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FOREWORD

I'm very pleased to introduce Barnsley's Playing Pitch Strategy, which is an essential resource for Barnsley Council in how we manage current and future demand on our outdoor playing facilities. Our fresh strategy places a strong emphasis on pitch-based sports and athletics, recognising their important role in the health and wellbeing of our residents.

Sport, recreation and physical activity are an integral part of the fabric of our local communities. Whether you're a future international superstar, having a kickabout with some friends, or trying to lead a healthier lifestyle, there's something for everyone in Barnsley.

Our fantastic network of clubs, groups, coaches and volunteers do an amazing job delivering grassroots sport in the borough, and I am personally grateful for the input they have had into our Playing Pitches Strategy. This document has been shaped by their experience, expertise and insight and will be used to safeguard and enhance the provision of pitch-based sports facilities throughout the borough, using the resources we have at our disposal. It will also play a pivotal role in guiding our future plans for locations and facilities.

The objectives laid out in the action plan are ambitious, and I look forward to working closely with Sport England, local clubs, governing bodies, educational institutions and facility managers alongside our hugely dedicated Sport and Physical Activity Team. Together, we will make the collective goals outlined in the strategy into reality.

While quality facilities are undeniably crucial for the flourishing of sports, it is important to remember that sports fundamentally revolve around individuals coming together to enjoy activities they are passionate about. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to the numerous volunteers across the borough who generously contribute their time to foster grassroots sports. Your active involvement is the cornerstone of our Barnsley's vibrant sports culture.

Thank you.



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ABBREVIATIONS

3G	Third Generation (artificial turf)
AGP	Artificial Grass Pitch
BMBC	Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council
CFA	County Football Association
CIL	Community Infrastructure Levy
DCMS	Department for Culture, Media and Sport
ECB	England and Wales Cricket Board
EH	England Hockey
FA	Football Association
FC	Football Club
FF	Football Foundation
FIFA	Fédération Internationale de Football Association
FPM	Facilities Planning Model
GMA	Grounds Management Association
HC	Hockey Club
IOG	Institute of Groundsmanship
JFC	Junior Football Club
KKP	Knight, Kavanagh and Page
LFFP	Local Football Facilities Plan
LTA	Lawn Tennis Association
MOD	Ministry of Defence
NFFS	National Football Facilities Strategy
NGB	National Governing Body
NHS	National Health Service
NPPF	National Planning Policy Framework
PPOSS	Playing Pitch & Outdoor Sports Strategy
PQS	Performance Quality Standard
RFL	Rugby Football League
RFU	Rugby Football Union
RUFC	Rugby Union Football Club
S106	Section 106
SHFA	Sheffield & Hallamshire Football Association
TC	Tennis Club
U	Under
YCB	Yorkshire Cricket Board

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PART 1: INTRODUCTION

This is the Playing Pitch and Outdoor Sports Strategy (PPOSS) for Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council. Building upon the preceding Assessment Report, it provides a clear, strategic framework for the maintenance and improvement of existing outdoor sports facilities and accompanying ancillary provision.

The Strategy is capable of:

- ◀ Providing planning guidance to assess development proposals affecting outdoor sports facilities and, as appropriate, directing contributions secured through development.
- ◀ Informing the protection and provision of outdoor sports facilities.
- ◀ Informing land use decisions in respect of future use of existing outdoor sports areas and areas capable of accommodating provision.
- ◀ Providing a strategic framework for the provision and management of provision.
- ◀ Supporting external funding bids and maximising support for outdoor sports facilities.
- ◀ Providing the basis for ongoing monitoring and review of the use, distribution, function, quality and accessibility of outdoor sports facilities.

It is delivered in accordance with Sport England's Playing Pitch Strategy (PPS) Guidance (for playing pitch sports) and Sport England's Assessing Needs and Opportunities Guide (for "non-pitch" sports). Sport England's PPS Guidance details a 13-stepped approach, separated into five distinct sections:

- ◀ Stage A: Prepare and tailor the approach (1).
- ◀ Stage B: Gather information and views on the supply of and demand for provision (2 & 3).
- ◀ Stage C: Assess the supply and demand information and views (4, 5 & 6).
- ◀ Stage D: Develop the strategy (7 & 8).
- ◀ Stage E: Deliver the strategy and keep it robust and up to date (9 & 10).

Stage D is covered in this report, with stages A-C evidenced in the Assessment Report and Stage E ongoing once the work has been adopted. The lifespan of a PPOSS is considered to be three years, although this can be increased if it is kept up to date.

The PPOSS forms one part of a wider, inter-related strategy for sports and recreation that also includes an Indoor Facilities Strategy. The relationship between the strategies must be noted as some sports covered by the PPOSS also use indoor facilities for matches or training as well as open space areas for informal use.

1.1: Structure

The Strategy has been developed from research and analysis of playing pitch and outdoor sports provision and usage within Barnsley to provide:

- ◀ A vision for the future improvement and prioritisation of facilities.
- ◀ A number of aims to help deliver the recommendations and actions.
- ◀ A series of sport-by-sport recommendations which provide a strategic framework for sport led improvements to provision.
- ◀ A range of sport-by-sport and local authority wide scenarios to help inform policy recommendations and prioritisation of actions.
- ◀ A series of strategic recommendations which provide a framework for the improvement, maintenance, development and, if applicable, the rationalisation of playing pitches.
- ◀ A prioritised area-by-area action plan to address key issues.

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The recommendations made in this strategy should be translated into local plan policy so that there is a mechanism to support delivery and secure provision and investment into provision where the opportunity arises. It also recommends numerous priority projects for Barnsley that should be implemented over the course of its lifespan. These are outlined to provide a framework for improvement, with potential partners and possible sources of external funding identified in light of limited council resources.

There is a need to sustain and build key partnerships between the Council, NGBs, Sport England, parish/town councils, education providers, leisure contractors, maintenance contractors, community clubs and private landowners to maintain and improve relevant provision. In these instances, the potential for the Council to take a strategic lead can be limited (except in terms of Section 106 agreements and developer contributions). This document therefore provides clarity with regard to the way forward and will allow organisations to focus on the key issues and objectives that they can directly influence and achieve.

1.2: Local context

Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council's Local Plan: 2014-2033¹

Barnsley's Local Plan was adopted in January 2019 and covers the whole of Barnsley Borough for the period from 2019 to 2033. It provides the statutory planning framework for the Borough. The Local Plan is used to guide decisions on planning applications and areas where investment should be prioritised.

The Local Plan allocates 297 hectares of employment land to support Barnsley's economic needs and aspirations; and allocates housing sites to support the economy and provide the appropriate land supply to meet its housing needs. The plan seeks to achieve the completion of at least 21,546 net additional new homes in the plan period, giving an indicative annualised figure of 1,134 per annum. The Local Plan also protects and enhances green spaces and green infrastructure that contribute towards improving quality of life.

The Local Plan has an important role to play in protecting and enhancing Green Infrastructure (GI) and the wide range of environmental and quality of life benefits it brings for local communities. It states that new development should seek to protect, maintain and enhance GI wherever possible.

Barnsley Health and Wellbeing Strategy – Together an Active Barnsley (2021 - 2030)

The vision of the Barnsley Health and Wellbeing Strategy is for all Barnsley residents are enabled to enjoy long, fulfilling and healthy lives in safe, strong and vibrant communities where every person is equipped with the skills and resources, they need to thrive.

Active in Barnsley Partnership – Strategic Plan (2018-2021)

Although out of date, the stated vision of the Active Partnership is for a healthy and proud Barnsley where active living is part of everyday life for everyone. Its blueprint for this is identified in its five strategic priorities, which are:

- ◀ *Active Communities:* Use physical activity to help communities achieve their potential.
- ◀ *Active Spaces:* Work with policy makers to make it easier for people to build activity into their daily lives.

¹ [Link to Barnsley Local Plan](#)

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- ◀ *Active Schools & Colleges:* Work with our schools and colleges to create hubs of physical activity.
- ◀ *Active Workplaces:* Increase physical activity opportunities in our places of work.
- ◀ *Professional and Volunteer Networks:* Develop physical activity skills and knowledge across a variety of networks.

New School Builds 2009-2013

A number of schools were rebuilt between 2009 to 2013 under a PFI contract meaning that there is a relatively new stock of sports facilities within them. Under the terms of the PFI arrangement, each school has an allocation of 400 community use hours per academic year. These include:

- ◀ Barnsley Academy
- ◀ Darton Academy
- ◀ Holy Trinity School
- ◀ Horizon Community College
- ◀ Kirk Balk Academy
- ◀ Netherwood Academy
- ◀ Outwood Academy Carlton
- ◀ Outwood Academy Shafton
- ◀ Penistone Grammar School
- ◀ The Astrea Dearne Academy
- ◀ Trinity Academy St Edwards

The number of hours allocated was previously higher, however, has only recently reduced to 400 hours per year which has seen a number of issues across sites where further access is required.

Any use over and above this figure incurs an additional cost to the school. As a number of schools do not have the funds to cover these fees they are forced to increase to the overall cost of hiring onto the community clubs. This increase in expense generally makes the facilities too expensive for clubs with them choosing to find alternative sites for their demand.

As a result of a lack in demand to use the facilities, some schools considered themselves to be unavailable for community use particularly at the weekend in order to save operating costs in addition to not affect their 400 hours of community use. This will be identified in each of the relevant sporting sections below.

Responsibility for ongoing maintenance and caretaking of pitches are subcontracted to Amey.

National context

Concern at national government level over the loss of playing fields prompted the development of localised playing pitch assessments and strategies which identify current and future requirements for playing fields. Developing a strategic approach to the analysis of playing pitch supply and demand is necessary to:

- ◀ Protect playing pitches against development pressures in, and around, urban areas.
- ◀ Identify pitch (natural grass and artificial) supply and demand issues in relation to predicated population changes.
- ◀ Address 'demand' pressures created as a result of specific sports development pressures e.g. growth of mini soccer and wider use of artificial grass pitches.
- ◀ Address budget pressures and public-sector cuts.

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The Barnsley PPOSS will provide an evidence base for planning decisions and funding bids and will ensure that this evidence is sound, robust and capable of being scrutinised through examination whilst meeting the requirements of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF).

One of the core planning principles of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) is to improve health, social and cultural wellbeing for all and deliver sufficient community and cultural facilities and services to meet local needs. Section 8 of the NPPF deals specifically with the topic of healthy communities, with paragraph 98 discussing the importance of access to high quality open spaces and opportunities for sport and recreation that can make an important contribution to the health and well-being of communities.

Paragraph 99 discusses assessments and the protection of “existing open space, sports and recreational buildings and land, including playing fields”. Paragraphs 100 and 102 also promote the identification of important green spaces by local communities and the protection of these facilities. Such spaces may include playing fields and outdoor sport facilities.

For the full national context, including for each of the sports covered please refer to Appendix 1.

1.3: Agreed scope

The following are the key outdoor sports (and associated facilities, including artificial surfaces) in Barnsley PPOSS and as such are included within the scope:

- ◀ Football (including third generation (3G) artificial grass pitches)
- ◀ Rugby union
- ◀ Rugby league
- ◀ Hockey (artificial grass pitches AGPs)
- ◀ Cricket
- ◀ Athletics
- ◀ Outdoor tennis
- ◀ Multi Use Games Areas (MUGA)
- ◀ Other sports

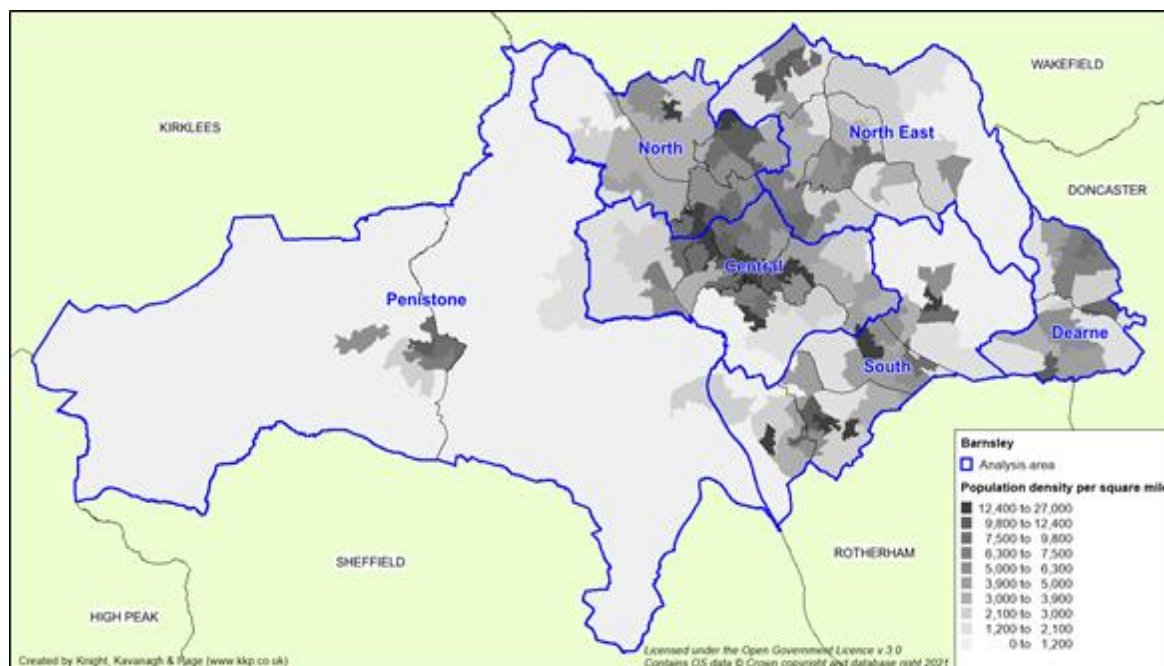
1.4: Study area

The study area comprises the whole of Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council’s administrative area. Due to its size, Barnsley is broken into smaller subsections known as analysis areas. It is accepted that sports catchment areas do not naturally fall into defined administrative areas and that needs to be taken into account when assessing current and future provision for pitch sports. However, analysis areas are used for reporting purposes to aim to create localised assessments of supply vs demand modelling. The six identified for Barnsley are as follows:

- ◀ North
- ◀ North East
- ◀ Dearne
- ◀ South
- ◀ Central
- ◀ Penistone

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Figure 1.1: Barnsley study area with analysis areas



Cross boundary and cross authority 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.

1.5: Headline findings

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

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

Based on how they tend to be played, this unit for football and rugby union pitches relates to a typical week within the season for each sport.

For cricket pitches it is appropriate to look at the number of match equivalent sessions over the course of a season. How much play a cricket pitch can accommodate is primarily determined by the number and quality of wickets on a pitch. Only one match is generally played per pitch per day. However, play is rotated across the wickets to reduce wear and allow for repair. Each wicket is able to accommodate a certain amount of play per season as opposed to a week.

The PPOSS guidance does not advocate the conversion of MES to pitches as there is not always a case for providing pitches to meet the demand/shortfalls expressed. For example, improving the quality of pitches can also increase the capacity of existing pitches to accommodate such demand. For qualitative findings and site-specific findings, please see Part 4: Sport Specific Recommendations and Scenarios, and Part 6: Action Plan.

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For artificial surfaces, how much play can be accommodated is primarily determined by availability, rather than how much play it can accommodate before its quality is adversely affected as with natural grass pitches. Therefore, hours in the peak period is used as the comparable unit. For the other non-pitch sports (i.e. tennis, bowls etc) capacity is in accordance with Paragraph B13 of the ANOG guidance.

Table 1.1: Quantitative headline findings

Analysis area	Pitch/facility type	Current supply/ demand balance	Future supply/ demand balance (2033)
Football – grass pitches			
Barnsley	Adult	Spare capacity of 1 match equivalent session	Shortfall of 0.5 match equivalent sessions
	Youth 11v11	Shortfall of 11.5 match equivalent sessions	Shortfall of 14.5 match equivalent sessions
	Youth 9v9	Shortfall of 10 match equivalent sessions	Shortfall of 12 match equivalent sessions
	Mini 7v7	Spare capacity of 6.5 match equivalent session	Spare capacity of 4.5 match equivalent session
	Mini 5v5	Spare capacity of 2 match equivalent session	Spare capacity of 0.5 match equivalent session
Football – 3G pitches			
Barnsley	11v11 size	Insufficient supply. Shortfalls in the North East, Central, South and Penistone Analysis Areas.	Insufficient supply. Shortfalls in the North East, Central, South and Penistone Analysis Areas.
Cricket			
Barnsley	Senior (Saturday)	Shortfall of 104 match equivalent sessions a season	Shortfall of 140 match equivalent sessions a season
	Senior (Sunday)	Shortfall of 68 match equivalent sessions a season	Shortfall of 104 match equivalent sessions a season
	Junior (midweek)	Shortfall of 8 match equivalent sessions a season	Shortfall of 20 match equivalent sessions a season
Rugby union			
Barnsley	Senior	Shortfall of 5.75 match equivalent sessions	Shortfall of 5.75 match equivalent sessions
Rugby league			
Barnsley	Senior	Shortfall of 0.5 match equivalent sessions	Shortfall of 0.75 match equivalent sessions
Hockey			
Barnsley	Full size	Sufficient quantity, however, quality and access issues	Sufficient quantity, however, quality and access issues

For non-pitch sports, quantitative shortfalls can be more difficult to determine, with capacity guidance differing and with focus often away from formal club activity. The current and future picture for each sport is therefore instead summarised in the table below.

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

Sport	Current picture	Future picture (2033)
Tennis	Capacity for both club and non-club tennis courts can be met current and future demand at Barnsley LTC.	Capacity for both club and non-club tennis courts can be met current and future demand at Barnsley LTC.
Athletics	<i>Sufficient quantity</i>	<i>Sufficient quantity</i>
MUGAs	<i>Sufficient quantity, however, quality issues</i>	<i>Sufficient quantity, however, quality issues</i>
Other sports	<i>Generally sufficient quantity</i>	<i>Generally sufficient quantity</i>

Conclusions

The existing position for most sports is that there is a mixture of shortfalls, spare capacity and sufficient capacity, the future position shows the exacerbation of current shortfalls and the creation of shortfalls for some sports and in some areas where demand is currently being met. The current shortfalls identified are for youth 11v11 and youth 9v9 football pitches, 3G pitches, cricket pitches, senior rugby union pitches and senior rugby league pitches.

Where demand is being met, this does not equate to a surplus of provision, with any spare capacity instead considered a potential solution to overcoming shortfalls. As such, there is a clear need to protect 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 Sport England's Playing Fields Policy. In addition, there remain some area and site specific issues that need resolving despite no overall capacity issues, such as those relating to quality and security of tenure.

Where shortfalls are present, for the most part, they can be met by better utilising current provision, such as through improving quality, installing additional floodlighting, improving ancillary facilities and enabling access to existing unused provision, such as at unavailable school sites.

Notwithstanding the above, there is a shortfall of 3G pitches and cricket pitches that can only be met through increased provision. With resources to improve the quality of grass pitches being limited, an increase in 3G provision could also help to reduce grass pitch shortfalls through the transfer of play, which in turn can aid pitch quality improvements.

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PART 2: VISION

The vision for the PPOSS reflects the Council's vision in the Barnsley Health and Wellbeing Strategy (2021-2030) which is:

“All Barnsley residents are enabled to enjoy long, fulfilling and healthy lives in safe, strong and vibrant communities where every person is equipped with the skills and resources, they need to thrive.”

PART 3: AIMS

The following overarching aims are based on the three Sport England objectives (see Figure 1.2 below). It is recommended that they are adopted by the Council and its partners to enable it to achieve the overall vision of the PPOSS as well as Sport England's planning objectives. Strategy delivery is the responsibility of, and relies upon, all stakeholders.

AIM 1

To **protect** the existing supply of playing pitches and outdoor sports facilities where it is needed for meeting current and future needs

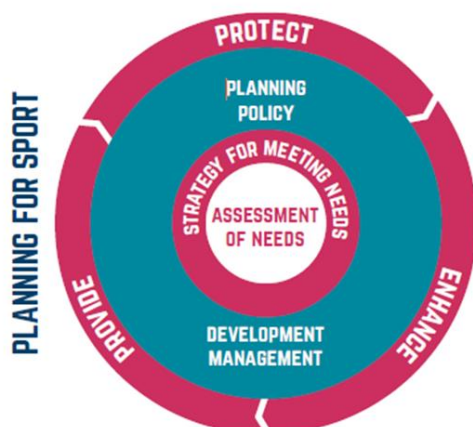
AIM 2

To **enhance** playing pitches and outdoor sports facilities through improving quality and management of sites

AIM 3

To **provide** new playing pitches and outdoor sports facilities where there is current or future demand to do so

Figure 1: Sport England objectives



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

PART 4: SPORT SPECIFIC ISSUES SCENARIOS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

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

Please note that the recommendations in this section are the responsibility of the steering group and the relevant NGB for each individual sport.

4.1: Football pitches

Assessment Report summary

- ◀ **There are current shortfalls across youth 11v11 and youth 9v9 pitches. Whilst capacity is sufficient across adult, mini 7v7 and mini 5v5 pitches.**
- ◀ **However, future growth could lead to future shortfalls across the Borough on adult pitches. Whilst mini 7v7 and mini 5v5 pitches continue to be able to accommodate future demand.**

Supply

- ◀ The audit identifies a total of 207 grass football pitches within Barnsley across 86 sites. Of these, 184 pitches across 72 sites are identified as being available for community use.
- ◀ Most available pitches in the Borough are in the Central Analysis Area (46 pitches - 25% of available pitches), followed by the North East Analysis Area (43 pitches - 23%), the North Analysis Area (39 pitches – 21%) and then the South Analysis Area (25 pitches - 14%). The Penistone Analysis Area has 17 pitches (9% of available pitches) and the Dearne Analysis Area has the least number of pitches with 14 pitches (8% of available pitches).

Quality

- ◀ In total, 27 pitches (15%) are rated as good quality, 57 as standard quality (31%) and 100 as poor quality (54%).
- ◀ Of the 72 sites that are actively used for community football, nine sites (13%) are serviced by good quality ancillary facilities, 18 sites (25%) by standard quality ancillary facilities and 19 sites (26%) are serviced by poor quality ancillary facilities. The remaining 26 sites (36%) are not serviced by onsite clubhouse/changing room provision.

Demand

- ◀ There are 402 teams identified as playing football in the Borough. This is made up of 65 adult men's, nine adult women's, 152 youth boys', 45 youth girls' and 131 mini soccer teams.
- ◀ In Barnsley 91% of all football teams play on grass pitches, with only 9% of teams playing on 3G pitches.
- ◀ Only Yorkshire RTC is known to export demand to the Doncaster for three of its mini teams to play at the Junior Premier League central venue.
- ◀ Future population growth totals 20 potential new teams, resulting in additional capacity requirement (in match equivalent sessions per week) of 1.5 on adult pitches three on youth 11v11 pitches, two on youth 9v9 pitches, 2.5 on mini 7v7 pitches and 1.5 on mini 5v5 pitches.

Capacity

- ◀ There are 30 pitches identified as having actual spare capacity, totalling 21 match equivalent sessions per week.
- ◀ In total, 27 pitches across just 21 sites are overplayed by a combined total of 25 match equivalent sessions per week. The most overplay is situated in the South Analysis Area (nine match equivalent sessions), followed by the Penistone Analysis Area (six match equivalent sessions).

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Scenarios

Improving pitch quality at overplayed sites

In total, 27 pitches across just 21 sites are overplayed by a combined total of 25 match equivalent sessions per week. Improving quality of such provision will increase capacity across the sites and therefore reduce both current and future shortfalls.

To illustrate the above, Table 4.1 highlights that the majority of current levels of overplay would be alleviated, apart from at Rockingham Sports Ground, Silkstone Recreation Ground and Wombwell Main Sports Ground, 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

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Table 4.1: Overplay if all pitches were good quality

Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	Pitch type	No. of pitches	Current quality	Current Capacity rating ²	Good quality capacity rating ³
21	Carlton Park	North East	Youth 11v11	1	Poor	1.5	1.5
			Youth 9v9	1	Poor	0.5	2.5
41	Dodworth Miners Welfare Sports and Social Club	Central	Youth 11v11	1	Standard	1	1
47	Farm Road Playing Fields	Central	Youth 11v11	1	Poor	0.5	2.5
51	Greenacre School	Central	Youth 11v11	1	Poor	1	2
91	Netherwood Academy	South	Youth 11v11	2	Poor	0.5	5.5
			Youth 9v9	1	Poor	0.5	2.5
94	Oakwood Playing Fields	North East	Youth 11v11	1	Poor	0.5	2.5
99	Oxspring Playing Field	Penistone	Youth 11v11	2	Poor	1	5
101	Penistone Grammar School	Penistone	Youth 11v11	1	Standard	1.5	0.5
			Youth 9v9	1	Standard	0.5	1.5
104	Pinfold Playing Fields	North East	Youth 9v9	1	Poor	0.5	2.5
106	Pogmoor Recreation Ground	North	Youth 11v11	1	Standard	0.5	1.5
108	Rabbit Ings Country Park	North East	Youth 11v11	1	Poor	1	2
110	Rockingham Sports Ground	South	Youth 11v11	1	Poor	3.5	0.5
123	Silkstone Recreation Ground	Penistone	Adult	1	Standard	2	1
141	The Fleets Football Pitches	North	Adult	2	Poor	0.5	3.5
153	Welfare Ground	Dearne	Youth 9v9	1	Standard	1	1
155	Wharncliffe Woodmoor Memorial Field	North	Mini 5v5	1	Poor	0.5	3.5
159	Wombwell Main Sports Ground	South	Adult	1	Standard	2	1
163	Woodview	North	Youth 9v9	1	Poor	0.5	2.5
165	Worsbrough Common Primary School	Central	Youth 9v9	1	Poor	0.5	2.5

² Match equivalent sessions

³ Match equivalent sessions

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As seen, with quality improvements only the youth 11v11 pitch at Rockingham Sports Ground and adult pitches at Silkstone Recreation Ground and Wombwell Main Sports Ground would remain overplayed. Whilst the adult pitch at Elsecar Cricket Club and youth 11v11 pitch at Penistone Church FC are already good quality, therefore neither are included in the table above.

Carrying out the improvements would not only improve capacity at the relevant sites, but also improve the capacity balance overall across Barnsley. In fact, no overall pitch shortfalls would be evident, with current shortfalls for youth 11v11 and youth 9v9 alleviated.

Table 4.2: Summary of current supply and demand in match equivalent sessions per week

Pitch type	Actual spare capacity	Overplay	Current total	Future demand	Total
Adult	8	7	1	1.5	0.5
Youth 11v11	2	13.5	11.5	3	14.5
Youth 9v9	2	12	10	2	12
Mini 7v7	6.5	0	6.5	2	4.5
Mini 5v5	2.5	0.5	2	1.5	0.5

Table 4.3: Impact of improving pitch quality on overall supply and demand in match equivalent sessions per week

Pitch type	Actual spare capacity	Overplay	Current total	Future demand	Total
Adult	8	4.5	3.5	1.5	2
Youth 11v11	4	1.5	2.5	3	0.5
Youth 9v9	3	0	3	2	1
Mini 7v7	6.5	0	6.5	2	4.5
Mini 5v5	2.5	0	2.5	1.5	1

In addition, there are currently four match equivalent sessions per week of spare capacity discounted (aggregated from all pitch types) due to poor quality/overplay. Improving pitch quality at these sites would provide and increase overall actual spare capacity, which can be used to accommodate demand from the remaining overplayed sites as well as future demand.

Notwithstanding the above, given the costs of improving pitch quality, alternatives also need to be considered that can offer a more sustainable model for the future of football. The alternative to grass pitches is the use of 3G pitches for competitive matches. Not only can this alleviate overplay of grass pitches, but it can also aid quality improvements through the transfer of play and therefore reduced use.

Local Football Facility Plan (LFFP)

Pitch improvements

As improving the quality of all overplayed sites may not be feasible from an investment point of view, an alternative approach is to focus on improving strategic sites. To that end, the Local Football Facility Plan (LFFP) identifies five sites for grass pitch improvements that are considered to be in need of investment and that are key for football across Barnsley. The table overleaf identifies what the impact would be on the supply and demand balance of pitches at these sites if quality was improved to a good quality.

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Table 4.4: Impact of LFFP quality improvements

Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	Pitch type	No. of pitches	Quality	Current capacity rating	Good capacity rating
21	Carlton Park	North East	Adult	1	Poor	0	2
			Mini (5v5)	1	Poor	2	6
			Mini (7v7)	1	Poor	2	6
			Youth (11v11)	1	Poor	1.5	0.5
			Youth (9v9)	1	Poor	0.5	1.5
44	Elmhirst Playing Fields	Central	Adult	1	Standard	1	2
			Mini (5v5)	1	Standard	3	5
			Mini (7v7)	2	Standard	7.5	11.5
			Youth (11v11)	2	Standard	3	7
			Youth (9v9)	1	Standard	4.5	6.5
112	Rotherham Road Playing Fields	North East	Adult	2	Poor	0.5	4.5
			Youth (11v11)	1	Poor	1	4
141	The Fleets Football Pitches	North	Adult	2	Poor	0.5	3.5
			Youth (9v9)	1	Poor	0.5	3.5
155	Wharnccliffe Woodmoor Memorial Field	North	Adult	2	Poor	2	6
			Mini (5v5)	1	Poor	0.5	3.5
			Mini (7v7)	1	Poor	1.5	5.5
			Youth (11v11)	3	Poor	2	11
			Youth (9v9)	2	Poor	1	7
Total						28.5	96.5

Improving quality as set out in the table above would create an additional 68 match equivalent sessions of spare capacity per week with only ten match equivalent sessions of this available at peak time (actual spare capacity). In addition, all those pitches that are currently overplayed would have it alleviated. On this basis, it should be a priority to improve quality at the sites which have overplayed pitches.

The impact the improvements would have on the overall supply and demand balance is shown in the following table.

Table 4.5: Impact on current supply and demand balance if quality improved at LFFP sites

Pitch type	Current match equivalent sessions per week	Potential match equivalent sessions per week
Adult	1	4.5
Youth 11v11	11.5	5.5
Youth 9v9	10	7.5
Mini 7v7	6.5	7
Mini 5v5	2	2.5

Overall shortfalls on youth 11v11 and youth 9v9 would remain, albeit reduced.

