

Playing Pitch and Outdoor Sport Strategy (PPOSS)

Strategy and Action Plan

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1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 In May 2021, Erewash Borough Council appointed Tetrattech to produce a Playing Pitch and Outdoor Sports Strategy (PPOSS). This Strategy updates the existing PPOSS which is dated April 2017.
- 1.2 This document sets out the strategy and action plan for the Borough. The accompanying assessment report assesses the existing provision and identifies the key issues that need to be addressed.
- 1.3 The primary purpose of this PPOSS is to provide a strategic framework that ensures that the provision of outdoor playing pitches and sports facilities meet the needs of existing and future residents and visitors to the Borough. It considers the following facilities;
- Football pitches (grass and third generation turf (3G))
 - Cricket pitches
 - Rugby union pitches
 - Hockey pitches (artificial grass pitches (AGPs))
 - Tennis courts
 - Bowling greens.

Vision and Objectives

- 1.4 The vision and objectives remain similar to those set in the 2017 strategy. The strategy therefore seeks to deliver the following objectives;
- To ensure that the supply of playing pitches and outdoor sports facilities is accessible and sufficient to meet current and projected future need
 - To provide outdoor sports facilities of appropriate quality; and
 - To support increasing participation in outdoor sports alongside sustainable club development.
- 1.5 These objectives are consistent with Sport England's planning principles for sport as set out in Figure 1.1 overleaf.

Figure 1.1 - Sport England Planning for Sport principles



- 1.8 More specifically, the Playing Pitch and Outdoor Sport Strategy (PPOSS);
- Provides a clear understanding of supply and demand for playing pitches at individual sites
 - Sets out the adequacy of provision to meet current and future demand across the Borough
 - Identifies the key issues that impact on the delivery of playing pitches
 - Provides recommendations and action plans to enhance future delivery of playing pitches and outdoor sports facilities and to address the issues identified.
- 1.9 It seeks to ensure that;
- Valuable facilities are protected
 - There are enough facilities in the right place to meet current and future demand
 - All clubs have access to facilities of appropriate quality

Methodology

- 1.10 This PPOSS has been produced in line with guidance by Sport England (Assessing Needs and Opportunities Guide for Indoor and Outdoor Sports Facilities; 2014) and 'Playing Pitch Guidance, An Approach to Developing and Delivering a Playing Pitch Strategy (Sport England 2013).
- 1.11 The Playing Pitch Guidance sets out the process for delivering a strategy for football, cricket, rugby (league and union) and hockey. It advocates a 10 step approach summarised in Table 1.1. The assessment reports on Stages 1 – 6 and this document covers the strategy development phase (Stages 7 and 8). The implementation phase (9 and 10) will take place over the life of the strategy document.

Table 1.1 – Ten Step Approach

Stage	Step
1. Undertaking an Assessment	1. Prepare & Tailor the approach
2. Gather Information on Supply & Demand	2. Gather Supply information and views
	3. Gather demand information and views
3. Assessment Bring the Information Together	4. Understand the situation at individual sites
	5. Develop the current and future picture of provision
	6. Identify the key findings and issues
4. Strategy Development	7. Develop the recommendations and action plan
	8. Write and Adopt the strategy

Stage	Step
5. Implementation	9. Apply and deliver the strategy
	10. Keep the Strategy Robust and up-to-date

- 1.12 Recommendations and priorities have been developed following extensive consultation, analysis and scenario testing and in conjunction with the following key stakeholders;
- Officers of Erewash Borough Council;
 - Representatives of the Derbyshire FA and The Football Foundation, Derbyshire Cricket Foundation, The ECB, the RFU, England Hockey and The LTA,
 - Sport England.
- 1.13 The views of these groups have been used to shape this strategy and to finalise the action and implementation plan. The consultation process does not stop here - many of the identified short-term actions involve ongoing consultation with wider groups, ensuring that any priorities implemented are reflective of the needs and aspirations of current pitch users.
- 1.14 It is hoped that the implementation of the strategy will continue to build partnerships between the Council, National Governing Bodies of Sport (NGBs), Sport England, schools, further education providers, community clubs and private landowners to maintain and improve pitch and outdoor sports provision. This document will provide clarity about the way forward and allow key organisations to focus on the key issues that they can directly influence and achieve.
- 1.15 As detailed in the assessment report, as far as possible the strategy aims to capture all playing fields and associated pitches, as well as participation within Erewash Borough. There may however be instances where a site / club is unknowingly omitted.
- 1.16 Where pitches / playing field sites have not been recorded within the report they remain as pitches / playing field sites and for planning purposes continue to be so. Furthermore, exclusion of a pitch does not mean that it is not required from a supply and demand point of view.
- 1.17 The strategy monitoring process will ensure that the document is kept up to date as any omissions / errors arise and where changes occur.

Context and Wider Links

- 1.18 The strategy contributes to the delivery of many national, regional and local targets, in particular, the requirements of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF). The strategy will also help to deliver on the priorities of Sport England and the relevant National Governing Bodies of Sport.
- 1.19 The key principles of each strategic document, and how the delivery of this PPOSS will contribute is outlined in full in the assessment report. The links between the achievement of the objectives in this strategy document and other national, regional and local strategies and policies are summarised in Table 1.2.

Table 1.2 – Contribution of PPS towards national and local priorities

Document	Ensure supply of pitches is accessible and sufficient to meet need	Support the provision of facilities of appropriate quality	Support participation and promote sustainable club development
National Planning Framework	√	√	√
Sport England – Policy on Playing Fields	√	√	√
Sport England: Uniting the Movement	√	√	√
The Football Association – Strategic Plan, and National Facilities Strategy – Delivered through Local Football Facility Plans	√	√	√
Inspiring Generations, ECB, 2020 - 2024	√	√	√
RFU Strategic Plan	√	√	√
England Hockey National Facilities Strategy (2017 - 2021)	√	√	√
Erewash Borough Council Corporate Plan (2021 – 2023)	√	√	√
Erewash Borough Core Strategy (2011 – 2028) and Core Strategy Review	√	√	√

Active Derbyshire – Making Our Move	√	√	√
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- 1.20 It is clear that the effective provision of sports facilities playing fields can directly contribute to the achievement of many of the strategic goals of local and national organisations and strategies.
- 1.21 Sport England’s recently published strategic outcomes planning guidance demonstrates that sport and physical activity are increasingly seen as a co-producer of local outcomes and local authorities across the country are using their services, assets, partnerships and infrastructure to make a significant contribution to their residents’ lives as a direct provider, commissioner or enabler. Sport England’s guidance shows that having a clear, strategic and sustainable approach to sport and physical activity is essential to making effective investment into provision – both facilities and services.

Demographics and Geography

- 1.22 The total population living in Erewash is 115,332. Of these residents, 61.6% fall within the age brackets age 16 – 64, a slightly lower proportion than in England as a whole. Notably;
 - The proportion of residents aged below 18 is significantly below England averages although it is broadly in line with Derbyshire averages
 - The proportion of people aged above 65 is above national averages, although it falls below Derbyshire averages.
- 1.23 Age profile can influence the amount and type of activity that takes place - with an ageing population, the propensity of residents of the Borough to participate in sport and physical activity, and more specifically, pitch and outdoor sports is likely to be lower than that nationally. The profile of the population therefore influences the amount and type of facilities that are required.
- 1.24 The 2020 Mid-Year Sub National Population Estimates (the most up to date source available) indicate that the population of the Borough of Erewash will increase to 120,003 by 2032 and 122,290 by 2038 – by 2038 growth will therefore equate to 6,958 people.
- 1.25 Analysis of the projected population profile however suggests that the increase in demand for playing fields may not necessarily be proportional to the population growth that will be experienced. Although the total number of people living in the area will increase, there will be some small changes to the population profile. Most notably, it is the population aged 76 and over (who are least likely to participate in pitch and outdoor sports) where the greatest increase in the

number of residents will occur. The proportion of residents aged 19 -45 will remain broadly similar, whilst a lower percentage will be aged 0 – 18 and 46 – 75. Given that residents aged 0-18 make up the demand for youth sport, this suggests that there will be an increase in demand, but that this will not be as high as the total population growth figure may suggest. Similarly, the high increase in older age groups compared to younger adult ages suggests that there will be some growth in the number of people playing adult sport, but that growth will not be to the same levels as the total proportional increase in population.

- 1.26 It should be noted that this is indicative only, as the 2014 sub national population projections indicate that growth will be much higher, and the housing requirements for the Borough (5800) may also result in higher growth, depending upon the type of houses provided. It is clear however that whichever source of population data used, the number of people living in Erewash Borough over the strategy period is likely to increase.
- 1.27 Reflecting the characteristics of the current population, the Sport England Active Lives survey indicates that 57% of the population of Erewash are physically active while 28% of the population are physically inactive. The proportion of inactive residents is above national and East Midland averages and suggests that there is significant scope to increase levels of activity in the Borough. An effective network of appropriate facilities will be essential if this is to be achieved.

Geography

- 1.28 To ensure that the strategy considers how needs differ across the Borough, as well as what the needs are across Erewash as a whole, for the purposes of analysis, the Borough has been subdivided into 3 sub areas. These reflect the Sub Areas identified in the Erewash Borough Council Local Plan and comprise;
- **Long Eaton and Sandiacre** – located to the south East of the Borough, this area includes the key urban towns of Long Eaton and Sandiacre and is mainly urban.
 - **Ilkeston** – located to the north-east of the Borough, the area encompasses the settlement of Ilkeston, as well as Cotmanhay and Kirk Hallam. Again, the area is predominantly urban.
 - **Rural area** – represents the remainder of the Borough and is rural in nature. It includes the settlements of Little Eaton, West Hallam, Ockbrook, Borrowash, Draycott and Breaston. This area is geographically large and settlements are well dispersed.
- 1.29 The sub areas use the motorway as a barrier to the rural area. It should be noted however that while Friesland School falls just into the rural area as it is located over the motorway, it has been

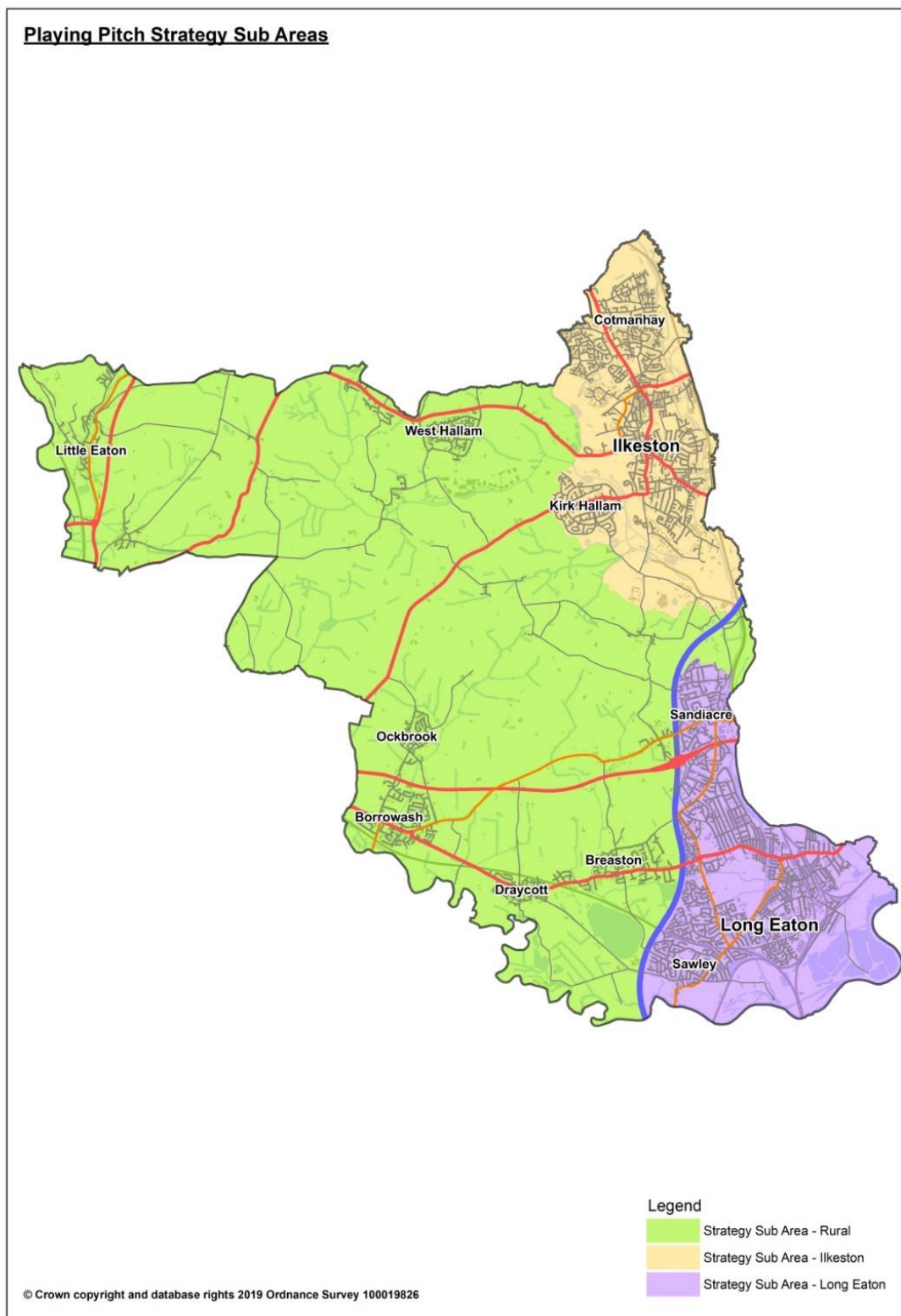
categorised within the Long Eaton and Sandiacre sub area, as it is this population that the school serves.

1.30 Figure 1.2 overleaf illustrates the sub areas that have been used.

1.31 The Core Strategy Review Process that is currently underway will provide the detail on where future housing development will take place in the Borough. Current proposals are that a minimum of 5800 new homes will be delivered. The strategy indicates that housing development will take place in the form of the provision of new strategic housing sites as well as numerous smaller sites.

1.32 The specific impact of new housing development will be considered in Section 4 of this strategy. Geographically however, it is noted that housing development is currently projected to be significant in Ilkeston and demand is therefore likely to increase particularly in this area. This is taken into account when evaluating demand for facilities and the future facility requirements.

Figure 1.2 – Sub Areas of Erewash Borough



1.33 **Role of the Playing Pitch Strategy**

1.34 The end goal of this strategy is to deliver the overarching vision and achieve the specific aims and objectives set out on the previous pages. To do this, it is essential that provision for each sport continues to evolve and improve to meet with changing needs and aspirations.

1.35 The focus of a PPOSS is mainly on facilities. Sport England states that building the right thing in the right place makes taking part in sport and physical activity a realistic option for many and leads to a better experience for those who are already engaged. The clear messages from the government and Sport England are that people need to be more active – this strategy therefore seeks to ensure that the network of facilities in the Borough facilitates this.

