capacity
Hockey	Full size	At capacity	At capacity

### Priority recommendations

Sport	Headline findings
<b>Football</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Protect provision.</li> <li>◀ Improve pitch quality to reduce/alleviate overplay at sites (e.g. at Alderbury Football Club, Barry's Field, Brian White Head Sports &amp; Social Club, Laverstock &amp; Ford Sports Club, Nunton Recreation Ground and Redlynch Recreation Ground).</li> <li>◀ Improve ancillary facilities where required.</li> </ul>
<b>3G pitches</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Look to provide suitable provision to cater for demand within the area, exploring the feasibility to develop a 11v11 3G at either Alderbury Football Club and Barry's Field.</li> </ul>
<b>Rugby union</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Protect provision.</li> </ul>
<b>Rugby league</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ N/A</li> </ul>
<b>Hockey</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ N/A</li> </ul>
<b>Cricket</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Protect provision.</li> <li>◀ Support ancillary development plans/improvements (e.g. Coronation Field (Farley) and Redlynch Recreation Ground).</li> <li>◀ Explore opportunities to utilise actual spare capacity via the transfer of demand from overplayed sites and/or through future demand (e.g. at Coronation Field (Farley) and Redlynch Recreation Ground).</li> </ul>

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Site ID	Site	Postcode	Sport	Management	Current status	Recommended actions	Partners	Site hierarchy tier	Priority	Timescales	Cost	Aim
3	Alderbury Football Club	SP5 3BD	Football/ 3G	Sports Club	One adult pitch, two youth 9v9 pitches, two mini 7v7 pitches and one mini 5v5 pitch, all of which are standard quality. The adult pitch is overplayed by one match equivalent session per week, whilst the remaining pitches have actual spare capacity amounting to three match equivalent sessions per week. Alderbury FC reports that it has recently been undertaking the development of a new clubhouse at Alderbury Football Club. However, the development has not been completed due to a number of reasons, with these mainly down to funding.	Consider transferring demand to sites with actual spare capacity or improving the pitch quality to alleviate overplay where it exists. Utilise actual spare capacity where it exists, via the transfer of demand from overplayed sites or via future demand. Support the Club in its plans for ancillary facility development. Explore the opportunity to develop a 11v11 3G pitch onsite.	FA, FF, WFA, Sports Club	Local	H	M	H	Protect Enhance Provide
24	Barrys Field	SP5 1RL	Football/ 3G	Sports Club	One adult pitch, one youth 9v9 pitch, two mini 7v7 pitches and two mini 5v5 pitches, all of which are poor quality. Two youth 11v11 pitches, one mini 7v7 pitch and one mini 5v5 pitch, all of which are standard quality. One good quality youth 9v9 pitch. One of the youth 9v9 pitches and one of the mini 5v5 pitches have actual spare capacity amounting to 1.5 match equivalent sessions per week. The youth 11v11 pitches are overplayed by 0.5 match equivalent sessions per week.	Consider transferring demand to sites with actual spare capacity or improving the pitch quality to alleviate overplay where it exists. Utilise actual spare capacity where it exists, via the transfer of demand from overplayed sites or via future demand. Explore the opportunity to develop a 11v11 3G pitch onsite.	FA, FF, WFA, Sports Club	Key Centre	H	L	H	Protect Enhance Provide
24	Barrys Field	SP5 1RL	Cricket (Disused)	Sports Club	Barry's Field Sports Ground ceased providing cricket in 2017 but previously accommodated at nine wicket square.	Explore feasibility of bringing the playing field back into use given local shortfalls and ensure replacement provision is provided in line with national planning policy should a proposal come forward that will result in permanent loss.	ECB, WCB, Sports Club	Key Centre	L	L	L	Protect
49	Brian White Head Sports & Social Club	SP5 3NH	Football	Sports Club	One poor quality adult pitch that is overplayed by 3.5 match equivalent sessions per week. The site is home to Downton FC (Step 5).	Improve quality to alleviate overplay. Ensure the site meets the minimum requirements to progress through the football pyramid.	FA, FF, WFA, Sports Club	Local	M	S	L	Protect Enhance

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Site ID	Site	Postcode	Sport	Management	Current status	Recommended actions	Partners	Site hierarchy tier	Priority	Timescales	Cost	Aim
84	Coronation Field (Farley)	SP5 1AH	Cricket	Sports Club	A good quality eight wicket square that has capacity to accommodate additional demand. Leased to Farley CC which reports onsite ancillary provision to be inadequate. The Club is hoping to secure funding to upgrade the facilities.	Sustain square quality with appropriate maintenance. Assist the Club, where possible, in securing funding to improve its ancillary provision.	ECB, WCB, Sports Club	Local	M	M	M	Protect Enhance
112	DSTL Porton Down	SP4 0JQ	Football	MOD	One standard quality adult pitch that is unavailable for community use.	Explore community use options.	FA, FF, WFA, MOD	Local	L	S	L	Protect
139	Greentrees Primary School (Junior Site)	SP1 3PG	Football	Education	Two poor quality mini 5v5 pitches that are unavailable for community use.	Improve quality to better accommodate curricular and extra-curricular demand.	FA, FF, WFA, Education	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
177	Landford Recreation Ground	SP5 2AJ	Football (Disused)	Landford Parish Council	One disused youth 11v11 pitch with the site currently actively used for cricket.	Explore feasibility of bringing the playing field back into use given local shortfalls and ensure replacement provision is provided in line with national planning policy should a proposal come forward that will result in permanent loss.	FA, FF, Parish Council	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
177	Landford Recreation Ground	SP5 2AJ	Cricket	Landford Parish Council	A standalone NTP.	Sustain quality with appropriate maintenance based on levels of demand.	ECB, WCB, Parish Council	Local	L	L	L	Protect
181	Laverstock & Ford Sports Club	SP1 1QX	Football	Sports Club	One adult pitch and one youth 9v9 pitch, both of which are standard quality. The former is overplayed by 1.5 match equivalent sessions per week, whilst the latter has actual spare capacity amounting to one match equivalent session per week. The site is home to Laverstock & Ford FC (Step 5).	Consider transferring demand to sites with actual spare capacity or improving the pitch quality to alleviate overplay. Ensure the site meets the minimum requirements to progress through the football pyramid.	FA, FF, WFA, Sports Club	Local	M	S	L	Protect Enhance
220	Nomansland Recreation Ground	SP5 2BY	Football	Community Organisation	One mini 7v7 pitch and one mini 5v5 pitch, both of which are poor quality and have actual spare capacity discounted due to poor pitch quality. The site is serviced with poor quality ancillary facilities.	Improve quality to establish actual spare capacity. Explore feasibility of improving the site's ancillary provision.	FA, FF, WFA, Community Organisation	Local	M	M	M	Protect Enhance
225	Nunton Recreation Ground	SP5 4HZ	Football	Sports Club	One poor quality adult pitch that is overplayed by 1.5 match equivalent sessions per week. The site is serviced with poor quality ancillary facilities. Downton Youth FC aspires refurbish the clubhouse and its toilets.	Improve quality to establish actual spare capacity. Explore feasibility of improving the site's ancillary provision via the Club's aspirations.	FA, FF, WFA, Sports Club	Local	M	M	M	Protect Enhance
239	Pitton C of E Primary School	SP5 1DT	Football	Education	Two poor quality mini 5v5 pitches that are unavailable for community use.	Improve quality to better accommodate curricular and extra-curricular demand.	FA, FF, WFA, Education	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance