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Table 4.6: Impact on future supply and demand if quality improved at LFFP sites

Pitch type	Current match equivalent sessions per week	Potential match equivalent sessions per week
Adult	0.5	3
Youth 11v11	14.5	8.5
Youth 9v9	12	9.5
Mini 7v7	4.5	5
Mini 5v5	0.5	1

When factoring in future demand, there will still be shortfalls on youth 11v11 and youth 9v9 pitch types.

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

Table 4.7: Assessing LFFP priority list (grass pitch improvements)

Site ID	Site name	Comments	LFFP update recommendation
21	Carlton Park	Key site that is poor quality	Retain for improvement
44	Elmhirst Playing Fields	Key site that is good/standard quality	Retain for improvement
109	Redfearns Sports Field	Key site that is good quality	Remove from LFFP, pitches have undergone improvement
112	Rotherham Road Playing Fields	Key site that is poor quality	Retain for improvement
141	The Fleets Football Pitches	Key site that is poor quality	Retain for improvement
155	Wharnccliffe Woodmoor Memorial Field	Key site that is poor quality	Retain for improvement

In addition to the above, additions to the plan should also be sought given the quality issues and shortfalls evidenced across Barnsley. In that regard, the following sites should be considered given the number of pitches supplied and the quality/overplay issues identified:

- ◀ Farm Road Playing Fields (three pitches)
- ◀ Netherwood Academy (five pitches)
- ◀ Pinfold Playing Fields (three pitches)
- ◀ Royston Welfare Park (four pitches)
- ◀ Woodview (four pitches)

PitchPower can be used as a further indicator to identify the suitability of these sites to be added to the project list and the level of investment required.

Impact of club aspirational demand on future supply and demand

Future demand expressed by clubs is considered more aspirational, and as such it is run as a scenario to explore the impact that this level of demand would have if it was all realised.

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The total future demand expressed by clubs is broken down club by club in Table 4.8, the future demand from club aspirations amounts to 17 match equivalent sessions per week (as two teams equates to one match equivalent session per week playing on a home and away basis).

Broken down by pitch type, 2.5 match equivalent sessions per week are identified on adult pitches, 4.5 match equivalent sessions per week on youth 11v11 pitches, 3.5 match equivalent sessions per week on youth 9v9 pitches, 2.5 match equivalent sessions per week on mini 7v7 pitches and four match equivalent sessions per week on mini 5v5 pitches.

Table 4.8: Potential team increases identified by clubs

Club	Analysis area	Gender	Number of teams	Pitch size	Match equivalent sessions ⁴
AFC Pogmoor	North	Womens	1	Adult	0.5
Athersley Recreation FC	North	Womens	1	Adult	0.5
		Girls	1	Youth 11v11	0.5
		Girls	1	Youth 9v9	0.5
		Mixed	1	Mini 5v5	0.5
Brierley Cubs JFC	North East	Mixed	1	Mini 5v5	0.5
Cawthorne (2017)	Penistone	Mixed	1	Mini 5v5	0.5
Dearne & District JFC	Dearne	Mens	1	Adult	0.5
		Girls	1	Youth 11v11	0.5
		Mixed	1	Mini 7v7	0.5
		Mixed	1	Mini 5v5	0.5
Grimethorpe LLUK	North East	Boys	1	Youth 11v11	0.5
Junior Tykes FC	North	Girls	1	Youth 9v9	0.5
		Mixed	1	Mini 7v7	0.5
		Mixed	1	Mini 5v5	0.5
North Gawber Colliery FC	North	Men's	1	Adult	0.5
		Mixed	1	Mini 7v7	0.5
		Mixed	1	Mini 5v5	0.5
Redfearn JFC	North East	Girls	2	Youth 11v11	1
Silkstone Common Miners Welfare FC	Penistone	Mens	1	Adult	0.5
		Boys	1	Youth 11v11	0.5
		Girls	1	Youth 9v9	0.5
		Boys	1	Youth 9v9	0.5
		Mixed	1	Mini 7v7	0.5
		Mixed	1	Mini 5v5	0.5
Wombewell Town FC	South	Boys	1	Youth 11v11	0.5
		Girls	1	Youth 11v11	0.5
		Boys	1	Youth 9v9	0.5
		Girls	1	Youth 9v9	0.5
		Mixed	1	Mini 7v7	0.5
		Mixed	1	Mini 5v5	0.5
Worsbrough Bridge Athletic FC	Central	Boys	1	Youth 9v9	0.5
Yorkshire RTC	Penistone	Boys	1	Youth 11v11	0.5
-	-	Total	34	-	17

⁴ Two teams require one pitch to account for playing on a home and away basis; therefore, 0.5 pitches can therefore be seen in the table where there is latent demand for one team.

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Most of the club aspirational demand is in the North Analysis Area with a total of 5.5 match equivalent sessions per week. Penistone Analysis Area then has four match equivalent sessions per week followed by the South Analysis Area equating to three match equivalent sessions per week.

The table below shows what the impact would have overall on the supply and demand analysis if club aspirational demand came to fruition.

Table 4.9: Impact of club aspirational future demand on supply and demand balance in match equivalent sessions per week

Pitch type	Actual spare capacity	Overplay	Current total	Future demand	Total
Adult	8	7	1	1.5	0.5
Youth 11v11	2	13.5	11.5	3	14.5
Youth 9v9	2	12	10	2	12
Mini 7v7	6.5	0	6.5	2	4.5
Mini 5v5	2.5	0.5	2	1.5	0.5
Club aspirational future demand					
Adult	8	7	1	4	3
Youth 11v11	2	13.5	11.5	7.5	19
Youth 9v9	2	12	10	5.5	15.5
Mini 7v7	6.5	0	6.5	4.5	2
Mini 5v5	2.5	0.5	2	5.5	0.5

It should be noted that if club aspirational demand was realised, there would still be levels of overplay across the Borough even after improving pitch quality. Therefore, to meet participation growth there will also be a need to consider alternative solutions such as the use of more 3G pitches to accommodate competitive demand.

Overplayed sites eligibility for Football Foundation Grass Pitch Maintenance Fund (GPMF)

There are currently 19 sites which have overplayed pitches of standard/poor quality onsite. Improving the quality of pitches on these sites will help to increase the capacity of the pitches and remove overplay.

The GPMF can be utilised by grassroots football clubs and leagues, National League System Clubs at Steps 1-6 (excluding the stadia pitch), charities, educational sites and town/parish councils with the simple aim of improving the quality of grass pitches. The key principles behind the service are to provide members of the programme with advice/practical solutions via a PitchPower site assessment and subsequent Grass Pitch Assessment Report which will also identify the key enhanced maintenance works required along with machinery requirements.

Following a Report, clubs can work towards the recommended dedicated maintenance regime identified to improve the quality of their pitches. Once a PitchPower grass pitch assessment report has been produced for the site, eligible clubs/leagues/organisations can then apply for grant funding support through the Football Foundation Grass Pitch Maintenance Fund, a fund offering six-year tapered grants to help enhance or sustain the quality of their grass pitches. The fund is a key part of the Football Foundation's Grass Pitch Improvement Programme - an ambition to deliver 20,000 good quality grass pitches by 2030. If a site is categorised as 'poor' or 'basic' then clubs can apply for funding to enhance pitch quality, whilst clubs with good quality pitches can also apply for a lower level of funding to sustain quality.

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All applicants must have the required security of tenure and have received a PitchPower Pitch Assessment Report, with the fund currently open to football clubs, leagues, National League System Clubs at Steps 1-6 (excluding the stadia pitch), charities, educational sites and town/parish councils. Local authorities are not currently eligible applicants, however, clubs, leagues and charitable organisations using local authority sites can apply provided they have security of tenure.

The table below highlights the current GPMF eligibility status of overplayed sites within Barnsley.

Table 4.10: GPMF eligibility status of overplayed sites within Barnsley

Site ID	Site name	Ownership	GPMF eligibility
21	Carlton Park	Council	Unavailable
41	Dodworth Miners Welfare Sports and Social Club	Sports club	Available
47	Farm Road Playing Fields	Council	Unavailable
51	Greenacre School	School	Available
91	Netherwood Academy	School	Available
94	Oakwood Playing Fields	Council	Unavailable
99	Oxspring Playing Field	Sports club	Available
101	Penistone Grammar School	School	Available
104	Pinfold Playing Fields	Sports club	Available
106	Pogmoor Recreation Ground	Council	Unavailable
108	Rabbit Ings Country Park	Trust	Available
110	Rockingham Sports Ground	Community organisation	Available
123	Silkstone Recreation Ground	Parish Council	Available
141	The Fleets Football Pitches	School	Available
153	Welfare Ground	Sports club	Currently on the GPMF
155	Wharnccliffe Woodmoor Memorial Field	Council	Unavailable
159	Wombwell Main Sports Ground	Sports club	Available
163	Woodview	Sports club	Currently on the GPMF
165	Worsbrough Common Primary School	School	Available

Of the 19 sites which currently accommodate overplayed pitches, 12 are considered available for application, with five sites unavailable for application and two currently a part of the Grass Pitch Maintenance Fund. It should be noted that although Rockingham Sports Ground meets requirements, the site is in the process of being relocated to a new community facility as part of the Hoyland West masterplan to the Parkside facility.

Providing security of tenure

Currently, 28.5 match equivalent sessions per week are played on unsecured pitches throughout Barnsley. If these pitches were to fall out of use, shortfalls would be exacerbated on youth 11v11 and 9v9, whilst a shortfall would be created on adult pitches. Mini 5v5 pitches would see spare capacity removed and the pitches be played to capacity whilst mini 7v7 pitches would have spare capacity reduced. Future demand would further exacerbate shortfalls on adult, youth 11v11 and 9v9 pitches. Whilst mini 5v5 pitches would have shortfalls created and mini 7v7 pitches would see spare capacity reduced further.

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Table 4.11: Supply and demand balance without unsecure sites

Pitch type	Demand (match equivalent sessions)				
	Current total	Unsecure usage	Potential total	Future demand	Potential future total
Adult	1	5.5	4.5	1.5	3
Youth 11v11	11.5	11	22.5	3	25.5
Youth 9v9	10	7.5	17.5	2	19.5
Mini 7v7	6.5	2.5	4	2	2
Mini 5v5	2	2	0	1.5	1.5

A total list of unsecure sites with community use are outlined below for reference:

- ◀ Barnsley Academy
- ◀ Darton Academy
- ◀ Greenacre School
- ◀ Horizon Community College
- ◀ Netherwood Academy
- ◀ Penistone Grammar School
- ◀ The Fleets Football Pitches
- ◀ The Mill Academy
- ◀ Worsbrough Common Primary School

All of the unsecured use is located at educational sites. Where there is external investment on school sites e.g. by an NGB or Sport England, there are opportunities to secure use as part of the funding agreement. This also applies to new schools or for existing schools seeking a change to provision as, via planning consent, the Council can seek to establish community use agreement.

Recommendations

- ◀ Protect existing quantity of pitches (unless replacement provision is agreed upon and provided which meets the requirement of paragraph 99 of the NPPF).
- ◀ Where pitches are overplayed and assessed as poor, prioritise investment and review maintenance regimes to ensure it is of an appropriate standard to sustain use and improve quality.
- ◀ Use the LFFP as a guide to determine suitable sites for grass pitch investment and update the priority projects within it following this study.
- ◀ Utilise the Football Foundation's PitchPower app to assist in the improvement and ongoing maintenance of provision.
- ◀ Work to accommodate exported and future demand at sites which are not operating at capacity, sites previously utilised for football demand or at sites which are not currently available for community use.
- ◀ Provide security of tenure for clubs using unsecure sites through community use agreements and support negotiation with private landowners and schools to secure appropriate access (e.g., via a community use agreement or lease arrangement).
- ◀ Improve ancillary facilities where there is a demand to do so and where it can benefit the wider footballing offer.
- ◀ Where appropriate, develop partnerships and/or lease arrangements with large, sustainable, development-minded clubs to manage their own sites.
- ◀ 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.

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- ◀ 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, with accompanying clubhouse provision included given that single pitch sites without appropriate ancillary facilities can be unsustainable.

4.2: Third generation turf (3G) pitches

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- ◀ **In conclusion, there is deemed to be an insufficient supply to accommodate both current and future demand for 3G pitches in Barnsley.**

Supply

- ◀ There are 11 3G pitches of 11v11 size in Barnsley. Three of these pitches are located in the North East Analysis Area.
- ◀ All pitches have sports lighting, with 10 of these being available for community use.
- ◀ There are also 16 smaller size 3G pitches servicing Barnsley, of which, 14 are available for community use. The community available pitches are all serviced by sports lighting. The two pitches that are not available for community use are both located at education sites.
- ◀ In Barnsley three of the pitches are FA/FIFA compliant and on the FA 3G Pitch Register so permitted for match play use. Whilst the certificate for the pitch at Penistone Grammar School has recently expired.
- ◀ There are no World Rugby compliant 3G pitches in Barnsley.
- ◀ The 3G pitch at Dorothy Hyman Sports Centre is managed by Barnsley Premier Leisure. Whilst the 3G pitch at Barnsley FC Training Ground is managed in house by the professional sports club. All other pitches are located at educational sites and are managed through a PFI contract and managed on behalf of the schools by Amey.

Quality

- ◀ Of the 11 pitches of 11v11 size, two (18%) are good quality, eight (73%) are standard quality and one (9%) pitch at Barnsley College is poor quality.
- ◀ Of the 16 small size 3G pitches 12 (75%) are standard quality and four (25%) are poor quality, no small sized 3G pitches in Barnsley are good quality.
- ◀ The ancillary facilities at Dorothy Hyman Sports Centre are rated as good quality with no issues arising during consultation.

Demand

- ◀ All pitches are extensively used for affiliated football demand both for midweek training and competitive demand at the weekend. There is also some use of The Astrea Dearne Academy pitch by Dodworth Miners ARLFC.

Capacity

- ◀ The 11v11 3G pitches currently available for community use in Barnsley are all operating at, or close to, capacity at peak times, especially during winter months when grass pitches cannot be used for training or recreational demand (due to a lack of sports lighting).
- ◀ In Barnsley 61% clubs that responded to consultation report that they require additional access to 3G provision, however, the exact number of teams that don't already access 3G pitches is unquantifiable.

Scenarios

Accommodating football training demand

To satisfy current football training demand (based on the FA's model of one 11v11 size 3G pitch being able to cater for 38 teams) there is a theoretical need for 11 3G pitches (11v11 size) in Barnsley.

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Table 4.12: Current demand for 3G pitches in Barnsley (based on 38 teams per pitch)

Current number of teams	3G requirement	Current number of 3G pitches	Current shortfall
402	11	7	4

When considering future demand for an additional 20 teams (based on growth identified in Stage C Assessment Report), the theoretical need remains the same i.e., 11 3G pitches (11v11 size).

Table 4.13: Future demand for 3G pitches in Barnsley (based on 38 teams per pitch)

Future number of teams	3G requirement ⁵	Current number of 3G pitches	Future shortfall
422	11	7	4

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 Barnsley, but it can also be used to guide which areas should be targeted for new provision.

Table 4.14: Current demand for 3G pitches in Barnsley by analysis area

Analysis area	Current number of teams	3G requirement ⁶	Current number of 3G pitches	Potential shortfall
Central	61	2 (1.61)	-	2
Dearne	32	1 (0.84)	1	-
North	76	2	2	-
North East	104	3 (2.73)	2	1
Penistone	65	2 (1.71)	1	1
South	64	2 (1.68)	1	1
Barnsley	402	12	7	5

This shows that there is currently a shortfall of five 11v11 3G pitches in Barnsley. When broken down by analysis area, there is a shortfall identified in the Central, North East, Penistone and South analysis areas.

When accounting for future demand for 3G pitch provision, the future number of teams has been worked out in each individual analysis area by proportionally working out the current number of teams within each analysis area and applying this to the total projected number of teams in the future for Barnsley as a whole.

Table 4.15: Future demand for 3G pitches in Barnsley by analysis area

Analysis area	Future number of teams	% of current demand	Future requirement	Current number of available 11v11 size 3G pitches	Future shortfall
Central	63	15%	2 (1.65)	-	2
Dearne	34	8%	1 (0.89)	1	-
North	80	19%	2 (2.10)	2	-

⁵ Rounded to the nearest 0.5

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Analysis area	Future number of teams	% of current demand	Future requirement	Current number of available 11v11 size 3G pitches	Future shortfall
North East	110	26%	3 (2.89)	2	1
Penistone	68	16%	2 (1.79)	1	1
South	67	16%	2 (1.76)	1	1
Barnsley	422	100%	12	7	5

When considering future demand, there is no additional requirement of 3G pitches in the Borough. Therefore, there remains a shortfall of five pitches, two in the Central Analysis Area and one in each of the Penistone, North East and South analysis areas.

Local Football Facility Plan (LFFP)

The LFFP for Barnsley identifies the following for potential 3G pitch development:

- ◀ North Barnsley x 2 - New (11v11 size)
- ◀ Rockingham Sports Ground (South Analysis Area) - New (11v11 size)
- ◀ Central/East Barnsley - New (11v11 size)

Rockingham Sports Ground is due to be relocated to the new Parkside sports facility. As part of this the location of the 11v11 3G pitch has been changed to the new facility.

As the LFFP is a live document to be informed by an up-to-date PPOSS, the priority project list should be revisited following this study and updated/amended based on the findings, if necessary. To help further guide this process, the table below identifies what impact delivering the current projects would have on existing shortfalls.

Table 4.16: Impact of delivering current LFFP 3G projects

Analysis area	Current 3G requirement	Current number of 3G pitches	Current shortfall	No. of proposed pitches	Shortfall if delivered
Central	2 (1.61)	-	2	1 ⁷	1
Dearne	1 (0.84)	1	-	0	0
North	2	2	-	2	0
North East	3 (2.73)	2	1	0	1
Penistone	2 (1.71)	1	1	0	1
South	2 (1.68)	1	1	1	0

If the pitches at Parkside (South Analysis Area) and pitches in the Central Analysis Area and North Analysis Area (x2) are established the overall shortfall would reduce from five pitches to one pitch, with the specific shortfall in the South Analysis Area alleviated, however there would remain a shortfall in the Central, North East and Penistone analysis areas. Although the LFFP doesn't identify a specific site the new school development Trinity Academy Barnsley is due to have an 11v11 size 3G developed, which would reduce the current shortfall to one pitch in the Central Analysis Area.

⁷ One pitch identified at Trinity Academy Barnsley

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The Council has aspirations to explore development of a football 3G hub site with at least two 11v11 sized 3G pitches in the North Analysis Area and whilst there is not presently an identified shortfall in the North Analysis Area, further exploration of partner clubs and intended users is required to determine potential for a 3G football hub in the North Analysis Area to meet a wider travel to play catchment, which could meet demand from teams in the North East and Central analysis areas.

There is currently no pitch identified in the Penistone Analysis Area, and therefore there is a need to explore additional options for the development of 3G pitches in this area.

World Rugby/RFL Community Standard compliant 3G pitches

World Rugby produced the 'performance specification for artificial grass pitches for rugby', more commonly known as 'Regulation 22' that provides the necessary technical detail to produce pitch systems that are appropriate for rugby union. Additionally, pitches of this nature are also can be tested to support rugby league activity. There is currently no World Rugby/RFL Community Standard compliant 3G pitches in Barnsley.

Barnsley RUFC and the Council have identified that the small sided 3G pitch at Shaw Lane Sports Club (adjacent to the Barnsley Rugby Union Football Club) is standard quality and is likely to require resurfacing in the next couple of years. When resurfacing of the pitch takes place it should be explored to have a shock pad installed and for the pitch to gain WR/RFL Community Standard compliance in order to support some contact rugby union training demand during the winter months.

It is reported that, an old playing field site south of the Shaw Lane Sports Club which previously accommodated up to four grass pitches, has confirmed for the development of a new school site. The plans include the development of a 11v11 size 3G pitch, which will have a shock pad and be WR/RFL Community Standard compliant, offering training space for both rugby union clubs in the Borough.

Moving mini football match play demand to 3G pitches

An approach to consider is the transfer of all mini football to 3G provision. Moving mini football match play to 3G pitches is supported by the FA. As such, the table below tests a scenario to enable all mini 5v5 and mini 7v7 football to transfer to 3G pitches based on a programme of play at current peak time (Sunday AM).

Table 4.17: Moving all mini matches to 3G pitches

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

Based on the above programming and separate start times for the formats, the overall need is for eight 11v11 size 3G pitches to accommodate all current mini match play demand. This is calculated based on 60 teams playing 5v5 football and 71 teams playing 7v7 football. At present there are only five 11v11 size 3G pitches which are available for use on weekends on Sunday Mornings. Therefore, there is a shortfall of three 3G pitches in the Borough, which are available to cater for such demand.

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At present there are seven 11v11 3G pitches which offer community availability throughout the week with three not offering availability at weekends (one of which offers small amounts on Saturday morning). All three sites/pitches would require extending community use on Sunday mornings in order to be able to cater transfer of all mini 5v5 and mini 7v7 matches onto 3G pitches.

Declining quality of 11v11 size 3G pitches on educational sites

In Barnsley, nine 11v11 size 3G pitches are located on educational sites. Of these, eight are of standard quality and were all built between 2011 and 2013. The pitches are also part of the PFI contract and managed/maintained by Amey and as mentioned earlier. The one pitch which is not part of the Amey contract is located at Barnsley College (Honeywell Sports Village) and is rated as poor quality. The following nine sites are currently operating 11v11 size 3G pitches.

- ◀ Barnsley College (Honeywell Sports Village)
- ◀ Holy Trinity School (Barnsley)
- ◀ Horizon Community College
- ◀ Kirk Balk Academy
- ◀ Netherwood Academy
- ◀ Outwood Academy Carlton
- ◀ Outwood Academy Shafton
- ◀ Penistone Grammar School
- ◀ The Astrea Dearne Academy

Due to the pitches all being of standard quality and coming close to the lifespan of ten years (as they were all built at a similar time), whilst also being maintained by the same company, it is likely that these pitches will require resurfacing over the lifetime of this PPOSS. However, to caveat this, some pitches may have longer left before resurfacing, this is mainly due to the use of the pitch with some of these pitches offering more community available hours than others. Further investigation is required to fully determine quality and levels of usage.

It is likely that the following pitches will require resurfacing sooner than others due to greater usage:

- ◀ Barnsley College (Honeywell Sports Village)
- ◀ Penistone Grammar School
- ◀ Netherwood Academy
- ◀ The Astra Dearne Academy

Priorities should be set for ensuring any pitch which is likely to become out of use due to poor pitch quality is resurfaced, with shortfalls already evident across the Borough, any further loss of pitches would only exacerbate the shortfall further. The four pitches which are currently utilised by community clubs more should be explored and prioritised for resurface and all other pitches should be monitored and resurfaced when required.

Recommendations

- ◀ Protect current stock of 3G pitches.
- ◀ Develop additional 3G pitches to alleviate identified shortfalls.
- ◀ Ensure that any new 3G pitches are constructed to meet FA/RFU recommended dimensions and quality performance standards to meet performance testing criteria.
- ◀ Ensure that pitches within educational sites are resurfaced when required, as all pitches are likely to require resurfacing within a similar timeframe, priorities should be set on pitches which are likely to become out of use.

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- ◀ Ensure all 3G providers have a sinking fund in place for long-term sustainability.
- ◀ Ensure that all existing and new pitches that are on the FA register are re-tested every three years to sustain certification.
- ◀ Look to develop better relationships with educational sites, to explore the opportunity and secure use of educational pitches on weekends for match play.
- ◀ Encourage more match play demand to transfer to 3G pitches, where possible, particularly from for mini football.
- ◀ Ensure that any new 3G pitches with external funding have community use agreements in place and seek to use this to also tie in access to grass pitch and other sporting provision, where relevant.

4.3: Cricket pitches

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- ◀ **Overall, there is currently insufficient capacity for natural turf cricket squares in Barnsley to meet senior weekend or junior midweek cricket demand now or in future.**

Supply

- ◀ There are 21 grass wicket squares in Barnsley located across 21 sites, of which, all 21 are available for community use.
- ◀ In Barnsley, there are 16 NTPs which accompany grass wicket squares, as well as 11 standalone NTPs.
- ◀ Tenure of sites in Barnsley is generally secure i.e. through freehold, a long-term lease or a guarantee that pitches will continue to be provided over the next three years.
- ◀ Darton CC, Dearne CC, Hoylandswaine CC, Stainborough CC, Thurgoland CC and Thurnscoe Institute CC are considered to have unsecure tenure as its current arrangement is unknown.
- ◀ Of the 21 squares available for community use, 16 grass squares are rated as good quality (76%), five rated as standard quality (24%). No squares are rated as poor quality.
- ◀ The audit of ancillary facilities at available grass pitch cricket sites determines that 10 squares (50%) are accompanied by good quality provision, and ten squares (50%) are accompanied by standard quality provision.
- ◀ 13 sites used by affiliated clubs in Barnsley are not serviced by fixed practice nets. The remaining sites have fixed net provision.

Demand

- ◀ There are 21 cricket clubs competing in Barnsley generating 106 teams. As a breakdown, this equates to 54 senior men's, eight senior women's, 42 junior boys' teams and two junior girls' teams.
- ◀ The largest club playing in the Borough is Rockingham CC which has a total of 16 teams. It also has a women's and girls' section consisting of three teams.
- ◀ Only two clubs in the Borough provide a junior girls team, one team located at Penistone CC and one teams located at Rockingham CC.
- ◀ Most teams play in the South Analysis Area which accommodates 36 teams (34%), followed by the Penistone Analysis Area with 30 teams (28%), the Central Analysis Area with 23 teams (22%), the North Analysis Area with nine teams (9%), the North East Analysis Area with six teams (6%) and finally the Dearne Analysis Area with one team (2%).
- ◀ There is no known imported or exported demand from Barnsley.
- ◀ It is expected that three additional men's teams and two additional junior boys' teams are expected to be generated by population growth.
- ◀ Of the responding clubs, seven indicate aspirations to increase levels of participation through the creation of new teams. This equates to a total aspirational growth of 14 teams, equating to four senior men's, one senior women's and nine junior teams.

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Capacity

- ◀ No sites have spare capacity and availability to accommodate additional senior cricket on Saturdays.
- ◀ Houghton Main Miners Welfare Ground, Shaw Lane Sports Club and Wombwell Main Sports Ground have potential capacity to accommodate further demand on a Sunday.
- ◀ Houghton Main Miners Welfare Ground, Kexborough Cricket Club, Silkstone Recreation Ground, Shaw Lane Sports Club, Wombwell Main Sports Ground and Penistone Cricket Club have potential capacity to accommodate further midweek demand.
- ◀ There are eight sites in Barnsley considered to be overplayed for cricket by a total of 116 match equivalent sessions per season.

Scenarios

Addressing overplay

Although a regular, sufficient maintenance regime can sustain good quality sites with minimal levels of overplay (e.g. at Castle Ground, Cawthorne Cricket Club, Green Moor Sports Club and Wooley Miners Cricket Club), a reduction in play is recommended to ensure that there is no detrimental effect on quality over time.

Table 4.18: Summary of overplay

Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	Number of squares	Overplay (matches per season)
25	Castle Ground	North East	1	3
28	Cawthorne Cricket Club	Penistone	1	5
45	Elsecar Cricket Club	South	1	21
50	Green Moor Sports Club	Penistone	1	6
110	Rockingham Sports Ground	South	1	40
164	Woolley Miners Cricket Club	North	1	4
207	Hoylandswaine Sports and Social Club	Penistone	1	22
209	Darfield Cricket Club	South	1	15
Total			8	116

Improving quality is one way to increase capacity, albeit many of the overplayed sites in Barnsley are already good quality. The exception to this is the square at Green Moor Sports Club which has a standard quality square and is currently overplayed by six match equivalent sessions a season.

Table 4.19: Overplay if square quality was improved to good quality

Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	No. of squares	No. of wickets	Quality	Current capacity rating	Good capacity rating
50	Green Moor Sports Club	Penistone	1	10	Standard	6	4

As seen in the table above, improving the quality of the square at Green Moor Sports Club would alleviate identified overplay and create a small level of spare capacity, which can be theoretically used to accommodate any increases of demand at the site.

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To fully alleviate overplay at the remaining overplayed sites, the best solution would be to install a NTP in situ as this would allow for the transfer of junior demand away from the grass wickets. Of the overplayed sites, Castle Ground, Elsecar Cricket Club, Rockingham Sports Ground, Wooley Miners Cricket Club and Darfield Cricket Club are currently serviced by such provision and therefore should look to alleviate pressure of the square by making use of this for junior fixtures.

Cawthorne Cricket Club and Hoylandswaine Sports and Social Club are not currently serviced by such provision and therefore, should explore installation of an NTP onsite to help alleviate the pressure on the grass wickets.

As a caveat, whilst the inclusion of NTPs for the management of fixtures would alleviate overplay issues, usage is subject to league rules and minimum pitch specifications. Furthermore, this should not lead to undue pressure being placed on clubs and volunteers using the sites to install self-funded NTPs.

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

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

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

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

Impact of club aspirational demand on future site by site supply and demand

Future demand reported by club aspirations through participation increases is considered more aspirational, and it is unlikely that it will all be achieved. This scenario explores the impact that the clubs aspirational demand would have if all the future demand was realised.

The total future demand expressed by clubs is broken down club by club in the table below and amounts to 14 teams (four senior Saturday men's teams, one senior women's teams, nine junior boy's teams).