Structure

1.36 The remainder of this strategy is set out as follows;

- Section 2 – Sport Specific Issues and Scenario Testing
- Section 3 - Recommendations – General and Sport Specific
- Section 4 – Impact of New Development
- Section 5 - Action Plans and Monitoring and Review

2.0 Sport Specific Issues

Introduction

- 2.1 This section summarises the current and projected future position for each sport and the key issues that need to be addressed. Further detail is provided in the supporting assessment report (November 2022).
- 2.2 To help develop the recommendations/actions and to understand their potential impact, a number of relevant scenario questions are also tested in this section. The results of these scenarios have helped to drive the sport and site-specific recommendations set out in Sections 3 and 5.
- 2.3 Recommendations for delivering on the key issues identified on a sport by sport basis are set out in Section 3, while Section 5 contains a site specific action plan.

Sport Specific Issues

Cricket

Cricket - Supply	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are 23 grass cricket squares. All of these facilities are available for community use, although pitches at Trent College are unsecured and there is no existing community use of these facilities. This total includes a grass square at West Park that is newly prepared • The majority of cricket provision is located within the rural sub area • There are some concerns relating to security of tenure. Several sites are owned by private individuals and clubs rent these facilities without any long term guarantee of availability. • Pitch quality emerged as potentially the biggest issue for clubs during consultation and budgetary pressures, alongside challenges recruiting volunteers, were central to this. The quality of facilities also represents the key concern of the Derbyshire Cricket League. • All grounds are functional and playable for the standard of cricket that they sustain. There was evidence of some clear effort into maintenance at many of the sites. The quality of facilities does vary however and it is clear that second grounds are of lower quality. The quality of facilities in public ownership is also lower than at private sites. • On the whole, the quality of facilities is standard. The importance of maintenance was highlighted and clubs are prioritising the quality of their square. The conditions of outfielders are however more varying and the quality and availability of training facilities remains a concern. 	
Demand	

- There is strong participation in cricket across the Borough - there are 66 teams in total. Only two clubs do not have junior teams (Stanton by Dale and West Hallam CC) suggesting that there are strong foundations for ongoing cricket participation as well as further development.
- Whilst adult participation is relatively static when measured against the levels of activity identified in the previous PPS, feedback from clubs suggest that most have been positively impacted by Covid 19, particularly in the junior age groups and in junior participation programmes. The Derbyshire Cricket League indicate that demand has increased significantly across the catchment area and that the numbers of both registered players and registered teams has increased.
- There is also strong evidence of engagement with ECB junior development programmes, including both All Stars and Dynamos as well as Women and Girls.
- The highest amount of cricket takes place the rural area, with several large clubs in this part of the Borough. Both Nutbrook and Risleigh Cricket Club in particular are however located in very close proximity to the borders for Ilkeston / Long Eaton and do therefore attract players from these areas. There are opportunities for women and girls, as well as junior players in all geographical areas of the Borough – this means that there are opportunities to play cricket in Erewash regardless of where you live
- The ECB highlight the importance of clubs having access to appropriate training facilities – this is particularly important for clubs trying to sustain junior sections, as juniors tend to gravitate towards high quality training facilities and a developmental environment. The effective provision of training facilities remains a key issue across Erewash Borough.

Adequacy of Provision

2.4 Analysis of the adequacy of provision demonstrates that;

- All active grass pitches are used regularly during the cricket season with many sites hosting fixtures both at weekends and during the week
- There is very little spare capacity in the Borough and limited opportunity to increase play significantly on any ground.
- There are several sites where overplay is evident, and some sites where there is overplay are associated with clubs who already have access to two grounds. In many instances, the overplay is a product of the success of the club, who are running large numbers of teams and lots of associated activities
- Whilst there is limited spare capacity on any ground, there is some scope to increase activity at Ockbrook and Borrowash / Ilkeston Town (both have second grounds with some

spare capacity). There is also a 5th pitch at West Park which is being prepared this season that will be used next year

- Spare capacity at peak time is even more limited, with only Nutbrook (second ground), West Park pitch 5 and St Peters Park having any availability. The pressures on cricket provision accord with the views of the league and the Derbyshire Cricket Foundation, who highlight that the position in Erewash is even further exacerbated by a lack of pitches in nearby Derby City. The teams that will be using West Park in 2022 are thought to derive from Derby City.
- There is scope to increase pitch quality at most sites and this would have a direct impact on site capacity, increasing the additional matches that could be sustained.
- Reflecting the high number of sites with overplay or limited spare capacity, boroughwide there is minimal capacity for additional play, with an ability to accommodate circa 2 match equivalent sessions at peak time and 45 match equivalent sessions across the season.
- Future population growth will have limited impact (1 senior team) however the growth aspirations of clubs will add further pressures, and for many clubs cannot be accommodated within the existing infrastructure.
- On the whole, it is the clubs that are already at capacity that are looking to grow further suggesting that solutions may be required to improve capacity for these clubs
- ECB / DCF participation initiatives seek to install non-traditional playing facilities in urban areas and the creation of more recreational venues is considered to provide opportunities to introduce people that wouldn't otherwise play to cricket. With West Park located within the main urban area, and already containing significant numbers of cricket wickets, this is considered to be a strong potential location for a new informal facility.

2.5 Table 2.1 summarises the position at each of the Club Bases

Table 2.1 – Position at each of the Club Bases

Club	Current Position	Growth Aspirations	Future Issues	Capacity	Other Issues
West Hallam Cricket Club	Square at capacity, no availability at peak time.	Junior section required to meet with league requirements – estimate minimum 3 teams (18 MES)	No scope to accommodate additional matches at current time (-21)		Some quality issues on pitch including drainage, currently rated as standard (scope to increase capacity). Increase to good would improve capacity issues and generate minimal overplay.

Club	Current Position	Growth Aspirations	Future Issues	Capacity	Other Issues
					Lack of off field training facilities also impacting on usage of square.
Breadsall CC	Square at capacity, no availability at peak time.	Reinstatement of 3 rd senior team and 1 additional youth team (18 MES)	No scope to accommodate additional matches at current time (-30)		Some quality issues on pitch currently rated as standard (scope to increase capacity). Increase to good would improve capacity issues. Poor off field training facilities also impacting on usage of square.
Stanton by Dale CC	Square at capacity, no availability at peak time.	No formal aspirations, although looking to continue growth of women's section (12 MES)	No scope to accommodate additional matches at current time (-36)		Require training facilities, extension of ground and parking. Upgrade of changing room. Upgrade to good facility would improve position.
Nutbrook Cricket Club	Square on first pitch at capacity, very limited spare capacity on second ground (including peak time availability)	Increased junior and female section. Estimated impact 24 MES	Not all additional match play could be accommodated (-24 MES)		Existing pitches rated as standard, poor practice facilities, changing would benefit from upgrade. Raising quality to good would improve ability of site to accommodate play.
Ockbrook and Borrowash	Some limited spare capacity available on first square, scope for growth of club using second square	Additional team to enter Derbyshire League next season (12 MES)	Additional growth can be accommodated (10 MES remaining), although challenges accommodating the additional demand at peak time (Saturday)		Pitch quality good, but lack of lease represents a key risk for club. Additional growth can be accommodated.
Risley Cricket Club	Square at capacity, no availability at peak time.	None reported	Existing deficiency circa 8 MES		No off field practice facilities, changing would benefit from upgrade. Pitch upgrade to good would alleviate deficiency.
Ilkeston Rutland CC	Some limited spare capacity available on first square, scope for growth of club	None reported	Capacity to accommodate circa 25 MES		Square adequate but requires ongoing improvement to meet league requirements,

Club	Current Position	Growth Aspirations	Future Issues	Capacity	Other Issues
	using second square				scope to improve quality of second ground. No capacity issues
Sandiacre Town CC	First square at capacity / overplayed but scope for growth of club using second square	None reported	Capacity to accommodate circa 4 MES		Security of tenure requires investigation (second ground), ongoing investment into maintenance needed to maintain quality. Functionality of pavilion on second ground is limited.
Long Eaton CC	Both squares at capacity, although not all slots used at peak time.	Aspiration for additional 2 – 3 junior teams (18 MES)	Significant deficiency circa 50 MES taking into account overplay on existing pitches.		Scope to improve square and outfield quality. Club believe extension to pavilion required. Capacity will still be compromised even if quality is improved to good. Lack of practice facilities further increases use of square.
Sawley CC	First square at capacity / overplayed but scope for growth of club using second square	None reported	Scope to accommodate circa 11 MES		None turf pitch almost unusable, quality of squares requires improvement to meet with league requirements. New nets.
Stainsby Hall CC (displaced into Borough)	Capacity for additional play	N/a	Scope for additional 20 MES, including at peak time		Short term lease of pitch only.
Customs and Exiles	Midweek team only, capacity for additional play including at peak time	None reported	Scope for additional 55 MES, including at peak time.		Quality of pitch questionable as early stages of preparation mean suitability for Derbyshire Cricket League is questionable.

2.6 The key issues that need to be addressed in relation to cricket across Erewash Borough are therefore summarised below;

Cricket - Key Issues

The key issues for cricket are therefore;

- The need to protect all cricket grounds
- The need to address qualitative issues – almost all sites have improvements that are required
- The need to increase capacity for clubs who are at capacity or are overplaying facilities (or where capacity will be inadequate in future years(West Hallam CC, Stanton By Dale, Nutbrook, Risley CC, Long Eaton CC
- Several sites have poor quality / a lack of training facilities
- There are several clubs where improvements to changing facilities are required
- The potential to develop cricket through the use of NTP in areas of higher population.

Potential Opportunities - Scenario Testing

2.7 Although overall, there is a small amount of spare capacity remaining across the Borough, there is little remaining spare capacity at any ground and sites where overplay is evident. Scenario testing is therefore needed to evaluate how this can be addressed.

Qualitative Improvements

2.8 Whilst pitch quality at Sandiacre Town CC (first ground) and Ockbrook and Borrowash CC (first ground) is good, quality at all other grounds is standard. Improving the quality of these facilities would have a direct impact on site capacity (with the number of senior games each wicket is able to accommodate increasing from 5 to 7).

2.9 Whilst qualitative improvements to maximise capacity are important at all sites, they take on greater importance where they can address existing capacity issues. Scenario modelling shows that improvements to quality would address capacity issues across all sites except at Stanton by Dale CC, where overplay would remain even if the site was of good quality. There is however potential scope to expand the square at this site.

2.10 There is no scope to increase capacity at the two facilities already rated as good through qualitative improvements – although both have second grounds that could be improved to enhance site capacity.

Non-Turf Wickets

- 2.11 An artificial wicket will sustain 60 MES throughout the season; while a grass wicket will sustain only 5 (or 7 junior games) depending upon quality. This significantly increases the quantities of play that can be sustained at a site and (where permitted by league regulations) can therefore provide a sustainable option for improving capacity.

- 2.12 Whilst qualitative improvements will address immediate capacity issues, future projections suggest that demand will grow. The provision of NTP at key sites will therefore significantly improve capacity. Modelling shows that NTP would have a key role to play in meeting future pressures at Long Eaton CC, West Hallam CC and Stanton by Dale CC.

- 2.13 While the above will address capacity issues in the short term, continuation of the recent growth may see a requirement for additional facilities. This would need to be carefully balanced with sustainability issues.

Rugby Union

Supply
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• There are 14 full sized pitches, 13 of which are available for community use on either a secured or unsecured basis. There are also 11 mini pitches at West Park and The Stute• Pitches are located in the urban areas of Ilkeston and Long Eaton and Sandiacre. There are no facilities in the rural areas of the Borough.• The stock of floodlit facilities is good with a third of all full sized pitches floodlit. Both clubs have access to floodlights, with two floodlit pitches at West Park and a further small pitch partially floodlit (Long Eaton RFC). At The Stute, Ilkeston (RFC) one full sized pitch has floodlights and the club also have access to the floodlit pitch at Gallows Inn Playing Fields. The club indicate that a further 2 mini pitches can be floodlit during the dry months.• There are no 3G AGPs in the Borough that are compliant with World Rugby Regulations meaning that any use of 3G AGPs for rugby must be none contact only.• Both rugby clubs report a decline in the quality of the facilities available for rugby. The impact of the Covid 19 pandemic has been reported to be particularly for significant, with the lost income that resulted from the closure of the clubhouses reducing the amount of maintenance and out of season reinstatement work that could be undertaken.• Reflecting the perceived decline, there is scope to improve the pitch quality at both club sites. There are some underlying drainage issues impacting playability at both clubs and scope to increase the maintenance of the pitches. Compaction of pitches was also a particular issue and this is likely to exacerbate drainage concerns further.

Demand
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• There are 33 rugby teams at the 2 clubs, 6 of which are senior teams. There is strong interest in rugby at a younger age at both clubs, and Long Eaton RFC also offers women and girls rugby, with teams at U13, U15 and U18 levels as well as senior ladies rugby.• The Covid 19 pandemic had significant impact, with both clubs highlighting that youth players are only now starting to return and similar pressures in adult rugby. Levels of participation in the younger age groups have been less affected at both clubs.• As is common with rugby clubs nationwide, training for both clubs takes place at the club base. Training at Long Eaton RFC is high, equating to 10.5 MES per week and is focused on the two floodlit pitches, whilst training at Ilkeston RUFC is accommodated on The Stute as well as off site at Gallows Inn Playing Field and is equivalent to 6 MES.• Trent College compete nationally as part of independent school competition programmes, but outside of this, there is limited participation in rugby. Both clubs have however established links with schools in their area and are looking to use these to develop interest in rugby and promote a transition to club membership.

Adequacy of Provision

2.14 When taking into account just competitive activity;

- At Ilkeston RUFC, the capacity of the full size pitches is insufficient to meet the demand from the teams. This is impacted by the poor quality rating of each of the pitches. There is overplay on one pitch and no remaining spare capacity on the other two pitches. There is adequate capacity however on the numerous mini pitches that are dotted around the ground to meet the needs of the younger teams
- At Long Eaton RUFC, capacity pressures are also evident and supply equals demand on all full size pitches. Again, the capacity available is influenced by the pitch conditions, which are poorly drained. There is a small amount of remaining spare capacity on the mini pitches
- The pitch at Gallows Inn Playing Fields is not used for competitive activity.

2.15 The impact of training exacerbates this further, with overplay evident at both clubs and heavy demand on all floodlit pitches. In total, taking into account training, overplay equates to 10.5 MES at Long Eaton RUFC and 3.5 MES at Ilkeston RUFC. This is influenced by the reduced capacity caused by pitch quality as well as the high levels of demand.

2.16 There is a small amount of spare capacity on pitches outside of the club base (3.5 MES) however none of these sites are preferred locations for the two clubs

2.17 Projections demonstrate that population growth alone will have no impact on demand for rugby, with no additional teams generated by 2038. Both clubs do however have significant aspirations for the development of further teams, which will exacerbate existing shortfalls

2.18 Both clubs have significant aspirations to improve their facilities in order to better meet the needs of the current and future membership and are keen to improve grass pitch quality as well as to consider the potential role that AGPs could play in meeting club need.

Key Facility Issues to Address

Rugby Union – Key Issues for Strategy to address

The key priorities for the strategy to address in relation to rugby union are therefore;

- The opportunities to improve capacity through increased maintenance across all pitches (but particularly those that currently receive more limited attention)
- The need to improve pitch quality (in particular drainage) to enhance capacity
- The need to spread the impact of training across a greater number of pitches in order to alleviate wear and tear
- The potential need for access to additional pitches / capacity (depending upon the improvements that can be secured through qualitative improvements). This will be tested through scenario testing in the strategy document.