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Site ID	Site	Postcode	Sport	Management	Current status	Recommended actions	Partners	Site hierarchy tier	Priority	Timescales	Cost	Aim
254	Redlynch Recreation Ground	SP5 2LN	Football	Redlynch Playing Field Association	Two poor quality adult pitches that are overplayed by 0.5 match equivalent sessions per week. The site is serviced with poor quality ancillary facilities.	Improve quality to alleviate overplay. Explore feasibility of improving the site's ancillary provision.	FA, FF, WFA, Redlynch Playing Field Association	Local	M	M	M	Protect Enhance
254	Redlynch Recreation Ground	SP5 2LN	Cricket	Redlynch Playing Field Association	A standard quality square with 14 grass wickets accompanied by an NTP. Rented annually by Redlynch & Hale CC. The Club aspires to install hybrid wickets and improve changing facilities.	Sustain square quality with appropriate maintenance. Assist the Club, where possible, with its plans for hybrid wickets and improvements to changing rooms.	ECB, WCB, Redlynch Playing Field Association	Local	M	M	M	Protect Enhance
260	Salisbury Football Club	SP4 6PU	Football	Sports Club	One standard quality adult pitch. The pitch is home to Salisbury FC (Step 3).	Improve quality. Ensure the site meets the minimum requirements to progress through the football pyramid.	FA, FF, WFA, Sports Club	Local	M	S	L	Protect Enhance
289	St Andrews C of E Primary School	SP1 1QX	Football	Education	Two poor quality youth 11v11 pitches that are unavailable for community use.	Improve quality and explore community use options.	FA, FF, WFA, Education	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
337	The Trafalgar School at Downton	SP5 3HN	Football	Education	Two adult pitches and two mini 7v7 pitches, all of which are poor quality and unavailable for community use.	Improve quality and explore community use options.	FA, FF, WFA, Education	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
337	The Trafalgar School at Downton	SP5 3HN	Cricket	Education	One standalone NTP that's not available for community use.	Sustain quality as appropriate and retain as current use.	ECB, WCB, Education	Local	L	L	L	Protect
337	The Trafalgar School at Downton	SP5 3HN	Rugby Union	Education	One poor quality senior pitch unavailable for community use.	Improve quality with enhanced levels of maintenance for continued school use.	RFU, Education	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
371	Whiteparish Memorial Ground	SP5 2SU	Football	Whiteparish Parish Council	One poor quality adult pitch that has spare capacity discounted due to poor pitch quality.	Improve quality to establish actual spare capacity.	FA, FF, WFA, Parish Council	Local	M	S	L	Protect Enhance
371	Whiteparish Memorial Ground	SP5 2SU	Cricket	Whiteparish Parish Council	A good quality square with six wickets that does not have capacity to accommodate additional demand. Leased on an annual basis to Whiteparish CC.	Sustain quality with appropriate maintenance.	ECB, WCB, Sports Club	Local	L	L	L	Protect
378	Winterbourne Earls CE Primary School	SP4 6HA	Football	Education	One poor quality mini 7v7 pitch that is unavailable for community use.	Improve quality to better accommodate curricular and extra-curricular demand.	FA, FF, WFA, Education	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
393	Portway	SP4 6JL	Cricket	Sports Club	A good quality square with nine wickets. Used by Winterbourne CC.	Sustain square quality with appropriate maintenance.	ECB, WCB, Sports Club	Local	L	L	L	Protect

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## AREA 15 - TIDWORTH

Sport	Pitch/facility type	Current supply/ demand balance	Future supply/ demand balance
Football	Adult	1.5 match equivalent sessions	1.5 match equivalent sessions
Football	Youth 11v11	At capacity	At capacity
Football	Youth 9v9	0.5 match equivalent sessions	0.5 match equivalent sessions
Football	Mini 7v7	At capacity	At capacity
Football	Mini 5v5	At capacity	At capacity
3G	11v11	At capacity	At capacity
Cricket	Saturday	3 match equivalent sessions	3 match equivalent sessions
Cricket	Sunday	3 match equivalent sessions	3 match equivalent sessions
Cricket	Midweek	5 match equivalent sessions	5 match equivalent sessions
Rugby union	Senior	At capacity	At capacity
Rugby league	Senior	At capacity	At capacity
Hockey	Full size	At capacity	At capacity

### Priority recommendations

Sport	Headline findings
<b>Football</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Protect provision.</li> <li>◀ Improve pitch quality to reduce/alleviate overplay at sites (e.g. at Ludgershall Sports &amp; Social Club Football Ground and Tidworth Town Football Club Home Ground ).</li> <li>◀ Improve ancillary facilities where required.</li> <li>◀ Seek to provide security of tenure for clubs, enabling actual spare capacity (e.g. at Somme Road - Aspire Defence Ground and Tidworth Oval).</li> </ul>
<b>3G pitches</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Protect provision.</li> <li>◀ Resurface pitch to improve quality and protect for long-term usage (e.g. at The Wellington Academy).</li> <li>◀ Ensure a sinking fund is in place for long-term sustainability (e.g. at The Wellington Academy and Tidworth Oval).</li> </ul>
<b>Rugby union</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Protect provision.</li> </ul>
<b>Rugby league</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ N/A</li> </ul>
<b>Hockey</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Protect provision.</li> <li>◀ Look to secure access through a community use agreement at Tidworth Oval for Salisbury HC to establish long term security of tenure.</li> </ul>
<b>Cricket</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Protect provision.</li> <li>◀ Transfer demand to sites with actual spare capacity to alleviate overplay (e.g. at King George V Playing Field (Lower Chute)).</li> <li>◀ Improve quality of squares to alleviate overplay (e.g. at Collingbourne Ducis Recreation Ground).</li> <li>◀ Seek to alleviate overplay via the installation of an NTP or Hybrid wickets (e.g. Collingbourne Ducis Recreation Ground).</li> <li>◀ Explore opportunities to utilise actual spare capacity via the transfer of demand from overplayed sites and/or through future demand (e.g. at King George V Playing Field (Lower Chute)).</li> </ul>