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Table 4.20: Potential team increases identified by clubs

Analysis area	Club	Age group	Aspirational future demand (Number of teams)	Day	Capacity balance ⁸	Match equivalent sessions required to accommodate future demand	Actual spare capacity at home site
South	Darfield CC	Senior Men's	1	Saturday	15	12	No
		Junior Boy's	1	Midweek		6	No
South	Elsecar CC	Senior Men's	1	Saturday	21	12	No
Central	Higham CC	Senior Men's	1	Saturday	1	12	No
South	Houghton Main CC	Junior Boy's	2	Midweek	20	12	Yes
Penistone	Penistone CC	Junior Boy's	1	Midweek	11	6	Yes
South	Rockingham CC	Senior Men's	1	Saturday	40	12	No
		Senior Women's	1	Sunday		12	No
Penistone	Silkstone United CC	Junior Boy's	2	Midweek	9	12	No
South	Wombwell Main CC	Junior Boy's	2	Midweek	31	12	Yes
Central	Worsborough CC	Junior Boy's	1	Midweek	1	6	No

Silkstone United CC has spare capacity on its square; however, it does not have capacity to host two additional junior boys' team, this is due to it only having spare capacity of nine match equivalent sessions per season, compared to the required 12 (six match equivalent sessions per team). Therefore, it is considered that it would be able to cater for one additional team, however, at present two teams could not be accommodated. It should be noted that the square at Silkstone Recreation Ground is rated as standard quality, therefore an improvement in quality would increase the capacity to 18 match equivalent sessions per season which would create enough capacity to cater for two additional junior boys' teams.

Darfield CC, Elsecar CC and Rockingham CC's respective sites are significantly overplayed. In addition, all the sites are of good quality and therefore there is no scope for overplay to be alleviated. It should also be noted that of the aspirational demand identified only Darfield CC junior boys' midweek team has potential spare capacity on its respective sites with all other identified teams having their respective sites played to capacity at the peak times they are looking to increase. This therefore would mean that the teams would require alternative off site facilities in order to expand.

⁸ Match equivalent sessions per season

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Worsborough CC has availability to accommodate a future junior boys' midweek teams, with less than five teams currently playing midweek. However, if an additional midweek junior team was to be introduced, this would then lead to the square becoming overplayed, as it does not currently have enough spare capacity. As the square is currently of a good quality there is no scope to increase the quality of the square and therefore the capacity would not increase. This therefore means that there is no scope to add an additional team unless the team was to play on the NTP located on the site.

Higham CC does not have capacity on its current square to host an additional senior Saturday men's team. The Club currently has two Saturday men's teams and therefore, in order to cater for an additional senior Saturday men's team, it needs to look at an alternative facility to cater for this team.

Off field practise facilities

Of the 21 cricket club sites in Barnsley, only nine have dedicated fixed net training facilities. It is important for clubs to have off field training facilities for a number of reasons, with junior and senior short format matches taking place at many grounds midweek, off field provision allows training nights to continue to go ahead whilst these matches are on. The YCB highlights that in order for clubs to continue progressing and growing off field practising facilities are a priority. The table below highlights each of the sites without fixed net facilities and whether or not they have space onsite to develop such facility.

Table 4.21: Possibility of developing fixed net provision on club sites

Site ID	Site name	Fixed net facility possibility
45	Elsecar Cricket Club	No space off field to develop any fixed nets.
56	Higham Cricket Club	Space onsite for development of fixed lane facility
64	Houghton Main Miners Welfare Ground	Limited space onsite, but possible to develop some fixed net provision, needs exploring further
71	Kexborough Cricket Club	No space off field to develop any fixed nets.
110	Rockingham Sports Ground	Space onsite for development of fixed lane facility
153	Welfare Ground	No space off field to develop any fixed nets.
159	Wombwell Main Sports Ground	No space off field to develop any fixed nets.
164	Woolley Miners Cricket Club	Space onsite for development of fixed lane facility
167	Worsborough Sports And Development Association	No space off field to develop any fixed nets.
208	Penistone Cricket Club	No space off field to develop any fixed nets.
211	Thurgoland Cricket Club	Space onsite for development of fixed lane facility
212	Thursncoe Institute Cricket Club	No space off field to develop any fixed nets.

As shown in the table above, of the 12 sites which currently have no off field fixed net facilities there is reasonable space to develop such facilities on five of these sites. Each of these clubs/sites should be explored further to understand the need and possibility of developing fixed net provision onsite.

Installation of park NTPs

The ECB highlights that NTPs which follow its TS6 guidance on performance standards are suitable for high level, senior play and are considered able to take 60 matches per season although this may include training sessions where on occasions mobile nets may be used as a practice facility.

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The ECB and YCB highlights that a number of sites in the Borough, have limited/no spare capacity across Saturday, Sunday and midweek. This is due to both overplay and capacity issues inline with the use of facilities for training on midweek nights. Women and girls' cricket in England and Wales has significantly increased in previous years, with both the ECB and YCB continuing to push for further growth in Barnsley as part of its vision that cricket will be the game that truly engages with and works for the benefit of all its communities. It will embrace diversity and inclusivity across all players, coaches, administrators and volunteers, regardless of gender, ethnicity or age. It will be a game to embrace everyone, a game to be celebrated and a force for good.

As facilities can be restricted across the Borough to allow both training and matches, an option to explore is the installation of NTPs in park sites. The Council is open to discussions with the ECB and YCB and suggests having a pilot and consultation with the local community prior to rolling out a number of NTPs across the Borough.

Recommendations

- ◀ Protect existing quantity of cricket squares.
- ◀ Work with clubs and grounds staff to review quality issues on squares to ensure appropriate quality is achieved at sites assessed as standard and sustained at sites assessed as good.
- ◀ Address overplay via quality improvements and the installation of NTPs/Hybrid wickets as well as through greater utilisation of the NTPs already in place.
- ◀ Explore the opportunity to develop NTPs in park settings to support capacity issues and act as overspill for junior cricket.
- ◀ Explore the opportunity to bring back into use disused and unused pitches which previously accommodated grass wicket provision, in order to cater for unmet and future demand, namely the pitch previously maintained at Horizon Community College.
- ◀ Ensure clubs can realise future growth plans and continue to monitor increases in demand to ensure additional teams can be fielded.
- ◀ Improve the ancillary facilities, particularly those which have expressed issues and development plans and those of a standard/poor quality.
- ◀ Consider options to increase and improve stock of suitable practice facilities.
- ◀ 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 not of a size to justify on-site cricket provision, contributions should be secured for new NTPs to be installed or to improve the quality of existing sites within the locality.
- ◀ Ensure that any developments nearby to existing cricket sites do not prejudice the use of the provision (e.g. through ball-strike issues).

4.4: Rugby union pitches

Assessment Report summary

- ◀ **There is an insufficient supply of provision in Barnsley to accommodate for both current and anticipated future levels of demand for rugby union.**
- ◀ **The priority for rugby union in Barnsley is to ensure maintenance programmes are enhanced across club settings to improve quality of pitches to alleviate the overplay across senior pitches.**

Supply

- ◀ There is a total of six rugby union pitches identified in Barnsley. Of these, four are available for community use. All pitches are senior pitches. All unavailable pitches are located at education sites.
- ◀ There is no WR compliant 3G pitches in Barnsley.

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- ◀ All sites used by rugby union clubs in the Borough are managed by the respective rugby union clubs. Barnsley RUFC has freehold ownership of its site, whilst Wortley RUFC has a long-term lease agreements at its site.

Quality

- ◀ All four available rugby union pitches are rated as standard quality. Whilst the two pitches unavailable for community use are rated as poor quality.
- ◀ All available pitches are reported to have adequate natural drainage, with no issues with general drainage of pitches.

Demand

- ◀ There are two affiliated rugby union clubs based and playing within the Borough, identified as fielding a total of 17 affiliated teams.
- ◀ Community club training typically takes place on grass pitch provision with sports lighting.
- ◀ Future demand from population increases is projected as zero teams. Whilst future demand from club growth aspirations is considered to amount to five teams (one senior men's, two junior boys and two mini teams), requiring additional match play capacity of two match equivalent sessions on senior pitches.

Capacity

- ◀ None of the four available pitches are considered to have any actual spare capacity to accommodate additional demand.
- ◀ There are two pitches overplayed across two sites by a total of 5.75 match equivalent sessions per week.

Scenarios

Improving pitch quality

Two community club sites in Barnsley are overplayed. This translates to each site accommodating more demand than it should be accommodating, relative to the facility stock on each site. The scenarios below look at the impact of improvements to senior pitches at each of the sites through enhancing the existing maintenance regimes and through the installation of drainage solutions.

As a guide, the RFU has set a standard number of matches that each pitch should be able to accommodate, set out below.

Table 4.22: Pitch capacity (matches per week) based on quality assessments

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

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Table 4.23: Improvements to existing maintenance regimes to reduce overplay by one increment

Site ID	Site name	No. of pitches	Technical score	Quality*	Sports lit?	MES per week	Pitch capacity (MES per week)	Capacity rating (MES per week)	Improved technical maintenance score	Improved quality rating	Theoretical capacity rating (MES per week)
10	Barnsley Rugby Union Football Club	⁹	M1/D1	Standard	Yes	2	2	0	M2/D1	Good	1
		1	M1/D1	Standard	Yes	6.25	2	4.25	M2/D1	Good	3.25
168	Wortley RUFC	¹⁰	M1/D2	Standard	No	2.5	2.5	0	M2/D2	Good	0.75
		1	M1/D2	Standard	Partial	4	2.5	1.5	M2/D2	Good	0.75

The table above includes a one increment increase on the maintenance on pitches, undertaking these improvements will have an impact on capacity. The main 1st XV pitch at Barnsley Rugby Union Football Club LTD is currently at capacity and will see a small level of spare capacity generated, whilst the remaining pitch onsite will see overplay shortened from 4.25 match equivalent sessions per week to 3.25. Likewise, the main 1st XV pitch at Wortley RUFC is currently at capacity and will see a small level of spare capacity generated, whilst the remaining pitch onsite will see overplay shortened from 1.5 match equivalent sessions per week to 0.75.

Table 4.24: Improving on site drainage solutions by one increment

Site ID	Site name	No. of pitches	Technical score	Quality*	Sports lit?	MES per week	Pitch capacity (MES per week)	Capacity rating (MES per week)	Improved technical drainage score	Improved quality rating	Theoretical capacity rating (MES per week)
10	Barnsley Rugby Union Football Club	¹¹	M1/D1	Standard	Yes	2	2	0	M1/D2	Standard	0.5
		1	M1/D1	Standard	Yes	6.25	2	4.25	M1/D2	Standard	3.75
168	Wortley RUFC	¹²	M1/D2	Standard	No	2.5	2.5	0	M1/D3	Standard	0.5
		1	M1/D2	Standard	Partial	4	2.5	1.5	M1/D3	Standard	1

⁹ Main 1st team pitch

¹⁰ Main 1st team pitch

¹¹ Main 1st team pitch

¹² Main 1st team pitch

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The table above illustrates that the impact of improving the drainage solutions at both sites by one increment. The main 1st XV pitch at Barnsley Rugby Union Football Club is currently at capacity and will see a small level of spare capacity generated, whilst the remaining pitch onsite will see overplay shortened from 4.25 match equivalent sessions per week to 3.75. Likewise, the main 1st XV pitch at Wortley RUFC is currently at capacity and will see a small level of spare capacity generated, whilst the remaining pitch onsite will see overplay shortened from 1.5 match equivalent sessions per week to 1.

Table 4.25: Improving maintenance and drainage

Site ID	Site name	No. of pitches	Technical score	Quality*	Sports lit?	MES per week	Pitch capacity (MES per week)	Capacity rating (MES per week)	Improved technical score	Improved quality rating	Theoretical capacity rating (MES per week)
10	Barnsley Rugby Union Football Club	1 ¹³	M1/D1	Standard	Yes	2	2	0	M2/D3	Good	1.5
		1	M1/D1	Standard	Yes	6.25	2	4.25	M2/D3	Good	2.75
168	Wortley RUFC	1 ¹⁴	M1/D2	Standard	No	2.5	2.5	0	M2/D3	Good	1
		1	M1/D2	Standard	Partial	4	2.5	1.5	M2/D3	Good	0.5

The above two tables show a slight improvement, to both the maintenance and drainage on rugby pitches. This table examines the improvement of both maintenance and drainage to the maximum M2/D3 rating. The main 1st XV pitch at Barnsley Rugby Union Football Club is currently at capacity and will see spare capacity generated, whilst the remaining pitch onsite will see overplay shortened from 4.25 match equivalent sessions per week to 2.75.

Likewise, the main 1st XV pitch at Wortley RUFC is currently at capacity and will see spare capacity generated, whilst the remaining pitch onsite will see overplay shortened from 1.5 MES to 0.5 MES per week.

¹³ Main 1st team pitch

¹⁴ Main 1st team pitch

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Installation of sports lighting for training demand use of grass area at Barnsley RUFC

Barnsley RUFC currently have access and use of another patch of land onsite at Barnsley Rugby Union Football Club. At present, the Club uses the area for mini and junior training on Sunday mornings. The Club aspires to have this section of land installed with sports lighting in order to further support midweek training demand throughout the winter months. At present the second pitch onsite which is heavily used for midweek training demand and junior training is overplayed by 4.25 match equivalent sessions per week.

Table 4.26: Potential capacity balance of pitches at Barnsley Rugby Union Football Club with training demand relocated

Site name	No. of pitches	Potential technical score	Match equivalent sessions (per week)	Potential pitch capacity (sessions per week)	Potential capacity rating
Current					
Barnsley Rugby Union Football Club	1 ¹⁵	M1/D1 (Standard)	2	2	0
	1		6.25	2	4.25
Potential future position with half of the training demand removed					
Barnsley Rugby Union Football Club	1 ¹⁶	M1/D1 (Standard)	2	2	0
	1		3.75	2	1.75
Potential future position with all training demand removed					
Barnsley Rugby Union Football Club	1 ¹⁷	M1/D1 (Standard)	2	2	0
	1		1.25	2	0.75

If the additional land has sports lighting on, it would be able to be used a dedicated training area to support midweek training. This would help to alleviate pressure on the second pitch which currently has high levels of overplay. As seen in the table above, there are currently five MES of training capacity per week, if half of the training demand that currently exists (2.5 MES) it would reduce the current overplay on the pitch to 1.75 match equivalent sessions per week. If improvements to maintenance and/or drainage were made this overplay could be reduced to 0.25 on a pitch with a technical score of M2/D3. Additionally, if all training demand (5 MES) was removed from the overplayed pitch, all overplay would be alleviated and would leave pitch two with spare capacity of 0.75 match equivalent sessions per week.

World rugby compliant 3G pitches

World Rugby produced the 'performance specification for artificial grass pitches for rugby', more commonly known as 'Regulation 22' that provides the necessary technical detail to produce pitch systems that are appropriate for rugby union. Additionally, pitches of this nature are also can be tested to support rugby league activity. There is currently no World Rugby/RFL Community Standard compliant 3G pitches in Barnsley.

Barnsley RUFC and the Council have identified that the small sided 3G pitch at Shaw Lane Sports Club (adjacent to the Barnsley Rugby Union Football Club) is standard quality and is likely to require resurfacing in the next couple of years. When resurfacing of the pitch takes place it should be explored to have a shock pad installed and for the pitch to gain WR/RFL Community Standard compliance in order to support some contact rugby union training demand during the winter months.

¹⁵ Main 1st team pitch

¹⁶ Main 1st team pitch

¹⁷ Main 1st team pitch

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Additionally, it is reported that an old playing field site south of the Shaw Lane Sports Club which previously accommodated up to four grass pitches, has confirmed for the development of a new school site. The plans include the development of a 11v11 size 3G pitch, which will have a shock pad and be WR/RFL Community Standard compliant, offering training space for both rugby union clubs in the Borough.

If the above 11v11 size 3G pitch is developed within the new school, it would also play a part in offering training availability to Wortley RUFC. The table below similar to Table 4.22, shows the potential capacity rating if training demand was removed off pitches at Wortley RUFC.

Table 4.26: Potential capacity balance of pitches at Wortley RUFC with training demand relocated

Site name	No. of pitches	Potential technical score	Match equivalent sessions (per week)	Potential pitch capacity (sessions per week)	Potential capacity rating
Current					
Wortley RUFC	1 ¹⁸	M1/D2 (Standard)	2.5	2.5	0
	1		4	2.5	1.5
Potential future position with half of the training demand removed					
Wortley RUFC	1 ¹⁹	M1/D2 (Standard)	2.5	2.5	0
	1		2.75	2.5	0.25
Potential future position with all training demand removed					
Wortley RUFC	1 ²⁰	M1/D2 (Standard)	2.5	2.5	0
	1		1.5	2.5	1

As can be seen in the table above, relocating half the training demand off the second pitch at Wortley RUFC would see overplay reduced, whilst removing all training demand would see overplay fully alleviated, leaving the pitch with spare capacity of one MES per week.

Recommendations

- ◀ Protect existing quantity of rugby union pitches and areas used for rugby union activity.
- ◀ Improve pitch quality at all sites used by clubs through improved maintenance and/or the installation of drainage systems, particularly at sites containing overplayed pitches.
- ◀ Explore opportunity to install sports lighting on additional land at Barnsley Rugby Union Football Club, to support midweek training demand.
- ◀ Support all clubs with their aspirations to improve their ancillary facilities.
- ◀ 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.

¹⁸ Main 1st team pitch

¹⁹ Main 1st team pitch

²⁰ Main 1st team pitch

4.5: Hockey - artificial grass pitches (AGPs)

Assessment Report summary

- ◀ **There is a suitable number of pitches in Barnsley to accommodate both training and match play demand, however, there are accessibility and quality issues to be addressed.**

Supply

- ◀ There is one full size sand based AGPs across one site in Barnsley the pitch is supported by sports lighting. The pitch is available for community use.
- ◀ There are two small sized sand based AGPs in the Borough across two sites. Only one of which is available for community use.
- ◀ The full size hockey suitable AGPs at Darton Academy is located on an educational site and is managed internally by the School. Whilst the other community available AGP at Shafton Recreation Ground is located on a public recreation ground and is open for public use at all times.

Quality

- ◀ The full size hockey suitable AGPs in Barnsley is rated as standard quality. However, the pitch has been declining in quality in recent years.

Demand

- ◀ There are two community hockey clubs based in Barnsley. The two clubs accommodate a total of six teams (one senior men's two senior women's, and three junior teams).

Scenarios

Protecting sand-based AGPs

As a priority, the AGP at Darton Academy should be protected as a hockey suitable surface. This is because there is only one facility in Barnsley which is capable of supporting formal hockey match play demand, with only one full size pitch available. At there present, there are two clubs which utilise the pitch, which have matches for three senior teams (one senior men's and two senior women's).

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

Therefore, there is only a requirement for one full size AGP in the Borough to support the three senior teams.

There is a need to protect the above provision in order to accommodate current levels of demand in addition to provide capacity for future/latent demand.

Addressing quality issues

Following on from the above, in order to protect the AGP at Darton Academy, there is a clear need for improvements to be made regarding the quality of pitch and the associated ancillary facilities (clubhouse/changing rooms/floodlights etc).

Due to the declining pitch quality at Darton Academy, there is a need to ensure that the pitch quality does not slide into an unusable state. If the pitch is lost due to poor quality the current clubs using the pitch would have to relocate out of the Borough as there is no other full size AGP in Barnsley. There is likely a need to resurface the pitch in the coming years, however, funding for this project is likely to be required.

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Potential options to help fund such an endeavour should be explored, including but not limited to, contributions from site owners sinking fund (School/Amey) and match funding from grant opportunities (England Hockey/Sport England).

Increasing accessibility

Another key issue for hockey in Barnsley is the accessibility of the AGP at Darton Academy. At present, the pitch is available for six hours during the week and six hours at the weekend. All 12 of the hours are currently booked with 67% hockey usage and 33% football training usage. There is demand for more usage for both hockey match and training demand. Barnsley HC which currently access the pitch, has aspiration to increase its demand, however, is unable to do as additional hours are offered at a highly inflated price which the Club cannot afford.

Recommendations

- ◀ Protect Darton Academy AGP as the one community available full size hockey suitable pitch in Barnsley. Look to explore options to stop the unsolicited conversion of artificial grass surfaces including, but not limited to, the removal of permitted development rights.
- ◀ As a priority look to refurbish the AGP at Darton Academy exploring options for economies of scale and potential funding partnerships.
- ◀ Pursue long-term security of tenure for clubs through community use agreements. In conjunction look to develop the management and accessibility of provision to ensure its accessibility based on club requirements in order to allow demand to grow.
- ◀ Ensure any new 3G pitch developments do not make sand-based provision in the locality unsustainable following the transfer of football activity.
- ◀ unless replacement provision is provided within the locality and agreed with England Hockey (for reference any replacement provision would need to be built and full community accessible before the feasibility of developing a pitch could be considered).

4.6: Rugby league pitches

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- ◀ **Current demand can currently be met, with all pitches being played to capacity. However, it is evident that there is an insufficient supply of rugby league provision in Barnsley to accommodate any future demand with the anticipated future levels of demand from population growth seeing shortfalls created.**
- ◀ **The priority for rugby league in Barnsley is to ensure maintenance programmes are enhanced across club settings to improve quality of pitches to alleviate the overplay across senior pitches.**

Supply

- ◀ There are three rugby league pitches identified in Barnsley across two sites, one senior and one junior pitch located at Dodworth Miners Welfare Sports and Social Club in the Central Analysis Area, and one senior pitch located at Ingsfield Lane Sports & Social Club in the Dearne Analysis Area. Of these, all pitches are available for community use.
- ◀ All sites used by rugby league clubs in the Borough are considered to have secure tenure. Dodworth Miners ARLFC has freehold ownership of its site, whilst Dearne Valley Bulldogs ARLFC lease its site from the council.

Quality

- ◀ Pitches located at Dodworth Miners Welfare Sports and Social Club is standard quality, whilst the pitch located at Ingsfield Lane Sports and Social is poor quality due to limited maintenance.
- ◀ The ancillary provision at Dodworth Miners Welfare Sports and Social Club is poor quality, whilst the new pavilion at Ingsfield Lane Sports and Social is rated as good quality.

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Demand

- ◀ There are two affiliated rugby league clubs located in Barnsley, Dodworth Miners ARLFC and Dearne Valley Bulldogs ARLFC. Collectively both clubs accommodate 17 teams, as a breakdown, this equates to three senior teams, three junior teams and 11 mini teams.
- ◀ Future demand from population increases is projected as one mini team.

Capacity

- ◀ None of the three available pitches are considered to have any actual spare capacity to accommodate additional demand.

Scenarios

Improving pitch quality

One community club site in Barnsley is overplayed, whilst one club site is played to capacity. This translates to each site accommodating the exact amount of demand or more demand than it should be accommodating, relative to the facility stock on each site. The scenario below looks at the impact of improvements to senior pitches at each of the sites through enhancing pitch quality.

As a guide, the RFL has set a standard number of matches that each pitch should be able to accommodate, set out below.

Table 4.27: Pitch capacity (matches per week) based on quality assessments

Category	Capacity
Good	3 matches per week
Standard	2 matches per week
Poor	1 match per week

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Table 4.28: Improvements to existing maintenance regimes to reduce overplay by one increment

Site ID	Site name	No. of pitches	Quality	MES per week	Pitch capacity (MES per week)	Capacity rating (MES per week)	Improved quality rating by one quality increment	Theoretical capacity rating (MES per week)
41	Dodworth Miners Welfare Sports and Social Club	1	Standard	2	2	0	Good	1
41	Dodworth Miners Welfare Sports and Social Club	1 ²¹	Standard	2	2	0	Good	1
68	Ingsfield Lane Sports & Social Club	1	Poor	1	1	0	Standard	1

The table above includes a one quality increment on pitches, undertaking these improvements will have an impact on capacity. The pitches at Dodworth Miners Welfare Sports and Social Club are currently played to capacity, improvements from standard quality to good quality would see one match equivalent session per week of spare capacity created on each pitch. Likewise, the pitch at Ingsfield Lane Sports & Social Club is currently at capacity, improvement of the pitch quality from poor to standard would see spare capacity of one MES per week generated.

World Rugby compliant/ RFL Community Standard 3G pitches

World Rugby produced the 'performance specification for artificial grass pitches for rugby', more commonly known as 'Regulation 22' that provides the necessary technical detail to produce pitch systems that are appropriate for rugby union. Additionally, pitches of this nature are also can be tested to support rugby league activity. There is currently no World Rugby/RFL Community Standard compliant 3G pitches in Barnsley.

Barnsley RUFC and the Council have identified that the small sided 3G pitch at Shaw Lane Sports Club (adjacent to the Barnsley Rugby Union Football Club) is standard quality and is likely to require resurfacing in the next couple of years. When resurfacing of the pitch takes place it should be explored to have a shock pad installed and for the pitch to gain WR/RFL Community Standard compliance in order to support some contact rugby union training demand during the winter months.

²¹ Junior pitch

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It is reported that, an old playing field site south of the Shaw Lane Sports Club which previously accommodated up to four grass pitches, has confirmed for the development of a new school site. The plans include the development of a 11v11 size 3G pitch, which will have a shock pad and be WR/RFL Community Standard compliant, offering training space for both rugby union clubs in the Borough.

Removing training demand off Dodworth Miners Welfare Sports and Social Club

The rugby league pitches at Dodworth Miners Welfare Sports and Social Club are currently played to capacity. However, two MES per week of this demand is from weekly training sessions. Whilst previous scenarios determine how quality improvement could address this overplay, another solution would be to remove training demand from the match pitches. Table 4.25 shows that removing the training demand on the pitches would create one MES per week of spare capacity on each pitch. Which would allow an increase in match play demand for Dodworth Miners ARLFC to increase its teams in the future.

Table 4.29: Potential capacity balance of pitch at Dodworth Miners Welfare Sports and Social Club with training demand relocated

Site name	No. of pitches	Potential technical score	Match equivalent sessions (per week)	Potential pitch capacity (sessions per week)	Potential capacity rating
Current					
Dodworth Miners Welfare Sports and Social Club	1	Standard	2	2	0
Dodworth Miners Welfare Sports and Social Club	¹²²	Standard	2	2	0
Potential future position with training demand removed					
Dodworth Miners Welfare Sports and Social Club	1	Standard	1	2	1
Dodworth Miners Welfare Sports and Social Club	¹²³	Standard	1	2	1

Whilst, removing the training demand would benefit the pitch and remove overplay. The training demand would have to be relocated, there are two options for this, first with supplying a training area with sports lighting onsite at Dodworth Miners Welfare Sports and Social Club, or secondly utilising a 3G pitch in the Borough which has RFL Community Standard compliance. At present, no 3G pitches in the Borough have this compliance, however, there is considered to be a shortfall of five 11v11 size 3G pitches in Barnsley, whilst a number of pitches across the Borough are likely to require resurfacing in the coming years. Therefore, there is scope for potentially enabling a 3G pitch in the Borough to have RFL Community Standard compliance and therefore enable contact rugby league training to take place.

²² Junior pitch

²³ Junior pitch

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Recommendations

- ◀ Protect existing quantity of rugby league pitches and areas used for rugby league activity.
- ◀ Support Dodworth Miners ARLFC and the wider sports club in developing/improving ancillary provision onsite at Dodworth Miners Welfare Sports and Social Club.
- ◀ Look to improve pitch quality to increase pitch capacity, and give the opportunity to increase demand across Dodworth Miners Welfare Sports and Social Club and Ingsfield Lane Sports & Social Club.
- ◀ Ensure clubhouse development at Ingsfield Lane Sports and Social Club is able to be completed, support with gaining funding may be required.
- ◀ 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.

4.7: Tennis courts

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- ◀ **For club-based tennis, there is considered to be sufficient provision to meet demand. Additionally, when considering club future demand aspirations, supply is still sufficient to meet future demand.**
- ◀ **For non-club courts, whilst no courts are identified as having any capacity issues, it cannot be said that supply is sufficient to meet demand due to the large amount of unmet and latent demand evidenced both nationally and in Barnsley. There is instead a clear need to improve the supply in ways that can attract and better accommodate more users, specifically the courts provided at Carlton Park, Darton Park, Mapplewell Park and Locke Park.**

Supply

- ◀ There are 50 tennis courts identified in Barnsley across 16 sites. Of which 15 courts across seven sites are available for community use and 35 courts across nine sites are unavailable for community use.
- ◀ The majority are provided by education sites, although the Council manage four sites, parish council manage two sites and a sports club manages one site located at Barnsley Lawn Tennis Club.
- ◀ Most outdoor courts in Barnsley have a macadam surface (43 or 86%), with 12 being of this type and available for community use. Three courts have an acrylic surface located at Horizon Community College which are unavailable for community use, and four courts have an artificial turf surface.
- ◀ In Barnsley, 18 of the tennis courts are serviced by sports lights, representing 36% of the provision. Of these, only five courts are available for community use, and all courts are located at Barnsley Lawn Tennis Club.

Quality

- ◀ Of the courts in Barnsley, 14 are assessed as good quality, 23 courts are assessed as standard quality, and 12 as poor quality. Most good quality courts are available for community use, however, six good courts located at Outwood Academy Shafton are unavailable for community use. All standard quality courts are unavailable for community use.
- ◀ Barnsley LTC report ancillary provision at its respective home site to be of good quality, with no major issues raised.

Demand

- ◀ Only one club is identified in Barnsley, Barnsley LTC, which has a total of 300 members. As a breakdown, this equates to 170 senior and 130 junior members.

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- ◀ Away from club courts, usage can be difficult to quantify as it is not always monitored, especially at sites that are free to access as is the case at Carlton Park, Darton Park, Mapplewell Park and Locke Park. Demand for such provision is generally at its highest during summer months, especially following events such as Wimbledon, but significant capacity is likely to exist outside of this.
- ◀ In Barnsley, currently there are no LTA initiatives taking place.

Scenarios

Increasing casual pay and play

In October 2021, the Government and the LTA announced a package of £30 million for investment and improvements for public tennis courts. The Government is to put £22 million whilst the LTA invest £8.4 million into the package. The investment is to be made into public tennis courts which are currently accessed as poor or unplayable quality, the investment will be to bring the courts back to a quality that will benefit the local community.

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

Instead of providing free access, some local authorities are now securing their courts as per an online system that allows individuals access through the use of a keycode following payment of a pay and play or small annual fee. Not only does this deter unofficial use of courts but it also allows official use to be tracked, thus providing data on how well and how often courts are being accessed. In addition, it provides income generation that can go towards ongoing maintenance of the courts.

Carlton Park is currently one site in Barnsley which could be explored for investment. The site has been identified as a non-club site, which could be developed through the LTA investment to provide more pay and play facilities in the Borough.

The LTA is open to having discussions with the Council to explore opportunities for Carlton Park. However, this would need to be explored and invested before March 2024.