Scenario Testing

2.19 With capacity pressures at both sites, there is a clear need to increase the amount of matches that can be sustained on rugby pitches in the Borough. There is scope to improve the maintenance and drainage at both rugby club bases. Scenario testing suggests that;

- Additional capacity will still be required for Long Eaton RFC, even following improvement to M2/D3
- Ilkeston RUFC - scenario testing indicates that improvement to M2 / D3 required

2.20 This is summarised in Table 2.2.

Table 2.2 – Scenario Testing – Qualitative Improvements to Rugby Club Bases

Club Site	Target Position	Scenario	Current Position (Match Play)	Future Position (Match Play)	Future Position (Training)	Comment
Long Eaton	M1/D3	Capacity increases by 6 MES	0	6	-4.5	Supply remains inadequate
Long Eaton	M2/D3	Capacity increases by 8MES	0	8	-2.5	Supply remains inadequate
Ilkeston	M1/D3	Capacity increases by 4	-0.5	3.5	0.5	Supply adequate at this site, but unmet demand at Gallows Inn Playing Fields remains
Ilkeston	M2/D3	Capacity increases by 5.5	-0.5	5	1.5	Supply adequate as unmet demand (1 MES) can also be relocated back from Gallows Inn Playing Fields

2.21 The above considers only the current demand. It should be noted that potential future increases in demand will increase participation at Long Eaton RUFC by a further 3 MES, and Ilkeston RUFC by 2 MES. Supply at Ilkeston (including Gallows Inn Playing Field) would equal demand, however the increase at Long Eaton cannot be met as capacity is already insufficient. New provision will therefore be required to meet the needs of Long Eaton (either grass or access to a WR compliant 3G AGP).

Floodlighting

2.22 Whilst both clubs have access to floodlit pitches, if more floodlit pitches were provided, training could be better spread, reducing the wear and tear on floodlit pitches. Currently, training at Long Eaton RUFC equates to 10.5 MES which is focused on two pitches and a small area. This exceeds the capacity of the pitches, which are also used for match play. The third and fourth pitches would have capacity to accommodate more play (currently 1.5 MES on each pitch) if quality was improved. If these pitches were then floodlit, some of the overplay could be relocated from Pitches 1 and 2.

2.23 Similarly at Ilkeston RUFC, the main pitch and the pitch at Gallows Inn are overplayed due to the need to accommodate all training. Supply currently meets demand on the remaining pitches (1.5 MES). If quality was improved, these pitches would then have capacity to accommodate additional

training activity, which would reduce the pressures on the other pitches. This additional floodlighting is necessary if overplay is to be eliminated at Ilkeston CC.

Hockey

Supply
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• There are five sand-based full sized AGPs in Erewash. Outside of Rutland Sports Complex, these are all located at education sites – The Long Eaton School, Trent College (2), Wilsthorpe Grammar School.• The quality of the facilities at Trent College is good, whilst the other pitches are starting to age. The pitch at Rutland Sports Complex will be due for refurbishment in the short term.
Demand
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• There are three hockey clubs currently running, which represents an increase in the number of clubs since the 2017 strategy.• Ilkeston Hockey Club is the oldest club in the area, having been formed many years ago. In contrast, both Erewash Hockey Club and Trent Valley Hockey Club are newly formed (2018 and 2020 respectively). This suggests that interest in hockey in Erewash is growing.• Clubs play at Rutland Sports Park (Ilkeston HC), Long Eaton School (Erewash HC) and Trent College (Trent Valley HC and Erewash HC). Trent College also play in regular weekend fixtures.• Both Erewash and Ilkeston HC have a midweek training session (1 hour each) but play at Trent Valley HC is currently restricted to the weekend• Opportunities for male hockey are limited, with both Ilkeston HC and Erewash HC running female teams (although there is a mixed hockey team at Erewash HC travelling to Nottingham to play) whilst Trent Valley HC focuses on juniors• Participation has recently increased, but the clubs struggle with a shortage of volunteers. Alongside the cost of pitch hire, this is viewed as one of the key barriers to growth.

Adequacy of Provision

2.24 There is limited use of the sand based AGPs for hockey, particularly given the number of facilities that are available. Pitches at Long Eaton School and Wilsthorpe Community College are also used for football training, and hockey clubs must therefore compete with these other demands.

2.25 There is some spare capacity midweek although the usage of the sand based AGPs for football at Rutland Sports Park and Long Eaton School is high. None of the clubs raise access to their chosen facilities as a key concern.

- 2.26 Based on existing levels of usage, there is demand for 4 MES at peak time (taking into account school demand from Trent College). With the standard capacity of an AGP equalling 4 MES, this means that activity can be fitted into one pitch, although two pitches would provide scope for hockey development and more flexibility with push back times. Capacity at Rutland Sports Park also equates to only 3 MES currently (closure of pitch at 3pm) meaning a second pitch would be necessary.

- 2.27 Based on current activity levels, hockey alone is insufficient to sustain the pitches commercially. While currently, the pitches are also used football, there is a danger that if more 3G pitches are provided (the preferred surface for football) some of the income achieved by letting out the pitch to football clubs will disappear. It is therefore essential that the need for pitch resurfacing is planned for now, both in terms of how the pitches can be retained long term, but also how the resurfacing of the facilities will be funded.

- 2.28 England Hockey have recently worked alongside England Netball / The LTA to develop a Gen2 surface suitable for all sports. This could be considered as an alternative to sand-based provision in order to improve the commercial viability of the site and the function of the pitch for the school, whilst retaining the pitch surface that is suitable for hockey. It is essential that in the long term, the clubs have security of tenure on a site and that a surface suitable for hockey is retained.

- 2.29 Projections demonstrate that population growth alone will have no impact on demand for hockey. England Hockey do however aspire to achieve a 7% year on year growth and this would result in demand increasing beyond 4 MES demand at peak time if this was achieved. At this point, 2 pitches would be clearly required.

Hockey – Key Issues
<p>The key issues in relation to hockey are therefore;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The need to ensure that at least one / two pitches of appropriate surface are retained and secured for community hockey• The quality issues identified at the existing pitches – The pitch at Rutland Sports Park is a key site for Ilkeston HC and will require resurfacing in the short term• The long-term sustainability of the hockey pitches.

Scenario Testing

2.30 The assessment report demonstrates that two pitches are required to ensure the current and projected future needs of the hockey club are met. No further scenario testing is therefore required.

Tennis

Supply
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• There are 57 outdoor courts. Of these, 19 offer full community use (located in parks / at club sites). In addition, there are a further 15 tennis courts located at school sites where community access appears to be available; specifically Friesland School, Trent College and Kirk Hallam Community Academy.• Critically, whilst there is a good number of tennis courts, there are no floodlit courts at all identified in the Borough. Floodlighting extends the use of the courts, enabling activity in evenings and during the winter months.• Supplementing the stock of outdoor tennis courts, there are also indoor courts at Rutland Sports Park.• The distribution of courts is geographically balanced across the Borough. There is a greater number of club courts in the Rural areas, whilst school courts are primarily focused in the more urban settlements of Long Eaton / Sandiacre and Ilkeston. The only public venues are in Ilkeston (Rutland Sports Park) and Long Eaton (West Park). This however means that the public courts serve the main centres of population.• While the quality of the club bases is standard to good and school facilities are standard, public facilities are of much lower quality. In particular, the tennis courts at West Park are poor and require immediate refurbishment, whilst the courts at Rutland Sports Park are also starting to break up and will require replacement in the short to medium term.
Demand

- Public courts are pay and play, however there is almost no marketing or promotion of the opportunities available and the court quality is limited. There is also some confusion around public access to facilities at Rutland Sports Complex.
- Whilst the club sites provide important bases for their members, with the exception of Rutland Sports Park, none of them offer any pay and play options to the general community. In particular this means that there are no pay and play opportunities in the rural area.
- A similar issue also exists for school sites. Whilst courts at some schools are technically available, the customer journey for these facilities is poor. In particular, there is no opportunity to book online and those wishing to hire a court must call the school (often within very restricted time windows). There is also almost no active promotion of the facilities available and on some websites, it is not clear whether tennis courts are available to hire or not.
- Consultation with clubs suggests that there are therefore positive signs for tennis in the borough with club memberships typically increasing particularly following covid. Clubs did however identify several issues that they consider to be impacting the further development of tennis in the borough, specifically lack of floodlighting at club sites, lack of tennis facilities to support grass roots tennis and challenges recruiting coaches / volunteers.

Adequacy of Provision

- 2.31 The stock of facilities is primarily club based, with three clubs in the rural area and the site used by Ilkeston TC serving Ilkeston. While club provision is standard to good, the clubs do not regularly offer pay and play opportunities and some qualitative improvements are required.
- 2.32 There are limited publicly accessible facilities and facility quality is also low. The quality of courts at West Park, the only public venue in Long Eaton, is poor, and courts will also require improvement at Rutland Sports Park. Added to this, there are challenges relating to accessibility at Rutland Sports Park. The existing issues with public facilities means that there is a significant lack of opportunity for grass roots tennis.
- 2.33 Whilst some schools do provide opportunities for tennis, there is significant scope to increase the level of activity on these sites further.
- 2.34 Across the stock as a whole, there is also a lack of floodlighting – this creates seasonality and limits the use of facilities.

- 2.35 LTA insight demonstrates the importance of providing a balance of different types of facility, so the three types of facility all have a key role in meeting demand. Application of LTA parameters suggests that the existing courts can accommodate 1960 players in total. Application of a range of estimates of current participation in terms of quantity suggest that that existing number of courts is just about adequate, if participation levels broadly equate to those found at a national level. Whilst there is capacity within the existing facilities it is clear that current usage is inhibited by booking procedures
- 2.36 LTA modelling for the Borough suggests that potential demand equates to 3378 players. If these target participation levels were to be achieved, the number of courts would be insufficient.
- 2.37 LTA profiling of potential players suggests that a high proportion of the demand is evident from senior stalwarts. With senior stalwarts enjoying regular tennis for social reasons as well as exercise, their interest spans across both club courts and park courts. Critically for this group, play often takes place during the daytime as many are retired. This means that access to facilities at these times is essential and this can often rule out the use of school sites. When added to the number of people falling into profile groups that are most likely to participate at public venues (349 people), the role of public facilities in meeting tennis demand is clear. Insight suggests that stimulation of new players at the grass roots level is central to increasing participation – these facilities are typically provided at public parks and schools and quality of facilities is essential.
- 2.38 The above suggests that the balance of provision, is broadly in line with need in terms of the quantity of courts (although quality does not meet requirements). The use of the Rutland Sports Park facilities by a club however mean that capacity at this site is more limited and again this therefore serves to emphasise the importance of the school courts.
- 2.39 While insight data suggests that if potential demand for tennis was realised, additional facilities would be required, improvements to the existing infrastructure currently take on greater priority than new provision. Existing facilities require qualitative improvements, and there are opportunities to improve accessibility by opening up new facilities as well as improving the customer journey on existing facilities. Priority should therefore be given to maximising activity on existing facilities before providing new.
- 2.40 That said, analysis also demonstrates that sites are not necessarily evenly distributed across the borough, with a lack of access to club facilities in Long Eaton and a lack of pay and play facilities in the rural area.

2.41 Modelling also suggests that spare capacity at existing clubs is very limited and that there is a need to address this if club development aspirations are to be achieved. There is no remaining capacity at Breadsall TC and Little Eaton TC.

2.42 The existing facility stock will be able to accommodate the small extra participants generated by the increased number of residents (assuming that current participation does not reach target levels before this, where new provision would already be required). New residents will however place further pressures on the existing facility stock.

Key Issues for the Strategy to Address

Tennis - Key Issues
<p>The key issues for the strategy to address are;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The need to protect the existing quantities of provision• The need to improve existing courts in order to provide high quality public facilities• The opportunities to improve the customer journey at both public and school sites• The need to address the lack of pay and play opportunities in the rural area and the capacity issues identified at club bases• The need to provide floodlights at key sites in order to address the current issues of seasonality• The potential to increase participation in tennis through effective marketing, promotion and engagement with LTA programmes.

Bowls

Supply
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• There are 11 active bowling greens. Most greens are single green sites with the only exception being West Park that has 3 greens.• While all greens are playable, they are typically of a low standard quality. The playing surface is identified as the key quality concern but issues with maintenance also emerge as a key issue. There are concerns about both the regularity of maintenance and the procedures followed, and critically, 76% of clubs that maintain their own facilities do not feel that they are appropriately skilled to do so. Car parking was also raised as a key concern. Quality was considered perhaps the key issue for bowls across the Borough.• There are few differences in terms of quality geographically.
Demand

- 80% of people playing bowls live within three miles of a green.
- National databases reveal a statistically significant decline in the number of people playing bowls. The profile of players is also much more focused towards the older age groups than other sports considered.
- Club membership data suggests that the average club in Erewash has just 34 members. It is also evident that participation is skewed towards males, with almost 80% of club members being male and very little participation at junior levels.
- There are no clear trends in participation levels at clubs across the Borough. Whilst some clubs have grown their memberships, others have declined. The quality of facilities is considered by clubs to be a key means of attracting players, and some player movement also takes place as players choose the level of competition that they want. There is however a concern that it is the smaller clubs that are losing members at a greater rate, as the lower levels of income that these clubs get means that the quality deteriorates... this then becomes a vicious circle.
- Bowls England highlight retention and recruitment of members as a key priority.

Adequacy of Existing Provision

2.43 Green and pavilion quality is the key issue for clubs. In particular, there is concern around the maintenance procedures, in terms of both the regularity that this is undertaken but also the procedures that are applied.

2.44 It is clear that a lot of effort is put into the maintenance procedures and that there is a reliance upon a small number of ageing volunteers. With around 75% of clubs believing that they are not fully skilled to carry out the maintenance that they are required to do, this highlights the challenges that effective maintenance of the green can bring and there is therefore a need to upskill the existing volunteer workforce, as well as for succession planning and knowledge sharing.

2.45 The clubs in Erewash have relatively low memberships, with most clubs having between 20 and 35. With an overall Borough average of 34 members (responding clubs only), this means that there is significant scope to increase the number of people playing bowls and no clear rationale for additional provision. Bowls England use membership levels as the key reference point for the sustainability of a green. They suggest that the retention of an existing bowling green is difficult to support where membership is below 16 - 20 people. With membership of some clubs approaching these levels, increases in participation as a priority will be vital if the clubs are to remain sustainable over the strategy period.

- 2.46 All existing greens have significant capacity to accommodate additional members and are proactively looking to do so.
- 2.47 Alongside quality (which clubs see as the biggest issue), access to bowling greens is also a relatively significant issue. Clubs highlight concerns with a lack of awareness of greens, which in many instances is caused by a lack of promotion. The location of some greens in Erewash means that they are difficult to find, which further makes recruitment of new players difficult.
- 2.48 Analysis indicates that the number of residents aged 60+ is likely to increase from 37,241 now (2022) to 37,864 in 2038. The propensity to participate in bowls is therefore likely to grow. This is likely to stimulate additional demand for bowling and place additional pressures on the existing infrastructure. The analysis suggests that growth in bowls will be relatively limited and that if anything, this growth will be positive in that it will help to improve the sustainability of bowling greens.