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Site ID	Site	Postcode	Sport	Management	Current status	Recommended actions	Partners	Site hierarchy tier	Priority	Timescales	Cost	Aim
16	Arcot Road (Aspire Defence Ground)	SP9 7AH	Football	MOD	Four standard quality adult pitches that are unavailable for community use.	Explore community use options.	FA, FF, WFA, MOD	Local	L	S	L	Protect
16	Arcot Road (Aspire Defence Ground)	SP9 7AH	Rugby Union	MOD	One standard quality senior pitch unavailable for continued use.	Improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance for continued MOD use.	RFU, MOD	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
82	Collingbourne Ducis Recreation Ground	SN8 3UH	Football (Recreational)	Collingbourne Ducis Parish Council	One youth 11v11 pitch not actively marked with a set of posts. Used for recreational demand. Site actively used for cricket.	Explore the feasibility of bringing the pitch back into use (and improve quality) for affiliated demand from the community.	FA, FF, WFA, Parish Council	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
82	Collingbourne Ducis Recreation Ground	SN8 3UH	Cricket	Collingbourne Ducis Parish Council	A standard quality seven wicket square accompanied by an NTP. Square is overplayed by 23 match equivalent sessions, Collingbourne CC reports the square has reduced in quality along with poor quality practice provision.	Improve square quality with enhanced levels of maintenance. Explore options to improve practice provision.	ECB, WCB, Parish Council	Local	M	S	L-M	Protect Enhance
167	King George V Playing Field (Lower Chute)	SP11 9DU	Football (Disused)	Chute Forest Parish Council	A disused youth 9v9 pitch, two mini 7v7 pitch and two mini 5v5 pitches with the site currently actively used for cricket.	Explore feasibility of bringing the playing field back into use given local shortfalls and ensure replacement provision is provided in line with national planning policy should a proposal come forward that will result in permanent loss.	FA, FF, WFA, Parish Council	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
167	King George V Playing Field (Lower Chute)	SP11 9DU	Cricket	Chute Forest Parish Council	A standard quality seven wicket square with spare capacity to accommodate additional demand. Used by Chute CC.	Sustain square quality with appropriate maintenance. Look to utilise spare capacity to accommodate future demand/alleviate shortfalls on other sites.	ECB, WCB, Parish Council	Local	L	S	L	Protect
191	Ludgershall Sports & Social Club Football Ground	SP11 9QE	Football	Sports Club	One poor quality adult pitch that is overplayed by one match equivalent session per week. The site is home to Ludgershall Sports FC (Regional Feeder League).	Improve quality to alleviate overplay. Ensure the site meets the minimum requirements to progress through the football pyramid.	FA, FF, WFA, Sports Club	Local	M	S	L	Protect Enhance
280	Somme Road - Aspire Defence Ground	SP11 9LS	Football	MOD	One standard quality adult pitch that is unavailable for community use.	Explore community use options.	FA, FF, WFA, MOD	Local	L	S	L	Protect
318	Swinton Barracks	SP11 9LQ	Football	MOD	One standard quality adult pitch that is unavailable for community use.	Explore community use options.	FA, FF, WFA, MOD	Local	L	S	L	Protect
318	Swinton Barracks	SP11 9LQ	3G	MOD	One 11v11 3G pitch and two smaller size 3G pitches, all of which are unavailable for community use and no sports lighting. The smaller size pitches have exceeded their lifespans and thus require resurfacing.	Resurface pitch to improve quality for private use and ensure a sinking fund is in place for long-term sustainability. Explore community use options.	FA, FF, WFA, MOD	Local	H	S	H	Protect Enhance Provide



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Site ID	Site	Postcode	Sport	Management	Current status	Recommended actions	Partners	Site hierarchy tier	Priority	Timescales	Cost	Aim
319	Tedworth Park Polo Club (Andover Site)	SP11 9LS	Football	MOD	One standard quality adult pitch that is unavailable for community use.	Explore community use options.	FA, FF, WFA, MOD	Local	L	S	L	Protect
320	Tedworth Park Polo Club (Tidworth Site)	SP9 7AH	Rugby Union	MOD	One standard quality senior pitch unavailable for continued use.	Improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance for continued MOD use.	RFU, MOD	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
340	The Wellington Academy	SP11 9RR	Football	Education	One standard quality adult pitch that is unavailable for community use.	Explore community use options.	FA, FF, WFA, Education	Local	L	S	L	Protect
340	The Wellington Academy	SP11 9RR	3G	Education	One poor quality 11v11 3G pitch that is available for community use and is equipped with sports lighting. The pitch was installed in 2012 and thus has exceeded its 10-year recommended lifespan; plans exist for the resurfacing of the pitch.	Support plans to resurface pitch to improve quality and ensure a sinking fund is in place for long-term sustainability.	FA, FF, WFA, Education	Key Centre	H	S	H	Protect Enhance Provide
340	The Wellington Academy	SP11 9RR	Rugby Union (Disused)	Education	One disused senior pitch.	No action required	RFU, Education	Local	-	-	-	-
342	Tidworth Oval	SP9 7SB	Football	MOD	One standard quality adult pitch that is available for community use. The pitch has spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure.	Seek to provide a community use agreement, enabling actual spare capacity for clubs.	FA, FF, WFA, MOD	Local	M	S	L	Protect Enhance
342	Tidworth Oval	SP9 7SB	3G	MOD	One good quality World Rugby compliant 3G pitch that is available for community use and is equipped with sports lighting.	Sustain quality.	FA, FF, WFA, MOD	Key Centre	L	L	L	Protect
342	Tidworth Oval	SP9 7SB	Hockey	MOD	One good quality full size pitch that is available for community use and is equipped with sports lighting.	Sustain quality.	EH, MOD	Key Centre	L	L	L	Protect
343	Tidworth Town Football Club Homeground	SP9 7AN	Football	Sports Club	One standard quality adult pitch that is played to capacity. One adult pitch, one youth 9v9 pitch, one mini 7v7 pitch and one mini 5v5 pitch, all of which are poor quality. The poor quality adult pitch and the youth 9v9 pitch is overplayed by a combined total of one match equivalent session per week. The remaining pitches have actual spare capacity discounted due to poor pitch quality.	Improve quality to alleviate overplay and to establish actual spare capacity for clubs.	FA, FF, WFA, Sports Club	Local	M	S	L	Protect Enhance
383	Zouch Academy	SP9 7JF	Football	Education	One poor quality mini 7v7 pitch that is unavailable for community use.	Improve quality to better accommodate curricular and extra-curricular demand.	FA, FF, WFA, Education	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance

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## AREA 16 - TROWBRIDGE

Sport	Pitch/facility type	Current supply/ demand balance	Future supply/ demand balance
Football	Adult	2.5 match equivalent sessions	2.5 match equivalent sessions
Football	Youth 11v11	8 match equivalent sessions	8 match equivalent sessions
Football	Youth 9v9	0.5 match equivalent sessions	0.5 match equivalent sessions
Football	Mini 7v7	At capacity	At capacity
Football	Mini 5v5	At capacity	At capacity
3G	11v11	1.5 pitches	1.5 pitches
Cricket	Saturday	At capacity	At capacity
Cricket	Sunday	40 match equivalent sessions	40 match equivalent sessions
Cricket	Midweek	48 match equivalent sessions	48 match equivalent sessions
Rugby union	Senior	5.55 match equivalent sessions	5.55 match equivalent sessions
Rugby league	Senior	At capacity	At capacity
Hockey	Full size	At capacity	At capacity

### Priority recommendations

Sport	Headline findings
<b>Football</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Protect provision.</li> <li>◀ Improve pitch quality to reduce/alleviate overplay at sites (e.g. at Daykin Estates Ground and Studley Green Community Centre).</li> <li>◀ Improve ancillary facilities where required.</li> </ul>
<b>3G pitches</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Look to provide suitable provision to cater for demand within the area, exploring the feasibility to develop a 11v11 3G at John of Gaunt School and another venue within the Area.</li> </ul>
<b>Rugby union</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Protect provision.</li> <li>◀ Improve quality to eradicate overplay (e.g. at Trowbridge Rugby Club (Doric Park)).</li> </ul>
<b>Rugby league</b>	◀ N/A
<b>Hockey</b>	◀ N/A
<b>Cricket</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Protect provision.</li> <li>◀ Explore opportunities to utilise actual spare capacity via the transfer of demand from overplayed sites and/or through future demand (e.g. at Southwick Playing Field and Trowbridge Cricket Club).</li> </ul>