Housing growth scenarios

It should be noted that later in the report in Part 7: Housing Growth Scenarios, the PPOSS provides an estimate of demand for pitch sport based on population forecasts to 2033 using the Sport England Playing Pitch Calculator. However, the Calculator is only for the pitch sports of football, hockey, rugby union, rugby league and cricket and does not include calculations for other outdoor sports as there is no current guidance established on these sports. However, it is still recommended that other sports are acknowledged as part of this process especially as part of any large scale developments where there may be substantial enough increase in population for other sports (see Part 7 for further guidance).

Recommendations

- ◀ Protect existing quantity of courts.
- ◀ Improve court quality at sites assessed as poor or standard quality and sustain quality at sites assessed as good, especially at sites in use by clubs or that are well used for recreational demand.
- ◀ Explore the opportunity to develop two court padel tennis facility onsite at Shaw Lane Sports Club.

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- ◀ Linked to the above, improve park courts as a priority to create year-round recreational tennis options to meet local demand.
- ◀ Explore options to further improve the recreational tennis offer via utilisation of technology provided by the LTA to support the customer journey and through investment into facilities and accompanying ancillary provision.
- ◀ Look at Carlton Park as a priority for LTA investment.
- ◀ Ensure sinking funds are put into place by providers for long-term sustainability.
- ◀ Install additional sports lighting at club-based venues, particularly at sites operating above the capacity guidance.
- ◀ Consider allocating developer contributions to improve the quality and accessibility of tennis provision on a case-by-case basis.

4.8: Athletics facilities

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- ◀ **In Barnsley, supply is considered sufficient to meet demand, with only two track and field clubs currently based in the Borough (Barnsley Athletic Club, Penistone Footpath Runners & Athletic Club and Pontefract Athletics Club). All other clubs are primarily road running clubs that do not access the track facilities.**
- ◀ **Priority should be placed on protecting the facility at Dorothy Hyman Sports Centre and ensuring that quality remains sufficient to accommodate the level of demand.**

Supply

- ◀ There is one formal athletics track in Barnsley located at Dorothy Hyman Sports Centre, which is an eight lane, synthetic 400 metre track.
- ◀ The track is fully sports lit and provides all accompanying field event facilities including a hammer cage, javelin, high jump, long jump and shot put area.
- ◀ The track at Dorothy Hyman Sports Centre is owned by the Council, However, is managed by a company called Barnsley Premier Leisure (BPL).

Quality

- ◀ The non-technical assessment undertaken by KKP identified the track and accompanying track and field facilities as good quality, with maintenance carried out to a high standard.
- ◀ The ancillary provision at Dorothy Hyman Sports Centre is rated to be of good quality, with no major issues raised.

Demand

- ◀ Four clubs have a current focus on athletics and/or running activity in Barnsley.
- ◀ Barnsley Athletic Club, Penistone Footpath Runners & Athletic Club and Pontefract Athletics Club both use Dorothy Hyman Sports Centre as its base.
- ◀ Locke Park and Penistone Recreation Ground currently host Park Runs and Junior Park Runs in the Borough.
- ◀ All clubs are seen actively looking to grow membership, whilst England Athletics also believes that demand is likely to increase in the future, particularly for initiatives such as Park Run.
- ◀ Sport England's Segmentation Tool identifies significant latent demand amounting to 4,732 people in Barnsley, which represents approximately 1.9% of the Borough's population compared to a national average of 2%.
- ◀ None have waiting lists in place, and they are all actively looking for new members, on social media and club websites.

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Scenarios

NextGen facility - Penistone

England Athletics (EA) has used Sport England access analysis reports to identify catchment areas and areas for potential facilities. Through analysis the Penistone Area of Barnsley is identified for the development of a NewGen Facility.

Although, this project is not high priority at present for EA, the development of such site in Penistone should be explored, with EA open to discussions with the Council to understand priorities and potential opportunities for the development of a NewGen facility.

Housing growth scenarios

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Recommendations

- ◀ As a priority explore the opportunity to develop NewGen facility in the Penistone Analysis Area.
- ◀ Support clubs, running groups, events and England Athletics initiatives such as Park Run and pursue increased participation, where possible.
- ◀ Consider allocating developer contributions to improve the quality and accessibility of athletics provision on a case-by-case basis.

4.9: Multi Use Games Areas (MUGAs)

Assessment Report summary

- ◀ **The South Analysis Area is the most well served analysis area for MUGAs, with the Dearne Analysis Area the next best serviced, with the Central Analysis Area just behind it. All other analysis areas have 60% of its population catchments not within a 700m walking catchment.**

Supply

- ◀ Across Barnsley there are a total of 58 MUGAs with most of this provision located within the South Analysis Area with 16 MUGAs (28%), followed by Central Analysis Area with 11 MUGAs (19%). Penistone Analysis Area accommodates nine MUGAs and the North East and Central analysis areas all have eight MUGAs each, the North Analysis Area has the least number of MUGAs with six.
- ◀ In the previous Barnsley LFFP, no sites were identified for MUGA developments.
- ◀ Of the 58 MUGAs across Barnsley, all the courts are managed by either parish councils or Barnsley Borough Council.

Quality

- ◀ In total across Barnsley, 25 MUGAs are assessed as good quality, 29 MUGAs are assessed as standard quality, whilst four are assessed as poor quality with significant issues surrounding grip, court markings and evidence of moss/lichen.

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Demand

- ◀ A total of 53% of the Borough's population (or 131,021 people) has no MUGA facility within the 700m metre catchment.
- ◀ Analysis suggests that the Centre, Dearne and South Analysis Areas have over 50% of the population within a 700 metre walking distance to a MUGA, with the North Analysis Area having 40%. All the remaining analysis areas have less than 35% of the population within a 700 metre walking distance to a MUGA.

Scenarios

Housing growth scenarios

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Recommendations

- ◀ Look to improve the quality of MUGAs across the Borough and work with relevant stakeholders to establishing new provision where appropriate.
- ◀ Provision of MUGAs is recommended within new major housing developments and should be considered within rural communities where formal pitches may not be deliverable.
- ◀ Consider allocating developer contributions to improve the quality and accessibility of MUGAs on a case-by-case basis.

4.10: Other sports

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Baseball/Softball

- ◀ There is no baseball or softball club based in Barnsley. The closest club is Sheffield Bladerunners Baseball Club, which accesses provision Forge Valley Community School, Sheffield.
- ◀ There is no formal demand in Barnsley and therefore any demand from within Barnsley is likely to travel to Sheffield, to participate in sessions with Sheffield Bladerunners Baseball Club.

Rounders

- ◀ There are nine rounders pitches across nine sites in Barnsley. All these pitches are located at school sites and considered to be unavailable for community use.
- ◀ Activity on the dedicated rounders pitches is from school activity only.
- ◀ There is no perceived demand or competitive club demand in the Borough. There at present there is no current demand for marked formal pitches available for community use in the Borough.

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Housing growth scenarios

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Recommendations

- ◀ Protect rounders and softball/baseball facilities in the Borough.
- ◀ Where demand exists explore need to develop dedicated provision within the Borough if required.

PART 5: STRATEGIC RECOMMENDATIONS

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

OBJECTIVE 1

To **protect** the existing supply of playing pitches and outdoor sports facilities where it is needed for meeting current and future needs

Recommendations:

- a. Ensure, through the use of the PPOSS, that playing pitches and outdoor sports facilities are protected through the implementation of local planning policy.
- b. Secure tenure and access to sites for high quality, development minded clubs, through a range of solutions and partnership agreements.
- c. Maximise community use of education facilities where needed.

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

The PPOSS Assessment shows that all currently used outdoor sports sites require protection and therefore cannot be deemed surplus to requirements because shortfalls would occur both now and, in the future, if they were lost. Consideration should also be given to the protection of underused and poor quality sites from development or replacement as they may offer potential to meet shortfalls, particularly for football and rugby, in the future.

National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) Paragraph 99 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 outdoor sports facilities be taken out of use for any reason (e.g. Council budget restraints), land should ideally be retained so that it can be brought back into use in the future.

Although there are some identified shortfalls of match equivalent sessions i.e. for rugby union and football pitches, most demand is currently being met and most shortfalls are likely able to be addressed through quality improvements. However, qualitative improvements should be secured as a sports development initiative and should not be used to mitigate the loss of playing field arising from a non-sport development. It is therefore, not recommended as a priority to identify 'new' sites for provision.

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The PPOSS should be used to help inform Development Management decisions that affect existing or new outdoor sports and ancillary facilities. All applications are assessed by the Local Planning Authority on a case by case basis taking into account site specific factors. In addition, Sport England is a statutory consultee on planning applications that affect or prejudice the use of playing fields and will use the PPOSS to help assess that planning application against its Playing Fields Policy²⁴.

Sport England's Playing Fields Policy exception E1 only allows for development of disused playing fields if a Playing Pitch Strategy (in this case PPOSS) shows a clear excess in the quantity of playing pitch provision at present and in the future across all playing pitch sport types and sizes.

Policy Exception E1:

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

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

Policy Exception E2

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

Policy Exception E3

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

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

Policy Exception E4:

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

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

²⁴[Link to Sport England Playing Fields Policy](#)

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Policy Exception E5

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

Disused sites

Disused sites will also be considered in accordance with Sport England's policy exceptions. They provide a potential solution to reducing any identified shortfalls for football and rugby union. A disused site is a site where pitches were once, but are no longer, marked out and remain undeveloped.

Any disused playing fields are included within the Action Plan together with a recommendation in relation to potentially bringing the site back into use or to mitigate the loss on a replacement site to address the shortfalls identified.

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

A number of school, commercial and private sites are being used in Barnsley for competitive play, predominantly for football. In some cases, use of pitches has been classified as secure; however, use is not necessarily formalised, meaning relevant organisations should seek to establish appropriate community use agreements, including access to changing provision where required/available. This is especially the case for sites that have unsecured community use despite receiving high levels of use.

For unsecure sites, NGBs, Sport England and other appropriate bodies such as Active in Barnsley and the Football Foundation 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 the agreement.

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

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

Local sports clubs with or entering into lease agreements should be supported by partners to achieve sustainability across a range of areas including management, membership, funding, facilities, volunteers and partnership work. For example, such clubs should be encouraged to develop evidence of business and sports development plans to generate income via their facilities.

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All clubs could be encouraged to look at different management models such as registering as Community Amateur Sports Clubs (CASC)²⁵. They should also be encouraged to work with partners locally, such as volunteer support agencies and local businesses.

For clubs with lease arrangements already in place, these should be reviewed when fewer than 25 years remain on existing agreements to secure extensions, thus improving security of tenure and helping them to attract funding for site developments, if it is required. 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).

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>Use of Club Matters, a Sport England self-assessment tool.</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.</p> <p>Ideally, clubs should have already identified (and received an agreement in principle) any match funding required for initial capital investment identified.</p> <p>Clubs have processes in place to ensure capacity to maintain sites to the existing, or better, standards.</p>	<p>Sites should be those identified as 'Local Sites' (recommendation d) for new clubs (i.e. not those with a 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.</p> <p>Sites should be leased with the intention that investment can be sourced to contribute towards improvement of the site.</p>

The Council could also 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. For examples, outcomes may include:

- ◀ Increasing participation.
- ◀ 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 site remains available for other purposes or for other users.

²⁵ [Link to CASC website](#)

Recommendation (c) - 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 Barnsley, pricing policies at facilities can be a barrier to access at some education sites but physical access, poor quality and resistance from schools to open up provision is also an issue, especially at some private schools and academies.

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

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 schools offering numerous pitches, such as Horizon Community College. Securing access to such sites will significantly reduce shortfalls throughout the analysis areas that they are based within.

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

Where new schools are provided in major new residential developments, they should be designed to facilitate community access, with opportunities for meeting the community's outdoor sports needs explored at the outset to maximise the potential for facility provision to be made within the developments, if appropriate. An example of this is ensuring the provision of youth 11v11 and/or mini 5v5 grass football pitches, given current shortfalls and their suitability for the playing format of students.

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

OBJECTIVE 2

To enhance playing pitches and outdoor sports facilities through improving quality and management of sites

Recommendations:

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

Recommendation (d) – Improve quality

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

Ground Maintenance Association (GMA) Pitch Advisory Service

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

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

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

For football, Pitch providers are encouraged to complete a self-assessment of pitches using the Football Foundation PitchPower tool, whilst for other sports a site visit in person may be undertaken by a GMA Pitch Advisor.

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

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Football Foundation Grass Pitch Maintenance Fund (GPMF)

Eligible clubs and organisations can also utilise the report as an evidence base to acquire potential funding streams, for example, to obtain the required maintenance equipment. If a PitchPower assessment categorises pitches as 'poor' or 'basic' they are then eligible to apply for Grass Pitch Funding through the Football Foundation through the Grass Pitch Maintenance Fund²⁶, a fund offering six-year tapered grants to help clubs enhance or sustain the quality of their grass pitches. The fund is a key part of the Football Foundation's Grass Pitch Improvement Programme - an ambition to deliver 20,000 quality grass pitches by 2030. Clubs with good or standard quality pitches can also apply for a lower level of funding.

All applicants must have the required security of tenure and have received a PitchPower Pitch Assessment Report, with the fund currently open to football clubs, leagues, National League System Clubs at Steps 1-6 and charities (with an annual turnover of under £500,000). Local authorities are not currently eligible applicants, however, clubs, leagues and charitable organisations using local authority sites can apply provided they have security of tenure.

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

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

Addressing quality issues

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 sites is also essential.

It is also important to note the impact the weather has on quality. The worse the weather, the poorer facilities tend to become, especially if there is no dedicated drainage system in place or if existing drainage systems are inadequate or have become compromised or poorly maintained. This also means that quality can vary, year on year, dependent upon the weather and levels of rainfall.

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 (using the site audit database as provided in electronic format). The Strategy approach to outdoor sports facilities achieving these standards should be to enhance quality and therefore the planning system should seek to protect them.

²⁶ <https://footballfoundation.org.uk/grant/grass-pitch-maintenance-fund>

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For the purposes of quality assessments, the PPOSS refers to outdoor sports facilities and ancillary facilities separately as being of ‘Good’, ‘Standard’ or ‘Poor’ quality. For example, 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).

Good quality refers to pitches that have, for example, good grass cover, an even surface, are free from vandalism and litter. For rugby union, a good quality pitch is also pipe and/or slit drained. In terms of ancillary facilities, good quality refers to access for disabled people, sufficient provision for referees, juniors/women/girls and appropriate provision of showers, toilets and car parking.

Standard quality refers to pitches that have, for example, adequate grass cover, minimal signs of wear and tear and goalposts may be secure but in need of minor repair. For rugby union, drainage is natural but adequate. In terms of ancillary facilities, standard quality refers to adequately sized changing rooms, storage provision and provision of toilets.

Poor quality refers to provision with, for example, inadequate grass cover, uneven surfaces and poor drainage. For rugby, pitches will have inadequate natural drainage. In terms of ancillary facilities, poor quality refers to inappropriate changing rooms with no showers, no running water and/or old, dated interiors. 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.

Without appropriate, fit for purpose ancillary facilities, good quality pitches may be underutilised. Changing facilities form the most essential part of this offer and therefore key sites should be given priority for improvement. Also, key sites without a suitable offer may not be able to establish or grow participation in key sport development areas with specific requirements, such as disability or women and girls’ sport.

To prioritise investment into key sites it is recommended that the steering group works up a list of criteria, relevant to Barnsley, to provide a steer on future investment.

Addressing overplay

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

The FA, RFU, ECB and EH all recommend a number of matches that their respective 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 5.2: 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

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Sport	Pitch type	No. of matches		
		Good quality	Standard quality	Poor quality
Rugby union	Natural Inadequate (D0)	2 per week	1.5 per week	0.5 per week
	Natural Adequate (D1)	3 per week	2 per week	1.5 per week
	Pipe Drained (D2)	3.25 per week	2.5 per week	1.75 per week
	Pipe and Slit Drained (D3)	3.5 per week	3 per week	2 per week
Rugby league	Senior 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
Hockey	Sand/water based AGP	4 per day	4 per day	N/A

For non-pitch sports, capacity is not linked to the number of matches taking place but rather the number of members (and other users) attracted to a site. For example, for tennis, a hard court is said to have capacity for 60 members if it is serviced by sports lighting, whereas a non-lit has court has capacity for 40 members (this varies for grass courts).

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

For cricket, an increase in 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.

For rugby union and tennis, additional sports lighting will reduce levels of overplay at club sites as it will allow clubs to spread demand across a greater number of pitches/courts or, in the case of rugby union, unmarked areas. If permanent sports lighting is not possible, portable sports lighting is an alternative.

As mentioned earlier, there are also sites that are poor quality but 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.

Improving changing provision

There is a need to address changing provision at some sites in Barnsley (these are detailed in the Action Plan). As previously mentioned, without appropriate, fit for purpose ancillary facilities, good quality pitches may be underutilised. Changing facilities form the most essential part of this offer and therefore key sites should be given priority for improvement.

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Recommendation (e) – 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. Please refer to Part 6: Action Plan for the proposed hierarchy.

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

Partners, led by the Council, should ensure that appropriate funding secured for improved sports provision is directed to areas of need, underpinned by a robust strategy for improvement in playing pitches and outdoor sports facilities as well as accompanying ancillary facilities.

In order to address community needs, to target priority areas and to reduce duplication of provision, there should be a coordinated approach to strategic investment. In delivering this recommendation the Council should maintain a regular dialogue with local partners and through the PPOSS Steering Group.

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

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

Recommendation (g) –Secure developer contributions

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

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

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

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

Where it is determined that new provision is required to accompany a development, priority should be placed on providing facilities that contribute towards alleviating existing shortfalls within the locality. To determine what supply of provision is provided, it is imperative that the PPOSS findings are taken into consideration and that for particularly large developments consultation takes place with the relevant NGBs and Sport England. This is due to the importance of ensuring that the stock of facilities provided is correct to avoid provision becoming unsustainable and unused. The preference is for multi-pitch and potentially multi-sport sites to be developed, supported by a clubhouse and adequate parking facilities which consider the potential for future AGP development. This is because single-pitch facilities are more likely to become under-used (or unused), unviable and unsustainable.

It is recognised that consultation cannot take place with NGBs for every development due to resource restrictions. Instead, it is recommended that such discussions take place within PPOSS Steering Group meetings, which should take place regularly following adoption of the study as part of the ongoing monitoring and evaluation process. It is recommended that these take place every 6-12 months and inform the annual review/update (see Part 8 for further information).

The guidance should form the basis for negotiation with developers to secure contributions to include provision and/or enhancement of appropriate provision and subsequent maintenance. S106 contributions could also be used to improve the condition and of the pitches in order to increase pitch capacity to accommodate more matches.

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

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

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

OBJECTIVE 3

To provide new playing pitches and outdoor sports facilities where there is current or future demand to do so

Recommendations:

- h. Identify opportunities to increase add to the overall stock to accommodate both current and future demand.
- i. Rectify quantitative shortfalls through the current pitch stock.

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

The Steering Group should use and regularly update the Action Plan within this Strategy for improvements to the Council's own facility stock whilst recognising the need to support partners. The Action Plan lists improvements to be made to each site focused upon both qualitative and quantitative improvements as appropriate for each area.

Although there are identified shortfalls, most current and future demand is currently being met and most shortfalls can be addressed via quality improvements and/or improved access to sites that are presently used minimally or currently unavailable. Adding to the current stock, particularly in the short term, is therefore not recommended as a priority, except in the case of 3G pitches, entry level athletics facilities and NTPs where there is a need, where there is significant housing growth, or where new schools are proposed.

For new schools, there is an opportunity to combine the building of a school to the development of a new multi-sport site that will be of a benefit to a school as well as the wider community via a community use agreement.

Any new provision, whether that be at a school or as a result of housing growth, should also consider the Council's wider sporting need. This means that the focus should not solely be on outdoor sports facilities but also provision for wider recreational activity.

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).

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

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

Unmet demand, changes in sport participation and trends and proposed housing growth should also be recognised and factored into future facility planning. Assuming that an increase in participation and housing growth occurs, it will impact on the future need for certain types of sports provision.

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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.

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

Table 6.1: 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, generally including provision of an AGP (or with the potential).	Accommodates two or more grass pitches.	Accommodates one or two pitches.
Type of sport	Multi-sport provision. Could also operate as a central venue.	Single or multi-sport provision.	Generally single sport provision but may cater for two.
Management	Management control allows for wide community use, i.e., through the local authority, a leisure operator or a school with a community use agreement.	Management control generally allows for wide community use but may include sites that are owned or leased by clubs/other organisations.	Management control can be via the local authority, schools, clubs and other providers.
Maintenance regime	Maintenance regime aligns or could align with NGB guidelines.	Maintenance regime aligns or could align with NGB guidelines.	Standard maintenance regime or an in-house maintenance contract.
Ancillary facilities	Good quality ancillary facilities on site (or potential), with sufficient changing rooms and car parking to serve the number of pitches; may include wider social/function facilities.	Good quality ancillary facility on site (or potential), with sufficient changing rooms and car parking to serve the number of pitches.	Limited or no changing room access on site.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Partners

The column indicating partners 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 venues).

Priority

Although hub sites are mostly likely to have a **high** priority actions, as they have wide 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 also identified as having a high priority level. It is these projects/sites which should generally, if possible, be addressed within the short term (1-2 years).

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

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

Costs

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

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

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

[Link to Sport England 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; **Enhance, Provide, Protect.**

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6.1: North Analysis Area

Headline findings

Sport	Analysis area	Pitch type	Current capacity total in MES ^[1]	Future capacity total in MES (2033)
Football (grass pitches)	North	Adult	Spare capacity of 0.5 match equivalent session	N/A
		Youth 11v11	Shortfall of 0.5 match equivalent sessions	N/A
		Youth 9v9	Shortfall of 5 match equivalent sessions	N/A
		Mini 7v7	<i>Sufficient quantity</i>	N/A
		Mini 5v5	Spare capacity of 0.5 match equivalent session	N/A
	Barnsley	Adult	Spare capacity of 1 match equivalent session	Shortfall of 0.5 match equivalent sessions
		Youth 11v11	Shortfall of 11.5 match equivalent sessions	Shortfall of 14.5 match equivalent sessions
		Youth 9v9	Shortfall of 10 match equivalent sessions	Shortfall of 12 match equivalent sessions
		Mini 7v7	Spare capacity of 6.5 match equivalent session	Spare capacity of 4.5 match equivalent session
		Mini 5v5	Spare capacity of 2 match equivalent session	Spare capacity of 0.5 match equivalent session
3G	Barnsley	11v11 size, floodlit	Insufficient supply. Shortfalls in the North East, Central, South and Penistone Analysis Areas.	Insufficient supply. Shortfalls in the North East, Central, South and Penistone Analysis Areas.
Cricket	North	Saturday	Shortfall of 4 match equivalent sessions per season.	N/A
		Sunday	Shortfall of 4 match equivalent sessions per season.	N/A
		Midweek	Spare capacity of eight match equivalent sessions per season.	N/A
	Barnsley	Saturday	Shortfall of 104 match equivalent sessions a season	Shortfall of 140 match equivalent sessions a season
		Sunday	Shortfall of 68 match equivalent sessions a season	Shortfall of 104 match equivalent sessions a season
		Midweek	Shortfall of 8 match equivalent sessions a season	Shortfall of 20 match equivalent sessions a season
Rugby union	North	Senior	<i>Sufficient quantity</i>	N/A
	Barnsley	Senior	Shortfall of 5.75 match equivalent sessions	Shortfall of 5.75 match equivalent sessions

^[1] MES – match equivalent sessions per week (per season for cricket)
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Sport	Analysis area	Pitch type	Current capacity total in MES ^[1]	Future capacity total in MES (2033)
Rugby league	North	Senior	<i>Sufficient quantity</i>	<i>N/A</i>
Rugby league	Barnsley	Senior	Shortfall of 0.5 match equivalent sessions	Shortfall of 0.75 match equivalent sessions
Hockey	Barnsley	Full size, floodlit	<i>Sufficient quantity, however quality and access issues</i>	<i>Sufficient quantity, however quality and access issues</i>
Tennis	Barnsley	Courts	Capacity for both club and non-club tennis courts can be meet current and future demand at Barnsley LTC.	Capacity for both club and non-club tennis courts can be meet current and future demand at Barnsley LTC.
Athletics	Barnsley	Provision	<i>Sufficient quantity</i>	<i>Sufficient quantity</i>
MUGAs	Barnsley	Provision	<i>Sufficient quantity, however quality issues</i>	<i>Sufficient quantity, however quality issues</i>
Other sports	Barnsley	Provision	<i>Generally sufficient quantity</i>	<i>Generally sufficient quantity</i>

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7	Barnsley College (Honeywell Sports Village)	S75 1DB	3G	Education	One poor quality 11v11 size 3G (98mx50m) with sports lighting and community use. The pitch is on the FA 3G Pitch Register. Pitch has community use availability seven days per week, totalling 30.25 hours. Current capacity is unknown. During the peak period.	Explore the opportunity to resurface pitch to ensure pitch does not become unplayable. Ensure pitch is on the 3G Register and is retested for compliance so that it can support use for competitive match play and is renewed when required. Ensure the provider has in place a mechanism for future sustainability, such as a sinking fund formed over time (as per Football Foundation Terms & Conditions), for repair and resurfacing when necessary.	School SHFA FF	Local	M	M	M	Protect Enhance
11	Barugh Green Recreation Ground	S75 1JX	Football (Disused)	Council	Previously used as a youth 11v11 pitch until 2008. Goalposts were removed in 2021.	Protect the site in accordance with Sport England and NPPF guidelines and explore potential future options for the pitches.	Council SHFA FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect
11	Barugh Green Recreation Ground	S75 1JX	MUGA	Council	One MUGA of standard quality. No sports lighting.	Look to improve court quality with enhanced levels of maintenance.	Council	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
34	Darton Academy	S75 5EF	Football	Education	Three grass pitches; one youth 11v11, one mini 7v7 and a one mini 5v5. All are rated standard quality. Site offers unsecure tenure. Whilst each of the pitches have capacity for more use, this is discounted due to the unsecure tenure. Ancillary facilities are of standard quality, with limited access.	Look to improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance. Explore the opportunity to improve ancillary provision and gain access when required. Look to secure tenure for clubs that use the site.	School SHFA FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
34	Darton Academy	S75 5EF	Hockey AGP	Education	The only full-size Hockey pitch in Barnsley (99mx61m). Sand filled AGP. The pitch is currently rated as standard quality. The pitch is available 6 hours during the week and 6 hours over the weekend. The pitch is used by hockey clubs 67% of this time, and football clubs 33%. The pitch is declining in quality over time. It is now maintained by Delta Academies Trust and has been subject to less frequent maintenance. The ancillary facilities are also standard quality. Access to the ancillary facilities is limited with an additional charge required.	Look to improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance. Explore the feasibility to resurface pitch surface when required. Explore the opportunity to have the pitch available for more hours per week. Explore the opportunity to improve ancillary provision and gain access when required.	School EH	Local	M	M	M	Protect Enhance
34	Darton Academy	S75 5EF	Tennis	Education	Six standard quality macadam courts, unavailable for community use, with no sports lighting.	Look to improve court quality with enhanced levels of maintenance for continued school use.	School LTA	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance

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35	Darton Cricket Club	S75 5HF	Cricket	Sport Club	One good quality square containing 10 grass wickets. The grass square has spare capacity of 11 MES per season, with actual spare capacity to accommodate additional midweek teams. One lane fixed net facility of standard quality, with additional mobile net to use on the square. Ancillary provision of standard quality.	Sustain square quality with appropriate levels of maintenance. Explore the opportunity to improve ancillary provision onsite.	Sports Club YCB ECB	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
37	Darton Longfields	S75 5HF	Football	Council	Three grass pitches, one youth 9v9 of good quality, one mini 7v7 pitch of poor quality, and one mini 5v5 of good quality. Only the mini 5v5 pitch has actual spare capacity available, with of 0.5 MES per week during peak time. No dedicated ancillary provision onsite.	Look to improve and sustain pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance. Explore the opportunity to develop dedicated ancillary provision onsite.	Council SHFA FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance Provide
38	Darton Park	S75 5NR	MUGA	Council	One good quality MUGA with no sports lighting.	Sustain court quality with appropriate levels of maintenance.	Council	Local	L	L	L	Protect
40	Darton Primary School	S75 5AD	Football	Education	One poor quality youth 9v9 pitch. Unavailable for community use.	Look to improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance for continued school use.	School SHFA, FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
53	Harry Road	S75 2PA	Football	Council	One standard quality adult pitch. Pitch currently has spare capacity of 1.5 MES per week, of which it has actual spare capacity of 0.5 MES at peak time. No ancillary provision onsite.	Look to improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance. Explore the opportunity to develop dedicated ancillary provision onsite.	Council SHFA FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance Provide
60	Holy Trinity School (Barnsley)	S71 2LF	Football	Education	One youth 11v11 pitch and one youth 9v9 pitch. Unavailable for community use.	Look to improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance for continued school use.	School SHFA FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
60	Holy Trinity School (Barnsley)	S71 2LF	3G	Education	One 11v11 size 3G (100m x 63m) of standard quality, with sports lighting. Pitch is available for community use midweek for a total of 18 hours; however, it is not available at weekends.	Look to improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance. Ensure pitch is on the 3G Register and is retested for compliance so that it can support use for competitive match play and is renewed when required. Ensure the provider has in place a mechanism for future sustainability, such as a sinking fund formed over time (as per Football Foundation Terms & Conditions), for repair and resurfacing when necessary. Explore the opportunity to open up the pitch for access on weekends to support match play demand.	School SHFA FF	Local	H	S	L	Protect Enhance