Key Issues for the Strategy to Address

Bowls - Key Issues
<p>The issues to address in relation to bowls are therefore;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Address quality issues at the bowling greens – this should focus upon improving maintenance procedures and the playing surface • Consider how clubs could be supported to address maintenance issues and associated costs and to reduce the risk of clubs becoming unsustainable. This may include supporting clubs to access funding and promoting joint working • Ensure that existing greens are protected • Support ongoing efforts to sustain and increase participation and working with clubs to improve the promotion of bowls. There is a need to increase membership at some key sites to ensure that venues remain sustainable • Address the identified barriers to the growth of bowls – these include awareness and the volunteer base.

Football

Supply

- 49% of pitches available to the community are full sized pitches. The proportion of pitches secured for community use is high. This does not however present a full picture, as there are several schools that have previously offered community access but do not currently offer full community use (despite having formal community use agreements). This is primarily as a result of the Covid 19 pandemic, which led to schools closing their doors and not yet reopening. Key venues that are not currently open are Ormiston Ilkeston Academy and Wilsthorpe Community Academy. Whilst both schools indicate that they are likely to consider community use again in the short term, this highlights the uncertainties that can exist in relation to schools, even where there are community use agreements.
- The majority of sites that are not available to the community are primary schools. Some primary schools have also previously hosted community football but ceased to do so during the covid 19 pandemic.
- There are several examples of sites where football pitches have been provided previously but are not currently in use. This is primarily as a result of a need for qualitative improvements and / or a lack of current demand for the facilities.
- Management of active community pitches is mixed, with the public sector being just the largest provider. An almost equal proportion of facilities are managed by clubs, whilst the remainder are located on education sites.
- Pitch provision is reasonably equitably distributed across the Borough although stock is lower in rural parts (where population is also lower).
- The grass pitches are supported by four full size 3G AGPs and two small pitches. All pitches are available for on the FA 3G pitch register, although registration of the pitch at Kirk Hallam will shortly expire and it is likely that resurface will be required in the short to medium term.
- There are mixed views in relation to the overall pitch stock in the Borough, with a larger proportion of clubs unhappy with the pitch stock than are satisfied. Reasons behind these perceptions include both the amount of pitches provided and the quality of facilities. Maintenance is also raised as a key issue. Many of the larger clubs indicate that they have no room for the ongoing expansion of their club and that they are struggling to accommodate the number of teams that they have. Overplay and heavy usage is also considered to impact on the quality of pitches at some sites, again particularly the larger clubs.
- Across the borough in general, the quality of pitches is standard to poor. 12 pitches achieve a poor rating. For those pitches that do fall into the standard category, the vast majority of pitches are clearly closer to the poor categorisation than they are good (and consequently are rated low standard). There is a concern that if maintenance procedures are insufficient to keep up with usage across the season, more pitches will become poor later in the season.

- While pitches are low standard / poor, they are generally playable. Some pitches do not however meet FA specifications in relation to size (or have inadequate run offs if pitches are used all at once) as they have been shortened in order to make room for other pitches on the site
- Maintenance schedules vary but in general, are basic. This has a detrimental effect on both the immediate quality of the pitch, but also the long-term capacity of the pitch across the season and beyond. Many of the issues arising (including drainage / compaction / evenness) could be addressed through improved in and out of season maintenance. In some instances however, pitch quality appears to be impacted by the high levels of use on pitches – demonstrated by the evidence of wear and tear. Increased maintenance procedures are required on some sites just to accommodate the required level of demand
- While drainage emerges as a key issue, it is clear that in some instances, this is exacerbated by heavy usage and the resulting compaction at the site. Some pitches do not however meet FA specifications in relation to size (or have inadequate run offs if pitches are used all at once) as they have been shortened in order to make room for other pitches on the site.
- The quality of changing provision is varied and there are several sites where clubs have no access to changing facilities at all. Improvement to changing facilities is a key priority on several sites.

Demand

- There are 221 teams in total, including affiliated 6v6 teams. In addition to this, there are several teams playing walking football. FA affiliation data suggests that this represents a positive increase in participation, with 204 teams playing in 2018. This suggests that if anything, there has been a positive impact of covid 19 on the number of people playing football. This is supported by club consultation which suggests that there has been an increase in junior / mini football play. The senior football league is however declining significantly.
- 18 teams travel outside of the Borough to play football. These are predominantly in the younger age groups (5v5, 7v7 and 9v9). Teams primarily play in the Derby City Leagues, which run central venues on Derby Council pitches. There are however one or two examples of teams travelling to Derby because of a lack of available venues closer to home.
- The majority of play takes place in the urban areas of the Borough (Long Eaton / Sandiacre / Ilkeston).
- Although there are some female teams, participation is lower than may be expected for an area of this size.
- There are no professional football clubs based within the Erewash Borough boundaries. Teams from Long Eaton Town, Ilkeston Town and Sandiacre Town do however play within leagues in the National League System.
- Clubs primarily use AGPs for training during the winter months. With several 3G AGPs in the area, the majority of training takes place on these facilities and there is very little evidence of any training on grass during the winter months.
- Most clubs use 3G pitches, but there is some usage of the sand based AGP at Long Eaton School for training (17 teams). The majority of clubs are now satisfied with training facilities. For those clubs that are not, the challenges accessing facilities at key times, as well as floodlighting at Kirk Hallam Community Academy were raised as the key issues.

Adequacy of Provision

2.49 On a site specific level;

- Across the week, there is spare capacity across the Borough as a whole, with most sites having scope to sustain additional play.
- There are some sites where there is no formal community play registered for 2022 on the grass pitches. These include Abbotsford Playing Fields (team folded), Deans Drive, Derby College, Derwent Meadows, Kirk Hallam Community Academy or Stanley Common Recreation Ground. There is also no community use of Ormiston Enterprise Academy or

Wilsthorpe Community Schools (both currently considered unavailable for community use), as a result of the schools stopping community use since Covid 19. Some other sites also contain only informal pitches currently, specifically Bare Lane Recreation Ground, Mill House Field and Stanley Recreation Ground.

- Very few sites exhibit significant overplay. The only sites where overplay is evident are Long Eaton FC, Ilkeston Town FC (Booths Playing Fields), Ron Brooks Playing Fields, St Giles Park, The Long Eaton School and Friesland School. Crucially, these are the homes of the largest clubs in the Borough, meaning that it is clear that capacity is more constrained on sites where large clubs are based.
- Accommodating play at peak time can often be more difficult for larger clubs, who have a limited number of pitches on which to accommodate all of their teams in the same time slot. The flexibility of the leagues in Erewash with regards the timing of fixtures reduces this, however reflecting the analysis of spare capacity across the week, it is clear that spare capacity at peak time is also relatively constrained, particularly for the larger clubs. There are 19 pitches that have no remaining capacity at peak time (around 25% of the whole stock).
- When adding together the site-specific findings in order to present a general picture of the adequacy of provision, it is clear that while there is a good stock of adult football pitches, the supply of youth and 9v9 pitches is more closely balanced with demand. there are some facilities with very limited or no use (these are typically small sites / poor sites or schools), but also highlights others where small amounts of overplay is evident, or where sites are close to capacity. In some instances, overplay is caused by heavy usage while on other sites it is influenced by quality.

2.50 The same pattern is evident in all three sub areas, there is spare capacity for adult football, and a lack of adequate capacity for 9v9 and youth football. The new 3G Pitches in Ilkeston, Sandiacre and Long Eaton have reduced pressures, but the challenges in meeting the demands of larger clubs remain.

2.51 Overall, therefore, there are enough pitches, however when considering the needs of the larger clubs, these do not necessarily meet requirements because;

- Despite the new 3G AGP, access to pitches is still tight for Ilkeston Town. Booths Playing Fields are at capacity and the club believe that facilities are restricting growth
- Sandiacre Town are also struggling with capacity. The pitches at Friesland School are of limited quality and struggle to accommodate the required levels of curricular and club activity without deterioration
- Riverside AFC are approaching capacity at Long Eaton School / Melbourne Court. Whilst pitches are reasonable quality, they are suffering from overplay
- The high demands on pitches at Long Eaton FC mean that quality is of paramount importance, which places significant pressures on the maintenance of facilities.
- Stanton Ilkeston FC are struggling to grow their club as facilities are inadequate for teams to progress to higher levels.
- Some pitches are poor and / or reducing quality – some pitches are already poor and others have achieved low basic standards, suggesting that any deterioration will see them become poor
- Not all sites are fit for purpose – some have no changing accommodation and / or inappropriate facilities

2.52 Future population growth will have limited impact, with only the number of adult football teams projected to increase. This increase is however more than likely to offset the current decline in participation in this age group, rather than create significant additional demand.

2.53 Whilst population growth will have limited impact, club development initiatives, have potential to stimulate further demand and require additional capacity to meet this demand. Analysis of club aspirations for growth suggests that this is likely to have the biggest impact in terms of the adequacy of provision. There will remain capacity pressures for many of the key clubs, mostly at a 9v9 / youth level. Specifically;

- An increase of 5 youth teams would generate 2.5 match equivalents. Taking into account the projected changes to the population profile (which generate an additional 0.5 MES,

unmet demand would increase to 7 MES at peak time (11.5 across the week) – this suggests that additional capacity would be needed to meet this demand

- Pressures would increase on 9v9 pitches, with a further 3 teams (1.5 match equivalent sessions) resulting in spare capacity equivalent to just 1.5 MES at peak time. The change in population profile may however offset this growth
- The growth in 7v7 teams could be accommodated (3 teams), with spare capacity across the week reducing to 19.5 MES across the week but just 1 match equivalent available at peak time. Again, any growth is likely to be key in
- 2 additional 5v5 teams could also be accommodated (7.5 MES across the week, but supply would equal demand at peak time).

2.54 Demand modelling for AGPs demonstrates a requirement for 2 additional AGPs. Use of these facilities for match play, alongside the redesignation of some adult pitches and the improvement of quality would help to reduce the capacity pressures that are experienced.

Geographic Issues

2.55 Geographically, the adequacy of provision is not equal.

Ilkeston

2.56 In Ilkeston;

- Spare capacity of adult pitches is good, with 10.5 MES available across the week, although it is more limited at peak time due to the concentration of play at this time – 4 MES. The capacity of adult football pitches is however limited by pitch quality
- There is a small shortfall of youth pitches both across the week and at peak times.
- Like junior football, 9v9 capacity is also restricted. Addressing capacity across the week will be as critical as meeting the unmet demand at peak time.
- Booths Playing Fields is the only dedicated 7v7 pitch in Ilkeston. There is no remaining spare capacity at peak time (with matches already scheduled consecutively) although 3 MES could be accommodated during the week. This suggests that scheduling of these matches will be difficult in this area.

2.57 It is clear therefore that in Ilkeston overall, there is adequate spare capacity, with available senior pitches with opportunity for improvement and potential to convert them to pitches of other size. There is however pressure to accommodate games on both a Saturday and a Sunday (particularly

youth and 9v9) and this places extra emphasis on the quality of the pitches with pitches used more than once. Ensuring that pitches are able to sustain multiple fixtures will therefore be critical.

- 2.58 Pitches used by both Ilkeston Town FC and Stanton Ilkeston however demonstrate evidence of heavy usage and overplay. Both clubs raised concerns with accessing appropriate pitches during consultation and believe there to be pressures on both match and training pitches. While both clubs have recently invested significantly in the quality of their pitches having received grant funding, the poor quality of other pitches is highlighted as a key concern. It is clear that on the whole, the pressures arise from the high number of teams wishing to play in the area coupled with the poor quality of the existing pitches.

Long Eaton and Sandiacre

- 2.59 Grass pitch provision in Long Eaton and Sandiacre is supported by two good quality 3G AGPs, both of which are extensively used for match play and training.
- 2.60 Reflecting the Boroughwide position, again the amount of adult football pitches available in Long Eaton and Sandiacre is good, with spare capacity equivalent to 7.5 MES at peak time.
- 2.61 For youth football, there are significant pressures and this offsets the spare capacity evident in the adult football pitch stock. There are shortages of pitches at peak time (3 MES), but the amount of overplay across the week is even greater (7 MES). This arises as a result of the spread of play of youth football (pitches are used both Saturday and Sunday) as well as the reliance on school sites (Friesland School and Long Eaton School), both of which must also accommodate curricular activity. It will therefore be necessary to consider how additional capacity will be provided to meet the requirements for an additional 7 MES across the week, at least 3 MES of which will be needed at peak times.
- 2.62 There is a good supply of 9v9 pitches in Long Eaton and Sandiacre, but high demand means that there is limited spare capacity both across the week and at peak time.
- 2.63 There is a good supply of 7v7 pitches, and the majority of spare capacity in the Borough is located in this area and the picture for 5v5 pitches is similar, with adequate supply to meet demand both across the week and at peak time. Supply at peak time is more constrained, but there is scope to introduce a small amount of additional play.
- 2.64 It is clear therefore that the main pressures in the Long Eaton and Sandiacre Area arise in youth and 9v9 football. For both of these, the adequacy of provision over the course of the week is as

much of a concern as the availability at peak time. For youth football in particular there is a need to increase the availability of pitches to accommodate play across the weekend as well as at peak times. Circa 3 – 4 MES are required at peak time, but 7 MES across the week.

2.65 While there are some concerns about pitch quality (and several opportunities to improve), it is clear however that the bulk of unmet demand arises as a result of the high number of teams playing at key clubs – Long Eaton United and Sandiacre Town. The Long Eaton School is also an important venue for club football, hosting Riverside FC.

Rural Area

2.66 Pitch provision in the rural areas is less under pressure in general. As with other areas, there is strong capacity for adult football, with availability at both peak time and across the week. It is notable however that quality is particularly poor, with several poor pitches limiting capacity.

2.67 Below adult sized pitches, provision in the rural area is much more limited than in other parts of the Borough. There are no youth pitches, meaning that youth teams are also using adult pitches. Nutbrook Cricket Club and Sailors Ground are the only sites with 9v9 provision and both have a small amount of spare capacity, although this is limited, totally just 1.5 MES at peak time.

2.68 For 7v7 football and 5v5 football, provision is again limited, although there is some spare capacity (but this is restricted at peak time).

2.69 There are some venues that have previously been used as pitches but no longer function as such (Stanley Recreation Ground, Bare Lane Recreation Ground, Millhouse Field), which offer the opportunity to increase the level of capacity if this was required.

2.70 Table 2.3 provides an overview of the adequacy of provision to meet current demand for football in each part of the Borough. It should be noted that these figures include all pitches that are available for the community (secured and unsecured). Loss of unsecured pitches would increase the inadequacies that are identified and reduce any spare capacity.