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Site ID	Site	Postcode	Sport	Management	Current status	Recommended actions	Partners	Site hierarchy tier	Priority	Timescales	Cost	Aim
29	Bellefield Primary and Nursery School	BA14 8TE	Football	Education	Two poor quality mini 5v5 pitches, both of which are unavailable for community use.	Improve quality to better accommodate curricular and extra-curricular demand.	FA, FF, WFA, Education	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
100	Daykin Estates Ground	BA14 0LZ	Football	Sports Club	One adult pitch, one youth 11v11 pitch, one youth 9v9 pitch and one mini 7v7 pitch, all of which are standard quality. The adult pitch has actual spare capacity amounting to 0.5 match equivalent sessions per week, whilst the youth 11v11 and youth 9v9 pitches are overplayed by a combined total of two match equivalent sessions per week. The site is home to Trowbridge Twon FC (Regional Feeder League).	Consider transferring demand to sites with actual spare capacity or improving the pitch quality to alleviate overplay where it exists. Utilise actual spare capacity where it exists, via the transfer of demand from overplayed sites or via future demand. Ensure the site meets the minimum requirements to progress through the football pyramid.	FA, FF, WFA, Sports Club	Local	M	S	M	Protect Enhance
152	Hilperton C of E Primary School	BA14 7SB	Football	Education	One poor quality mini 5v5 pitch that is unavailable for community use.	Improve quality to better accommodate curricular and extra-curricular demand.	FA, FF, WFA, Education	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
153	Hilperton Village Hall	BA14 7RN	Football	Community Organisation	One poor quality adult pitch that is played to capacity.	Improve quality to establish actual spare capacity for clubs.	FA, FF, WFA, Community Organisation	Local	M	S	L	Protect Enhance
163	John of Gaunt School	BA14 9EH	Football/ 3G	Education	One adult pitch and one youth 9v9 pitch, both of which are poor quality and unavailable for community use.	Improve quality and explore community use options. Explore opportunity to provide a 3G pitch on site (potentially via conversion of the sand-based pitch).	FA, FF, WFA, Education	Local	H	S	H	Protect Enhance Provide
163	John of Gaunt School	BA14 9EH	Rugby Union	Education	Two poor quality senior pitches. Played to capacity due to curricular demand.	Improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance for curricular and extra curricular demand.	RFU, Education	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
163	John of Gaunt School	BA14 9EH	Hockey	Education	One poor quality full size pitch that is available for community use and is equipped with sports lighting. The pitch has exceeded its 10-year recommended lifespan and thus requires resurfacing.	Explore the feasibility of converting the hockey suitable AGP to a full size 3G pitch. Any loss of hockey suitable provision would require agreed mitigation for hockey through relevant dialogue with NGBs and SE. Any development on site would need to secure long term tenure for community users.	EH, FA, FF, WFA, Education	Local	H	L	H	Protect Enhance Provide
222	North Bradley CE Primary School	BA14 0TA	Football	Education	Two poor quality mini 5v5 pitches that are unavailable for community use.	Improve quality to better accommodate curricular and extra-curricular demand.	FA, FF, WFA, Education	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance

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223	North Bradley Peace Memorial Trust Recreation Ground	BA14 0SL	Football	Trust	One youth 9v9 pitch, one mini 7v7 pitch and two mini 5v5 pitches, all of which are poor quality. The youth 9v9 pitch has spare capacity discounted due to poor pitch quality, whilst the mini 7v7 pitch is played to capacity.	Improve quality to establish actual spare capacity for clubs.	FA, FF, WFA, Trust	Local	M	S	L	Protect Enhance
223	North Bradley Peace Memorial Trust Recreation Ground	BA14 0SL	Cricket (Disused)	Trust	North Bradley Peace Memorial Trust Recreation Ground previously accommodated an eight wicket grass square, with satellite imagery suggesting that it has not been maintained or utilised since circa 2005.	Explore feasibility of bringing the playing field back into use given local shortfalls and ensure replacement provision is provided in line with national planning policy should a proposal come forward that will result in permanent loss.	ECB, WCB, Trust	Local	L	L	L	Protect
272	Seymour Playing Fields	BA14 8LX	Football	Commercial	One poor quality adult pitch that has spare capacity discounted due to poor pitch quality. The site is serviced with poor quality ancillary facilities.	Improve quality to establish actual spare capacity for clubs. Explore feasibility of improving the site's ancillary provision.	FA, FF, WFA, Commercial	Local	M	M	M	Protect Enhance
284	Southwick Playing Field	BA14 9QN	Football	Community Organisation	One poor quality adult pitch that is played to capacity.	Improve quality to establish actual spare capacity for clubs.	FA, FF, WFA, Community Organisation	Local	M	S	L	Protect Enhance
284	Southwick Playing Field	BA14 9QN	Cricket	Community Organisation	A good quality square with ten wicket that has spare capacity to accommodate additional demand. Used by Beehive Southwick CC.	Sustain square quality with appropriate maintenance. Look to utilise spare capacity to accommodate future demand/alleviate shortfalls on other sites.	ECB, WCB, Community Organisation	Local	L	S	L	Protect
290	St Augustine's Catholic Technology College	BA14 9EN	Cricket	Education	One standalone NTP that's not available for community use.	Sustain quality as appropriate and retain as current use.	ECB, WCB, Education	Local	L	L	L	Protect
296	St Johns Catholic Primary School	BA14 9EA	Football	Education	Two poor quality mini 5v5 pitches, both of which are unavailable for community use.	Improve quality to better accommodate curricular and extra-curricular demand.	FA, FF, WFA, Education	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
309	Stallards Recreation Ground	BA14 9AP	Football (Disused)	Council	Disused site which previously accommodated one adult pitch. Last actively marked out circa 2016.	Explore feasibility of bringing the playing field back into use given local shortfalls and ensure replacement provision is provided in line with national planning policy should a proposal come forward that will result in permanent loss.	FA, FF, WFA	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
314	Studley Green Community Centre	BA14 9HA	Football	Council	One adult pitch and one youth 11v11 pitch, both of which are poor quality and overplayed by 9.5 match equivalent sessions per week.	Improve quality to alleviate overplay.	FA, FF, WFA	Local	M	S	L	Protect Enhance
323	The Clarendon Academy	BA14 0DJ	Football	Education	Two standard quality youth 11v11 pitches, both of which are unavailable for community use.	Improve quality and explore community use options.	FA, FF, WFA, Education	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance

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Site ID	Site	Postcode	Sport	Management	Current status	Recommended actions	Partners	Site hierarchy tier	Priority	Timescales	Cost	Aim
323	The Clarendon Academy	BA14 0DJ	Cricket	Education	Two standalone NTPs that are not available for community use.	Sustain quality as appropriate and retain as current use.	ECB, WCB, Education	Local	L	L	L	Protect
323	The Clarendon Academy	BA14 0DJ	Rugby Union	Education	One poor quality senior pitch. Played to capacity due to curricular demand.	Improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance for curricular and extra curricular demand.	RFU, Education	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
332	The Grove Recreation Ground	BA14 0JB	Football (Recreational)	Council	Site previously had two sets of goals which have since been removed (circa 2017). Can accommodate one adult pitch but has most recently been used as a youth 9v9.	Explore the feasibility of bringing the pitch back into use (and improve quality) for affiliated demand from the community.	FA, FF, WFA	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
345	Trowbridge Rugby Club (Doric Park)	BA14 6JB	Rugby Union	Sports Club	Four standard quality senior pitches, of which one has sports lighting. All pitches are overplayed. Accompanied by good quality ancillary provision.	Improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance. Explore opportunity to add sports lighting to an additional pitch to spread training demand across pitches.	RFU, Sports Club	Local	M	M	M	Protect Enhance Provide
351	Walwayne Court School	BA14 9DU	Football	Education	One poor quality mini 5v5 pitch that is unavailable for community use.	Improve quality to better accommodate curricular and extra-curricular demand.	FA, FF, WFA, Education	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
361	West Ashton C of E Primary School	BA14 6AZ	Football	Education	One poor quality mini 5v5 pitch that is unavailable for community use.	Improve quality to better accommodate curricular and extra-curricular demand.	FA, FF, WFA, Education	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
397	Trowbridge Cricket Club	BA14 8PX	Cricket	Sports Club	A good quality square with 17 wickets that has spare capacity to accommodate additional demand. It should be noted that there is a parcel of land adjacent to Trowbridge Cricket Club which previously accommodate a second square on the site. This playing field land was partially built upon in 2016 to provide for the development of Trowbridge Health Centre, however, a section of the land still remains disused.	Sustain square quality with appropriate levels of maintenance.	ECB, WCB, Sports Club	Local	M	L	L	Protect