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60	Holy Trinity School (Barnsley)	S71 2LF	Cricket	Education	One standalone NTP unavailable for community use.	Look to improve/sustain pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance for continued school use.	School YCB ECB	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
60	Holy Trinity School (Barnsley)	S71 2LF	Rugby Union	Education	One poor quality senior rugby union pitch which is unavailable for community use.	Look to improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance for continued school use.	School RFU	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
60	Holy Trinity School (Barnsley)	S71 2LF	Tennis	Education	Three standard quality macadam tennis courts, unavailable for community use, with no sports lighting.	Look to improve court quality with enhanced levels of maintenance for continued school use.	School LTA	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
71	Kexborough Cricket Club	S75 5DX	Cricket	Sport Club	One good quality grass square, which consists of nine grass wickets and an NTP. Square has a spare capacity of ten MES per season, with actual spare capacity to accommodate one additional midweek team. Ancillary facility provision of standard quality.	Sustain square quality with appropriate levels of maintenance. Explore the opportunity to improve ancillary provision onsite.	Sport Club YCB ECB	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
72	Kexborough Primary School	S75 5EF	Football	Education	One mini 7v7 pitch and one youth 9v9 pitch. Both are poor quality and are not available for community use.	Look to improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance for continued school use.	School SHFA FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
73	Kexborough Recreation Ground	S75 5LG	Football	Council	One poor quality youth 9v9 pitch. Youth 9v9 pitch has one MES per week of spare capacity, however this is discounted due to poor pitch quality. No ancillary facilities on site.	Look to improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance. Explore the opportunity to develop dedicated ancillary provision onsite.	Council SHFA FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance Provide
85	Mapplewell Park	S75 6BY	Football	Council	One adult pitch and one mini 7v7 pitch, both of which are poor quality. Adult pitch has spare capacity of 0.5 MES per week and mini 7v7 pitch has spare capacity of one MES per week. Actual spare capacity on pitches has been discounted due to poor pitch quality. The ancillary facilities are poor quality.	Look to improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance. Explore the opportunity to improve ancillary provision onsite.	Council SHFA FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
85	Mapplewell Park	S75 6BY	Tennis	Council	One poor quality macadam tennis court with no sports lighting.	Look to improve court quality with enhanced levels of maintenance.	Council LTA	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
85	Mapplewell Park	S75 6BY	MUGA	Council	One MUGA rated standard quality, with no sports lighting.	Look to improve court quality with enhanced levels of maintenance.	Council	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
106	Pogmoor Recreation Ground	S75 2LP	Football	Council	Four grass pitches; one mini 5v5 pitch, one youth 9v9 pitch of poor quality and one mini 7v7 pitch, one youth 11v11 pitch of standard quality. Youth 11v11 pitch is overplayed by 0.5 MES per week, whilst the youth 9v9 pitch and mini 5v5 pitch actual spare capacity is discounted due to poor pitch quality. Mini 7v7 pitch is played to capacity at peak time.	Look to improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance. Explore the opportunity to develop dedicated ancillary provision onsite.	Council SHFA FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance

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					No changing provision is available on this site.							
118	Sheerien Park (Athersley Recreation FC)	S71 3DP	Football /3G	Council	Four good quality pitches onsite Two adult pitches, one youth 9v9 and one mini 5v5 pitch. Adult step pitch which has capacity for more use but is discounted for its protection. Second adult pitch is played to capacity at peak time. The mini 5v5 pitch with has actual spare capacity of 0.5 MES per week, and youth 9v9 pitch is used to capacity. The changing provision available on site is of poor quality. The Club plans to develop two buildings onsite, a modular building to allow future extension, which will act as a function room, offices and meeting rooms. The Club is looking at developing a permanent building with changing rooms and classrooms to support its work with Thomas Rotherham College, alongside a 11v11 size 3G pitch developed on the second adult pitch onsite.	Sustain pitch quality with appropriate levels of maintenance. Explore the opportunity to improve ancillary provision onsite. Explore the feasibility to develop a 3G pitch on the second adult pitch onsite. Work with Athersley Recreation FC with development of modular building extension for additional space, and permanent building for changing and classrooms for vocational college course onsite.	Council SHFA FF	Local	M-H	M	H	Protect Enhance Provide
126	Spark Lane Football Pitch	S75 6AD	Football	Council	One youth 11v11 pitch of good quality, which is part of the grass pitch maintenance fund. Spare capacity of three MES, however, the pitch is played to capacity at peak time. Ancillary provision of poor quality.	Sustain pitch quality with appropriate levels of maintenance. Continue to utilise GPMF to ensure improvements to pitches are sustained through a dedicated and specific maintenance programme. Explore the opportunity to improve ancillary provision onsite.	Council SHFA FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
129	Springwell Learning Community	S71 2AY	Football	Education	One youth 9v9 grass pitch of poor quality. Unavailable for community use.	Look to improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance for continued school use.	School SHFA FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
129	Springwell Learning Community	S71 2AY	3G	Education	One small sized (36x18m) standard quality 3G pitch with sports lighting. Unavailable for community use.	Look to improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance for continued school use.	School SHFA FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
129	Springwell Learning Community	S71 2AY	Tennis	Education	One poor quality macadam tennis court. The court has no sports lighting and is unavailable for community use.	Look to improve court quality with enhanced levels of maintenance for continued school use.	School LTA	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
141	The Fleets Football Pitches	S71 1QL	Football	Council	This site has three grass pitches. Two adult pitches and one youth 9v9 pitch all of poor quality Adult pitches are overplayed by 0.5 MES per week. The youth 9v9 pitch, which has 0.5 MES capacity which is discounted due to poor pitch quality.	Look to improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance. Explore the opportunity to improve ancillary provision onsite. Look to secure tenure of clubs which access the site through community use agreements.	Council SHFA FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance

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					All three pitches have an unsecure tenure. The ancillary provision on site is of standard quality.							
155	Wharnccliffe Woodmoor Memorial Field	S71 3QP	Football	Council	There are nine grass pitches. Two adult pitches, one mini 5v5 pitch, one mini 7v7 pitch, three youth 11v11 pitches and two youth 9v9 pitches, all of poor quality. The adult, youth 11v11, youth 9v9, and mini 7v7 pitches have actual spare capacity, which has been discounted due to poor pitch quality, however the mini 5v5 pitch is currently overplayed by 0.5 MES per week. This site has been listed as a key site for development in Barnsley's Local Football Facility Plan (LFFP). No ancillary provision is available at this site.	Look to improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance. Retain site on the LFFP priority list for pitch improvement. Explore the opportunity to develop dedicated ancillary provision onsite.	Council SHFA FF	Local	M	M	M	Protect Enhance Provide
163	Woodview	S75 2RQ	Football	Council / Sports Club	There is one mini 5v5, one mini 7v7, one youth 9v9 and a youth 11v11 pitch, all of which are poor quality. Spare capacity on youth 11v11 is one MES per week, and the mini 7v7 pitch has 0.5 MES per week. This has been discounted due to poor pitch quality. The mini 5v5 pitch is played to capacity at peak time. Whilst the youth 9v9 pitch is currently overplayed by 0.5 MES per week. AFC Pogmor is currently working on securing a lease on this site. The ancillary provision is of poor quality. However, the Club is currently working towards plans to develop a new clubhouse onsite if/when it gains a lease on the site.	Look to improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance. Look to secure lease onsite for AFC Pogmor. Explore the opportunity to develop a new clubhouse onsite. Look to add site to LFFP pitch improvement.	Council SHFA FF	Local	M	M	H	Protect Enhance Provide
164	Woolley Miners Cricket Club	S75 5JA	Football	Sport Club	One good quality adult pitch, and one mini 5v5 pitch of standard quality. The adult pitch has a actual spare capacity of 0.5 MES, whilst the mini 5v5 pitch is played to capacity at peak time. Ancillary provision is of good quality.	Improve and sustain pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance.	Sport Club SHFA FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
164	Woolley Miners Cricket Club	S75 5JA	Cricket	Sport Club	One good quality square containing nine grass wickets and an NTP. The square is overplayed by four MES per season. No actual spare capacity to accommodate any further teams. Ancillary provision of good quality.	Sustain square quality with appropriate levels of maintenance. Explore opportunity to install hybrid wickets on square to help cater for overplay.	Sport club YCB ECB	Local	L	M	L	Protect Provide

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169	Barnsley Lawn Tennis Club	S75 1JH	Tennis	Sport Club	Three good quality macadam tennis courts and four good quality artificial turf courts. Five courts have sports lighting, with two of the artificial turf courts having no sports lighting. However, the club have indicated that plans are in place to install sports lighting on all courts onsite. Ancillary provision is of good quality.	Sustain court quality with appropriate levels of maintenance. Explore opportunity to install sports lighting on courts with no sports lighting.	Sport Club LTA	Local	M	M	M	Protect Provide
189	Leylands	S75 1HD	MUGA	Council	One standard quality MUGA with no sports lighting.	Look to improve court quality with enhanced levels of maintenance.	Council	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
195	New Lodge	S71 1SU	MUGA	Council	One poor quality MUGA with sports lighting.	Look to improve court quality with enhanced levels of maintenance.	Council	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
199	Sugdons Rec	S75 2BL	MUGA	Council	One good quality MUGA with no sports lighting.	Sustain court quality with appropriate levels of maintenance.	Council	Local	L	L	L	Protect

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6.2: North East Analysis Area

Headline findings

Sport	Analysis area	Pitch type	Current capacity total in MES ^[1]	Future capacity total in MES (2033)
Football (grass pitches)	North East	Adult	Spare capacity of 2 match equivalent session	N/A
		Youth 11v11	Shortfall of 2 match equivalent sessions	N/A
		Youth 9v9	Shortfall of 4 match equivalent sessions	N/A
		Mini 7v7	Spare capacity of 1.5 match equivalent session	N/A
		Mini 5v5	Spare capacity of 1 match equivalent session	N/A
	Barnsley	Adult	Spare capacity of 1 match equivalent session	Shortfall of 0.5 match equivalent sessions
		Youth 11v11	Shortfall of 11.5 match equivalent sessions	Shortfall of 14.5 match equivalent sessions
		Youth 9v9	Shortfall of 10 match equivalent sessions	Shortfall of 12 match equivalent sessions
		Mini 7v7	Spare capacity of 6.5 match equivalent session	Spare capacity of 4.5 match equivalent session
		Mini 5v5	Spare capacity of 2 match equivalent session	Spare capacity of 0.5 match equivalent session
3G	Barnsley	11v11 size, floodlit	Insufficient supply. Shortfalls in the North East, Central, South and Penistone Analysis Areas.	Insufficient supply. Shortfalls in the North East, Central, South and Penistone Analysis Areas.
Cricket	North East	Saturday	Shortfall of 3 match equivalent sessions a season	N/A
		Sunday	Shortfall of 3 match equivalent sessions a season	N/A
		Midweek	Shortfall of 3 match equivalent sessions a season	N/A
	Barnsley	Saturday	Shortfall of 104 match equivalent sessions a season	Shortfall of 140 match equivalent sessions a season
		Sunday	Shortfall of 68 match equivalent sessions a season	Shortfall of 104 match equivalent sessions a season
		Midweek	Shortfall of 8 match equivalent sessions a season	Shortfall of 20 match equivalent sessions a season
	North East	Senior	<i>Sufficient quantity</i>	N/A

^[1] MES – match equivalent sessions per week (per season for cricket)

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Sport	Analysis area	Pitch type	Current capacity total in MES ^[1]	Future capacity total in MES (2033)
Rugby union	Barnsley	Senior	Shortfall of 5.75 match equivalent sessions	Shortfall of 5.75 match equivalent sessions
Rugby league	North East	Senior	<i>Sufficient quantity</i>	<i>N/A</i>
	Barnsley	Senior	Shortfall of 0.5 match equivalent sessions	Shortfall of 0.75 match equivalent sessions
Hockey	Barnsley	Full size, floodlit	<i>Sufficient quantity, however quality and access issues</i>	<i>Sufficient quantity, however quality and access issues</i>
Tennis	Barnsley	Courts	Capacity for both club and non-club tennis courts can be meet current and future demand at Barnsley LTC.	Capacity for both club and non-club tennis courts can be meet current and future demand at Barnsley LTC.
Athletics	Barnsley	Provision	<i>Sufficient quantity</i>	<i>Sufficient quantity</i>
MUGAs	Barnsley	Provision	<i>Sufficient quantity, however quality issues</i>	<i>Sufficient quantity, however quality issues</i>
Other sports	Barnsley	Provision	<i>Generally sufficient quantity</i>	<i>Generally sufficient quantity</i>

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17	Brierley Park	S72 9ED	Football	Council	One youth 11v11 and one youth 9v9 pitch of poor quality. Both pitches are played to capacity. Ancillary provision is of standard quality.	Look to improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance. Explore the opportunity to improve ancillary provision onsite.	Council SHFA FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
17	Brierley Park	S72 9ED	MUGA	Council	One good quality MUGA with sports lighting.	Sustain court quality with appropriate levels of maintenance.	Council	Local	L	L	L	Protect
21	Carlton Park	S71 3EG	Football	Council	There are five grass pitches onsite. One adult pitch, one mini 5v5 pitch, one mini 7v7 pitch, one youth 9v9 pitch and one youth 11v11 pitch. All pitches are poor quality. Site identified in the LFFP for grass pitch improvements. Adult pitch is played to capacity. Mini 7v7 and Mini 5v5 pitches have actual spare capacity at peak time of one MES per week. Youth 11v11 pitch is overplayed by 1.5 MES per week, and the youth 9v9 pitch is overplayed by 0.5 MES. Barnsley Ladies FC reports that it is currently in talks with the Council over gaining a lease of Carlton Park. This would allow the Club to maintain the pitches and improve them to a higher quality. There is no ancillary provision on this site.	Look to improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance. Explore the opportunity to make pitch improvements with the help of the FF and LFFP through the Grass Pitch Maintenance Fund. Explore the opportunity to develop dedicated ancillary provision onsite. Look to establish lease onsite with Barnsley Ladies FC.	Council SHFA FF	Key centre	H	S-M	M-H	Protect Enhance
21	Carlton Park	S71 3EG	Cricket (Disused)	Council	Previously had a 17 wicket grass square onsite. The pitch was maintained until circa 2002. The site is still maintained for football and is utilised by a number of teams.	Protect the site in accordance with Sport England and NPPF guidelines and explore potential future options for the pitches.	Council ECB YCB	Key centre	L	L	L	Protect
21	Carlton Park	S71 3EG	Tennis	Council	Two macadam tennis courts of poor quality with no sports lighting. Site is identified as a potential site for LTA investment.	Look to improve court quality with enhanced levels of maintenance. Explore the opportunity to work with the LTA and access the LTA Park Investment Fund to improve facility and improve pay and play offer within the Borough.	Council LTA	Key centre	H	S	L-M	Protect Enhance
25	Castle Ground	S71 2SW	Cricket	Council	Good quality square containing ten grass wickets and one NTP. The square is currently overplayed by three MES per season. There is one lane with a fixed net on site. Ancillary provision is of good quality.	Sustain square quality with appropriate levels of maintenance. Explore opportunity to install hybrid wickets on square to help cater for overplay.	Council ECB YCB	Local	L	M	L	Protect Provide
32	Cudworth Park	S72 8UA	MUGA	Council	One standard quality MUGA with no sports lighting.	Look to improve court quality with enhanced levels of maintenance.	Council	Local	L	L	L	Protect
42	Dorothy Hyman Sports Centre	S72 8LH	Football	Trust	Three good quality adult pitches. All pitches are played to capacity at peak time. Ancillary provision of good quality.	Sustain pitch quality with appropriate levels of maintenance.	Trust SHFA FF	Hub site	L	L	L	Protect

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42	Dorothy Hyman Sports Centre	S72 8LH	3G	Trust	One good quality 11v11 size (106x70m) 3G available for community use and has sports lighting. The 3G is FIFA approved which is due to expire 31/05/2026. Pitch is available for 30 hours per week, 18 of which are on weekdays and 12 on weekends. The pitch has a spare capacity of 13% during the week, and 33% during the weekend.	Sustain pitch quality with appropriate levels of maintenance. Explore need and opportunity to utilise spare capacity of pitch on weekends for match play use. Ensure pitch is on the 3G Register and is retested for compliance so that it can support use for competitive match play and is renewed when required. Ensure the provider has in place a mechanism for future sustainability, such as a sinking fund formed over time (as per Football Foundation Terms & Conditions), for repair and resurfacing when necessary.	Trust SHFA FF	Hub site	L	S	L	Protect
42	Dorothy Hyman Sports Centre	S72 8LH	Athletics	Trust	400m synthetic track with sports lighting of good quality. The track is Trackmark compliant. Ancillary facilities are also present on site, which are rated good quality. Barnsley Premier Leisure, identify that it has plans to develop and improve the spectator stand facilities.	Sustain track quality with appropriate levels of maintenance. Explore the opportunity to improve the spectator stand.	Trust EA	Hub site	L	M	M	Protect Enhance
52	Grimethorpe Miners Welfare Sports Ground (Closed)	S72 7ND	Football	Community Organisation	Three grass pitches onsite. One adult pitch, one mini 7v7 pitch and one youth 9v9 pitch all of standard quality. The adult pitch has one MES spare capacity at peak time. The mini 7v7 pitch is played to capacity at peak time, and the youth 9v9 has an actual spare capacity of 0.5 MES at peak time. The site has good quality ancillary provision.	Look to improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance.	Community organisation SHFA FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
80	Littleworth Lane Playing Fields	S71 5HR	Football	Council	One poor quality adult pitch. Spare capacity of one MES per week is discounted due to poor pitch quality. The ancillary provision is poor.	Look to improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance. Explore the opportunity to improve ancillary provision onsite.	Council SHFA FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
81	Londoner Site	S71 2EF	Football	Council	Two adult pitches of poor quality. Spare capacity of two MES per week is discounted due to poor pitch quality. The site has no ancillary provision.	Look to improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance. Explore the opportunity to develop dedicated ancillary provision onsite.	Council SHFA FF	Local	L	L	M-H	Protect Enhance Provide
83	Love Life Sports Ground Grimethorpe	S72 7ND	Football	Sport Club	One youth 11v11 pitch of standard quality. The youth 11v11 pitch has one MES actual spare capacity at peak time. Ancillary provision on the site is of poor quality.	Look to improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance. Explore the opportunity to improve ancillary provision onsite.	Sport Club SHFA FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
83	Love Life Sports Ground Grimethorpe	S72 7ND	Cricket	Sport Club	One standalone NTP.	Look to improve and sustain pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance.	Sport Club YCB ECB	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance

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87	Milefield Primary School	S72 7BH	Football	Education	One poor quality youth 9v9 pitch which is unavailable for community use.	Look to improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance for continued school use.	School SHFA, FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
94	Oakwood Playing Fields	S71 4EZ	Football	Council	There are five grass pitches; one adult pitch, one youth 11v11, one youth 9v9, one mini 7v7 and one mini 5v5 all of poor quality. The spare capacity on the adult pitch is discounted due to its poor pitch quality. The mini 5v5, mini 7v7 and youth 9v9 are all played to capacity. The youth 11v11 pitch is overplayed by 0.5 MES. There is no ancillary provision on this site.	Look to improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance. Explore the opportunity to develop dedicated ancillary provision onsite.	Council SHFA FF	Local	L	L	M-H	Protect Enhance Provide
95	Oldroyds	S71 4DB	Football	Council	One poor quality adult pitch. Spare capacity of 0.5 MES has been discounted due to poor pitch quality. Ancillary provision of poor quality.	Look to improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance. Explore the opportunity to improve ancillary provision onsite.	Council SHFA FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
96	Outwood Academy Carlton	S71 3EW	3G	Education	One standard quality 11v11 size (101x64m) 3G available for community use with sports lighting. The pitch is not on the FA Pitch Register. It is available for 18 hours of during the week, however, it is unavailable for use on weekends. Spare capacity on weekdays of 34%.	Look to improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance. Ensure pitch is on the 3G Register and is retested for compliance so that it can support use for competitive match play and is renewed when required. Ensure the provider has in place a mechanism for future sustainability, such as a sinking fund formed over time (as per Football Foundation Terms & Conditions), for repair and resurfacing when necessary. Explore the opportunity to open up the pitch for access on weekends to support match play demand.	School SHFA FF	Local	H	S	L	Protect Enhance
96	Outwood Academy Carlton	S71 3EW	Rugby Union	Education	One M0/D1 (poor) quality senior rugby union pitch which is not available for community use.	Look to improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance for continued school use.	School RFU	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
96	Outwood Academy Carlton	S71 3EW	Tennis	Education	Five macadam tennis courts of standard quality. The courts are not available for community use or sports lighting.	Look to improve court quality with enhanced levels of maintenance for continued school use.	School LTA	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
96	Outwood Academy Carlton	S71 3EW	Rounders	Education	Rounders pitches onsite for school use only.	Look to improve and sustain pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance for continued school use.	School ER	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
97	Outwood Academy Shafton	S72 8RE	3G	Education	One standard quality 11v11 size (100x60m) 3G pitch with sports lighting and available for community use. Pitch has 12 hours of availability during the week, however, is unavailable for use on weekends. The pitch currently has no spare capacity for additional use during the week.	Look to improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance. Ensure pitch is on the 3G Register and is retested for compliance so that it can support use for competitive match play and is renewed when required. Ensure the provider has in place a mechanism for future sustainability, such as a sinking fund formed over time (as per Football Foundation Terms & Conditions), for repair and resurfacing when necessary. Explore the opportunity to open up the pitch for access on weekends to support match play demand.	School SHFA FF	Local	H	S	L	Protect Enhance
97	Outwood Academy Shafton	S72 8RE	Cricket	Education	One standalone NTP. Unavailable for community use.	Look to improve and sustain pitch quality with appropriate levels of maintenance for continued school use.	School YCB ECB	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
97	Outwood Academy Shafton	S72 8RE	Tennis	Education	Six good quality macadam tennis courts with sports lighting. Not available for community use.	Look to improve and sustain court quality with appropriate levels of maintenance for continued school use.	School LTA	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
97	Outwood Academy Shafton	S72 8RE	Rounders	Education	Rounders pitches onsite for school use only.	Look to improve and sustain pitch quality with appropriate levels of maintenance for continued school use.	School ER	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
104	Pinfold Playing Fields	S72 8HF	Football	Sports Club	Three poor quality grass pitches; one mini 5v5 pitch, one mini 7v7 pitch and one youth 9v9 pitch, all of poor quality. The mini 5v5 pitch and mini 7v7 pitch both have 0.5 MES spare capacity per week however this has been discounted due to poor pitch quality. The youth 9v9 pitch is overplayed by 0.5 MES per week. There is no ancillary provision onsite.	Look to improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance. Explore the opportunity to develop dedicated ancillary provision onsite. Look to add site to LFFP pitch improvement.	Council SHFA FF	Local	L	L	M-H	Protect Enhance Provide
108	Rabbit Ings Country Park	S71 4BB	Football	Trust	Four poor quality grass pitches; one adult pitch, one mini 7v7 pitch, one youth 9v9 pitch and one youth 11v11 pitch all of poor quality. The youth 11v11 pitch is overplayed by one MES per week, the other pitches played to capacity at peak time. The ancillary provision is of standard quality.	Look to improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance. Explore the opportunity to improve ancillary provision onsite.	Trust SHFA FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
109	Redfearns Sports Field	S71 2JS	Football	Council	One mini 5v5 pitch, one mini 7v7 pitch, one youth 9v9 pitch and one youth 11v11 pitch, all of which are good quality.	Sustain pitch quality with appropriate levels of maintenance.	Council SHFA FF	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
					The mini 7v7 pitch has actual spare capacity of 0.5 MES per week. The other pitches played to capacity at peak time. The ancillary provision is good quality.							
112	Rotherham Road Playing Fields	S71 2AX	Football	Council	The site has three grass pitches; two adult and one youth 11v11 pitch all of poor quality. Actual spare capacity of 0.5 MES for adult pitches and 1 MES for the youth 11v11 pitch has been discounted due to the quality of the pitches. Ancillary provision is poor quality.	Look to improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance. Explore the opportunity to improve ancillary provision onsite.	Council SHFA FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
112	Rotherham Road Playing Fields	S71 2AX	MUGA	Council	One standard quality MUGA with no sports lighting.	Look to improve court quality with enhanced levels of maintenance.	Council	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
113	Royston Playing Field	S71 4JN	Football	Council	One adult pitch of poor quality. The pitch is played to capacity. There is no ancillary provision on site.	Look to improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance. Explore the opportunity to develop dedicated ancillary provision onsite.	Council SHFA FF	Local	L	L	M-H	Protect Enhance Provide
114	Royston Welfare Park (Site 1)	S71 4AA	Football	Council	The site has four grass pitches; one mini 5v5, one mini 7v7, one youth 9v9 and one youth 11v11 all of poor quality. The youth 9v9 pitch is played to capacity. The other pitches have spare capacity which has been discounted due to poor pitch quality. ancillary provision of poor quality.	Look to improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance. Explore the opportunity to improve ancillary provision onsite. Look to add site to LFFP pitch improvement.	Council SHFA FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
114	Royston Welfare Park (Site 1)	S71 4AA	Cricket (Disused)	Council	Previously had a 13 wicket grass square onsite. The pitch was maintained until <i>circa</i> 2009. The site as a whole cannot be deemed disused as it still remains maintained for football.	Protect the site in accordance with Sport England and NPPF guidelines and explore potential future options for the pitches.	Council ECB YCB	Local	L	L	L	Protect
114	Royston Welfare Park (Site 1)	S71 4AA	MUGA	Council	One standard quality MUGA with no sports lighting.	Look to improve court quality with enhanced levels of maintenance.	Council	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
117	Shafton Recreation Ground	S72 8QA	Football	Parish Council	One adult pitch of standard quality. The pitch has actual spare capacity of one MES per week. Ancillary facilities of poor quality.	Look to improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance. Explore the opportunity to improve ancillary provision onsite.	Parish Council SHFA FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
117	Shafton Recreation Ground	S72 8QA	Hockey AGP	Parish Council	One small sized (39x24m) standard quality sand filled AGP. The pitch has sports lighting and is available for community use. The facility is always open for public use.	Look to improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance.	Parish Council EH	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
145	The Pleasant Avenue Playing Field	S72 0BF	Football	Council	Pitch hasn't been used since 2008 with the goalposts removed in 2018. Was formally marked out as a youth 11v11 pitch. The site is now used as open space.	Protect the site in accordance with Sport England and NPPF guidelines and explore potential future options for the pitches.	Council SHFA FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect
145	The Pleasant Avenue Playing Field	S72 0BF	MUGA	Council	One standard quality MUGA with no sports lighting.	Look to improve court quality with enhanced levels of maintenance.	Council	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
172	Barnsley Road	S72 8UT	MUGA	Council	One good quality MUGA with no sports lighting.	Sustain court quality with appropriate levels of maintenance.	Council	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
183	Gregorys Yard	S72 0AF	MUGA	Council	One standard quality MUGA with no sports lighting.	Look to improve court quality with enhanced levels of maintenance.	Council	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
193	Monk Bretton Social	S71 2PP	MUGA	Council	One poor quality MUGA with no sports lighting.	Look to improve court quality with enhanced levels of maintenance.	Council	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
197	Royston Welfare Park	S71 4PX	MUGA	Council	One poor quality MUGA with no sports lighting.	Look to improve court quality with enhanced levels of maintenance.	Council	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance

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6.3: Dearne Analysis Area

Headline findings

Sport	Analysis area	Pitch type	Current capacity total in MES ^[1]	Future capacity total in MES (2033)
Football (grass pitches)	Dearne	Adult	Spare capacity of 2 match equivalent session	N/A
		Youth 11v11	<i>Sufficient quantity</i>	N/A
		Youth 9v9	Shortfall of 0.5 match equivalent sessions	N/A
		Mini 7v7	Spare capacity of 2 match equivalent session	N/A
		Mini 5v5	Spare capacity of 0.5 match equivalent session	N/A
	Barnsley	Adult	Spare capacity of 1 match equivalent session	Shortfall of 0.5 match equivalent sessions
		Youth 11v11	Shortfall of 11.5 match equivalent sessions	Shortfall of 14.5 match equivalent sessions
		Youth 9v9	Shortfall of 10 match equivalent sessions	Shortfall of 12 match equivalent sessions
		Mini 7v7	Spare capacity of 6.5 match equivalent session	Spare capacity of 4.5 match equivalent session
		Mini 5v5	Spare capacity of 2 match equivalent session	Spare capacity of 0.5 match equivalent session
Football (3G pitches)	Barnsley	11v11 size, floodlit	Insufficient supply. Shortfalls in the North East, Central, South and Penistone Analysis Areas.	Insufficient supply. Shortfalls in the North East, Central, South and Penistone Analysis Areas.
Cricket	Dearne	Saturday	<i>Sufficient quantity</i>	N/A
		Sunday	<i>Sufficient quantity</i>	N/A
		Midweek	<i>Sufficient quantity</i>	N/A
	Barnsley	Saturday	Shortfall of 104 match equivalent sessions a season	Shortfall of 140 match equivalent sessions a season
		Sunday	Shortfall of 68 match equivalent sessions a season	Shortfall of 104 match equivalent sessions a season
		Midweek	Shortfall of 8 match equivalent sessions a season	Shortfall of 20 match equivalent sessions a season
Rugby union	Dearne	Senior	<i>Sufficient quantity</i>	N/A
	Barnsley	Senior	Shortfall of 5.75 match equivalent sessions	Shortfall of 5.75 match equivalent sessions
Rugby league	Dearne	Senior	<i>Sufficient quantity</i>	N/A
	Barnsley	Senior	Shortfall of 0.5 match equivalent sessions	Shortfall of 0.75 match equivalent sessions

^[1] MES – match equivalent sessions per week (per season for cricket)

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Sport	Analysis area	Pitch type	Current capacity total in MES ^[1]	Future capacity total in MES (2033)
Hockey	Barnsley	Full size, floodlit	<i>Sufficient quantity, however quality and access issues</i>	<i>Sufficient quantity, however quality and access issues</i>
Tennis	Barnsley	Courts	Capacity for both club and non-club tennis courts can be meet current and future demand at Barnsley LTC.	Capacity for both club and non-club tennis courts can be meet current and future demand at Barnsley LTC.
Athletics	Barnsley	Provision	<i>Sufficient quantity</i>	<i>Sufficient quantity</i>
MUGAs	Barnsley	Provision	<i>Sufficient quantity, however quality issues</i>	<i>Sufficient quantity, however quality issues</i>
Other sports	Barnsley	Provision	<i>Generally sufficient quantity</i>	<i>Generally sufficient quantity</i>