Table 2.3 – Adequacy of Current Provision

Sub Area	Adult Football		Youth Football		9v9		7v7		5v5	
	Across the Week (MES)	Peak Time (MES)	Across the Week (MES)	Peak Time (MES)	Across the Week (MES)	Peak Time (MES)	Across the Week (MES)	Peak Time (MES)	Across the Week (MES)	Peak Time (MES)
Ilkeston	10.5	4	-1.5	-1	0	0.5	1	-1.5	0	0
Long Eaton / Sandiacre	10.25	7.5	-7	-3	0.5	1	16	3.5	6	1.5
Rural	6.5	5.5	0	0	3.5	1.5	4	0.5	2.5	-0.5
Total	27.25	17	-8.5	-4 MES	4	3.5	21	2.5	8.5	1
Key Issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Equal spread of spare capacity • Availability both across the week and at peak time • Pitch quality limiting capacity • St Giles Park is only overplayed site 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pitches heavily overplayed – interrelationship with adult football • Concentration of overplay in Long Eaton / Sandiacre • Booths Playing Fields, Friesland School and Long Eaton School all experience overplay • Kirk Hallam Community Academy unused 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capacity limited both across the week and at peak time • Spare capacity most limited in Ilkeston, but also minimal in Long Eaton and Sandiacre • Overplay at Friesland School, Grange Park and Ron Brooks Playing Fields 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good level of capacity across the week particularly in Long Eaton • Limited spare capacity at peak time (although potential for consecutive fixtures) and overplay in Ilkeston • Minimal spare capacity in rural / Long Eaton areas • No overplay across the week on any site. Booths Playing Fields is only site to experience overplay at peak time 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good level of capacity across the week • Limited spare capacity at peak time (although potential for consecutive fixtures) • No spare capacity / provision in Ilkeston area and limited in both rural and Long Eaton • No overplay across the week on any site. Nutbrook Cricket Club is only site to experience overplay at peak time 					

Football – Summary Issues

The key issues that need to be addressed for football are therefore;

- The quality issues identified at the existing pitches, particularly where poor quality is reducing capacity. Many of the pitches are a very low standard quality (basic). Pitch quality improvements are essential if the needs of clubs are to be met and for cancellations to be reduced. Pitch quality emerged as the key theme of consultation, and several clubs have already started to engage with the Pitch Improvement and Pitch Power FA programmes. The quality of pitches is particularly important given the requirement for many to sustain matches in more than one time slot – it is evident that there are pressures to sustain the total number of fixtures that are required and not just demand at peak time. Many clubs do not have the right machinery for the maintenance that is required, whilst others are unable to carry out the maintenance that is required to accommodate the heavy usage that their pitches experience.
- The capacity pressures on key club sites – there is a need for additional capacity to be delivered particularly in Ilkeston, Long Eaton and Sandiacre. This can be delivered through quality improvements / access to AGPs for match play but also through access to school sites that are not currently available (Wilsthorpe Community School, Ormiston Ilkeston Academy).
- The potential to increase the stock of AGPs reduce pressures on grass. Although AGPs are currently located in Ilkeston / Long Eaton / Sandiacre, it is in these areas where the highest demand remains.

Football Scenario Testing - Quality

- 2.71 The assessment highlights the significant concerns that are evident with regards the quality of the pitch stock and indicates that the quality of many of the pitches falls within the lower echelons of the standard range. There are also several poor quality sites.
- 2.72 Scenario modelling evaluating the impact of improving all poor quality pitches to standard (and retaining the remainder of pitches at standard) suggests that;

- 9 additional MES would be added to adult capacity – supply would remain adequate and spare capacity would increase
- Youth – improvements to quality would have more limited impact - only 1 MES additional would be added - additional solutions are therefore required. Even if pitches were improved to good, supply would remain only just in balance.
- 9v9 - 1 additional MES would be added – again supply remains closely balanced with demand. Spare capacity increases to 14 MES across the week if pitches were improved to good
- 7v7 qualitative improvements would add an additional 4 MES, but this will have no impact at peak time when there are greater pressures. This would be a similar position for 5v5 football.

2.73 The above therefore suggests that additional capacity is required, particularly for youth football over and above qualitative improvements. There is however scope to redesignate adult football pitches to meet demand from youth teams (once quality has improved).

2.74 Modelling indicates that 2.5 MES could be created by opening access to the remaining secondary schools that are not currently available (youth / adult pitches) as well as 1 MES 9v9 pitches. The remaining capacity will need to be met through new AGPs and / or new provision.

Summary

2.75 Table 2.4 provides a brief overview of the capacity position for each of the sports in the Borough

Table 2.4 – Summary of Capacity (quantity)

Sport	Current Position	Future Position
Cricket	9 wickets available (45 MES), 3 MES at peak time	21 MES, 2 MES at peak time
Rugby Union	Overplay at club sites totals 14.5 MES	Overplay across club sites equal to 19.5 MES
Hockey	4 Sand based AGPs provided	2 Sand based AGPs (with full accessibility) required
Tennis	Capacity adequate to meet current demand	Potential requirement for future additional provision if participation increases are delivered long term.
Bowls	Capacity adequate to meet existing demand	Capacity adequate to meet projected future demand.

Sport	Current Position	Future Position
Football	Adult Football – 17 MES peak time Youth Football – -4 MES at peak time (but greater pressures across the week) 9v9 Football – 3.5 MES peak time 7v7 Football – 2.5 MES peak time 5v5 Football – 1 MES Peak time The above assume that all pitches currently available remain available.	Adult Football – 15 MES peak time Youth Football – overplay of 7 MES at peak time (but greater pressures across the week) 9v9 Football – 1.5 MES at peak time 7v7 Football – 1 MES at peak time 5v5 Football – supply equals demand at peak time. The above assume that all pitches currently available remain available and some growth occurs in junior, 9v9 and mini football..

3.0 Strategic Framework

- 3.1 Section 2 summarised the context for each sport and the key issues that need to be addressed across Erewash Borough drawing upon supply and demand modelling, consultation and site visits. The full assessment of issues identified, modelling and evaluation of options using site specific modelling is set out under separate cover (assessment report).
- 3.2 This section sets out a strategy for the future delivery of facilities for football, cricket, rugby union, hockey, bowls and tennis.
- 3.3 It seeks to address the issues identified for each sport and to guide the proactive improvement of playing fields and outdoor sports facilities in Erewash. It is focused around the following principles;
- Quality of facilities is as important as the amount of provision – the strategy seeks to ensure that the Borough contains the right amount of facilities, of the right quality and type and in the right place. It promotes the protection of existing provision, but also recognises the need to improve the quality of existing facilities and the impact that qualitative improvements can have on capacity.
 - It is essential to maximise the role of existing resources – the strategy will seek to extend the capacity and function of existing facilities;
 - The strategy will seek to maximise sustainability – it will seek to build relationships between sports, promote good practice and deliver sustainable solutions for sport and recreation across the Borough;
 - Pitch provision will be delivered in partnership. The strategy seeks to bring together key partners in the delivery of playing fields and outdoor sports facilities and to ensure that roles and responsibilities are clearly defined and effectively aligned to maximise the value of assets to the community. The strategy recognises the important roles that Parish Councils, Schools, Clubs and others play in the provision of sports facilities across the Borough.
- 3.4 Section 1 set out the key objectives for this strategy. To deliver these objectives there are a series of key themes and recommendations which are relevant to all sports. They provide a framework for the protection, management and enhancement of the facility infrastructure and for the sport specific recommendations.

3.5 The strategic priorities are set out below. The priorities for each sport are summarised in Table 3.1

Objective 1 – Ensure that the supply of pitches and outdoor sports facilities is accessible and sufficient to meet current and projected future need

The strategy will seek to ensure that there are enough facilities by;

- Protecting the existing supply of outdoor sports facilities and playing fields where required to meet demand – it provides evidence for the application of policies protecting playing fields, building on the requirements of National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF paragraph 97) and Sport England’s statutory consultee role on planning applications affecting playing field land
- Clearly identifying any pitches / facilities that are not required to meet current or projected future sporting needs and recommending the next steps for these sites.
- Promoting improvements to the pitch maintenance procedures and investing in pitch quality works to increase site capacity
- Maximising the role that 3g Artificial Grass Pitches play in competitive sport as well as for training
- Securing long term usage agreements on key club bases to ensure ongoing security of tenure
- Maximising the role that school facilities play in meeting community need and securing long term community access
- Extending existing / providing new facilities where demand is evident
- Ensuring new development that generates demand for additional pitches contributes towards playing pitch and outdoor sports provision in the Borough

3.6 The assessment demonstrates that all facilities in the borough are valuable resources and indicates that demand will increase in future years both as a result of population growth, but also if aspirations to develop new teams are realised.

3.7 Both Sport England and NPPF policy require that playing fields are afforded protection unless specific exception criteria are met. This also applies to disused playing fields

- 3.8 The site specific table (Table 5.1) details which playing field sites should be afforded protection. This table will be reviewed as part of the ongoing monitoring of this document as strategy recommendations are delivered.
- 3.9 The protection of the existing facilities will form the basis of the strategy. Work is however required to ensure that the stock of facilities offers adequate capacity both to meet current demand, but also to include future demand. For most sports the future demand for provision identified in Erewash can be met through a combination of:
- Investing in pitch and facility maintenance to better equip the pitches to sustain the required level of use
 - Improving quality to improve the capacity of pitches where this is identified as being required
 - Maximising the sustainability of existing sites, embracing new technological solutions and opportunities to improve the customer journey
 - Securing long term community use – both in terms of access agreements to school sites but also leases for community clubs.
 - Maximising the use of AGPs for competitive play and training (existing pitches and new facilities).
- 3.10 For some sports, new provision may be required, but this will need to be carefully managed to ensure sustainability. New 3G AGPs will be required, and there will also be a need for additional capacity for rugby union, as well as potentially longer term for cricket.
- 3.11 Access to school grounds creates significant benefits for clubs and the loss of school facilities for community access would generate shortfalls of provision and would see several clubs displaced. It is essential to secure against changes to access arrangements at any time in the future. This strategy therefore seeks to promote the use of school sites and prioritises action to work alongside schools to protect and formalise long term agreements as well as securing agreement for access to sites that are not currently available.
- 3.12 The projected population growth will place greater pressures on the existing infrastructure (and will negate the impact of the ageing population). This means that it is important to ensure that contributions are requested from new developments. This is to ensure that even where new provision is not required, improvements can be made to the capacity of existing provision to ensure that it can meet the increase in demand that will be generated.

- 3.13 This strategy promotes the use of the Sport England Playing Pitch Calculator (PPC) to assess the impact of each specific new development and this will be discussed in detail in Section 4. The future projected scenarios in this strategy document consider the impact of overall projected growth up to the year 2038 (including the likely changes to the population profile etc as well as the impact of growth) but the PPC will enable the impact of specific developments to be quantified as they arise.
- 3.14 In addition to mitigating the impact of any new development, it should also be ensured that that the existing sporting use of playing fields is not compromised by development. For example, where there is a development that may prejudice the use of an existing cricket facility, there is a requirement for a full ball strike risk assessment to be undertaken and appropriate mitigation put in place.

Objective 2 – To provide outdoor sports facilities of appropriate quality

The strategy promotes the provision of facilities of adequate quality by;

- Ensuring that all pitches are maintained using regimes appropriate for the level of use that they sustain and the activities that are undertaken. This should include both regular maintenance and out of season reinstatement and capital investment
- Prioritising improvements and enhancement at sites that do not meet current or projected future need
- Ensuring that pitches are accompanied by appropriate ancillary facilities (e.g. changing / catering where required)
- Supporting clubs that require improved facilities in order to play at a higher standard and developing a hierarchy of pitch and training facilities
- Implementing a programme of rest and recovery of playing fields.

- 3.15 Pitch quality is perhaps the key issue in Erewash, with many clubs facing challenges in capacity caused in full or in part by the quality of facilities, many existing sites not operating at full capacity, or providing a poor player experience due to quality challenges that are faced. Qualitative issues were highlighted by the majority of clubs as the key issue impacting club development and satisfaction. Quality has a big influence on the number of games that can be sustained in the Borough.

- 3.16 There are challenges associated with maintenance including declining budgets. Scenario testing however highlighted the opportunities to improve capacity through grass pitch enhancement.
- 3.17 Poor grass pitch quality is often not a result of issues with the pitch, but more the appropriateness of the maintenance regime for the pitch conditions and the level/standard of play. This strategy seeks to ensure that pitches are subjected to appropriate maintenance programmes prior to rectifying any underlying quality issues (to ensure that quality issues are not caused by issues with the maintenance process).
- 3.18 Improvements to maintenance can therefore help to improve quality and consequently increase pitch capacity. Each NGB, in partnership with the Grounds Management Association (GMA) can provide assistance with reviewing pitch maintenance regimes and new tools are now being introduced (PitchPower) which enable clubs / providers to proactively seek advice and to tailor the maintenance procedures. This strategy seeks to ensure engagement with these pitch improvement tools, ensuring that maintenance programmes are tailored to the characteristics of the pitch and the demand. Pitch improvement works may also be required (in addition to tailored maintenance schedules) and requirements can also be evaluated through the same pitch programmes. Improvement works will be a key part of the strategy.
- 3.19 Whilst the assessment focuses on facility requirements over the strategy period, the strategy also seeks to ensure that the infrastructure supports sustainable club development. In some instances, growing participation will be essential if facilities are to remain sustainable, whilst in others, additional capacity is required if club growth is not to be inhibited.

Objective 3 – Support increasing participation and promote sustainable club development

The strategy seeks to support increasing participation and promote sustainable club development by;

- Linking with objectives 1 and 2, ensuring that there are enough facilities of appropriate quality
- Ensuring that clubs are granted appropriate leases, and ensuring that support is available for clubs who need to negotiate long term security of tenure
- Providing clubs with the support they need to manage and maintain their facilities
- Supporting clubs with specific facility aspirations.

3.20 The strategy seeks to identify where support for club development is particularly needed and highlight where this should be prioritised. It identifies opportunities where the provision of new facilities may stimulate growth.

3.21 The strategy also recognises the value of clubs securing long term leases, particularly with regards the opportunities that this brings to secure funding. Clubs wishing to secure leases should meet key criteria, including;

- Clubmark / appropriate NGB charter mark accreditation
- Proactive approach to school club links
- Sustainability both financially and in terms of internal management
- Processes in place to prove capacity to maintain sites to existing / better standards

3.22 Sites should be leased with the intention that investment can be sourced to contribute towards improvement of the site. For some sports, securing existing facilities will be a key priority moving forwards.

3.23 The actual impact of sports development initiatives, as well as any changes in the direction of sports cannot accurately be quantified, and this increases the importance of regular monitoring of the strategy. Furthermore, the full impact of the recent Covid 19 pandemic is also as of yet unknown, although it is clear that this has impacted not only participation, but also the quality and

sustainability of some clubs, as the impact of a lack of use of facilities becomes apparent. This reinforces the importance of the annual monitoring process (see Section 5).

Sport Specific Recommendations

- 3.24 The strategic recommendations set out the framework for the delivery of playing fields and sports facilities across Erewash Borough and guide the sport specific recommendations that are set out in Table 3.1 overleaf. The table includes the overall recommendation, as well as the key actions required to deliver each of the recommendations. It also highlights the key sites that are impacted by the recommendation.
- 3.25 While to date and for clarity, each sport has been considered separately within this strategy, recommendations should be implemented strategically, considering opportunities for partnerships between sports. There are some good examples of sustainable clubs and multi-sport partnerships already and these provide foundations for a successful future delivery model. It will be essential to ensure that good practice and insight from these successful ventures is spread across the Borough through knowledge sharing and effective training and guidance.
- 3.26 Section 5 therefore contains a site specific action plan, which brings together all of the recommendations for each of the sports. This action plan is broken down by area of the Borough, with the key issues in each area also highlighted.