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Sport	Pitch/facility type	Current supply/ demand balance	Future supply/ demand balance
Football	Adult	At capacity	At capacity
Football	Youth 11v11	At capacity	At capacity
Football	Youth 9v9	1 match equivalent session	1 match equivalent session
Football	Mini 7v7	At capacity	At capacity
Football	Mini 5v5	At capacity	At capacity
3G	11v11	0.5 pitches	0.5 pitches
Cricket	Saturday	40 match equivalent sessions	40 match equivalent sessions
Cricket	Sunday	60 match equivalent sessions	60 match equivalent sessions
Cricket	Midweek	90 match equivalent sessions	90 match equivalent sessions
Rugby union	Senior	1 match equivalent session	1 match equivalent session
Rugby league	Senior	At capacity	At capacity
Hockey	Full size	At capacity	At capacity

### Priority recommendations

Sport	Headline findings
<b>Football</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Protect provision.</li> <li>◀ Improve pitch quality to reduce/alleviate overplay at sites (e.g. at Princecroft Primary School and Warminster Town Football Club).</li> <li>◀ Improve ancillary facilities where required and provide ancillary facilities at sites that are currently without (e.g. at New Close Primary School, Princecroft Primary School and Kingdown School Playing Field).</li> <li>◀ Seek to provide security of tenure for clubs, enabling actual spare capacity (e.g. at Land Warfare Centre (Site 1) and Kingdown School Playing Field).</li> </ul>
<b>3G pitches</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Protect provision.</li> <li>◀ Support aspirations to provide an additional 11v11 pitch given the large shortfalls further exploration into which site this should be located at is required, the development of a pitch needs to meet national and local planning policy.</li> </ul>
<b>Rugby union</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Protect provision.</li> <li>◀ Look to provide improved ancillary provision (e.g. at Warminster Rugby Club (Folley Lane).</li> </ul>
<b>Rugby league</b>	◀ N/A
<b>Hockey</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Protect provision.</li> <li>◀ Resurface pitch to improve quality and protect for long-term hockey usage (e.g. at Knutsford Leisure Centre).</li> </ul>
<b>Cricket</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Protect provision.</li> <li>◀ Explore opportunities to utilise actual spare capacity via the transfer of demand from overplayed sites and/or through future demand (e.g. at Alexander Memorial Field, Land Warfare Centre, The Corsley War Memorial Playing Field and Warminster Cricket Club).</li> <li>◀ Look to secure tenure for Heytesbury and Sutton Veny CC at Heytesbury Park through a long term agreement.</li> </ul>

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Site ID	Site	Postcode	Sport	Management	Current status	Recommended actions	Partners	Site hierarchy tier	Priority	Timescales	Cost	Aim
4	Alexander Memorial Field	BA12 7AP	Football	Trust	One adult pitch and two mini 5v5 pitches, all of which are poor quality and have spare capacity discounted due to poor pitch quality. The site is serviced with poor quality ancillary facilities.	Improve quality to establish actual spare capacity for clubs. Explore feasibility of improving the site's ancillary provision.	FA, FF, WFA, Trust	Local	M	M	M	Protect Enhance
4	Alexander Memorial Field	BA12 7AP	Cricket	Trust	A good quality ten wicket square that has spare capacity to accommodate additional demand. Used by Heytesbury and Sutton Veny CC for the start of the 2024 season. Site has poor quality changing rooms.	Sustain square quality with appropriate maintenance. Ensure any users have security of tenure on the site. Explore options, where possible, to improve the quality of ancillary provision.	ECB, WCB, Trust	Local	M	L	L-M	Protect
65	Chapmanslade Village Hall	BA13 4AP	Football (Recreational)	Unknown	One youth 11v11 pitch not actively marked with a set of posts. Used for recreational demand.	Explore the feasibility of bringing the pitch back into use (and improve quality) for affiliated demand from the community.	FA, FF, WFA	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
78	Codford Village Hall & Playing Field	BA12 0PP	Football	Trust	One poor quality adult pitch that is played to capacity.	Improve quality to establish actual spare capacity for clubs.	FA, FF, WFA, Trust	Local	M	S	L	Protect Enhance
79	Cold Harbour Playing Fields	BA12 8PA	Rugby Union	Trust	Two standard quality senior pitches unavailable for community use.	Sustain pitch quality.	RFU, Trust	Local	L	L	L	Protect
149	Heytesbury Park	BA12 0HQ	Football (Disused)	Council	One adult pitch no longer used following Heytesbury FC relocation to a different site. Private landowner has now issued notice for both cricket and football club's onsite. Owner wishes to sell land for housing development.	Explore feasibility of bringing the playing field back into use given local shortfalls and ensure replacement provision is provided in line with national planning policy should a proposal come forward that will result in permanent loss.	FA, FF, WFA	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
149	Heytesbury Park	BA12 0HQ	Cricket	Council	A good quality ten wicket square that has spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure. Used by Heytesbury & Sutton Veny CC which has a rolling annual agreement. Serviced by poor quality ancillary provision.	Sustain square quality with appropriate maintenance. Secure long term tenure for Heytesbury & Sutton Veny CC. Explore options, where possible, to improve poor quality ancillary provision.	ECB, WCB	Local	L	S	L-M	Protect Enhance
159	Horningsham Playing Fields	BA12 7LL	Football (Disused)	Horningsham Parish Council	One disused adult pitch with the site currently actively used for cricket.	Explore potential of bringing site back into use for football, providing cricket is not adversely affected.	FA, FF, WFA, Parish Council	Local	L	M	L	Protect
159	Horningsham Playing Fields	BA12 7LL	Cricket	Horningsham Parish Council	A good quality three wicket square accompanied by an NTP. Square has spare capacity for additional demand. Used by Horingsham CC.	Sustain square quality with appropriate maintenance. Look to utilise spare capacity to accommodate future demand/alleviate shortfalls on other sites.	ECB, WCB, Parish Council	Local	L	S	L	Protect
176	Land Warfare Centre (Site 1)	BA12 9DT	Football	MOD	Two good quality adult pitches that has spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure.	Seek to provide a community use agreement, to establish actual spare capacity for clubs.	FA, FF, WFA, MOD	Key Centre	M	S	L	Protect Enhance