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Site ID	Site	Postcode	Sport	Management	Current status	Recommended actions	Partners	Site hierarchy tier	Priority	Timescales	Cost	Aim
16	Brickyard Ponds	S63 9PX	Football	Council	Two grass pitches; One mini 7v7 and one youth 9v9, both are standard quality. The mini 7v7 pitch has 0.5 MES actual spare capacity at peak time, and the youth 9v9 pitch also has 0.5 MES spare capacity at peak time. Ancillary provision of poor quality.	Look to improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance. Explore the opportunity to improve ancillary provision onsite.	Council SHFA FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
23	Carrfield Playing Field	S63 9BB	Football	Council	One poor quality adult pitch. The pitch has spare capacity of one MES at peak time which is discounted due to its poor quality. No ancillary provision onsite.	Look to improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance. Explore the opportunity to develop dedicated ancillary provision onsite.	Council SHFA FF	Local	L	L	M-H	Protect Enhance Provide
30	Common Road Playing Field	S63 0SE	Football (Disused)	Council	Previously accommodated a youth 11v11 pitch. The pitch ceased maintenance circa 2003, with the site having not been maintained for sport pitches since.	Protect the site in accordance with Sport England and NPPF guidelines and explore potential future options for the pitches.	Council SHFA FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect
48	Goldthorpe Recreation Ground	S63 9JD	Football	Council	Four grass pitches onsite. One adult pitch, one mini 7v7, one mini 5v5 and one youth 11v11 pitch all of standard quality. The adult pitch has one MES actual spare capacity at peak time, but the mini 5v5, mini 7v7 and youth 11v11 pitches are all played to capacity at peak time. The site is part of the grass pitch maintenance fund. Dearne & District FC reports an aspiration to develop its facilities onsite at Goldthorpe Recreation Ground to a Step 6 standard. This would enable the Club to be promoted to the National League System (NLS). The ancillary provision at this site is of standard quality.	Look to improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance. Explore the opportunity to improve ancillary provision onsite. Look to develop facilities onsite to meet ground grading requirements for NLS Step 6, to allow club to have the option to progress.	Council SHFA FF	Key centre	M	M	M-H	Protect Enhance Provide
48	Goldthorpe Recreation Ground	S63 9JD	MUGA	Council	One good quality MUGA with no sports lighting.	Sustain court quality with appropriate levels of maintenance.	Council	Local	L	L	L	Protect
68	Ingsfield Lane Sports & Social Club	S63 8DT	Rugby League	Sport Club	One senior rugby league pitch of poor quality. The pitch is currently played to capacity. The ancillary provision is good quality, following development of a new clubhouse in recent years.	Look to improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance. Ensure the development of new clubhouse is completed, with all funding secured.	Sport Club RFL	Local	H	S	L	Protect Enhance Provide
76	Lacewood Primary School	S63 8DA	Football	Education	One youth 9v9 pitch of poor quality. Unavailable for community use.	Look to improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance for continued school use.	School SHFA, FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
139	The Astrea Dearne Academy	S63 9EW	Football	Education	Three pitches of poor quality; one adult, one youth 11v11 and one youth 9v9. Pitches are unavailable for community use.	Look to improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance for continued school use.	School SHFA FF	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
139	The Astrea Dearne Academy	S63 9EW	3G	Education	One standard quality 11v11 (100x60m) 3G pitch with sports lights and available for community use. The pitch is available for community use for a total of 31.5 hours per week, 15.5 of which are on weekdays with a further 16 hours of availability on weekends. There is spare capacity of 13% during the week, and 100% during the weekend. The pitch is predominantly used for football but is occasionally used for rugby league by Dearne Valley RLFC.	Look to improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance. Explore need and opportunity to utilise spare capacity of pitch on weekends for match play use. Ensure pitch is on the 3G Register and is retested for compliance so that it can support use for competitive match play and is renewed when required. Ensure the provider has in place a mechanism for future sustainability, such as a sinking fund formed over time (as per Football Foundation Terms & Conditions), for repair and resurfacing when necessary.	School SHFA FF RFL	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
139	The Astrea Dearne Academy	S63 9EW	Cricket	Education	One standalone NTP which is not available for community use.	Look to improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance for continued school use.	School YCB ECB	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
149	Thurnscoe Recreation Ground	S63 0BG	Football	Council	One standard quality adult pitch and one standard quality mini 7v7 pitch. The adult pitch is played to capacity at peak time, the mini 7v7 pitch has actual spare capacity of one MES per week at peak time. There is no ancillary provision onsite.	Look to improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance. Explore the opportunity to develop dedicated ancillary provision onsite.	Council SHFA FF	Local	L	L	M-H	Protect Enhance Provide
149	Thurnscoe Recreation Ground	S63 0BG	MUGA	Council	Two MUGA's, rated as standard, both have sports lighting.	Look to improve court quality with enhanced levels of maintenance.	Council	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
150	Thurnscoe Sports Ground	S63 0JS	Football	Council	One standard adult pitch. Pitch has one MES actual spare capacity at peak time. No ancillary facilities are present on site.	Look to improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance. Explore the opportunity to develop dedicated ancillary provision onsite.	Council SHFA FF	Local	L	L	M-H	Protect Enhance Provide
153	Welfare Ground	S63 9EH	Football	Council	Four grass pitches; one adult, one mini 5v5, one mini 7v7 and one youth 9v9, all of which are standard quality. The adult pitch is played to capacity. The mini 5v5 pitch and mini 7v7 pitch both have actual spare capacity of 0.5 MES per week at peak time. The youth 9v9 pitch is overplayed by 1 MES per week. The ancillary provision onsite is of standard quality.	Look to improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance. Explore the opportunity to improve ancillary provision onsite.	Council SHFA FF	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
153	Welfare Ground	S63 9EH	Cricket	Council	One standard quality cricket square containing seven grass wickets and one NTP. Square has spare capacity of 18 MES per season, with potential spare capacity to accommodate additional teams on Saturdays. Sunday and Midweek, however this is discounted due to unsecure tenure. The ancillary provision is standard quality.	Look to improve square quality with enhanced levels of maintenance. Explore the opportunity to improve ancillary provision onsite.	Council YCB ECB	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
185	Highgate Lane	S63 8AL	MUGA	Council	One good quality MUGA with no sports lighting.	Sustain court quality with appropriate levels of maintenance.	Council	Local	L	L	L	Protect
192	Merrill Road	S63 0PS	MUGA	Council	One good quality MUGA with no sports lighting.	Sustain court quality with appropriate levels of maintenance.	Council	Local	L	L	L	Protect
202	Thurnscoe Park	S63 0SU	MUGA	Council	One standard quality MUGA with no sports lighting.	Look to improve court quality with enhanced levels of maintenance.	Council	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
204	Wath Road	S63 8LQ	MUGA	Council	One good quality MUGA with no sports lighting.	Sustain court quality with appropriate levels of maintenance.	Council	Local	L	L	L	Protect
212	Thurnscoe Insistute Cricket Club	S63 0QL	Cricket	Sports Club	One standard quality cricket square which consists of five grass wickets. Square has spare capacity of nine MES per season, with actual spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure. Ancillary provision of standard quality.	Look to improve square quality with enhanced levels of maintenance. Explore the opportunity to improve ancillary provision onsite.	Sports Club YCB ECB	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
215	Goldthorpe Green	S63 9EH	MUGA	Council	One standard quality MUGA with no sports lighting.	Look to improve court quality with enhanced levels of maintenance.	Council	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance

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6.4: South Analysis Area

Headline findings

Sport	Analysis area	Pitch type	Current capacity total in MES ^[1]	Future capacity total in MES (2033)
Football (grass pitches)	South	Adult	Shortfall of 4.5 match equivalent sessions	N/A
		Youth 11v11	Shortfall of 4 match equivalent sessions	N/A
		Youth 9v9	<i>Sufficient quantity</i>	N/A
		Mini 7v7	<i>Sufficient quantity</i>	N/A
		Mini 5v5	<i>Sufficient quantity</i>	N/A
	Barnsley	Adult	Spare capacity of 1 match equivalent session	Shortfall of 0.5 match equivalent sessions
		Youth 11v11	Shortfall of 11.5 match equivalent sessions	Shortfall of 14.5 match equivalent sessions
		Youth 9v9	Shortfall of 10 match equivalent sessions	Shortfall of 12 match equivalent sessions
		Mini 7v7	Spare capacity of 6.5 match equivalent session	Spare capacity of 4.5 match equivalent session
		Mini 5v5	Spare capacity of 2 match equivalent session	Spare capacity of 0.5 match equivalent session
3G	Barnsley	11v11 size, floodlit	Insufficient supply. Shortfalls in the North East, Central, South and Penistone Analysis Areas.	Insufficient supply. Shortfalls in the North East, Central, South and Penistone Analysis Areas.
Cricket	South	Saturday	Shortfall of 76 match equivalent sessions a season	N/A
		Sunday	Shortfall of 40 match equivalent sessions a season	N/A
		Midweek	Shortfall of 28 match equivalent sessions a season	N/A
	Barnsley	Saturday	Shortfall of 104 match equivalent sessions a season	Shortfall of 140 match equivalent sessions a season
		Sunday	Shortfall of 68 match equivalent sessions a season	Shortfall of 104 match equivalent sessions a season
		Midweek	Shortfall of 8 match equivalent sessions a season	Shortfall of 20 match equivalent sessions a season
Rugby union	South	Senior	<i>Sufficient quantity</i>	N/A
	Barnsley	Senior	Shortfall of 5.75 match equivalent sessions	Shortfall of 5.75 match equivalent sessions

^[1] MES – match equivalent sessions per week (per season for cricket)

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Sport	Analysis area	Pitch type	Current capacity total in MES ^[1]	Future capacity total in MES (2033)
Rugby league	South	Senior	<i>Sufficient quantity</i>	<i>N/A</i>
	Barnsley	Senior	Shortfall of 0.5 match equivalent sessions	Shortfall of 0.75 match equivalent sessions
Hockey	Barnsley	Full size, floodlit	<i>Sufficient quantity, however quality and access issues</i>	<i>Sufficient quantity, however quality and access issues</i>
Tennis	Barnsley	Courts	Capacity for both club and non-club tennis courts can be meet current and future demand at Barnsley LTC.	Capacity for both club and non-club tennis courts can be meet current and future demand at Barnsley LTC.
Athletics	Barnsley	Provision	<i>Sufficient quantity</i>	<i>Sufficient quantity</i>
MUGAs	Barnsley	Provision	<i>Sufficient quantity, however quality issues</i>	<i>Sufficient quantity, however quality issues</i>
Other sports	Barnsley	Provision	<i>Generally sufficient quantity</i>	<i>Generally sufficient quantity</i>

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Site ID	Site	Postcode	Sport	Management	Current status	Recommended actions	Partners	Site hierarchy tier	Priority	Timescales	Cost	Aim
12	Birdwell Community Centre and Recreation Ground	S70 5TQ	Football	Community organisation	One adult pitch of poor quality. Spare capacity of 0.5 MES per week has been discounted due to poor pitch quality. No ancillary provision is present onsite.	Look to improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance. Explore the opportunity to develop dedicated ancillary provision onsite.	Community organisation SHFA FF	Local	L	L	M-H	Protect Enhance Provide
12	Birdwell Community Centre and Recreation Ground	S70 5TQ	Cricket (Disused)	Community organisation	Previously accommodated an eight grass wicket square. The site has not been maintained since circa 2002, however, is now only maintained for football.	Protect the site in accordance with Sport England and NPPF guidelines and explore potential future options for the pitches.	Community organisation YCB ECB	Local	L	L	L	Protect
12	Birdwell Community Centre and Recreation Ground	S70 5TQ	MUGA	Community organisation	Two MUGA's of standard quality with no sports lighting.	Look to improve court quality with enhanced levels of maintenance.	Community organisation	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
15	Blacker Hill Recreation Ground	S74 0RW	Football	Council	One adult pitch and one youth 11v11 pitch, both of poor quality. Spare capacity of one MES per week on each pitch has been discounted due to poor pitch quality. There is no ancillary facility provision on this site.	Look to improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance. Explore the opportunity to develop dedicated ancillary provision onsite.	Council SHFA FF	Local	L	L	M-H	Protect Enhance Provide
43	Doveside Drive Playing Field	S73 9JJ	Football	Council	Two adult pitches of poor quality. Spare capacity of two MES per week has been discounted due to poor pitch quality. The ancillary facility provision onsite is of standard quality.	Look to improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance. Explore the opportunity to improve ancillary provision onsite.	Council SHFA FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect
45	Elsecar Cricket Club	S74 8ES	Football	Sport Club	One good quality adult pitch. The pitch is currently overplayed by 2.5 MES per week. The ancillary facility provision is of good quality.	Sustain pitch quality with appropriate levels of maintenance.	Sport Club SHFA FF	Key centre	L	L	L	Protect
45	Elsecar Cricket Club	S74 8ES	Cricket	Sport Club	One good quality cricket square containing eight grass wickets and one NTP. The grass square is currently overplayed by 21 MES. The ancillary provision is of good quality.	Sustain square quality with appropriate levels of maintenance. Explore opportunity to install hybrid wickets on square to help cater for overplay.	Sport club YCB ECB	Key centre	L	M	L	Protect Provide
64	Houghton Main Miners Welfare Ground	S72 0HL	Football	Trust	One adult pitch and one mini 5v5 pitch, both of good quality. The site is a part of the Football Foundation Grass Pitch Maintenance Fund. The adult pitch has 0.5 MES actual capacity at peak time. The mini 5v5 pitch is played to capacity at peak time. Ancillary facilities of standard quality.	Sustain pitch quality with appropriate levels of maintenance. Explore the opportunity to improve ancillary provision onsite.	Trust SHFA FF	Key centre	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
64	Houghton Main Miners Welfare Ground	S72 0HL	Cricket	Trust	One good quality cricket square with 10 grass wickets and one NTP. The square has a spare capacity of 20 MES per season. The square to accommodate further teams on Sundays and midweek. Ancillary provision of standard quality.	Sustain square quality with appropriate levels of maintenance. Explore the opportunity to improve ancillary provision onsite.	Trust YCB ECB	Key centre	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
75	Kirk Balk Academy	S74 9HX	Football	Education	One poor quality youth 11v11 pitch. Unavailable for community use.	Look to improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance for continued school use.	School SHFA, FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
75	Kirk Balk Academy	S74 9HX	3G	Education	One 11v11 (100x60m) standard quality 3G with sports lighting and available for community use. The pitch has community availability for a total of 20 hours per week during the peak period. This is broken down into 18 hours on weekdays and 2 hours over the weekend. The 3G has spare capacity of 41% during the week and 33% at the weekend. The pitch is unavailable for community use on Sundays.	Look to improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance. Ensure pitch is on the 3G Register and is retested for compliance so that it can support use for competitive match play and is renewed when required. Ensure the provider has in place a mechanism for future sustainability, such as a sinking fund formed over time (as per Football Foundation Terms & Conditions), for repair and resurfacing when necessary. Explore the opportunity to open up the pitch for access on weekends to support match play demand.	School SHFA FF	Local	H	S	L	Protect Enhance
75	Kirk Balk Academy	S74 9HX	Cricket	Education	One standalone NTP which is not available for community use.	Look to improve and sustain pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance for continued school use.	School YCB ECB	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
75	Kirk Balk Academy	S74 9HX	Tennis	Education	Five standard quality macadam tennis courts which are not available for community use and don't have sports lighting.	Look to improve court quality with enhanced levels of maintenance for continued school use.	School LTA	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
82	Longbow Playing Fields	S73 9DW	Football (Disused)	Council	Previously accommodated three youth 11v11, two mini 5v5 and one mini 7v7 pitches. Satellite evidence suggests that the pitches were last maintained and in use circa 2008	Protect the site in accordance with Sport England and NPPF guidelines and explore potential future options for the pitches.	Council SHFA FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect
84	Lundhill Playing Fields	S73 0QZ	Football	Council	One mini 5v5 pitch of poor quality, one youth 9v9 pitch of standard quality and one youth 11v11 pitch of standard quality. The mini 5v5 pitch and youth 11v11 pitch are currently played to capacity at peak time. The youth 9v9 pitch has 0.5 MES spare actual capacity at peak time. There is no ancillary facility provision onsite.	Look to improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance. Explore the opportunity to develop dedicated ancillary provision onsite.	Council SHFA FF	Local	L	L	M-H	Protect Enhance Provide

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89	Milton Forge	S74 9BQ	Football	Council	One adult pitch of poor quality. The pitch is played to capacity. There is no ancillary provision at this site.	Look to improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance. Explore the opportunity to develop dedicated ancillary provision onsite.	Council SHFA FF	Local	L	L	M-H	Protect Enhance Provide
89	Milton Forge	S74 9BQ	MUGA	Council	One standard quality MUGA with no sports lighting.	Look to improve court quality with enhanced levels of maintenance.	Council	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
91	Netherwood Academy	S73 8FE	Football	Education	Five poor quality pitches; two adult pitches, two youth 11v11 and one youth 9v9. Adult pitch has spare capacity of one MES per week however this has been discounted due to the poor pitch quality and unsecure tenure., The youth 11v11 and youth 9v9 pitches are overplayed by 0.5 MES. The ancillary facilities are of standard quality.	Look to improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance. Explore the opportunity to improve ancillary provision onsite. Look to secure tenure for clubs that use the site. Look to add site to LFFP pitch improvement.	School SHFA FF	Key centre	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
91	Netherwood Academy	S73 8FE	3G	Education	One 11v11 (100x55m) 3G pitch of standard quality with sports lighting and available for community use. Pitch is on the FA 3G pitch register and expires 31/05/2024. Pitch is available for 23 hours during the peak period. This consists of 13 hours on weekdays and ten hours at the weekend.	Look to improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance. Ensure pitch is on the 3G Register and is retested for compliance so that it can support use for competitive match play and is renewed when required. Ensure the provider has in place a mechanism for future sustainability, such as a sinking fund formed over time (as per Football Foundation Terms & Conditions), for repair and resurfacing when necessary.	School SHFA FF	Key centre	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
91	Netherwood Academy	S73 8FE	Cricket	Education	One standalone NTP, unavailable for community use.	Look to improve and sustain pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance for continued school use.	School YCB ECB	Key centre	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
91	Netherwood Academy	S73 8FE	Tennis	Education	Five poor quality macadam tennis courts with no sports lighting and unavailable for community use.	Look to improve court quality with enhanced levels of maintenance for continued school use.	School LTA	Key centre	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
98	Outwood Primary Academy Darfield	S73 9LT	Football	Education	Two poor quality mini 5v5 pitches. Unavailable for community use.	Look to improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance for continued school use.	School SHFA, FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
105	Platts Common Recreation Ground	S74 0QT	Football (Disused)	Council	One mini 7v7 pitch was previously marked and maintained onsite. The pitch has not been marked or maintained since circa 2009. Since the site has not been maintained nor marked for any sports use.	Protect the site in accordance with Sport England and NPPF guidelines and explore potential future options for the pitches.	Council SHFA FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect

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110	Rockingham Sports Ground	S74 0DQ	Football /3G	Community organisation	One poor quality youth 11v11 pitch. The youth 11v11 pitch is overplayed by 3.5 MES per week. The ancillary provision is rated as standard. The pitch is identified in the LFFP as a conversion to 3G provision. Rockingham Sports Ground relocation is planned as part of the Hoyland West masterplan. The one adult football pitch onsite, is to be relocated to a new community sports facility at Parkside (S74 0AH). The facility is due to have one adult pitch, one mini 7v7 and one mini 5v5 pitch. Whilst, also having an archery range and plans for the future to develop an 11v11 size 3G pitch onsite.	Look to improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance. Explore the opportunity to improve ancillary provision onsite. Explore the feasibility of converting youth 11v11 grass pitch into an 11v11 3G pitch in line with LFFP recommendation. If 3G pitch is developed, ensure pitch is on the 3G Register and is retested for compliance so that it can support use for competitive match play and is renewed when required. If 3G pitch is developed, ensure the provider has in place a mechanism for future sustainability, such as a sinking fund formed over time (as per Football Foundation Terms & Conditions), for repair and resurfacing when necessary.	Community Organisation SHFA FF	Key centre	M	M-L	H	Protect Enhance Provide
110	Rockingham Sports Ground	S74 0DQ	Cricket	Community organisation	One good quality cricket square containing nine grass wickets and one NTP. The square is overplayed by 40 MES per season. The ancillary provision is of standard quality.	Sustain square quality with appropriate levels of maintenance. Explore opportunity to install hybrid wickets on square to help cater for overplay. Explore the opportunity to improve ancillary provision onsite.	Community Organisation YCB ECB	Key centre	L	M	L	Protect Enhance
111	Roebuck Hill	S74 0JP	Football	Council	One poor quality adult pitch. Adult pitch has spare capacity of 0.5 MES during peak times however this has been discounted due to the poor pitch quality. There is no ancillary provision on this site.	Look to improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance. Explore the opportunity to develop dedicated ancillary provision onsite.	Council SHFA FF	Local	L	L	M-H	Protect Enhance Provide
140	The Ellis C.E Primary School	S73 0PS	Rounders	Education	Rounders pitch for school use only.	Look to improve and sustain pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance for continued school use.	School ER	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
151	Tinker Lane Recreation Ground	S74 0PE	Football	Council	One poor quality adult pitch Adult pitch has spare capacity of 0.5 MES per week which has been discounted due to the poor pitch quality. No ancillary provision onsite.	Look to improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance. Explore the opportunity to develop dedicated ancillary provision onsite.	Council SHFA FF	Local	L	L	M-H	Protect Enhance Provide
151	Tinker Lane Recreation Ground	S74 0PE	MUGA	Council	One poor quality MUGA with no sports lighting.	Look to improve court quality with enhanced levels of maintenance.	Council	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance

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159	Wombwell Main Sports Ground	S73 8PW	Football	Sports Club	One adult pitch of standard quality and one mini 7v7 of standard quality. The adult pitch is overplayed by two MES per week, and the mini 7v7 pitch is played to capacity. The ancillary provision is of good quality.	Look to improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance.	Sports Club SHFA FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
159	Wombwell Main Sports Ground	S73 8PW	Cricket	Sports Club	One good quality cricket square containing 11 grass wickets. Square has spare capacity of 31 MES per season, with actual spare capacity to accommodate further Sunday and midweek teams. The ancillary provision onsite is of good quality.	Sustain square quality with appropriate levels of maintenance.	Sports Club YCB ECB	Local	L	L	L	Protect
162	Wombwell Recreation Ground	S73 0BJ	Football	Community Organisation	Two adult pitches of standard quality, and one mini 5v5 pitch of poor quality. Some issues with the pitch surface, uneven and patches of limited grass coverage across the pitches. The pitches also struggle with poor drainage and are prone to flooding. The adult pitches have actual spare capacity of 0.5 MES at peak time. Whilst the mini 5v5 pitch has spare capacity of 1.5 MES per week which has been discounted due to poor pitch quality. The ancillary facilities are of standard quality.	Look to improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance. Explore the opportunity to improve ancillary provision onsite. Explore the feasibility to install purpose-built drainage onsite to tackle current drainage issues.	Community Organisation SHFA FF	Local	L	L	L-M	Protect Enhance
162	Wombwell Recreation Ground	S73 0BJ	Athletics (Disused)	Community Organisation	400m cinder track. The Club known to use the site, Wombwell Sporting AC, folded two years ago which means the athletic track is now disused.	Protect the site in accordance with Sport England and NPPF guidelines and explore potential future options for the track. If required, look to reinstate provision.	Community Organisation EA	Local	L	L	L	Protect
173	Bellbrooke Avenue	S73 9BP	MUGA	Council	One standard quality MUGA with no sports lighting.	Look to improve court quality with enhanced levels of maintenance.	Council	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
175	Blacker Hill	S74 0FL	MUGA	Council	One standard quality MUGA with no sports lighting.	Look to improve court quality with enhanced levels of maintenance.	Council	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
176	Broomhill Old	S73 0YQ	MUGA	Council	One poor quality MUGA with no sports lighting.	Look to improve court quality with enhanced levels of maintenance.	Council	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
181	Everill Close	S73 0SE	MUGA	Council	One good quality MUGA with no sports lighting.	Sustain court quality with appropriate levels of maintenance.	Council	Local	L	L	L	Protect
184	Hemmingfield Rec	S73 0PZ	MUGA	Council	One good quality MUGA with no sports lighting.	Sustain court quality with appropriate levels of maintenance.	Council	Local	L	L	L	Protect
187	Jump Steet Jump	S74 0HZ	MUGA	Council	One good quality MUGA with no sports lighting.	Sustain court quality with appropriate levels of maintenance.	Council	Local	L	L	L	Protect
200	Summer Lane	S73 8HD	MUGA	Council	One standard quality MUGA with no sports lighting.	Look to improve court quality with enhanced levels of maintenance.	Council	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance

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203	Tinker Lane	S74 0PW	MUGA	Council	One poor quality MUGA with no sports lighting.	Look to improve court quality with enhanced levels of maintenance.	Council	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
205	Wombwell Park	S73 0LH	MUGA	Council	One good quality MUGA with sports lighting.	Sustain court quality with appropriate levels of maintenance.	Council	Local	L	L	L	Protect
209	Darfield Cricket Club	S73 9EZ	Cricket	Sports Club	One good quality cricket square containing ten grass wickets and one NTP. The square is currently overplayed by 15 MES per season. The club also has a one lane training facility with mobile nets to facilitate use on the NTP on the square. Ancillary provision is of standard quality.	Sustain square quality with appropriate levels of maintenance. Explore the opportunity to improve ancillary provision onsite. Explore opportunity to install hybrid wickets on square to help cater for overplay.	Sports Club YCB ECB	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
210	Bradberry Balk Lane Football Pitch	S73 8AU	Football (Disused)	Council	One youth 9v9 pitch was previously marked out onsite. The pitch ceased maintenance circa 2008 and is currently maintained as public open space.	Protect the site in accordance with Sport England and NPPF guidelines and explore potential future options for the pitch.	Council SHFA FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect
213	Middlecliff Lane	S72 0HU	MUGA	Parish Council	One standard quality MUGA with no sports lighting.	Look to improve court quality with enhanced levels of maintenance.	Parish Council	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
214	Darfield Park	S73 9LG	MUGA	Council	One good quality MUGA with no sports lighting.	Sustain court quality with appropriate levels of maintenance.	Council	Local	L	L	L	Protect
216	Elsecar Park	S74 8ES	MUGA	Council	One good quality MUGA with no sports lighting.	Sustain court quality with appropriate levels of maintenance.	Council	Local	L	L	L	Protect
217	Parkside	S74 0AH	Football	Council	Rockingham Sports Ground relocation is planned as part of the Hoyland West masterplan. The one adult football pitch onsite, is to be relocated to a new community sports facility at Parkside (S74 0AH). The facility is due to have one adult pitch, one mini 7v7 and one mini 5v5 pitch. Whilst, also having an archery range and plans for the future to develop an 11v11 size 3G pitch onsite.	Develop the community sports facility onsite. Explore the development of an 11v11 3G pitch onsite at the new Parkside sports facility. Ensure pitch is on the 3G Register and is retested for compliance so that it can support use for competitive match play and is renewed when required. Ensure the provider has in place a mechanism for future sustainability, such as a sinking fund formed over time (as per Football Foundation Terms & Conditions), for repair and resurfacing when necessary.	Council SHFA FF	Local	H	M	H	Provide

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6.5: Central Analysis Area

Headline findings

Sport	Analysis area	Pitch type	Current capacity total in MES ^[1]	Future capacity total in MES (2033)
Football (grass pitches)	Central	Adult	Spare capacity of 2 match equivalent session	N/A
		Youth 11v11	Shortfall of 1.5 match equivalent sessions	N/A
		Youth 9v9	<i>Sufficient quantity</i>	N/A
		Mini 7v7	Spare capacity of 3 match equivalent session	N/A
		Mini 5v5	<i>Sufficient quantity</i>	N/A
	Barnsley	Adult	Spare capacity of 1 match equivalent session	Shortfall of 0.5 match equivalent sessions
		Youth 11v11	Shortfall of 11.5 match equivalent sessions	Shortfall of 14.5 match equivalent sessions
		Youth 9v9	Shortfall of 10 match equivalent sessions	Shortfall of 12 match equivalent sessions
		Mini 7v7	Spare capacity of 6.5 match equivalent session	Spare capacity of 4.5 match equivalent session
		Mini 5v5	Spare capacity of 2 match equivalent session	Spare capacity of 0.5 match equivalent session
3G	Barnsley	11v11 size, floodlit	Insufficient supply. Shortfalls in the North East, Central, South and Penistone Analysis Areas.	Insufficient supply. Shortfalls in the North East, Central, South and Penistone Analysis Areas.
Cricket	Central	Saturday	<i>Sufficient quantity</i>	N/A
		Sunday	<i>Sufficient quantity</i>	N/A
		Midweek	Spare capacity of 18 match equivalent sessions a season	N/A
	Barnsley	Saturday	Shortfall of 104 match equivalent sessions a season	Shortfall of 140 match equivalent sessions a season
		Sunday	Shortfall of 68 match equivalent sessions a season	Shortfall of 104 match equivalent sessions a season
		Midweek	Shortfall of 8 match equivalent sessions a season	Shortfall of 20 match equivalent sessions a season
Rugby union	Central	Senior	Shortfall of 4.25 match equivalent sessions	N/A
	Barnsley	Senior	Shortfall of 5.75 match equivalent sessions	Shortfall of 5.75 match equivalent sessions
Rugby league	Central	Senior	Shortfall of 0.5 match equivalent sessions	N/A

^[1] MES – match equivalent sessions per week (per season for cricket)