Table 3.1 – Sport Specific Recommendations

Sport	Recommendation	Key Sites	Key Actions	Responsibilities
Cricket 1	Protect all current club sites. In addition to retaining the actual ground, this should include ensuring that the existing functionality at cricket grounds is protected, with risk assessments (including ball strike assessments) and appropriate mitigation in place where new developments are located in close proximity to sites.	All club sites	Keep list in strategy document protecting sites up to date Incorporate appropriate policy in Local Plan Ensure PPS is taken into account when making decisions on playing fields	EBC
Cricket 2	Ensure security of tenure for all clubs	Key Priorities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ilkeston Rutland CC – only 10 years left on lease • Ockbrook and Borrowash, previously leased from private owner (Brewery) but land sold and club do not currently have a lease • Sandiacre Town CC – site of second ground bought by private individual and club do not have a long-term lease. Other Opportunities - Large clubs playing at public sites -Breadsall CC	Work alongside clubs to negotiate long term leases	EBC / DCF
Cricket 3	To improve quality, focus initially on ensuring that maintenance regimes are focused and tailored to the needs of each ground. This should include both first and second grounds (where relevant).	At Council sites, improvements to maintenance are key priority to ensure that required standards are met – Key priority is West Park (Long Eaton CC and Sawley CC).	Erewash BC to contact Grounds Maintenance Association to explore opportunities to improve ground quality at Council owned sites.	DCF / EBC / DCL

Sport	Recommendation	Key Sites	Key Actions	Responsibilities
	<p>The league are currently working alongside providers / Clubs / ECB and DCF to support and tailor maintenance procedures on each cricket ground (linking with the Grounds Maintenance Association). Representatives of the Derbyshire County Cricket League will also advise on the standards required to meet league requirements for each club and support linkages with the GMA.</p>	<p>Maintenance also key priority for the following clubs;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> West Hallam CC, Stanton le Dale, Nutbrook Cricket Club, Sandiacre Town, Risley Cricket Club, Ilkeston Rutland CC all refer to the need to retain and improve existing maintenance procedures. Maintenance is particularly important as most sites are rated standard. Capacity is therefore limited by quality 	<p>Work with clubs to commission Grounds management reviews / use Pitch Power tool and to act on findings at all other sites.</p>	
<p>Cricket 4</p>	<p>Invest in pitch quality improvements where GMA pitch quality assessment (see above) suggests this is required (following maintenance improvements) and where improvements are necessary to meet with league standards / needed to ensure that play can continue.</p> <p>This may include;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drainage works Outfield levelling Work to improve the square Provision of appropriate facilities (sight screens etc). <p>It is recognised that the standard of cricket played across the Borough varies. It should be ensured</p>	<p>The following issues may require further investigation (dependent upon results of quality assessment – see Recommendation 3)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> West Hallam CC – drainage, levelling Breadsall CC – drainage Sawley CC – bounce on square 	<p>Work in partnership to identify detailed improvements required through use of PQA (Recommendation 3)</p> <p>Provide support and guidance to clubs in the submission of external funding bids. This should include the identification of opportunities.</p>	<p>EBC/ DCF</p>

Sport	Recommendation	Key Sites	Key Actions	Responsibilities
	<p>that facilities are of appropriate quality to meet league requirements and attract players.</p>			
Cricket 5	<p>Ancillary provision can be as important to cricket clubs as the playing facilities.</p> <p>Improve clubhouse and changing facilities to ensure all clubs have a basic facility of adequate standard (electricity / running water / changing rooms / basic kitchen). This is particularly of importance where these are needed to accommodate growth in the junior and female game and / or are required to support the delivery of targets around the women and girls game however improvements at all sites are essential to help clubs to attract new players.</p> <p>Support other improvements where they are necessary to facilitate the growth of the club and participation.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Existing pavilions all functional and meeting basic requirements. The following would benefit from upgrade; • Ilkeston Rutland CC • Long Eaton CC (expansion) • Risley CC • Nutbrook CC <p>Other improvements to ancillary provision;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • West Hallam CC – signage • Stanton by Dale – parking area 	<p>Support clubs with proposals to upgrade pavilions / other improvements where necessary to meet recommendation.</p> <p>Where clubs are eligible, provide support and guidance to clubs in the submission of external funding bids. This should include the identification of opportunities for funding.</p>	EBC / DCF
Cricket 6	<p>Whilst training facilities have improved, there remain improvements required at some sites.</p> <p>All clubs should have access to an off field training facility to enhance club sustainability and improve</p>	<p>Key priorities include;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nutbrook CC (replacement / refurbishment) 	Support clubs in the development of appropriate facilities	EBC / DCF

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	<p>overall performance. Adequate training facilities also help to attract younger players to the game.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Risley CC (new provision) • Stanton by Dale CC (new provision) • West Hallam CC (new provision) • Long Eaton CC (permanent nets) • Breadsall CC • Ilkeston Rutland CC (mobile net cage) 		
<p>Cricket 7</p>	<p>There is limited remaining spare capacity and lots of overplay evident. Some clubs have aspirations for growth which will further impact on demand and indeed, for some, if growth aspirations are achieved provision will become insufficient in its current form.</p> <p>Key priorities for addressing this issue include;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Linking with Cricket 2 and 3, support improvements to quality to improve square capacity. Improvements to outfield will also ensure that programmes that take place on the outfield (including All Stars) can be effectively sustained. • Supporting clubs in the creation of Non Turf Pitches to improve capacity. This should be subject to adherence to minimum specifications 	<p>Key priority is those that are currently overplaying facilities and / or are unable to accommodate their projected growth.</p> <p>The following clubs suffer from overplay and have scope to accommodate increased play through qualitative improvements;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breadsall CC • West Hallam CC • Crompton Ground • West Park <p>Scenario testing indicates that existing overplay can be addressed at all of the</p>	<p>Linking with C2 and C3, improve quality to enhance capacity at sites currently rated standard.</p> <p>Following qualitative improvements, work with clubs and leagues to introduce use of non turf wickets (on the square) in order to maximise capacity across the season.</p> <p>Continue to monitor and review capacity requirements.</p>	

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Sport	Recommendation	Key Sites	Key Actions	Responsibilities
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Providing additional pitches on the existing square where there is scope to do so Use of spare capacity at other sites (this may include reinstatement of second grounds) Use of school sites / creation of new facilities as part of new development. <p>Demand should be monitored</p>	<p>above pitches through qualitative improvements except for the Crompton Ground (Stanton by Dale CC). Capacity at this ground can be increased by extending the playing area (square) in the first instance.</p> <p>Longer term, following qualitative improvements to existing sites, there is a need to consider opportunities for additional capacity for;</p> <p>Long Eaton CC (potentially additional pitch / NTP at West Park – this is currently in the process of being delivered)</p> <p>West Hallam CC – additional demand likely if junior section generated (see cricket 8) – possible NTP at existing site</p> <p>Stanton by Dale – NTP at existing site (possible on site provision in new Stanton development).</p> <p>Longer term potential that existing pitches may be required if growth in adult cricket continues. There are several options where this could be delivered;</p>		

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Sport	Recommendation	Key Sites	Key Actions	Responsibilities
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Breadsall Playing Fields (second ground previously used) Gallows Inn Playing Fields (previous cricket site currently used for rugby / football) Little Eaton CC – currently accommodating displaced demand from Amber Valley West Park (additional ground) Trent College (site not currently available for community use) 		
Cricket 8	Support clubs in their ongoing growth, including; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clubs that need to develop junior teams in order to continue their progression through the leagues Creation of female teams Succession planning and support for volunteers 	Junior teams – West Hallam CC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support all clubs in the implementation of recommendations 2 - 4 Continue to run the cricket forum, providing opportunities for knowledge sharing Consider opportunities to improve access to equipment, for example shared machinery banks to reduce pressures on clubs Work alongside clubs to support volunteer development and maximise succession planning. 	DCF
Cricket 9	Explore opportunities to provide a site containing non turf wickets that can be used for informal play (for general community access) to promote informal cricket in the Borough	West Park	Work alongside DCF to stimulate informal cricket at West Park to supplement the existing strong foundations for formal cricket	EBC / DCF

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Rugby Union 1	Protect both existing club bases as well as Gallows Inn Playing Fields to ensure ongoing provision for rugby union.		Keep list in strategy document protecting sites up to date Incorporate appropriate policy in Local Plan	EBC
Rugby Union 2	With a view to increasing capacity, work alongside GMA and RFU to improve the capacity at each site. This will require <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investment into drainage Investment into increased maintenance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Long Eaton RUFC – scenario testing indicates that improvement to M2 / D3 required (and additional capacity will still be required) Ilkeston RUFC - scenario testing indicates that improvement to M2 / D3 required Gallows Inn Playing Fields – investment required to improve quality and alleviate mole damage 	Club to work with RFU to secure investment into drainage Clubs to work alongside RFU and GMA to establish and implement improved maintenance regime EBC to work alongside RFU to bring pitch quality at Gallows Inn up to the desired standard.	RFU / EBC / GMA / Clubs
Rugby Union 3	Following improvements to quality (Rugby Union 2), install sports lighting on one additional pitch at each site to better spread the impact of training and reduce overplay on pitches used for training	Long Eaton RUFC Ilkeston RUFC	Clubs to work alongside RFU to apply for planning permission and install sports lighting	RFU / EBC / GMA / Clubs
Rugby Union 4	To address ongoing issues with capacity, which cannot be improved by increasing the existing playing field stock alone, support acquisition of additional capacity through either; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Access to AGP with WR22 Compliant 3G surface Or <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Additional grass pitch provision 	Long Eaton RUFC	Club to work alongside RFU / EBC to support acquisition of an additional pitch. It should be noted that should the AGP route be chosen, this would require an upgrade to an existing AGP surface or the creation of a new AGP (in all likelihood off site, and potentially linking with new football 3G AGP recommended for Long Eaton) to ensure that it has appropriate surface.	EBC / RFU / Club

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Sport	Recommendation	Key Sites	Key Actions	Responsibilities
Rugby Union 5	Ensure that associated ancillary provision continues to meet with club need to maximise sustainability and ensure ongoing success of rugby in Erewash.	Long Eaton – RUFC potential requirement for changing facility extension	Support club to apply for funding to ensure that ancillary provision continues to meet needs.	RFU
Hockey 1	<p>Protect the needs of hockey by ensuring that two pitches of appropriate surface are retained for community use. This will result in consolidation of the existing sand based surfaced AGPs.</p> <p>Ensure full and secured community access is available at both sites prior to the conversion / disposal of any other sites.</p> <p>It will also be necessary to ensure that hockey clubs have priority access to both facilities on hockey dedicated surfaces.</p>	<p>Starting point for sites to remain as hockey;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rutland Sports Park (Ilkeston) Trent College (Long Eaton) <p>This would enable the potential conversion of Long Eaton School or Wilsthorpe Academy to 3G.</p> <p>If full community use cannot be secured at Trent College, an alternative venue (Wilsthorpe Community School) should be considered. To maximise sustainability, consideration should be given to the provision of a Gen 2 surface.</p>	<p>Establish a task and finish group to explore and determine the appropriate approach to AGPs in the Borough. The end goal of this group should be to identify;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sites for 2 sand based AGPs for hockey (retained facilities or new facilities) – one in Ilkeston, one in Long Eaton. Sites for 2 new 3G AGPs for football (one in Ilkeston, one in Long Eaton). <p>The group should ensure that;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hockey clubs are able to access the facilities that they require and that there is scope for growth – priority access to sand based AGPs The consequence of growth in hockey for football is considered - as hockey demand grows there will be less spare capacity on sand based AGPs Full CUA are in place for sites designated for hockey / football usage prior to change of any surface on other pitches. 	EBC / EH / DFA / FF / FA / RFU

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Sport	Recommendation	Key Sites	Key Actions	Responsibilities
			<p>This group should consult with relevant schools and clubs in order to agree a final cross sport plan for AGPs in the Borough.</p> <p>To facilitate the implementation of the AGP strategy, the Council should;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure the proper protection of the hockey surface through the planning process. • Seek to remove permitted development rights / apply planning conditions to ensure that full consultation with relevant NGBs must be carried out prior to any change in pitch surface. 	
Hockey 2	<p>Following agreement of the facilities that are to be retained for hockey, work with providers to ensure that required refurbishment of pitch surfaces is scheduled and that a sinking fund is in place to secure this work.</p> <p>Ensure that any new surface is supported by effective maintenance procedures.</p> <p>Consideration could be given to the provision of a 2Gen surface at sites for hockey, providing greater options for multi sport usage.</p>	<p>Dependent upon results of Task and Finish Group, Hockey 1, above.</p>	<p>Work alongside EH to plan refurbishment of sand based surfaces once Task and Finish group has identified surfaces that are to be retained for hockey.</p> <p>Establish a sustainability plan to ensure that funds are in place for the surface to be refurbished and for the long term provision of the pitch (ensuring a surface compatible with hockey is retained)</p> <p>Establish a maintenance plan to maximise the longevity of the surfaces and ensure that pitches remain of the quality required.</p> <p>Ensure that 106 contributions towards hockey are required from</p>	<p>EBC / EH / Trent College</p>

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Hockey 3	Work with clubs to support hockey development. Growth in participation will be essential if pitches are to remain sustainable. There are currently positive signs for hockey with the growth of a new club in the last 2 years.	All clubs	Establish regular partnership meetings	EH
Bowls 1	Protect active bowling greens.	All sites	Ensure list in strategy is kept up to date Inclusion of appropriate policy in Local Plan Use of this PPS for decision making	
Bowls 2	Promote the importance of effective maintenance regimes and support clubs in obtaining and implementing external grounds maintenance advice for their greens. Maintenance was highlighted as the key issue for clubs across the Borough.	All sites. 67% of clubs indicate that they do not have the necessary skills to maintain their greens.	Promote sustainability at the bowling greens by; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promoting the help that is available on green maintenance / management • Improving knowledge sharing and joint working (potentially including sharing of machinery) • Provide regular training and guidance events for the bowls clubs on the management and maintenance of facilities. • Promotion of succession planning - Ensure that training targets both existing maintenance teams and other club members to maximise succession planning, enhance knowledge and reduce reliance on small numbers of volunteers. • Supporting clubs in the compilation of funding bids for machinery / external funding. 	
Bowls 3	Support clubs where qualitative improvements are required where these impact upon play and where capital investment is still identified as being	Key issues identified include;	Quality issues may be impacted / caused by poor maintenance regimes and this should be eliminated first. Professional	