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Site ID	Site	Postcode	Sport	Management	Current status	Recommended actions	Partners	Site hierarchy tier	Priority	Timescales	Cost	Aim
176	Land Warfare Centre (Site 1)	BA12 9DT	Rugby Union	MOD	Two standard quality senior pitches unavailable for community use.	Sustain pitch quality for continued MOD use.	RFU, MOD	Key Centre	L	L	L	Protect
176	Land Warfare Centre (Site 1)	BA12 9DT	3G	MOD	One good quality 11v11 3G pitch that is available for community use and is equipped with sports lighting.	Sustain quality.	FA, FF, WFA, MOD	Key Centre	L	L	L	Protect
176	Land Warfare Centre (Site 1)	BA12 9DT	Cricket	MOD	A good quality six wicket square accompanied by an NTP. Square has spare capacity for additional demand and is used by Warminster CC and the MOD.	Sustain square quality with appropriate maintenance. Look to utilise spare capacity to accommodate future demand/alleviate shortfalls on other sites.	ECB, WCB, MOD	Key Centre	L	S	L	Protect
219	New Close Primary School	BA12 9JJ	Football	Education	One poor quality mini 7v7 pitch that is available for community use.	Improve quality to better accommodate curricular and extra-curricular demand.	FA, FF, WFA, Education	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
240	Portway Playing Field	BA12 8RB	Football (Recreational)	Council	One mini 5v5 pitch not actively marked. Used for recreational demand.	Explore the feasibility of bringing the pitch back into use (and improve quality) for affiliated demand from the community.	FA, FF, WFA	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
244	Princecroft Primary School	BA12 8NT	Football	Education	Two poor quality youth 9v9 pitches that are overplayed by one match equivalent session per week. The site is serviced with poor quality ancillary facilities.	Improve quality to alleviate overplay. Explore feasibility of improving the site's ancillary provision.	FA, FF, WFA, Education	Local	M	M	M	Protect Enhance
295	St Johns C of E Primary School	BA12 9JY	Football	Education	One poor quality mini 7v7 pitch that is unavailable for community use.	Improve quality to better accommodate curricular and extra-curricular demand.	FA, FF, WFA, Education	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
326	The Corsley War Memorial Playing Field	BA12 7PJ	Football (Disused)	Trust	One disused mini 7v7 pitch with the site currently actively used for cricket.	Explore potential of bringing site back into use for football, providing cricket is not adversely affected.	FA, FF, WFA, Trust	Local	L	M	L	Protect
326	The Corsley War Memorial Playing Field	BA12 7PJ	Cricket	Trust	A good quality six wicket square accompanied by and NTP. Square has spare capacity to accommodate additional demand. Used by Corsley CC.	Sustain square quality with appropriate maintenance. Look to utilise spare capacity to accommodate future demand/alleviate shortfalls on other sites.	ECB, WCB, Trust	Local	L	S	L	Protect
353	Warminster Cricket Club	BA12 8LL	Cricket	Sports club	A good quality 14 wicket square that has spare capacity to accommodate additional demand. Owned by Warminster CC.	Sustain square quality with appropriate maintenance. Look to utilise spare capacity to accommodate future demand/alleviate shortfalls on other sites.	ECB, WCB, Sports Club	Local	L	S	L	Protect
354	Warminster Highbury Youth Football Club	BA12 9DG	Football	Sports Club	One standard quality adult pitch that has actual spare capacity amounting to one match equivalent session per week.	Utilise actual spare capacity where it exists, via the transfer of demand from overplayed sites or via future demand.	FA, FF, WFA, Sports Club	Local	L	S	L	Protect



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Site ID	Site	Postcode	Sport	Management	Current status	Recommended actions	Partners	Site hierarchy tier	Priority	Timescales	Cost	Aim
355	Kingdown School	BA12 9DR	Football	Education	Two standard quality adult pitches that has spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure. The site is not serviced with poor quality ancillary facilities.	Improve quality to establish actual spare capacity for clubs. Explore feasibility of providing appropriate ancillary provision at the site.	FA, FF, WFA, Education	Key Centre	H	M	H	Protect Enhance Provide
355	Kingdown School	BA12 9DR	3G	Education	One poor quality 11v11 3G pitch that is available for community use and is equipped with sports lighting. The pitch has exceeded its 10-year recommended lifespan and thus requires resurfacing.	Resurface pitch to improve quality and ensure a sinking fund is in place for long-term sustainability.	FA, FF, WFA, Education	Key Centre	H	S	H	Protect Enhance Provide
356	Warminster Kingdown School Playing Field	BA12 9EZ	Football	Education	Two standard quality adult pitches, both of which have spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure. The site is serviced with poor quality ancillary facilities.	Seek to provide a community use agreement, to establish actual spare capacity for clubs. Explore feasibility of improving the site's ancillary provision.	FA, FF, WFA, Education	Local	M	M	M	Protect Enhance
357	Warminster Prep School	BA12 8JG	Cricket	Education	One standalone NTP that's not available for community use.	Sustain quality as appropriate and retain as current use.	ECB, WCB, Education	Local	L	L	L	Protect
357	Warminster Prep School	BA12 8JG	Rugby Union	Education	One poor quality junior pitch unavailable for community use.	Improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance for continued school use.	RFU, Education	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
357	Warminster Prep School	BA12 8JG	Hockey	Education	One smaller size pitch that is unavailable for community use and is without sports lighting.	Retain for curricular and extra-curricular demand.	EH, Education	Local	L	L	L	Protect
358	Warminster Rugby Club (Folly Lane)	BA12 7RG	Rugby Union	Sports Club	Two standard quality senior pitches. Warminster RUFC reports that in recent years drainage on the pitches has started to decrease and pitches hold more water. Pitches have actual spare capacity. Accompanied by Standard quality ancillary provision.	Improve pitch quality through enhanced levels of maintenance. Explore opportunity to improve drainage onsite.	RFU, Sports club	Local	M	M	M	Protect Enhance
359	Warminster School	BA12 8PJ	Football	Education	Two adult pitches and one youth 11v11 pitch, both of which are good quality and unavailable for community use.	Explore community use options.	FA, FF, WFA, Education	Local	L	S	L	Protect
359	Warminster School	BA12 8PJ	Cricket	Education	One standalone NTP and one six wicket square that's not available for community use.	Sustain quality as appropriate and retain as current use.	ECB, WCB, Education	Local	L	L	L	Protect
359	Warminster School	BA12 8PJ	Hockey	Education	One good quality full size pitch that is available for community use and is equipped with sports lighting. Used by West Wilts HC but unavailable at weekends.	Sustain quality. Explore increase in access, particularly on weekends for match play.	EH, Education	Local	L	L	L	Protect

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Site ID	Site	Postcode	Sport	Management	Current status	Recommended actions	Partners	Site hierarchy tier	Priority	Timescales	Cost	Aim
360	Warminster Town Football Club	BA12 9NS	Football	Sports Club	One poor quality adult pitch that is overplayed by one match equivalent session per week. The site is home to Warminster Town FC (Step 6).	Improve quality to alleviate overplay. Ensure the site meets the minimum requirements to progress through the football pyramid.	FA, FF, WFA, Sports Club	Local	M	S	L	Protect Enhance
380	Wylve Valley Church of England Voluntary Aided Primary School	BA12 0PN	Football	Education	One poor quality mini 7v7 pitch that is unavailable for community use.	Improve quality to better accommodate curricular and extra-curricular demand.	FA, FF, WFA, Education	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance

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## AREA 18 - WESTBURY

Sport	Pitch/facility type	Current supply/ demand balance	Future supply/ demand balance
Football	Adult	0.5 match equivalent sessions	0.5 match equivalent sessions
Football	Youth 11v11	0.5 match equivalent sessions	0.5 match equivalent sessions
Football	Youth 9v9	1 match equivalent session	1 match equivalent session
Football	Mini 7v7	At capacity	At capacity
Football	Mini 5v5	At capacity	At capacity
3G	11v11	0.5 pitches	0.5 pitches
Cricket	Saturday	12 match equivalent sessions	12 match equivalent sessions
Cricket	Sunday	12 match equivalent sessions	12 match equivalent sessions
Cricket	Midweek	12 match equivalent sessions	12 match equivalent sessions
Rugby union	Senior	At capacity	At capacity
Rugby league	Senior	At capacity	At capacity
Hockey	Full size	At capacity	At capacity