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Sport	Analysis area	Pitch type	Current capacity total in MES ^[1]	Future capacity total in MES (2033)
	Barnsley	Senior	Shortfall of 0.5 match equivalent sessions	Shortfall of 0.75 match equivalent sessions
Hockey	Barnsley	Full size, floodlit	<i>Sufficient quantity, however quality and access issues</i>	<i>Sufficient quantity, however quality and access issues</i>
Tennis	Barnsley	Courts	Capacity for both club and non-club tennis courts can be meet current and future demand at Barnsley LTC.	Capacity for both club and non-club tennis courts can be meet current and future demand at Barnsley LTC.
Athletics	Barnsley	Provision	<i>Sufficient quantity</i>	<i>Sufficient quantity</i>
MUGAs	Barnsley	Provision	<i>Sufficient quantity, however quality issues</i>	<i>Sufficient quantity, however quality issues</i>
Other sports	Barnsley	Provision	<i>Generally sufficient quantity</i>	<i>Generally sufficient quantity</i>

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1	5lves (Barnsley)	S70 3JR	3G	Private	Eight standard quality small 3G pitches, six of which are 32x20 metres and two of which are 40x30 metres. All pitches are available for community use and have sports lighting.	Look to improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance. Ensure the provider has in place a mechanism for future sustainability, such as a sinking fund formed over time (as per Football Foundation Terms & Conditions), for repair and resurfacing when necessary.	Private SHFA FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
2	Ardsley Park	S71 5DL	Football	Council	One poor quality adult pitch and one poor quality mini 5v5 pitch. Adult pitch has spare capacity of 0.5 MES per week and mini 5v5 pitch has spare capacity of two MES per week, actual spare capacity of both pitches has been discounted due to poor pitch quality. The ancillary provision is of poor quality. Ardsley Oaks FC suggests that as it has not been updated recently, there is need for investment into the facility.	Look to improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance. Explore the opportunity to improve ancillary provision onsite.	Council SHFA FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
2	Ardsley Park	S71 5DL	MUGA	Council	One good quality MUGA with sports lighting.	Sustain court quality with appropriate levels of maintenance.	Council	Local	L	L	L	Protect
5	Barnsley Academy	S70 3DL	Football	Education	Three grass pitches in total, one adult pitch, one youth 11v11 pitch and one youth 9v9 pitch, all of which are poor quality. The youth 11v11 and youth 9v9 pitches are played to capacity. The adult pitch has spare capacity of 0.5 MES per week, however, this has been discounted due to poor pitch quality and unsecure tenure. The ancillary facilities are of standard quality.	Look to improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance. Explore the opportunity to improve ancillary provision onsite. Look to secure tenure for clubs that use the site.	School SHFA FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
5	Barnsley Academy	S70 3DL	Cricket	Education	One standalone NTP which is unavailable for community use.	Look to improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance for continued school use.	School YCB, ECB	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
8	Barnsley FC (Oakwell Stadium)	S71 1ET	Football	Sports Club	One good quality adult pitch which is unavailable for community use. This is an elite stadia pitch for Barnsley FC.	Sustain pitch quality with appropriate levels of maintenance for continued elite sporting use.	Sports Club SHFA FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
9	Barnsley FC Training Ground	S71 1EU	Football	Sports Club	Two good quality adult pitches, one good quality mini 5v5 and two good quality youth 11v11 pitches. The pitches are all unavailable for community use as they are used by Barnsley FC as training facilities.	Sustain pitch quality with appropriate levels of maintenance for continued elite sporting use.	Sports Club SHFA FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance

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9	Barnsley FC Training Ground	S71 1EU	3G	Sports Club	One good quality 11v11 (105x72) 3G pitch with sports lighting. Unavailable for community use. Pitch is on the FA 3G Pitch Register, which is due to expire on 31/05/2025.	Sustain pitch quality with appropriate levels of maintenance Ensure pitch is on the 3G Register and is retested for compliance so that it can support use for competitive match play and is renewed when required. Ensure the provider has in place a mechanism for future sustainability, such as a sinking fund formed over time (as per Football Foundation Terms & Conditions), for repair and resurfacing when necessary.	Sports Club SHFA FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
10	Barnsley Rugby Union Football Club Ltd	S70 6HZ	Football	Sports Club	In previous years, one youth 9v9 pitch and one mini 7v7 pitch have been marked onsite. The pitches were located on the third bank of grass area with markings for the pitches ceasing circa 2008. The area is still maintained for rugby training use.	Protect the site in accordance with Sport England and NPPF guidelines and explore potential future options for the pitches.	Sports Club SHFA FF	Key centre	L	L	L	Protect
10	Barnsley Rugby Union Football Club Ltd	S70 6HZ	Rugby Union	Sports Club	Two senior rugby union pitches of M1/D1 (standard) quality. Both pitches have sports lighting. The main first XV pitch is currently played to capacity. Whilst the second pitch, mainly utilised for training demand is overplayed by one MES due to demand from Barnsley RUFC for competitive matches and training. The ancillary facilities are reported to be good quality by Barnsley RUFC. Barnsley RUFC is exploring the opportunity to develop sports lighting on the third bank of grass onsite, the area is currently utilised for junior weekend training, however with sports lighting this area could help to alleviate pressures on the second pitch and help cater for midweek training demand.	Look to improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance/ drainage improvement. Explore the opportunity to develop sports lighting on the third bank of field on training area, to enable utilisation of the space for midweek training demand.	Sports Club RFU	Key centre	H	S	M	Protect Enhance Provide
14	Blackburn Lane	S70 5QE	Football	Council	One poor quality adult pitch. The adult pitch has spare capacity of 0.5 MES per week however this is discounted due to the poor pitch quality. There is no ancillary provision on site.	Look to improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance. Explore the opportunity to develop dedicated ancillary provision onsite.	Council SHFA FF	Local	L	L	M-H	Protect Enhance Provide
19	Burton Road Primary School	S71 2AA	3G	Education	One small (27x15m) 3G of poor quality. There is no sports lighting and it is unavailable for community use.	Look to improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance for continued school use.	School SHFA, FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance

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26	Highstone Recreation Ground	S70 4EB	Football	Council	One good quality adult pitch. Adult pitch has 0.5 MES actual spare capacity at peak time. Ancillary provision is of standard quality.	Look to improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance. Explore the opportunity to improve ancillary provision onsite.	Council SHFA FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
31	Cromwell Mount	S70 6TA	Football	Council	One poor quality adult pitch. Adult pitch has one MES of spare capacity, however, this is discounted due to poor pitch quality. There is no ancillary facility provision on site.	Look to improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance. Explore the opportunity to develop dedicated ancillary provision onsite.	Council SHFA FF	Local	L	L	M-H	Protect Enhance Provide
41	Dodworth Miners Welfare Sports and Social Club	S75 3RF	Football	Sports Club	There are five grass pitches on this site. One adult pitch, one youth 11v11, one youth 9v9 and one mini 7v7 pitch all of standard quality and one mini 5v5 pitch of good quality. Adult pitch has actual spare capacity of one MES per week at peak time. Whilst the mini 7v7 and mini 5v5 pitches are played to capacity at peak time. Youth 9v9 pitch is played to capacity, whilst the youth 11v11 pitch is overplayed by one MES per week. Ancillary provision is of poor quality. The overarching sports club onsite aspires to update and improve the quality of facilities onsite over the coming years.	Look to improve and sustain pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance. Explore the opportunity to improve ancillary provision onsite.	Sports Club SHFA FF	Key centre	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
41	Dodworth Miners Welfare Sports and Social Club	S75 3RF	3G	Sports Club	One standard quality small (42x33m) 3G pitch sports lighting and available for community use.	Look to improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance.	Sports Club SHFA FF	Key centre	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
41	Dodworth Miners Welfare Sports and Social Club	S75 3RF	Rugby League	Sports Club	One standard quality senior rugby league pitch and one standard quality junior rugby league pitch both with no sports lighting. Pitches are overmarked on football pitches during the summer months. The pitches are currently played to capacity. Ancillary provision is of poor quality. The overarching sports club onsite aspires to update and improve the quality of facilities onsite over the coming years.	Look to improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance. Explore the opportunity to improve ancillary provision onsite.	Sports Club RFL	Key centre	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
44	Elmhirst Playing Fields	S70 4RG	Football	Council	This site has ten grass pitches. There is one adult pitch and one mini 5v5 pitch, which are both standard quality. There are four mini 7v7 pitches, two of which are good quality and two are standard quality, There are two youth 11v11 pitches of standard quality, and two youth 9v9 pitches, one is good quality and one is standard quality.	Look to improve and sustain pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance. Explore the opportunity to improve ancillary provision onsite. Retain site on the LFFP priority list for pitch improvement. Explore the opportunity to improve ancillary provision onsite.	Council SHFA FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance

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					The pitches onsite are listed under Barnsley's Local Football Facility Plan, with grass pitch maintenance fund work currently ongoing. Adult pitch and mini 5v5 pitch are played to capacity at peak time. Mini 7v7 pitches have actual spare capacity of three MES at peak time. Youth 11v11 pitch have actual spare capacity of one MES at peak time and youth 9v9 pitches have actual spare capacity of 0.5 MES at peak time. The ancillary facility provision on site is of poor quality.							
47	Farm Road Playing Fields	S70 4RG	Football	Council	Two adult pitches and one youth 11v11 pitch, all of which are poor quality. The adult pitches have spare capacity of 1.5 MES per week, however this has been discounted due to poor pitch quality. The youth 11v11 pitch is overplayed by 0.5 MES per week. There are no ancillary facilities on site.	Look to improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance. Explore the opportunity to develop dedicated ancillary provision onsite. Look to add site to LFFP pitch improvement.	Council SHFA FF	Local	L	L	M-H	Protect Enhance Provide
51	Greenacre School	S70 6RG	Football	Education	One youth 11v11 pitch of poor quality. The pitch is currently overplayed by one MES per week. The ancillary provision is of standard quality.	Look to improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance. Explore the opportunity to improve ancillary provision onsite.	School SHFA FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
51	Greenacre School	S70 6RG	Hockey AGP	Education	One standard quality small (36x19m) sand filled Hockey AGP with sports lighting but unavailable for community use.	Look to improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance for continued school use.	School EH	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
51	Greenacre School	S70 6RG	Tennis	Education	One standard quality macadam tennis court with sports lighting but unavailable for community use.	Look to improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance for continued school use.	School LTA	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
56	Higham Cricket Club	S75 1PH	Cricket	Sports Club	One good quality cricket square containing nine senior grass wickets and one NTP. The square has spare capacity of one MES per season. With no actual spare capacity to accommodate further teams. The ancillary facility provision on site is of good quality.	Sustain square quality with appropriate levels of maintenance. Explore opportunity to install hybrid wickets on square to cater for low levels of spare capacity.	Sports Club SHFA FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect Provide

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63	Horizon Community College	S70 6PD	Football	Education	There are five standard quality grass pitches. One adult pitch, two youth 11v11 pitches, one mini 5v5 pitch and one mini 7v7 pitch Adult pitch has spare capacity of one MES per week, which is discounted due to poor pitch quality and unsecure tenure. Youth 11v11 pitches have spare capacity of 0.5 MES which is discounted due to poor pitch quality and unsecure tenure. Mini 7v7 and mini 5v5 pitch are played to capacity at peak time. The ancillary facilities are of standard quality.	Look to improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance. Explore the opportunity to improve ancillary provision onsite. Look to secure tenure for clubs that use the site.	School SHFA FF	Key centre	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
63	Horizon Community College	S70 6PD	3G	Education	One standard quality 11v11 3G pitch which is available for community use seven days per week and has sports lighting. The pitch is available for 32 hours during peak period, 18 of which are on weekdays and 14 hours of weekend. The pitch is not currently on the FA 3G pitch register.	Look to improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance. Ensure pitch is on the 3G Register and is retested for compliance so that it can support use for competitive match play and is renewed when required. Ensure the provider has in place a mechanism for future sustainability, such as a sinking fund formed over time (as per Football Foundation Terms & Conditions), for repair and resurfacing when necessary.	School SHFA FF	Key centre	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
63	Horizon Community College	S70 6PD	Cricket	Education	Previously a grass wicket square marked onsite which consisted of 11 grass wickets and an NTP. The NTP is still maintained however the grass wickets ceased maintenance in 2020. There is now two standalone NTP's which are unavailable for community use.	Protect the site in accordance with Sport England and NPPF guidelines and explore potential future options for the pitches. Explore the opportunity to re-establish square onsite, to support unmet demand from Barnsley Wooley Miners CC. Look to establish agreement with School with the Club looking to maintain site for use.	School YCB ECB	Key centre	M	M	M	Protect Provide
63	Horizon Community College	S70 6PD	Tennis	Education	Three acrylic tennis courts of standard quality with sports lighting, and unavailable for community use.	Look to improve court quality with enhanced levels of maintenance for continued school use.	School LTA	Key centre	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
70	Keresforth Road Playing Fields	S75 3QX	Football	Council	Four grass pitches including one mini 5v5, one mini 7v7, one youth 11v11 and one youth 9v9. All of which are poor quality. All pitches have spare capacity of one MES, however, it is discounted due to poor pitch quality. There is no ancillary facility provision on site.	Look to improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance. Explore the opportunity to develop dedicated ancillary provision onsite.	Council SHFA FF	Local	L	L	M-H	Protect Enhance Provide

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90	Mitchell and Darfield Playing Fields	S73 8DY	Football	Council	One adult pitch and one youth 11v11 pitch, both of poor quality Adult pitch has spare capacity of 0.5 MES per week, which is discounted due to poor pitch quality and the mini 7v7 pitch has spare capacity of one MES per week, which is discounted due to poor pitch quality. There is no ancillary facility provision on this site.	Look to improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance. Explore the opportunity to develop dedicated ancillary provision onsite.	Council SHFA FF	Local	L	L	M-H	Protect Enhance Provide
107	Queens Road Academy	S71 1AR	Football	Education	One youth 11v11 pitch of poor quality. Unavailable for community use.	Look to improve court quality with enhanced levels of maintenance for continued school use.	School SHFA, FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
124	South Road Playing Fields	S75 3LG	Football (Disused)	Council	One youth 9v9 pitch has previously been accommodated onsite. The site maintained the pitch until circa 2008, since the pitch has remained maintained as public open space.	Protect the site in accordance with Sport England and NPPF guidelines and explore potential future options for the pitches.	Council SHFA FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect
125	Shaw Lane Sports Club	S70 6HZ	3G	Sports Club	One standard quality small (55x35m) 3G with sports lighting and is available for community use.	Look to improve quality with enhanced levels of maintenance. Ensure the provider has in place a mechanism for future sustainability, such as a sinking fund formed over time (as per Football Foundation Terms & Conditions), for repair and resurfacing when necessary. Explore the opportunity to install shock pad when pitch is resurfaced and gain WR compliance to support rugby training demand in the Borough.	Sports Club SHFA FF	Key centre	M	M-L	M-H	Protect Enhance Provide
125	Shaw Lane Sports Club	S70 6HZ	Cricket	Sports Club	One good quality cricket square with 14 senior grass wickets and one NTP. The square has spare capacity of 20 MES per season. With actual spare capacity midweek to accommodate further teams. The site also has a four-lane facility for training purposes. Ancillary provision of good quality.	Sustain square quality with appropriate levels of maintenance.	Sports Club YCB ECB	Key centre	L	L	L	Protect
125	Shaw Lane Sports Club	S70 6HZ	Tennis	Sports Club	The development of two padel tennis courts has been proposed onsite. The courts will be developed on the footprint of the bowling green located next to the car park. The development is subject to planning permission which is currently in the hands of the Council.	Explore the opportunity to develop padel tennis facility onsite.	Sports Club LTA	Key centre	M	M	M-H	Provide
144	The Mill Academy	S70 5EP	Football	Education	One poor quality youth 9v9 pitch. The pitch has spare capacity of 0.5 MES per week which has been discounted due to poor pitch quality and unsecure tenure. The ancillary provision is of standard quality	Look to improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance. Explore the opportunity to improve ancillary provision onsite. Look to secure tenure for clubs that use the site.	School SHFA FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance

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144	The Mill Academy	S70 5EP	Rounders	Education	One rounders pitch which is unavailable for community use.	Look to improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance for continued school use.	School ER	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
152	Ward Green Rec	S70 6TE	Football	Council	One adult pitch and one youth 11v11 pitch, both of poor quality. Adult pitch has spare capacity of one MES and youth 11v11 pitch has spare capacity of 0.5 MES. Actual spare capacity of both pitches has been discounted due to poor pitch quality. The ancillary facilities onsite are of good quality.	Look to improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance.	Council SHFA FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
166	Worsbrough Dale Playing Fields	S70 5DB	Football	Council	Three grass pitches; one adult pitch, one mini 7v7 and one youth 11v11 pitch. All pitches on this site are poor quality. Adult pitch has spare capacity of one MES per week, which is discounted due to poor pitch quality. Youth 11v11 pitch has spare capacity of 0.5 MES per week which is discounted due to poor pitch quality and mini 7v7 pitch has spare capacity of 0.5 MES per week which is discounted due to poor pitch quality. The ancillary facility provision is of poor quality.	Look to improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance. Explore the opportunity to improve ancillary provision onsite.	Council SHFA FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
167	Worsbrough Sports and Development Association	S70 5LJ	Football	Sports Club	One standard quality adult pitch. Adult pitch has actual spare capacity of 0.5 MES per week at peak time. The ancillary facilities are standard quality.	Look to improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance. Explore the opportunity to improve ancillary provision onsite.	Sports Club SHFA FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
170	Aldham House Lane	S73 8RQ	MUGA	Council	One standard quality MUGA with no sports lighting.	Look to improve court quality with enhanced levels of maintenance.	Council	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
171	Bank End	S70 4QU	MUGA	Council	One standard quality MUGA with sports lighting.	Look to improve court quality with enhanced levels of maintenance.	Council	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
179	Dodworth Rec	S70 6PD	MUGA	Council	One good quality MUGA with no sports lighting.	Sustain court quality with appropriate levels of maintenance.	Council	Local	L	L	L	Protect
182	Gilroyd Rec	S75 3PX	Football (Disused)	Council	Previously one adult grass pitch which is no longer maintained due to parking issues for teams accessing the site.	Protect the site in accordance with Sport England and NPPF guidelines and explore potential future options for the pitches.	Council SHFA FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect
182	Gilroyd Rec	S75 3PX	MUGA	Council	One standard quality MUGA with no sports lighting.	Look to improve court quality with enhanced levels of maintenance.	Council	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
186	Highstone Rec	S70 4EF	MUGA	Council	One standard Quality MUGA with sports lighting.	Look to improve court quality with enhanced levels of maintenance.	Council	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
188	Kendray Rec	S70 3EG	MUGA	Council	One standard quality MUGA with sports lighting.	Look to improve court quality with enhanced levels of maintenance.	Council	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
190	Locke Park	S70 6NE	Tennis	Council	Two poor quality macadam tennis courts with no sports lighting.	Look to improve court quality with enhanced levels of maintenance.	Council LTA	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
190	Locke Park	S70 6NE	MUGA	Council	One good quality MUGA with no sports lighting.	Sustain court quality with appropriate levels of maintenance.	Council	Local	L	L	L	Protect

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191	Measbro Dyke	S70 3QU	MUGA	Council	One standard quality MUGA with sports lighting.	Look to improve court quality with enhanced levels of maintenance.	Council	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
194	New England	S70 5AW	MUGA	Council	One standard quality MUGA with sports lighting.	Look to improve court quality with enhanced levels of maintenance.	Council	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
206	Worsbrough Dale Park	S70 4SB	MUGA	Council	One standard quality MUGA with no sports lighting.	Look to improve court quality with enhanced levels of maintenance.	Council	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
217	Trinity Academy Barnsley	S70 6RS	3G	Education	An old playing field site south of the Shaw Lane Sports Club previously accommodated up to four grass pitches. It was previously marked for formal use <i>circa</i> 2015. The site is confirmed for the development of a new school site, Trinity Academy Barnsley. Plans for the site suggests a development of an 11v11 3G pitch with a shock pad for WR compliance.	Explore the opportunity to develop 11v11 3G pitch onsite. Ensure pitch is developed with WR/RFL Community Standard compliant shock pad, and is retested for compliance, to ensure contact rugby union/league can be facilitated. Ensure pitch is on the 3G Register and is retested for compliance so that it can support use for competitive match play and is renewed when required. Ensure the provider has in place a mechanism for future sustainability, such as a sinking fund formed over time (as per Football Foundation Terms & Conditions), for repair and resurfacing when necessary.	School SHFA FF RFU RFL	Local	M-H	M	H	Provide

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6.6: Penistone Analysis Area

Headline findings

Sport	Analysis area	Pitch type	Current capacity total in MES ^[1]	Future capacity total in MES (2033)
Football (grass pitches)	Penistone	Adult	Shortfall of 2 match equivalent sessions	N/A
		Youth 11v11	Shortfall of 3.5 match equivalent sessions	N/A
		Youth 9v9	Shortfall of 0.5 match equivalent sessions	N/A
		Mini 7v7	Sufficient quantity	N/A
		Mini 5v5	Sufficient quantity	N/A
	Barnsley	Adult	Spare capacity of 1 match equivalent session	Shortfall of 0.5 match equivalent sessions
		Youth 11v11	Shortfall of 11.5 match equivalent sessions	Shortfall of 14.5 match equivalent sessions
		Youth 9v9	Shortfall of 10 match equivalent sessions	Shortfall of 12 match equivalent sessions
		Mini 7v7	Spare capacity of 6.5 match equivalent session	Spare capacity of 4.5 match equivalent session
		Mini 5v5	Spare capacity of 2 match equivalent session	Spare capacity of 0.5 match equivalent session
3G	Barnsley	11v11 size, floodlit	Insufficient supply. Shortfalls in the North East, Central, South and Penistone Analysis Areas.	Insufficient supply. Shortfalls in the North East, Central, South and Penistone Analysis Areas.
Cricket	Penistone	Saturday	Shortfall of 21 match equivalent sessions a season	N/A
		Sunday	Shortfall of 21 match equivalent sessions a season	N/A
		Midweek	Shortfall of 3 match equivalent sessions a season	N/A
	Barnsley	Saturday	Shortfall of 104 match equivalent sessions a season	Shortfall of 140 match equivalent sessions a season
		Sunday	Shortfall of 68 match equivalent sessions a season	Shortfall of 104 match equivalent sessions a season
		Midweek	Shortfall of 8 match equivalent sessions a season	Shortfall of 20 match equivalent sessions a season
Rugby union	Penistone	Senior	Shortfall of 1.5 match equivalent sessions	N/A

^[1] MES – match equivalent sessions per week (per season for cricket)

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Sport	Analysis area	Pitch type	Current capacity total in MES ^[1]	Future capacity total in MES (2033)
	Barnsley	Senior	Shortfall of 5.75 match equivalent sessions	Shortfall of 5.75 match equivalent sessions
Rugby league	Penistone	Senior	<i>Sufficient quantity</i>	<i>N/A</i>
	Barnsley	Senior	Shortfall of 0.5 match equivalent sessions	Shortfall of 0.75 match equivalent sessions
Hockey	Barnsley	Full size, floodlit	<i>Sufficient quantity, however quality and access issues</i>	<i>Sufficient quantity, however quality and access issues</i>
Tennis	Barnsley	Courts	Capacity for both club and non-club tennis courts can be meet current and future demand at Barnsley LTC.	Capacity for both club and non-club tennis courts can be meet current and future demand at Barnsley LTC.
Athletics	Barnsley	Provision	<i>Sufficient quantity</i>	<i>Sufficient quantity</i>
MUGAs	Barnsley	Provision	<i>Sufficient quantity, however quality issues</i>	<i>Sufficient quantity, however quality issues</i>
Other sports	Barnsley	Provision	<i>Generally sufficient quantity</i>	<i>Generally sufficient quantity</i>

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28	Cawthorne Cricket Club	S75 4HA	Cricket	Sports Club	One good quality cricket square containing 11 senior grass wickets. The square is currently overplayed by five MES per season, with no actual spare capacity to accommodate further teams. The club also has a two-lane facility for training purposes. Ancillary provision of good quality.	Sustain square quality with appropriate levels of maintenance. Explore opportunity to install hybrid wickets on square to help cater for overplay. Explore the opportunity to install NTP on the square to help cater for overplay.	Sports Club YCB ECB	Local	L	M	L	Protect Provide
29	Cawthorne Football Field	S75 4EL	Football	Sports Club	One mini 5v5 pitch and one mini 7v7 pitch, both of standard quality. Both pitches are played to capacity during peak time. There is no ancillary facilities on site, Cawthorne (2017) FC aspires to develop supporting ancillary provision, which would include changing and toilet facilities.	Look to improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance. Explore the opportunity to develop dedicated ancillary provision onsite.	Sports Club SHFA FF	Local	M	M	M-H	Protect Enhance Provide
50	Green Moor Sports Club	S35 7DQ	Cricket	Sports Club	One standard quality cricket square containing ten grass wickets and one NTP. The square is currently overplayed by six MES per season, with no actual spare capacity to accommodate further teams. The ancillary facilities are good quality.	Look to improve square quality with enhanced levels of maintenance.	Sports Club YCB ECB	Local	L	M	L	Protect Enhance
67	Ingbirchworth Pitch	S36 7GJ	Football (Disused)	Parish Council	Previously accommodated an adult pitch onsite. The pitch ceased maintenance in 2020.	Protect the site in accordance with Sport England and NPPF guidelines and explore potential future options for the pitches.	Parish Council SHFA FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect
67	Ingbirchworth Pitch	S36 7GJ	MUGA	Parish Council	One good quality MUGA with no sports lighting.	Sustain court quality with appropriate levels of maintenance.	Council	Local	L	L	L	Protect
79	Lidgett Lane	S75 3BT	Football (Disused)	Council	One youth 9v9 pitch was previously maintained onsite circa 2009, it should be noted that site has space to accommodate more than just the one youth 9v9 pitch. The site has not been maintained for sports pitches for some time.	Protect the site in accordance with Sport England and NPPF guidelines and explore potential future options for the pitches.	Council SHFA FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect
88	Millhouse Pitch	S36 9NQ	Football (Disused)	Council	Millhouse Pitch has as recently as 2019 been marked up as youth 9v9 pitch. The pitch has not been maintained or marked since; however, the goalposts remain installed.	Protect the site in accordance with Sport England and NPPF guidelines and explore potential future options for the pitches.	Council SHFA FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect
99	Oxspring Playing Field	S36 8YQ	Football	Sports Club	One mini 5v5 pitch and one youth 11v11 pitch, both poor in quality. The mini 5v5 pitch is played to capacity during peak time, whilst the youth 11v11 pitch is overplayed by one MES per week.	Look to improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance. Explore the feasibility of selling off current clubhouse and developing new clubhouse build onsite.	Sports Club SHFA FF	Local	M	M	M-H	Protect Enhance Provide

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					The ancillary facilities are poor in quality and have been deemed unsafe to use. There are plans in place to sell the old clubhouse to raise funds to build a replacement.							
99	Oxspring Playing Field	S36 8YQ	Football	Council	One good quality MUGA with no sports lighting	Sustain court quality with appropriate levels of maintenance.	Council	Local	L	L	L	Protect
100	Penistone Church FC	S36 6AT	Football	Sports Club	Four grass pitches including one adult pitch, two mini 7v7 pitches and one youth 11v11 pitch, which are all good quality. The adult pitch is a step pitch, meaning spare capacity is discounted for its protection. Both mini 7v7 pitches are played to capacity during peak times, and the youth 11v11 pitch is overplayed by one MES per week. The ancillary facility provision is good quality.	Sustain pitch quality with appropriate levels of maintenance.	Sports Club SHFA FF	Key centre	L	L	L	Protect
100	Penistone Church FC	S36 6AT	3G	Sports Club	One small (40x30) 3G of standard quality. The pitch offers community use and has sports lighting.	Look to improve pitch quality with appropriate levels of maintenance. Ensure the provider has in place a mechanism for future sustainability, such as a sinking fund formed over time (as per Football Foundation Terms & Conditions), for repair and resurfacing when necessary.	Sports Club SHFA FF	Key centre	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
101	Penistone Grammar School	S36 7BX	Football	Education	Five grass pitches in total; three mini 7v7 pitches, one youth 9v9 pitch and one youth 11v11. All of standard quality. Mini 7v7 pitches have spare capacity of 12 MES per week, which is discounted due to unsecure tenure. The youth 11v11 pitch is currently overplayed by 1.5 MES per week, and the youth 9v9 pitch is overplayed by 0.5 MES per week. The ancillary facilities are of standard quality. However, it was noted during consultation the ancillary provision onsite is located away from the grass pitches, therefore, the School is looking to develop a toilet block alongside the grass pitch provision.	Look to improve pitch quality with appropriate levels of maintenance. Explore the opportunity to develop purpose-built toilet block to support community use. Look to secure tenure for clubs that use the site.	School SHFA FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance Provide
101	Penistone Grammar School	S36 7BX	3G	Education	One standard quality 11v11 (105x65) 3G pitch which is available for community use and has sports lighting. The pitch was on the FA 3G Pitch Register however this expired 22/12/22. The pitch is available for 26 hours during peak times, 18 of which are on weekdays and eight on the weekend.	Look to improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance. Explore need and opportunity to utilise spare capacity of pitch on weekends for match play use.	School SHFA FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance

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					The pitch has an actual spare capacity of 24% during midweek, and 50% at weekends.	Ensure pitch is on the 3G Register and is retested for compliance so that it can support use for competitive match play and is renewed when required. Ensure the provider has in place a mechanism for future sustainability, such as a sinking fund formed over time (as per Football Foundation Terms & Conditions), for repair and resurfacing when necessary.						
101	Penistone Grammar School	S36 7BX	Cricket	Education	One standalone NTP with no availability for community use.	Look to improve and sustain pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance for continued school use.	School YCB ECB	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
101	Penistone Grammar School	S36 7BX	Rounders	Education	One rounders pitch with no availability for community use.	Look to improve and sustain pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance for continued school use.	School ER	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
102	Penistone Recreation Ground	S36 6TS	MUGA	Council	One good quality MUGA with sports lighting.	Sustain court quality with appropriate levels of maintenance.	Council	Local	L	L	L	Protect
103	Pilley Pocket Park	S75 3AP	Football (Disused)	Council	Previously accommodated an adult pitch onsite. Satellite evidence suggests that this pitch has not been maintained since <i>circa</i> 2009.	Protect the site in accordance with Sport England and NPPF guidelines and explore potential future options for the pitches.	Council SHFA FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect
119	Shoot 5 Indoor Soccer	S75 4RD	3G	Private	Three indoor small sized (35x25m) 3G pitches of poor quality. The pitches offer community use and have sports lighting.	Look to improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance. Ensure the provider has in place a mechanism for future sustainability, such as a sinking fund formed over time (as per Football Foundation Terms & Conditions), for repair and resurfacing when necessary.	Private SHFA FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
121	Silkstone Common Recreation Ground	S75 4QB	Football	Council	One poor quality adult pitch. Pitch is currently played to capacity. There is no ancillary facility provision at this site.	Look to improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance. Explore the opportunity to develop dedicated ancillary provision onsite.	Council SHFA FF	Local	L	L	M-H	Protect Enhance
121	Silkstone Common Recreation Ground	S75 4QB	MUGA	Council	One standard quality MUGA with no sports lighting.	Look to improve court quality with enhanced levels of maintenance.	Council	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
123	Silkstone Recreation Ground	S75 4NA	Football	Parish Council	One standard adult grass pitch. The pitch is overplayed by two MES per week. Ancillary provision of good quality onsite.	Look to improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance.	Parish Council SHFA FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
123	Silkstone Recreation Ground	S75 4NA	Cricket	Sports club/ Parish Council	One standard quality cricket square with nine grass wickets and one NTP. The square has spare capacity of nine MES per season. With actual spare capacity to accommodate additional midweek teams. The site also has a two-lane training facility and good quality ancillary facilities.	Look to improve square quality with enhanced levels of maintenance.	Sports club/ Parish Council YCB ECB	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance

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123	Silkstone Recreation Ground	S75 4NA	MUGA	Parish Council	One standard quality MUGA with no sports lighting.	Look to improve court quality with enhanced levels of maintenance.	Parish Council	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
127	Springvale Primary School & Nursery Unit	S36 6HJ	Football	Education	One poor quality youth 9v9 grass pitch. Unavailable for community use.	Look to improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance for continued school use.	School SHFA FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
133	St Johns the Baptist Primary School	S36 6BS	Football	Education	One poor quality youth 9v9 pitch. Unavailable for community use.	Look to improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance for continued school use.	School SHFA FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
137	Stainborough Cricket Club	S75 3EW	Cricket	Sports Club	One good quality cricket square containing nine grass wickets and an NTP. Square has spare capacity of ten MES per season. With actual spare capacity for additional teams midweek. There is a one lane training facility and the club also has access to mobile nets to facilitate the use of the NTP on the square. The site has standard quality ancillary facilities.	Sustain square quality with appropriate levels of maintenance. Explore the opportunity to improve ancillary provision onsite.	Sports Club YCB ECB	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
147	Thurgoland Recreation Ground	S35 7AA	MUGA	Parish Council	One good quality MUGA court with no sports lighting.	Sustain court quality with appropriate levels of maintenance.	Parish Council	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
148	Thurlstone Football Club	S36 9QZ	Football	Sports Club	One poor quality adult grass pitch. The pitch has spare capacity of 0.5 MES per week, however, this has been discounted due to the poor pitch quality. The ancillary facilities are of poor quality.	Look to improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance. Explore the opportunity to improve ancillary provision onsite.	Sports Club SHFA FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
168	Wortley RUFC	S35 7DH	Rugby Union	Sports Club	Two senior pitches of M1/D2 (standard) quality. The main pitch has no sports lighting, whilst the second pitch has partial sports lighting to support training. The main pitch is played to capacity. Whilst the second pitch is overplayed by 1.5 MES per week. This is from competitive and training demand from Wortley RUFC. The current ancillary provision is outdated and of poor quality. Wortley RUFC suggests that in the past, it has had funding pulled for a new build clubhouse. The site has space ready a new clubhouse developed and the Club is exploring opportunities to work on this development, however, it will require funding, however it is currently starting to raise funds for this project. In addition, the Club reports that it is currently working to update and replace the existing lights onsite.	Look to improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance/ drainage improvement. Explore the opportunity to develop a new clubhouse onsite. Look to replace sports lighting onsite.	Sports Club RFU	Local	M	M	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
177	Church View Road	S36 6AT	MUGA	Council	One good quality MUGA with no sports lighting.	Sustain court quality with appropriate levels of maintenance.	Council	Local	L	L	L	Protect
198	Spring Vale	S36 6HH	MUGA	Council	One standard quality MUGA with sports lighting.	Look to improve court quality with enhanced levels of maintenance.	Council	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
201	Tankersley Welfare	S75 3AP	Tennis	Parish Council	One poor quality macadam tennis court with no sports lighting.	Look to improve court quality with enhanced levels of maintenance.	Parish Council LTA	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
201	Tankersley Welfare	S75 3AP	MUGA	Parish Council	One good quality MUGA with no sports lighting.	Sustain court quality with appropriate levels of maintenance.	Parish Council	Local	L	L	L	Protect
207	Hoylandswaine Sports and Social Club	S36 7JW	Cricket	Sports Club	One good quality cricket square containing seven senior grass wickets. The square is overplayed by 22 MES per season, with no actual spare capacity to accommodate further teams. The site also has a two-lane training facility. Ancillary provision of good quality.	Sustain square quality with appropriate levels of maintenance. Explore opportunity to install hybrid wickets on square to help cater for overplay. Explore the opportunity to install NTP on the square to help cater for overplay.	Sports Club YCB ECB	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance Provide
208	Penistone Cricket Club	S36 6HD	Cricket	Sports Club	One good quality cricket square which consists of 13 senior grass wickets and one NTP. Square has spare capacity of 11 MES per season, with actual spare capacity to accommodate additional midweek teams. The ancillary facilities are of standard quality.	Sustain square quality with appropriate levels of maintenance.	Sports Club YCB ECB	Local	L	L	L	Protect
211	Thurgoland Cricket Club	S35 7AE	Cricket	Sports Club	One standard quality cricket square which consists of six grass wickets. Square has spare capacity of 17 MES per season, with actual spare capacity to accommodate further teams on Saturday, Sunday and midweek. Ancillary provision of standard quality.	Look to improve square quality with enhanced levels of maintenance. Explore the opportunity to improve ancillary provision onsite.	Sports Club YCB ECB	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance

PART 7: HOUSING GROWTH SCENARIOS

The PPOSS provides an estimate of future demand based on population forecasts and club consultation to 2033 (in line with the local plan for Barnsley). For pitch sports, the Playing Pitch Calculator adds to this, updating the likely demand generated based on housing increases and converting this demand into match equivalent sessions and the potential number of pitches required. This is achieved by taking the current population and team generation rates identified in the Assessment Report to determine how many new teams would be generated from an increase in population derived from housing growth. It then gives the associated costs that may be required to accommodate the increased demand.

There is an expectation from Sport England that the Calculator should be used as a guide by local authorities with a robust PPS in place to determine demand increases and to secure developer contributions. As such, the scenario below provides an example, based on proposed overall housing growth in Barnsley, to better show how the Playing Pitch Calculator works and to help understand the potential additional demand for pitch sports that may be generated from housing growth in the Borough. This is in addition to potential associated costs.

The scenario below is provided as a guide to show the potential additional demand for pitch sports that could be generated from housing growth in Barnsley over the Local Plan period thus showing how the calculator works and what it provides. It has been run based on ONS growth forecast over the Local Plan period (17,797 residents).

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). Where expressed in match equivalent sessions, it is expected training will take place on floodlit grass pitches.

Additionally, the below scenario only takes into consideration the five pitch sports of football (grass and 3G), cricket, rugby league, rugby union and hockey (AGPs). It does not take into consideration the requirement of other sports facilities mentioned within the document such as tennis, bowls and athletics. Nor does it consider the requirement for open space/recreational playing fields areas. Therefore, master planning for these elements within housing developments will need to use the PPOSS to help guide these discussions.

Scenario 1: Population growth over the Local Plan period

The population increase (17,797 residents) equates to 14.59 match equivalent sessions of demand per week for grass pitch sports, accumulative 0.22 match equivalent sessions for hockey and 68.62 match equivalent sessions of demand per season for cricket.

Training demand equates to 28.36 hours of use per week for football on 3G pitches and 0.32 hours for hockey on AGPs. There are also 0.48 match equivalent sessions per week of training on floodlit grass pitches for rugby union.

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Table 7.1: Likely demand for pitch sports generated from population growth (17,797 residents)

Pitch sport	Estimated demand by sport	
	Match equivalent sessions	Training demand
Adult football	2.61 per week	28.36 hours
Youth football	6.94 per week	
Mini soccer	4.63 per week	
Rugby union	0.41 per week	0.48 match equivalent sessions
Rugby league	0.00 per week	0.00 match equivalent sessions
Adult hockey	0.11 per week	0.32 hours
Junior & mixed hockey	0.11 per week	0 hours
Cricket	68.62 per season	N/A

The table below translates estimated demand into new pitch provision with associated capital and lifestyle costs (based on Sport England's Facility Cost Guidance). The total capital cost for accommodating the growth in demand equates to £2,234,168 for pitches and £3,334,205 for changing rooms. This is in addition to lifecycle costs of £335,094 per annum.

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	2.61	£255,174	£53,842	5.23	£917,413
Youth football	6.94	£548,768	£115,241	8.32	£1,459,899
Mini soccer	4.63	£129,072	£27,105	N/A	N/A
Rugby union	0.41	£61,672	£13,198	0.83	£145,507
Rugby league	0	£0	£0	0	£0
Cricket	1.54	£472,097	£95,364	3.08	£540,050
Sand based AGPs	0.03	£21,181	£657	0.05	£9,298
3G	0.75	£746,204	£29,688	1.49	£262,039

The findings of this scenario and the PPC need to be adjudged against the findings of the PPOSS to look at utilisation of existing spare capacity and the impact of improving existing provision before further provision is provided.

The most appropriate way to meet the estimated demand

It is important that the above results are looked at alongside the findings of the Assessment Report, and the recommendations and actions of the Strategy. By doing so, the most appropriate way of meeting the estimated needs can be determined and any resulting proposals justified.

Although the PPC focuses on pitch sports it should also be noted that there may be a future requirement to create new non pitch sports provision such as tennis, bowls, and athletics and as such the same process should be followed to fully determine the need for non-pitch sports to be secured in developments.

The approach should include:

- ◀ Using the Assessment Report and related Strategy to understand the nature of the outdoor sports within an appropriate catchment of the new population along with issues, recommendations and actions relevant to that area.

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- ◀ Looking at the different ways in which the needs could be met, including for example:
 - ◀ Enhancing existing provision to increase capacity, supported by suitable management and maintenance arrangements to ensure the greater capacity is maintained over the longer term;
 - ◀ Undertaking works, and ensuring long term maintenance and access arrangements, to secure new or greater community use of existing provision;
 - ◀ Providing new outdoor sports as an extension on current sites.
 - ◀ Providing new (natural and/or artificial grass pitches).

If the decision is taken to provide new pitches, then the calculator takes the estimated needs for matches and training activity and converts this into an estimate of the likely pitch provision required to meet the needs of population projections. Indicative costs are also provided to provide this level of pitch provision in addition to costing for associated changing room provision.

For non pitch sports, securing developer contributions to deliver improvements/new provision should be guided by the site by site Action Plan and in consultation with the relevant NGB.

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

Delivery

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

It is important that this document is used in a practical manner, is engaged with partners and encourages partnerships to be developed and maintained 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 Strategy should therefore be regarded as part of the planning process, with the success of study and the benefits that are gained from it being dependent upon regular engagement between all partners involved and the adoption of a strategic approach. Each member of the steering group should take the lead to ensure the PPOSS is used and applied appropriately within their area of work and influence.

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

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

Monitoring and updating

Once the PPOSS is complete, it is advised that the Steering Group is kept together, with twice-yearly meetings recommended and often encouraged by Sport England and the NGBs. The purpose of these meetings is to:

- ◀ Act as a focal point for promoting the value and importance of the PPOSS and provision in the area.
- ◀ Monitor, evaluate and review progress with the delivery of the recommendations and action plan.
- ◀ Share lessons learnt from how the PPOSS has been used and how it has been applied to a variety of circumstances.
- ◀ Ensure the PPOSS is used effectively to input into any new opportunities to secure improved provision and influence relevant programmes and initiatives.
- ◀ Maintain links between all relevant parties with an interest provision in the area.
- ◀ Review the need to update the PPOSS along with the supply and demand information and assessment work on which it is based.

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Alongside regular steering group meetings, a good way to keep the strategy up to date and maintain relationships is to also hold sport specific meetings with the NGBs and other relevant parties. These should 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.

The 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 also be fed in.


As a guide, if no review and subsequent update has been carried out within three years of the PPOSS being signed off, 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; therefore, 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.

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

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

Checklist

To help ensure the PPOSS is delivered and is kept robust and up to date, the steering group can refer to the new methodology Stage E Checklist: Deliver the strategy and keep it robust and up to date: <http://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/planning-for-sport/planning-tools-and-guidance/playing-pitch-strategy-guidance/>

Stage E: Deliver the strategy and keep it robust and up to date	Tick 	
	Yes	Requires Attention
Step 9: Apply & deliver the strategy		
1. Are steering group members clear on how the PPS can be applied across a range of relevant areas?		
2. Is each member of the steering group committed to taking the lead to help ensure the PPS is used and applied appropriately within their area of work and influence?		
3. Has a process been put in place to ensure regular monitoring of how the recommendations and action plan are being delivered and the PPS is being applied?		

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Step 10: Keep the strategy robust & up to date		
1. Has a process been put in place to ensure the PPS is kept robust and up to date?		
2. Does the process involve an annual update of the PPS?		
3. Is the steering group to be maintained and is it clear of its on-going role?		
4. Is regular liaison with the NGBs and other parties planned?		
5. Has all the supply and demand information been collated and presented in a format (i.e. single document that can be filtered accordingly) that will help people to review it and highlight any changes?		
6. Have any changes made to the Active Places Power data been fed back to Sport England?		

APPENDIX ONE: SPORTING CONTEXT

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

National context

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

Department of Media Culture and Sport Sporting Future: A New Strategy for an Active Nation (2015)

The Government published its strategy for sport in December 2015. This strategy confirms the recognition and understanding that sport makes a positive difference through broader means and that it will help the sector to deliver five simple but fundamental outcomes: physical health, mental health, individual development, social and community development and economic development. In order to measure its success in producing outputs which accord with these aims it has also adopted a series of 23 performance indicators under nine key headings, as follows:

- ◀ More people taking part in sport and physical activity.
- ◀ More people volunteering in sport.
- ◀ More people experiencing live sport.
- ◀ Maximising international sporting success.
- ◀ Maximising domestic sporting success.
- ◀ Maximising domestic sporting success.
- ◀ A more productive sport sector.
- ◀ A more financially and organisationally sustainable sport sector.
- ◀ A more responsible sport sector.

Sport England: Uniting the Movement 2021

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

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

There are three key objectives to the Strategy:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

National Planning Policy Framework (2019)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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The FA National Football Facilities Strategy (2018-28)

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

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

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

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

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

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

- ◀ **Improve 20,000 Natural Turf pitches**, with a focus on addressing drop off due to a poor playing experience;
- ◀ **Deliver 1,000 3G AGP 'equivalents'** (mix of full size and small sided provision, including MUGAs - small sided facilities are likely to have a key role in smaller / rural communities and encouraging multi-sport offers), enhancing the quality of playing experience and supporting a sustainable approach to grass roots provision;
- ◀ **Deliver 1,000 changing pavilions/clubhouses**, linked to multi-pitch or hub sites, supporting growth (particularly in women and girls football), sustainability and providing a facility infrastructure to underpin investment in coaching, officials and football development;
- ◀ **Support access to flexible indoor spaces**, including equipment and court markings, to support growth in futsal, walking football and to support the education and skills outcomes, exploiting opportunities for football to positively impact on personal and social outcomes for young people in particular;
- ◀ **Refurbish existing stock to maintain current provision**, recognising the need to address historic under-investment and issues with refurbishment of existing facilities;
- ◀ **Support testing of technology and innovation**, building on customer insight to deliver hubs for innovation, testing and development of the game.

The FA: National Game Strategy (2018-2021)

The FA launched its new National Game Strategy in July 2018 which aims to inspire a life-long journey in football for all. To achieve this, the strategy will focus on five key aspects of the game:

- ◀ A high quality introduction to football

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- ◀ Developing clubs and leagues
- ◀ Embrace all formats of football and engage all participants
- ◀ Recruit, develop and support the workforce
- ◀ Develop sustainable facilities

Through these five pillars, The FA's objectives are to:

- ◀ Increase the number of male affiliated and recreational players by 10%.
- ◀ Double the number of female affiliated and recreational players via a growth of 75%.
- ◀ Increase the number of disability affiliated and recreational players by 30%.
- ◀ Ensure affiliated Futsal is available across the country in order to increase the number of Futsal affiliated and recreational players.

The sustainable football facilities should provide support to an agreed portfolio of priority projects that meet National Football Facility Strategy (NFFS) investment priorities.

England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) Inspiring Generations (2020-2024)

The England and Wales Cricket Board unveiled a new strategic plan in 2019. The strategic plan aims to connect communities and improve lives by inspiring people to discover and share their passion for cricket

The plan sets out six important priorities and activities, these are:

- ◀ ***Grow and nurture the core***
 - ◀ Create an infrastructure investment fund for First Class County Clubs (FCCs)
 - ◀ Introduce a new Community Investment Funding for FCCs and County Cricket Boards (CCBs)
 - ◀ Invest in club facilities
 - ◀ Develop the role of National Counties Cricket
 - ◀ Further invest in County Competitions
- ◀ ***Inspire through elite teams***
 - ◀ Increase investment in the county talent pathway
 - ◀ Incentivise the counties to develop England Players
 - ◀ Drive the performance system through technology and innovation
 - ◀ Create heroes and connect them with a new generation of fans
- ◀ ***Make cricket accessible***
 - ◀ Broaden crickets appeal through the New Competition
 - ◀ Create a new digital community for cricket
 - ◀ Install non-traditional playing facilities in urban areas
 - ◀ Continue to deliver South Asian Action Plans
 - ◀ Launch a new participation product, linked to the New Competition
- ◀ ***Engage children and young people***
 - ◀ Double cricket participation in primary schools
 - ◀ Deliver a compelling and coordinated recreational playing offer from age five upwards
 - ◀ Develop our safeguarding to promote safe spaces for children and young people
- ◀ ***Transform women's and girls' cricket***
 - ◀ Grow the base through participation and facilities investment
 - ◀ Launch centres of excellence and a new elite domestic structure
 - ◀ Invest in girls' county age group cricket
 - ◀ Deliver a girls' secondary school programme
- ◀ ***Support our communities***
 - ◀ Double the number of volunteers in the game
 - ◀ Create a game-wide approach to Trust and Foundations through the cricket network

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- ◀ Develop a new wave of officials and community coaches
- ◀ Increase participation in disability cricket

The Rugby Football Union Strategic Plan (2017-2021)

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

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

The four key aims to ensure long term sustainability are to:

- ◀ Improve player transition from age grade to adult 15-a-side rugby
- ◀ Expand places to play through Artificial Grass Pitches (AGPs)
- ◀ Engage new communities in rugby
- ◀ Create a community 7's offering

England Hockey (EH) - A Nation Where Hockey Matters 2013

Please note that a new facilities strategy is currently being developed by England Hockey.

The current vision is for England to be a 'Nation Where Hockey Matters'.

Delivering success on the international stage stimulates the nation's pride in their hockey team and, with the right events in place, we will attract interest from spectators, sponsors and broadcasters alike. The visibility that comes from our success and our occasions will inspire young people and adults to follow in the footsteps of their heroes and, if the right opportunities are there to meet their needs, they will play hockey and enjoy wonderful experiences.

Underpinning all this is the infrastructure which makes our sport function. We know the importance of our volunteers, coaches, officials, clubs and facilities. The more inspirational our people can be, the more progressive we can be and the more befitting our facilities can be, the more we will achieve for our sport. EH will enable this to happen and we are passionate about our role within the sport. We will lead, support, counsel, focus and motivate the Hockey Nation and work tirelessly towards our vision.

As a governing body, we want to have a recognisable presence to participants of the game, be that through club or association website or their communications, or through the work of the many outstanding coaches in our game, so that players understand that their club is part of a wider team working together to a common goal.

The core objectives are as follows:

- ◀ Grow our Participation
- ◀ Deliver International Success
- ◀ Increase our Visibility
- ◀ Enhance our Infrastructure
- ◀ For EH to be proud and respected custodians of the sport

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Club participation

Our club market is well structured and clubs are required to affiliate to EH to play in community leagues. As a result only relatively few occasional teams lie outside our affiliation structure. Schools and Universities are the other two areas where significant hockey is played.

Hockey is clearly benefiting from a double Olympic legacy. After Great Britain's women won bronze in front of a home crowd in London in 2012 the numbers of young girls playing the sport doubled and a historic gold in Rio 2016 saw more than 10,000 players promptly joining clubs. These triumphs have inspired the nation to get active and play hockey. Thanks to the outstanding work of the network of clubs across the country, EH has seen unprecedented growth at both ends of the age range. There has been an 80% increase in the number of boys and girls in clubs, as well as a 54% increase in players over the age of 46.

Hockey clubs have reaped the rewards of the improved profile of the sport, focussing on a link with schools to provide excellent opportunities for young players. Programmes such as Quick sticks – a small-sided version of hockey for 7-11 year olds – in Primary Schools have been hugely successful in allowing new players to take part in the sport from an early age. The growth in the sport since the eve of London 2012 has been seen across the country, examples being a 110% increase in under 16s club participation in London, and a 111% growth in the North West in the same age bracket.

Rugby Football League Strategic Plan 2015 – 2021

The RFL's most recent strategy aims to establish rugby league as "a growing sport, available throughout the country, that is recognised as providing positive experience for all participants and spectators, in environments that are welcoming, inclusive, vibrant, safe and comfortable - encouraging people to return again and again, featuring:

- ◀ Financially viable and sustainable professional clubs creating stable employment opportunities, showcasing local, national and international playing talent, and leading the sport's development - and making a difference - in their own communities;
- ◀ Welcoming community clubs, putting players first, offering recreational enjoyment for children and adults alike in a safe and inclusive environment;
- ◀ A central organisation that stands out for excellence, innovation, mutual respect, integrity and inclusion that understands its role in servicing the wider sport;
- ◀ A sports that lives its values in all its decisions and actions.

This vision is underpinned by 13 core principles, including:

- ◀ **An integrated whole sport.** Each constituent part of the sport will have a responsibility to ensure the good health of the entire game;
- ◀ **Return on investment.** Investment will be targeted to ensure the sustainability of member clubs, and growth in the number and quality of players thus seeking an effective return for the game;
- ◀ **Financial parameters.** Financial distributions will be undertaken to ensure the whole of the game will move forward together;
- ◀ **Geographic expansion.** Geographic expansion of the sport should be carried out in a proportionate and sustainable manner.

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Rugby League World Cup ‘Inspired by 2021’ Legacy Programme

The Rugby League World Cup 2021 will develop a £10 million legacy programme with funds driven into local clubs and community projects. The government investment, delivered by Sport England, is part of RLWC 2021’s ambitious plan to grow the sport and make it more visible, engaging and welcoming to current and potential participants.

The funding will be split into large transformational community projects, such as changing room improvements and new artificial grass pitches with the remaining funding used for smaller scale initiatives such as supplying new kit and equipment to promote club and community development. The investment will focus on the following four key areas:

- ◀ Creating welcoming environments
- ◀ Encouraging participation growth
- ◀ Building community engagement
- ◀ Cultivating further investment

LTA Facilities Investment Strategy – Vision for 2020 and beyond

The LTA has developed a programme of action based on seven core strategies. These are:

- ◀ Visibility – Broaden relevance and increase visibility of tennis all year round to build engagement and participation with fans and players.
- ◀ Innovation – Innovate in the delivery of tennis to widen its appeal.
- ◀ Investment – Support community facilities and schools to increase the opportunities to play.
- ◀ Accessibility – Make the customer journey to playing tennis easier and more accessible for anyone.
- ◀ Engagement – Engage and collaborate with everyone involved in delivering tennis in Britain, particularly coaches and volunteers, to attract and maintain more people in the game.
- ◀ Performance – Create a pathway for British champions that nurtures a diverse team of players, people and leaders.
- ◀ Leadership – Create a pathway for British champions that nurtures a diverse team of players, people and leaders.

The LTA Facilities Investment Framework sets out how it intends to deliver the investment to support community accessible tennis facilities. The focus will be on:

- ◀ New and existing indoor tennis centres
- ◀ Park tennis
- ◀ Tennis clubs
- ◀ Schools and other educational establishments

The key principles of the framework are to:

- ◀ Help fund projects through interest free loans.
- ◀ Invest in venues that have a proven record of increasing participation.
- ◀ Invest where there is thorough community engagement.
- ◀ Support venues that encourage participation growth.
- ◀ Targeted investment that is demand-led.
- ◀ Support venues that have successfully sourced partnership funding.

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England Athletics Strategic Plan – Athletics & Running: for everyone, forever – 2017 and beyond

This plan sets out England Athletics' mission, vision and strategic priorities that will direct how they work as an organisation during the coming years: what they do and how they will do it.

Vision: Make athletics and running the most inclusive and popular sport in England, led by a network of progressive clubs and organisations and supported by a sustainable, respected and trusted governing body.

For England Athletics to achieve this vision, they will focus on three values:

- Pride – taking pride in their work and demonstrating to athletes that they recognise the importance of their role in bettering athletics.
- Integrity – demonstrate integrity to earn respect and to build effective partnerships.
- Inclusivity – promote inclusivity in all their actions.

Mission: To grow opportunities for everyone to experience athletics and running, to enable them to reach their full potential.

In order to achieve their mission, England Athletics will have three strategic priorities.

1. To expand the capacity of the sport by supporting and developing its volunteers and other workforce. The target is to achieve a 6% increase every year of licensed leaders, coaches and officials.
2. To sustain and increase participation and performance levels in our sport. To achieve this, England Athletics' current targets are to increase the number of club registered athletes from (149,000 to 172,000), engage 135,000 people through the RunTogether programme and to increase athlete performance levels across all events and disciplines by 1% every year.
3. To influence participation in the wider athletics market. Their target here is to increase the number of regular athletes or runners by at least one million.

England Athletics Facility Strategy (2018 – 2025)

The purpose of this document is to set out our long term vision for athletics facilities in England. Facilities form a vital component of the overall England Athletics strategy.

The development, protection and enhancement of facilities will support our strategic plan and help England Athletics contribute to the delivery of the Department for Culture, Media and Sport's Sporting Futures: A New Strategy for Sport and Sport England's strategy Towards an Active Nation. Appropriate facilities help to attract and inspire new participants and provide the foundation and focus for a significant proportion of the England Athletics family.

The England Athletics Strategic Plan notes that the sport increasingly needs to become financially sustainable and that a business-like and innovative approach is a vital component of its future success. Facilities are fundamental, but they are also expensive to create and to maintain. The sport therefore faces a significant challenge to develop, improve and maintain facilities, most of which are currently operated and funded by third parties.

This strategy sets out a challenge to all those involved with the delivery of the sport to be innovative and business like in the operation and development of facilities at a time of financial challenge, as it aims "To create an innovative and inspiring network of sustainable athletic facilities, with the capacity to meet both current and future demand across England".

APPENDIX TWO: GLOSSARY

Exported/imported demand generally relates to play by teams or other users of playing pitches from within the study area (i.e. from residents of the study area) which takes place outside of the area. This may be due to issues with the provision of pitches and ancillary facilities in the study area, just reflective of how the sports are played (e.g. at a central venue for the wider area) or due to the most convenient site for the respective users just falling outside of the local authority/study area.

Unmet demand is demand that is known to exist but unable to be accommodated on current supply of pitches. This could be in the form of a team with access to a pitch for matches but nowhere to train or vice versa. This could also be due to the poor quality and therefore limited capacity of pitches in the area and/or a lack of provision and ancillary facilities which meet a certain standard of play/league requirement. League secretaries may be aware of some unmet demand as they may have declined applications from teams wishing to enter their competitions due to a lack of pitch provision which in turn is hindering the growth of the league.

Latent demand is demand that evidence suggests may be generated from the current population should they have access to more or better provision. This could include feedback from a sports club who may feel that they could set up and run an additional team if they had access to better provision.

Future demand is an informed estimate made of the likely future demand for pitches in the study area. This is generally based on the most appropriate current and future population projections for the relevant age and gender groupings for each sport. Key trends, local objectives and targets and consultation also inform this figure.

Casual use or other use could take place on natural grass pitches or AGPs and include:

- ◀ Regular play from non-sports club sources (e.g. companies, schools, fitness classes)
- ◀ Infrequent informal/friendly matches
- ◀ Informal training sessions
- ◀ More casual forms of a particular sport organised by sports clubs or other parties
- ◀ Significant public use and informal play, particularly where pitches are located in parks/recreation grounds.

Carrying capacity is the amount of play a site can regularly accommodate (in the relevant comparable unit) for community use without adversely affecting its quality and use. This is typically outlined by the NGB.

Overplay is when a pitch is used over the amount that the carrying capacity will allow, (i.e. more than the site can accommodate). 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.

Spare capacity is the amount of additional play that a pitch could potentially accommodate in addition to current activity. There may be reasons why this potential to accommodate additional play should not automatically be regarded as actual spare capacity, for example, a site may be managed to regularly operate slightly below its carrying capacity to ensure that it can cater for a number of friendly matches and training activity. This needs to be investigated before the capacity is deemed **actual spare capacity**.

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Match equivalent sessions is an appropriate comparable unit for pitch usage. For football, rugby union and rugby league, pitches should relate to a typical week within the season and one match = one match equivalent session if it occurs every week or 0.5 match equivalent sessions if it occurs every other week (i.e. reflecting home and away fixtures). For cricket pitches it is appropriate to look at the number of match equivalent sessions over the course of a season and one match = one match equivalent session.

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