Sport	Recommendation	Key Sites	Key Actions	Responsibilities
	<p>necessary following attempts to tailor maintenance procedures (See bowls 2).</p>	<p>The Stute – playing surface – thatching, compaction, poor pavilion</p> <p>Ilkeston Victoria Park – compaction, thatching</p> <p>Enterprise Social Club – drainage, clubhouse, playing surface</p> <p>Rutland Sports Park – playing surface</p> <p>West Park – playing surface</p> <p>Breadsall BC – playing surface paths</p> <p>Stanton Clubhouse – playing surface, compaction, thatching</p>	<p>assessments should be undertaken in order to ascertain the work required.</p> <p>Where clubs require qualitative improvements but there is not adequate capital, support clubs in the compilation of funding bids and work alongside the committee to identify other means of generating income.</p>	
<p>Bowls 4</p>	<p>To ensure the club infrastructure remain sustainable, support initiatives to increase participation in bowls by improving the promotion of the clubs. This should include work to remove several key barriers to participation in the sport including;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poor marketing and a lack of proactive promotion; • Lack of online presence • Struggle to recruit volunteers and heavy reliance on volunteers to manage and maintain greens. <p>Given the low membership numbers at several sites this is essential if clubs are to remain sustainable.</p>	<p>Clubs where membership numbers are currently lower include;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stanton Clubhouse • Enterprise Bowls Club • Ilkeston Rutland • Ilkeston Victoria 	<p>Work alongside the clubs to support club development initiatives and provide advice and guidance to stimulate improvement.</p> <p>Sustainability at clubs should be monitored – sites with less than 20 members are unsustainable and immediate support will be required to increase membership.</p>	<p>EBC</p>

Sport	Recommendation	Key Sites	Key Actions	Responsibilities
	Increasing membership was a key priority of clubs across the Borough.			
Tennis 1	<p>Protect the existing quantity of tennis courts across the Borough to ensure that the amount of courts is adequate to meet current and projected future demand.</p> <p>To ensure sustainability of existing stock, seek to maximise use of these facilities through tennis development.</p>	<p>All existing sites</p> <p>Key sites to secure community use – Friesland School, Trent College, Kirk Hallam Community Academy, Wilsthorpe Community College.</p>	<p>Ensure the list in the strategy document is monitored</p> <p>Include appropriate policy within the local plan</p> <p>Monitor the requirement to provide additional courts – the requirement for more will be dependent upon the degree to which target participation levels are achieved</p>	EBC
Tennis 2	<p>Maximise opportunities for pay and play tennis. This includes;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good quality and accessible floodlit public facilities • Well promoted school sites • Pay and play at clubs / schools to support access to tennis in the more rural parts of the Borough. <p>To effectively achieve this;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poor quality facilities will require refurbishment • Consideration should be given to the installation of LTA customer journey 	<p>Key public venues:</p> <p>West Park – requires refurbishment, potential installation of LTA Clubspark, floodlighting</p> <p>Rutland Sports Park - qualitative improvements to court surface, address existing access issues through installation of LTA Clubspark, floodlighting</p> <p>Potential opportunities to increase pay and play in the rural area through installation of LTA software and use of club sites;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ockbrook and Borrowash (no existing pay and play) 	<p>Work alongside the LTA to prioritise the refurbishment of courts at West Park. This site is critical to meeting the tennis needs of residents of Erewash and is currently poor quality – seek to access LTA Parks Funding to support this process. In partnership with the LTA, seek to also access the same fund to improve court quality at Rutland Sports Park.</p> <p>Support schools in working alongside the LTA to initiate activity to improve public tennis courts – this should include quality assessments of existing facilities as well as identification of appropriate access and customer management systems.</p> <p>Undertake relevant marketing and promotion to increase awareness. This should also include piloting existing LTA initiatives on public facilities in order to improve grass roots take up of tennis – this</p>	LTA / EBC / Clubs

Sport	Recommendation	Key Sites	Key Actions	Responsibilities
	<p>technology to improve booking and management systems</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is important that the opportunities for public and pay and play are linked with increased promotion of courts that are available and organised introductory activities – this is a key part of the LTA Parks funding, <p>Public venues should include floodlights in order to ensure year round access.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Little Eaton Tennis Club Breadsall Tennis Club <p>Key Opportunities at school sites;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Friesland School – improvement of existing booking systems Trent College / Kirk Hallam Community Academy – improvement of existing booking systems Wilsthorpe Community College – renegotiate access 	<p>is a key part of the LTA funding programme. Once courts are refurbished, new activities will be required, including targeted coaching / grass roots tennis introductory courses. Marketing should be informed by the use of LTA segmentation data.</p> <p>Work alongside clubs to offer pay and play access to none residents.</p>	
Tennis 3	<p>Ensure that the club infrastructure remains sustainable and is able to accommodate growth by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Providing floodlighting to increase capacity and reduce seasonality Improving court quality where issues are identified Supporting clubs to attract and retain members through effective marketing and promotion. 	<p>Breadsall TC – require floodlighting to increase capacity</p> <p>Ilkeston Rutland – surface improvements (linked with Tennis2), clubhouse</p> <p>Ockbrook and Borrowash – floodlighting, longer term court surface improvements</p> <p>Little Eaton TC – Floodlighting to increase capacity, longer term resurface required</p>	<p>Work with clubs to maintain existing membership and increase membership</p> <p>Support clubs in applications for funding where appropriate</p>	LTA / Clubs
Football 1	<p>Protect all football pitches to ensure that the existing capacity is protected.</p>	<p>All active playing fields.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep list in strategy document protecting sites up to date 	EBC

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		<p>There is no clear requirement for the reinstatement of any former playing fields as it currently stands. The majority of these are single, rural sites located away from the areas of high demand. They should however be retained in order that they can meet demand in their locality should this arise.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incorporate appropriate policy in Local Plan <p>Ensure PPS is taken into account when making decisions on playing fields</p>	
<p>Football 2</p>	<p>Secure the future of the existing pitch stock through qualitative improvements. This should start with the promotion of immediate improvements to maintenance and ensure that maintenance is tailored to each ground and to the level of play that each pitch must accommodate.</p> <p>This should be driven through the use of the FA Pitch Power tool by all clubs and pitch providers. Many clubs across the Borough have already engaged with this tool with positive results.</p>	<p>EBC to engage with Pitch Power Tool and GMA.</p> <p>All clubs to engage with Pitch Power.</p> <p>Sites where quality is a key concern (poor quality) include;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beech Lane Recreation Ground • Cotmanhay Playing Fields • Deans Drive Recreation Ground • Cornwallis Close • Derwent Meadows • Draycott Recreation Ground • Gallows Inn Playing Fields • Sawley Park, 	<p>Work with clubs to promote use of Pitch Power tool and then subsequent access to maintenance improvement support</p> <p>Proactively support clubs at multi sports sites to tailor their maintenance to ensure that capacity and quality for both the on site summer and winter sports is maintained</p>	<p>DFA / EBC / FF / Clubs</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St Peters Park <p>Other sites where capacity is pressured which would benefit from improvement;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friesland School • Booths Playing Fields • Rob Brooks • Beech Lane • St Giles Park • Long Eaton School <p>Scenario modelling shows that improvements to quality will have particular benefit for adult pitches (as poor pitches become an option, and improve overall supply demand balance) as well as 9v9 pitches – supply demand balance across the week would be increased to 14 MES if pitches were good quality.</p> <p>There would still remain insufficient capacity for youth pitches (only 0.5 MES spare capacity if all pitches were good).</p>		

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Football 3	<p>Invest in pitch quality improvements where Pitch Quality Assessments (See Football 2) suggest that this is required (following maintenance improvements) and where improvements are necessary to meet with league standards / needed to ensure that play can continue.</p> <p>This may include decompaction, drainage works, levelling, which are currently the key issues identified in the Borough.</p>	To be determined through implementation of Football 2.	<p>Work in partnership FA / Provider / Users to identify detailed improvements required through use of Pitch Power etc</p> <p>Provide support and guidance to providers / clubs in the submission of external funding bids</p> <p>Seek to direct S106 funding towards pitch quality improvements where facilities requiring investment are located within catchment of new development.</p>	DFA /EBC / FF/ Clubs
Football 4	Ensure that quality of AGPs is retained through regular inspections and completion of any works required for ongoing inclusion on FA pitch register	<p>All 3G pitches on pitch register at time of PPS assessment report but certificate has now expired at Kirk Hallam Community School.</p> <p>It is understood that this site requires improvements in order to be reinstated onto the register – this is a key priority.</p> <p>Any new AGPs</p>	<p>Work alongside AGP providers to ensure that regular inspections are undertaken</p> <p>Ensure that all 3G pitches are tested regularly to retain inclusion on 3G pitch register</p>	DFA / FF
Football 5	Support improvement to ancillary facilities to ensure all sites have a facility of adequate standard (electricity / running water / changing rooms / basic kitchen) where these are required.	<p>Key sites</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lack of ancillary facilities at Booths Recreation Ground - Gallows Inn Playing Fields. 	Provide support and guidance to clubs / Council in the submission of funding bids. This should include the identification of opportunities for funding.	DFA / EBC / FF
Football 6	Support clubs in the football pyramid to ensure that pitches continue to meet Ground Grading Standards.	All clubs currently meeting standard	Regularly communicate with club to identify any issues and support the actions required to deliver	DFA / FF

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Football 7	Work alongside providers to ensure that community access to the existing stock of facilities is maintained. This should include timely negotiation of community use agreements with schools and landowners where appropriate and possible.	<p>Key School Sites</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Friesland School Kirk Hallam Community Academy Long Eaton School <p>Opportunities to increase capacity (see below)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wilsthorpe Academy Ormiston Enterprise Academy 	Engage with key school sites to put in place long term community use agreements are maintained – whilst there are existing agreements, these are currently subject to change and very regularly reviewed. These facilities are essential to maintaining adequate capacity within the infrastructure.	EBC / DFA
Football 8	<p>Increase capacity through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Qualitative improvements detailed above Maximising use of AGP at Kirk Hallam community Academy for competitive fixtures (not currently used) – subject to football 4 the provision of an additional 3G AGP in Long Eaton (potentially to also support Rugby Union) and Ilkeston. Securing use of additional school sites that are not currently available Redesignation of some adult pitch sites following improvement to quality / marking of additional pitches on site 	<p>New AGPs</p> <p>Site Options (for 3G);</p> <p>Long Eaton: Potential venue Long Eaton School (subject to relocation of hockey club).</p> <p>Alternative option – Wilsthorpe Community Academy (conversion from sand to 3G).</p> <p>Ilkeston – additional pitch at Rutland Sports Park, or Ormiston Ilkeston</p>	<p>AGPs for Football</p> <p>Linking with hockey recommendations, establish a task and finish group to explore and determine the appropriate approach to AGPs in the Borough. The end goal of this group should be to identify;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sites for 2 sand based AGPs for hockey (retained facilities or new facilities) – one in Ilkeston, one in Long Eaton. Sites for 2 new 3G AGPs for football (one in Ilkeston, one in Long Eaton). <p>The group should ensure that;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hockey clubs are able to access the facilities that they require and that there is scope for growth – priority access to sand based AGPs 	DFA / FF / EBC/EH

		<p>Academy (linked with reinstatement of CUA for grass pitches, see football 7).</p> <p>Improved Community Use</p> <p>School sites – Ormiston Ilkeston Academy / Wilsthorpe Community Academy</p> <p>Reallocation of pitches – there is scope for additional pitches at some sites – Manners Avenue / Cotmanhay / St Peters Park, Kirk Hallam Recreation Ground, Kirk Hallam Playing Fields.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The consequence of growth in hockey for football is considered - as hockey demand grows there will be less spare capacity on sand based AGPs for football. The new 3G AGPs should address this • Full CUA are in place for sites designated for hockey / football usage prior to change of any surface on other pitches <p>This group should consult with relevant schools and clubs in order to agree a final cross sport plan for AGPs in the Borough.</p> <p>Secure capacity to identified school sites linking with Football 7. Key priorities – Ormiston Ilkeston Academy and Wilsthorpe Academy. Potential to link the use of grass pitches with new AGPs at these sites.</p> <p>Pitch improvements</p> <p>Linking with Football 3 and 4, following pitch improvements, undertake a review of Council pitch stock. Allocate one / two sites in each town as adult pitches and redesignate remaining sites as junior / 9v9 pitch sites. Adding additional pitches at key sites will increase capacity and enable this redesignation to take place.</p> <p>This may need to be adjusted each year based upon pitch requests, but adult play should be concentrated on a small number of sites rather than spread across multiple sites. This will allow large clubs to use the sites as back up options. Note that clubs</p>	
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			indicate that pitch quality improvements are necessary if they are to use EBC pitches.	
Football 9	<p>Proactively appropriate facilities to support recreational football. To maximise the sustainability and use these spaces, as well as the benefits to the local community, this action should be delivered as part of a joined up approach with other sports. This should include;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proactive identification of sites • Exploration of opportunities to effectively introduce football activity – for example gate technology on MUGAs, organised informal activity in partnership with other governing bodies. 	<p>Recreational football is becoming increasingly important and is now a key priority of the FF and FA. Football, linked with other sports, provides an opportunity to get increasing numbers of people active as well as to maximise the usage of some existing facilities that are underutilised.</p>	<p>Identify appropriate sites and work alongside delivery partners to increase recreational football within the Borough</p>	

4.0 Impact of New Development

4.1 The NPPF advises that specific evidence of the need for provision should be provided alongside clarity of what provision is required. The most recent Sport England guidance and advice indicates that local authorities should develop and maintain a robust and up to date evidence base for sporting provision (this PPOSS provides a starting point for this) and use the evidence base to;

- Estimate the nature and level of needs that may be generated from new development(s) for sporting provision (this should be informed by the Playing Pitch Calculator); and
- Establish clear deliverable actions that have the potential to help meet the needs that will be generated from new development in the area.
- Based on the nature of the actions, the level of new development in an area, and the realistic ability to secure investment into sport through CIL or planning obligations, decide how best to use the CIL and planning obligations alongside one another to deliver sporting infrastructure and to support development.

4.2 The preparation of this Playing Pitch and Outdoor Sport Assessment has been informed by the use of population projections, which take into account the impact of new developments in the Borough and the strategy therefore seeks to provide the facilities that will be needed to meet the projected level of demand.

4.3 It should be ensured however that the impact of each new development is taken into account and the costs associated with this impact (and additional facility requirements) are considered.

Application of Sport England Playing Pitch Calculator

4.4 The Sport England Playing Pitch calculator (PPC) estimates the additional demand for pitches arising from specific or cumulative developments. The PPC quantifies the number of Match Equivalent Sessions that will be generated in the peak period for each pitch type and converts that into a number of pitches. The costs associated with that pitch provision are also given. Using the PPOSS the Council can assess whether on site pitch provision is acceptable and sustainable or if improvements to existing pitches in the locality are required. The costs provided can help identify the likely financial contribution that would be required if pitches/improvements were to be provided off site.