### Priority recommendations

Sport	Headline findings
<b>Football</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Protect provision.</li> <li>◀ Improve pitch quality to reduce/alleviate overplay at sites (e.g. at Redland Lane).</li> <li>◀ Improve ancillary facilities where required.</li> </ul>
<b>3G pitches</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Protect provision.</li> <li>◀ Support aspirations to provide an additional 11v11 pitch given the large shortfalls further exploration into which site this should be located at is required, the development of a pitch needs to meet national and local planning policy.</li> </ul>
<b>Rugby union</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Protect provision.</li> <li>◀ Improve quality to eradicate overplay (e.g. at Westbury Rugby Club).</li> </ul>
<b>Rugby league</b>	◀ N/A
<b>Hockey</b>	◀ N/A
<b>Cricket</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Protect provision.</li> <li>◀ Seek to alleviate overplay via the installation of an NTP or Hybrid wickets (e.g. Bratton Recreation Ground and Leighton Recreation Centre).</li> </ul>

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Site ID	Site	Postcode	Sport	Management	Current status	Recommended actions	Partners	Site hierarchy tier	Priority	Timescales	Cost	Aim
48	Bratton Recreation Ground	BA13 4RF	Football	Bratton Parish Council	One adult pitch and one youth 11v11 pitch, both of which are good quality and have actual spare capacity amounting to one match equivalent session per week.	Utilise actual spare capacity where it exists, via the transfer of demand from overplayed sites or via future demand.	FA, FF, WFA, Parish Council	Local	M	S	L	Protect
48	Bratton Recreation Ground	BA13 4RF	Cricket	Bratton Parish Council	A good quality five wicket square with an NTP overplayed by three match equivalent sessions. Rolling annual agreement with Bratton CC and satellite centre for Trowbridge CC.	Sustain square quality with appropriate maintenance. Explore greater utilisation of onsite NTP to alleviate overplay. Support plans to improve ancillary provision and create practice nets.	ECB, WCB, Parish Council	Local	L	M	L	Protect
105	Dilton Marsh Playing Fields	BA13 4DZ	Football	Council	One adult pitch and one mini 5v5 pitch, both of which are poor quality and have spare capacity discounted due to poor pitch quality. The site is serviced with poor quality ancillary facilities.	Consider potential rationalisation of provision to contribute to a hub site. If not feasible improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance.	FA, FF, WFA	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
120	Fairfield Farm College	BA13 4DL	3G	Education	One smaller size 3G pitch that is unavailable for community use and is without sports lighting.	Explore potential of providing sports lighting and enabling community access.	FA, FF, WFA, Education	Local	L	S	L	Protect
186	Leighton Recreation Centre	BA13 3PW	Cricket	Sports Club	A good quality 12 wicket square overplayed by nine match equivalent sessions. Leased to Westbury & District CC from Wiltshire Council. New lease currently being negotiated.	Sustain square quality with appropriate maintenance. Explore installing NTP/hybrid wickets in order to alleviate overplay. Ensure a new long term agreement is provided to Westbury & District CC for security of tenure.	ECB, WCB, Sports Club	Local	M	M	L-M	Protect Provide
202	Matravers School	BA13 3QH	Football	Education	Two youth 11v11 pitches and one youth 11v11 pitch, all of which are poor quality and unavailable for community use.	Improve quality and explore community use options.	FA, FF, WFA, Education	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
202	Matravers School	BA13 3QH	Cricket	Education	One standalone NTP that's not available for community use.	Sustain quality as appropriate and retain as current use.	ECB, WCB, Education	Local	L	L	L	Protect
202	Matravers School	BA13 3QH	Rugby Union (Disused)	Education	Disused site which previously accommodated one senior pitch.	No action required	RFU, Education	Local	-	-	-	-
253	Redland Lane	BA13 3QA	Football	Sports Club	One youth 11v11 pitch, one youth 9v9 pitch, one mini 7v7 pitch and one mini 5v5 pitch, all of which are standard quality. The youth 11v11 pitch is overplayed by 0.5 match equivalent sessions per week, whilst the youth 9v9 pitch has actual spare capacity amounting to 0.5 match equivalent session per week. The site is serviced with poor quality ancillary facilities.	Utilise actual spare capacity where it exists, via the transfer of demand from overplayed sites or via future demand. Consider transferring demand to sites with actual spare capacity or improving the pitch quality to alleviate overplay where it exists. Explore feasibility of improving the site's ancillary provision.	FA, FF, WFA, Sports Club	Local	H	M	M	Protect Enhance

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Site ID	Site	Postcode	Sport	Management	Current status	Recommended actions	Partners	Site hierarchy tier	Priority	Timescales	Cost	Aim
363	Westbury C of E Junior School	BA13 3LY	Football	Education	One poor quality youth 9v9 pitch that is unavailable for community use.	Improve quality to better accommodate curricular and extra-curricular demand.	FA, FF, WFA, Education	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
364	Westbury Rugby Club	BA13 4LX	Rugby Union	Sports club	Two standard quality senior pitches, one of which has sports lighting. The pitch with sports lighting is currently played close to capacity, whilst the remaining pitch has spare capacity. Westbury RUFC reports issues with drainage in the winter months. Accompanied by good quality ancillary provision.	Improve pitch quality through enhanced levels of maintenance. Explore opportunity to improve drainage onsite.	RFU, Sports club	Local	L	L	M	Protect Enhance
365	Westbury United Football Club	BA13 3AF	Football	Sports Club	One standard quality adult pitch. The site is home to Westbury United FC (Step 4).	Improve quality. Ensure the site meets the minimum requirements to progress through the football pyramid.	FA, FF, WFA, Sports Club	Local	M	S	L	Protect Enhance

**PART 7: HOUSING GROWTH**

Sport England’s Playing Pitch Calculator helps local authorities estimate the demand that may be generated for the use of playing pitches by a new population e.g., one created by a housing development (or a collection of housing developments). It is designed to assist those developing and implementing a PPS by giving a consistent starting point to help estimate the demand from a new population. This can then be refined locally as appropriate through consultation with Sport England/NGBs.

The PPS provides an estimate of demand for pitch sports (football, rugby union, rugby league, hockey and cricket) based on population forecasts and club consultation to 2038. This future demand is translated into teams likely to be generated, rather than actual provision required. Sport England’s Playing Pitch Calculator adds to this, updating the likely demand generated for pitch sports based on housing increases and converting the demand into match equivalent sessions and the number of pitches required. It also gives the associated costs of supplying the increased pitch provision and splits the total pitch requirement into natural turf pitches to meet peak period demand, artificial grass pitches to meet training demand, and the additional number of changing rooms required.

The demand is shown in match equivalent sessions per week for most sports, except for cricket, where match equivalent sessions are by season. Training demand is expressed in either hours or match equivalent sessions; where expressed in hours, it is expected that demand will be to either a 3G pitch (to accommodate football demand) or an AGP (to accommodate hockey demand), whereas when expressed in match equivalent sessions, it is expected training will take place on sports-lit grass pitches (rugby).

For Wiltshire, the tables below are provided as a guide to show the potential additional demand for pitch sports that could be generated from overall housing growth across the authority, thus showing how the calculator works and what it provides. They are based on proposed housing figures in the Council’s Local Plan and utilises a predicted occupancy rate of 2.3. For analysis area specific information/scenarios, please see Appendix 1.

***Demand arising from allocated housing growth across Wiltshire***

There are 35,146 dwellings planned to be delivered in Wiltshire up to 2038, with this equating to a population growth of 80,836. This equates to 77.18 match equivalent sessions of demand for grass pitch sports, 8.39 match equivalent sessions on hockey suitable AGPs and 470.01 match equivalent sessions of demand per season for cricket. Training demand equates to 134.75 hours of use per week for football on 3G pitches and 19.56 hours on hockey suitable AGPs.

*Table 7.1: Likely demand for pitch sports generated from outstanding housing growth*

Pitch sport	Estimated demand by sport	
	Match demand per week	Training demand
Adult football	14.84	134.75 hours
Youth football	30.12	As above
Mini soccer	22.42	As above
Rugby union	9.80	11.48 equivalent sessions
Rugby league	0.00	0.00 match equivalent sessions
Adult hockey	4.86	14.57 hours
Junior & mixed hockey	3.53	4.99 hours

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Pitch sport	Estimated demand by sport	
	Match demand per week	Training demand
Cricket	470.01	-

The table below translates estimated demand into new pitch provision with associated capital and lifestyle costs. These are based on Sport England Facilities Costs (Third Quarter 2023).

Table 7.2: Estimated demand and costs for new pitch provision

Pitch type	Estimated demand and costs for new pitches			Changing rooms	
	Number of pitches to meet demand	Capital cost	Lifecycle Cost (per annum)	Number	Capital cost
Adult football	14.84	£1,665,317	£328,067	29.68	£5,942,153
Youth football	30.12	£2,764,587	£558,447	32.70	£6,545,950
Mini soccer	22.42	£685,915	£135,811	0.00	£0
Rugby union	9.80	£1,649,865	£305,225	19.61	£3,924,679
Rugby league	0.00	£0	£0	0.00	£0
Cricket	10.85	£3,818,583	£702,619	21.70	£4,344,329
Sand AGPs	1.39	£1,351,469	£35,138	2.79	£558,370
3G pitches	3.55	£4,123,242	£121,272	7.09	£1,419,625
<b>Total</b>	<b>92.97</b>	<b>£16,058,976</b>	<b>£2,186,579</b>	<b>113.58</b>	<b>£22,735,105</b>

Overall, an additional 92.57 pitches would be required to meet additional demand arising from a population increase of 80,836. This would require an expected capital cost of £16,058,976 and a lifecycle cost per annum of £22,735,105.

## Conclusions

The tables above show that up to 2038, demand will be generated for each pitch sport in Wiltshire to a lesser or greater extent, although this position is indicative and does not provide information on where the housing is likely to be located, how many dwellings will actually be provided or which existing playing fields the additional demand is likely to migrate to. Nevertheless, it does indicate that growth is collectively likely to be significant enough to warrant the creation of additional pitches.

Where new pitches/facilities are required, consideration should be given to providing multi-pitch sites with suitable ancillary provision, including appropriate clubhouse/changing rooms and car parking. Single pitch/facility sites which have been provided traditionally by developers are generally not considered to provide long term sustainable provision for the relevant sports, although given the nature of Wiltshire, they can be acceptable within rural areas where demand tends to be lower and more dispersed.

Notwithstanding the above, experience shows that only significantly large housing sites are likely to generate demand in their own right. Where demand does not warrant new pitch provision, the Action Plan in this document should be consulted to determine whether the additional demand can be accommodated via existing provision (in which case no further action is required), or whether contributions should be sought to enhance existing provision in the locality to accommodate the increased demand. This can be through, for example, improving quality, or providing new or improved ancillary provision. As part of this, consultation with appropriate NGBs should be used to assist in the selection of suitable sites and suitable enhancements, and the Council should also look to pool S106 contributions from major housing schemes to invest in priority sites.



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

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

#### ***Delivery***

The PPS seeks to provide guidance for maintenance/management decisions and investment made across Wiltshire in relation to playing pitch and outdoor sports facilities as well as supporting ancillary facilities. By addressing the issues identified in the Assessment Report and by using the strategic framework presented in this Strategy, the current and future sporting and recreational needs of the Borough can be satisfied. The Strategy identifies where there is a deficiency in provision and identifies how best to resolve this moving forward.

It is important that this document is used in a practical manner, is engaged with partners and encourages partnerships to be developed, to ensure that outdoor sports facilities are regarded as a vital aspect of community life and which contribute to the achievement of Council priorities. The creation of this document should therefore be regarded as only part of the planning process. The success of the Strategy and the benefits that are gained are dependent upon regular engagement between all partners involved and the adoption of a strategic approach. To that end, each member of the steering group should take the lead to ensure the PPS is used and applied appropriately within their area of work and influence.

To help ensure the PPS is well used, it should be regarded as a key document within the study area, guiding the improvement and protection of playing pitch and outdoor sport provision, being used to attract and distribute both internal and external investment, and being used as an evidence base to support or oppose any development proposals. It needs to be the document people regularly turn to for information on the how the current demand is being met and what actions are required to improve the situation and meet future demand. The Steering Group also needs to have a clear understanding of how the PPS can be applied and therefore delivered.

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

#### ***Monitoring and updating***

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

As a guide, if no review and subsequent update has been carried out within three years of the PPS being signed off by the Steering Group, then Sport England and the NGBs would consider it and the information on which it is based to be out of date. The nature of the supply and in particular the demand for provision is likely to change year-on-year, meaning that without any form of review and update it would be difficult to make the case that the supply and demand information and assessment work is sufficiently robust. This makes it less likely to be able to be used as an evidence base for any funding bids or development proposals.

To extend the lifespan of the PPS for as long as possible, the Council should commit to undertaking an annual review. As part of this, it is advised that regular Steering Group meetings take place to review the study. Ideally, these should take place twice yearly, aligned to the split of summer and winter sport seasons and in line with affiliation periods.

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

- ◀ Actions undertaken since the adoption of the PPS or since the last review, as well as any actions that have been attempted but have been unsuccessful (and for what reason).
- ◀ Any changes required to the priority afforded to each remaining action (as the priority of some may change following the delivery of others or for more general reasons e.g., alterations in participation trends or focus areas).
- ◀ Any significant changes to supply and demand information and what this may mean for the overall assessment work and the key findings and issues.
- ◀ Any development of a specific sport or particular format of a sport.
- ◀ Any new or emerging issues (e.g., development pressures) and opportunities (e.g., S106 contributions or club aspirations).
- ◀ Priority actions to be focused on before the next review.
- ◀ How the PPS has been applied to date and the lessons learnt.

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


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

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

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## Checklist

To help ensure the PPS is delivered and is kept robust and up to date, the Steering Group can refer to Sport England’s Stage E Checklist, as shown below.

Stage E: Deliver the strategy and keep it robust and up to date	Tick 	
	Yes	Requires Attention
<b>Step 9: Apply &amp; deliver the strategy</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Are steering group members clear on how the PPS can be applied across a range of relevant areas?</li> </ul>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Is each member of the steering group committed to taking the lead to help ensure the PPS is used and applied appropriately within their area of work?</li> </ul>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Has a process been put in place to ensure regular monitoring of how the recommendations and action plan are being delivered?</li> </ul>		
<b>Step 10: Keep the strategy robust &amp; up to date</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Has a process been put in place to ensure the PPS is kept robust and up to date?</li> </ul>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Does the process involve an annual update of the PPS?</li> </ul>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Is the steering group to be maintained and is it clear of its on-going role?</li> </ul>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Is regular liaison with the NGBs and other parties planned?</li> </ul>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Has all the supply and demand information been collated and presented in a format (i.e. single document that can be filtered accordingly) that will help people to review it and highlight any changes?</li> </ul>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Have any changes made to the Active Places Power data been fed back to Sport England?</li> </ul>		