4.5 The PPC can only be accurately used in areas where a Playing Pitch and Outdoor Sport Strategy has been developed, and remains up to date, as it directly uses information from this document to provide an estimate of the demand that the additional population will produce. It considers;

- a) The likely number of people from the new population in each of the individual pitch sport age groups (Derived from the profile of the current population)
 - b) Using the number of teams identified in the PPOSS and the profile of the population (a), the likely number of teams that will be generated by the new development
 - c) The number of match equivalent sessions that will be generated by the new population and the subsequent demand in terms of pitches and changing rooms required. The pitch requirements are split into natural turf to support match play and artificial surfaces to support training.
- 4.6 The Playing Pitch Calculator does not take into account the current levels of unmet demand in the area and so the resulting figures are then considered in the context of the strategic findings of the assessment in order to determine the ability of the existing facilities to accommodate the additional demand and any requirements for new and / or improved provision. The actions that should be taken to address any identified needs should therefore be guided by the findings of this Playing Pitch and Outdoor Sport Strategy.
- 4.7 The pitch equivalents required detail the number of new pitches that that the new population generates demand for in the peak period for each sport. However, using the PPOSS the Steering Group will be able to assess whether;
- Existing pitches have sufficient capacity to accommodate the additional demand at the times required;
 - Improvements are needed to specific pitches to accommodate the additional demand from the housing located in that sub area, or;
 - New pitches are required.
- 4.8 As documented in this assessment, pitch provision in Erewash requires improvement, but there are enough adult football pitches to meet demand and the key pressures are on 9v9 and youth pitches. There is a requirement to increase the capacity of these pitches and this can be done through a variety of mechanisms, including qualitative improvements to the existing infrastructure as well as new AGPs. There is a shortfall of capacity for rugby, and improvements required to the provision of other facilities to ensure that facility provision is able to meet current and projected future demand.
- 4.9 For illustrative purposes, Tables 4.1 – 4.3 summarise the findings of the application of the Playing Pitch Calculator for the total projected housing developments in each of the sub areas . It demonstrates the likely increase in each of the sub areas (building upon the data provided in the assessment to date).

4.10 Moving forwards however, the calculator should be used to determine the impact of each specific new development and as part of the implementation process, this approach should be embedded into policies of Erewash Borough Council in relation to contributions from new development. The Council should work with Sport England to determine whether the process assesses the impact of individual sites, or if a price per dwelling is more appropriate to take into account the cumulative impact across all developments irrespective of size.

Table 4.1 – Impact of Potential Housing Growth in Ilkeston

Ilkeston Area					
Sport	Pitch Equivalent	Capital Cost	Lifecycle cost	Changing Rooms (Number)	Changing Rooms (Capital Cost)
Adult Football	1.15	£120,763	£25,481	2.30	£416,632
Youth Football	1.90	£159,554	£33,506	2.43	£440,746
Mini Soccer	1.16	£30,391	£6,382	0.00	£0
Rugby Union	0.83	£122,732	£26,265	1.67	£302,447
Rugby League	0.00	£0	£0	0.00	£0
Cricket	1.05	£326,679	£65,989	2.11	£382,049
Sand Based AGPs	0.04	£32,326	£1,002	0.07	£13,437
3G AGPS	0.37	£381,488	£13,443	0.73	£132,275

Table 4.2 – Impact of Potential Housing Growth in Long Eaton

Long Eaton Area (housing growth 700, population increase 1533)					
Sport	Pitch Equivalent	Capital Cost	Lifecycle cost	Changing Rooms (Number)	Changing Rooms (Capital Cost)
Adult Football	0.20	£21,404	£4,516	0.41	£73,842
Youth Football	0.34	£28,276	£5,938	0.43	£78,114
Mini Soccer	0.21	£5,385	£1,131	0.00	£0
Rugby Union	0.15	£21,751	£4,655	0.30	£53,600
Rugby League	0.00	£0	£0	0.00	£0
Cricket	0.19	£57,898	£11,695	0.37	£67,712
Sand Based AGPs	0.01	£5,729	£178	0.01	£2,381
3G AGPS	0.06	£67,608	£2,382	0.13	£23,442

Table 4.3 – Impact of Potential Housing Growth in Rural Area

Rural Area (housing growth 1150 population increase 2518)					
Sport	Pitch Equivalent	Capital Cost	Lifecycle cost	Changing Rooms (Number)	Changing Rooms (Capital Cost)
Adult Football	0.33	£35,155	£7,418	0.67	£121,284
Youth Football	0.55	£46,445	£9,754	0.71	£128,289
Mini Soccer	0.34	£8,846	£1,858	0.00	£0
Rugby Union	0.24	£35,727	£7,646	0.49	£88,042
Rugby League	0.00	£0	£0	0.00	£0

Cricket	0.31	£95,098	£19,210	0.61	£111,217
Sand Based AGPs	0.01	£9,410	£292	0.02	£3,911
3G AGPS	0.11	£111,051	£3,913	0.21	£38,505

4.11 Once the impact of a specific development is understood, this PPOSS should be used to determine whether the existing infrastructure is able to accommodate the impact of the new development or whether additional provision and / or contributions towards improvements to increase capacity are required. For most sports, and for most developments, contributions will be required with a view to investing in quality to improve capacity.

4.12 The Facility Calculator can be used to determine the impact of a development of any size. This strategy proposes that this tool will be adapted and used to evaluate the impact of new development in Erewash Borough through the creation of a Task and Finish group who will devise a tailored approach for using the calculator and obtaining contributions. This tool should be used to determine the potential impact of new housing allocations once these are finalised.

	Recommendation	Key Actions
General 1	Establish a group to review processes relating to contributions from new development and develop a tailored approach for using the PPC and obtaining contributions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop specific subgroup (to include Sport England) • Meet to understand calculator and opportunities available • Review and tailor existing approach • Integrate approach within planning policy

5.0 Action Plan, Implementation and Monitoring.

5.1 This section provides a summary of the key recommendations by sub area and a site by site action plan.

5.2 The site by site action plan builds on the general and sport specific recommendations and provides detail on the key priorities for each site. The site by site action plan is provided by sub area in this document. An excel version including site address etc will also be supplied to the Council so that this can be monitored and updated, as well as used in a GIS system.

Summary of Priority Recommendations by Sub Area and Site Specific Actions

Table 5.1 – Ilkeston Sub Area

Sport	Key Issues	Priority Recommendations
Cricket	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 21 wickets required, 26 available • No spare capacity at peak time • Some limited spare capacity across the week, primarily at The Stute, which the club use as the second facility. Almost no remaining spare capacity at Rutland Sports Ground • Both grounds rated as standard 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protection of existing facilities • Improve maintenance procedures and address any subsequent quality issues to improve capacity to good • Renew site lease at Rutland Sports Park to ensure security of tenure
Rugby Union	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Both Gallows Inn Playing Fields and The Stute are important club bases for Ilkeston RUFC • Overall, overplay of 1 MES which is exacerbated when taking into account impact of training (4.5 MES) • Future growth may increase overplay to 6.5 MES • Quality issues significantly impact the capacity of the existing pitches 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protection of all existing facilities • Improvements to maintenance procedures and potential investment into drainage at The Stute and Gallows Inn • Floodlighting additional pitch (The Stute)
Hockey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rutland Sports Park is key site for club 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protection of 1 sand based AGP in Ilkeston to meet club needs

Sport	Key Issues	Priority Recommendations
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pitch requires refurbishment in the short term 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refurbishment of pitch required (depending on AGP strategy)
Tennis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Courts at Rutland Sports Park are key site for both club and public Opportunities to improve customer journey at Rutland Sports Park, courts also require improvement to surface, floodlighting and clubhouse Lack of access to tennis courts at school sites 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Protection and refurbishment of all courts Investment into Rutland Sports Park, including court resurface, floodlighting and clubhouse, as well as work to improve customer journey Long term potential to negotiate community use of school sites.
Bowls	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All greens functioning but with scope to increase membership. Large site important in the Boroughwide provision of bowls Opportunity to improve green quality at all greens Low membership numbers impact sustainability at almost all bowls clubs in the town 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Protection of existing greens Focus upon tailoring maintenance regimes to improve quality. Improve identified quality issues Work with clubs to increase membership
Football	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supply very closely matched with demand and evidence of overplay on several sites Good capacity for adult football (4 MES spare at peak time) No spare capacity for youth football (-1 MES at peak time) and almost no remaining capacity for 9v9 (0.5 MES at peak time) No spare capacity for 7v7 (-1.5 at peak time) and supply equals demand for 5v5 Quality of pitches impacts capacity at several sites. Cotmanhay and Gallows Inn in particular rated as poor 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Protection of all sites New 3G AGP – site to be determined Refurbish existing 3G AGP at Kirk Hallam Academy to ensure it can be reinstated onto FA pitch register Engagement with PitchPower on increased maintenance to enhance pitch quality particularly on Council sites. Any remaining quality issues to then be addressed Ensure school sites offering current access remain secured – Kirk Hallam Community Academy Renegotiate community use at Ormiston Enterprise Academy

Sport	Key Issues	Priority Recommendations
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Challenges accommodating larger clubs	

5.3 Table 5.2 overleaf summarises the site by site action plan for the Ilkeston Sub Area.

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Sport	Site Name	Accessibility Position	Pitch Provision	Rating	Key Issues	Recommendations
Football	Abbotsford Playing Fields	Available for community use	2 x 11v11	Standard	Basic quality playing field, spare capacity at peak time.	Protect
Football	Booths Playing Fields	Available for community use	2 11v11 youth, 1 7v7	Standard	Show evidence of wear and tear and heavy usage, requirement for decompaction works despite strong efforts with maintenance. Youth pitches overplayed.	Protect, engagement with PitchPower tool to improve maintenance and quality (key priority), investment into ancillary facilities (key priority)
Football	Cotmanhay Playing Fields	Available for community use	2 11v11	Poor	Very wet goals, very messy. Room for additional pitches	Protect, engagement with PitchPower tool to improve maintenance and quality (key priority). Mark out additional pitches on site if demand is identified.
Bowls	Enterprise Sports And Social Club	Available for community use	1 bowling green		Poor playing surface, drainage issues. Clubhouse requires refurbishment, parking issues. Low membership creates sustainability issues.	Protect, seek to improve maintenance procedures and address identified quality issues. Seek to support club to increase membership.
Football	Gallows Inn Playing Fields	Available for community use	1 x 11v11, 1 x 9v9	Poor	Weeds and scuffed goals. Moles starting to encroach near pitch. No spare capacity on adult pitches, small amount of capacity on 9v9	Protect, engagement with PitchPower tool to improve maintenance and quality (key priority)
Rugby		Available for community use	1 pitch, floodlit	M1/D1	Floodlit pitch but moles now encroaching onto pitch and creating dangerous playing surface. Some rust on posts. Small changing facility shared with football. No drainage issues identified	Protect, improve maintenance to enhance quality and alleviate mole damage.
Football	Gordon Street Recreation Ground	Available for community use	2 x 11v11	Low standard	Skid marks and compaction. No spare capacity.	Protect, ensure that site quality continues to be maintained to standard level
Football	Hallam Fields Junior School	Not available for community use	7v7	Standard	No community use, basic school playing used for curricular use.	Protect for curricular use
Football	Ilkeston Football Club	Available for community use	3G AGP	Good	New 3G AGP heavily used and operating at capacity	Ensure 3G pitch is retained on FA pitch register through regular testing. Address any qualitative concerns that arise to ensure that pitch remains on

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						register. Address any improvements required to meet ground grading requirements.
Bowls	Ilkeston Victoria Park	Available for community use	1 bowling green		Tidy green, compaction and thatching, brown patches suggesting water stress. Club highlight issues with squirrel issues on green	Protect, seek to improve maintenance procedures and address identified quality issues. Seek to support club to increase membership.
Football	Kirk Hallam Community Academy	Available for community use	1 x 11v11 youth	Standard	Scope to increase usage by community across site. Opportunity for additional grass pitches on site, although pitch currently marked out suffers from poor drainage.	Protect, retain CUA and seek to promote use of playing fields for community. Engagement with PitchPower tool to improve maintenance quality with a view to increasing the number of pitches that can be marked out.
3G Football		Available for community use	3G AGP, 1 x 11v11 youth	Standard	3G pitch requires improvement to secure re registration on FA pitch register	Investment into qualitative improvements required to regain position on FA Pitch Register (key priority). Once certificate is gained, seek to maximise use of site for match play and training. Ensure regular retesting to ensure that pitch remains on register.
Tennis		Community use available.	4 tennis courts	Standard	Basic school tennis courts, adjacent to AGP, overmarked. Limited promotion	Protect, seek to secure community use of site. Improvement of existing booking system
Football	Kirk Hallam Playing Fields	Available for community use	2 x 11v11	Low standard	Wet and grass sward containing weeds. Scope for more pitches. Some spare capacity available	Protect, engagement with PitchPower tool to improve maintenance and quality (key priority). Mark out additional pitches on site if demand is identified.
Football	Manners Avenue Playing Field	Available for community use	2 x 11v11	Low standard	Basic playing field, limited quality but scope for more pitches. Small amount of spare capacity on existing pitches.	Protect, engagement with PitchPower tool to improve maintenance and quality (key priority). Mark out additional pitches on site if demand is identified.
Football	Ormiston Ilkeston Enterprise Academy	Not available for community use	11v11 adult, 11v11 youth.	Standard	Not available for community use although has been used previously.	Protect. Seek to renegotiate community use agreement at site as a key priority.
Tennis		Not available for community use	4 tennis courts	Standard	Basic tennis courts, overmarked	Protect for curricular use. Longer term seek community use of facilities if demand is evident

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Sport	Site Name	Accessibility Position	Pitch Provision	Rating	Key Issues	Recommendations
Football	Ron Brooks Playing Field	Available for community use	11v11, 9v9	Low standard	Evidence of heavy use and compaction, flexible marking and some overmarking. Overplay on 9v9 and no spare capacity at peak time or across the week on either pitch. Key site for large club.	Protect, engagement with PitchPower tool to improve maintenance and quality (key priority),
Hockey	Rutland Sports Park	Available for community use	Sand Based AGP		Line markings fading, pitch of lower quality and clearly ageing. Important base for hockey club and some use for football.	Protect. Minimum two AGPs required for hockey, one of which should be in Ilkeston. Unless another pitch is provided, protect and resurface for hockey usage, ensure priority usage for hockey.
Cricket		Available for community use	1 grass cricket ground, 16 wickets	Standard	Some limited spare capacity available on first square, scope for growth of club using second square. Improvements required to square quality.	Protect, improved maintenance as priority to increase facility to good, new training facilities. Improvement to changing accommodation / clubhouse. Renew site lease to ensure security of tenure.
Tennis		Club and Pay and Play	5 tennis courts	Standard	Surface worn, lines wearing, refurbishment needed, no clubhouse. Leased to club, public access advertised on gate but in reality there is limited (if any) access to public	Protect, qualitative improvements to court surface, address existing access issues through installation of LTA Clubspark, floodlighting, improve clubhouse.
Bowls		Available for community use	1 bowling green		Playing surface would benefit from improvement - issues with maintenance, fox / rabbit problems, some bare patches. Low and decreasing membership	Protect, seek to improve maintenance procedures and address identified quality issues. Seek to support club to increase membership.
Tennis	St John Houghton Catholic Academy	No community access	7 tennis courts	Standard	Located at the rear of the school. Basic facilities, line markings fading	Protect for curricular use. Longer term seek community use of facilities if demand is evident
Football		Not available for community use	2 11v11 youth	Standard	Not available for community use. Scope to increase.	

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Sport	Site Name	Accessibility Position	Pitch Provision	Rating	Key Issues	Recommendations
Bowls	Stanton Clubhouse Bowls Club	Available for community use	1 bowling green		Poor playing surface, bumpy, bare patches, compacted, thatching. Low membership creates sustainability issues.	Protect, seek to improve maintenance procedures and address identified quality issues. Seek to support club to increase membership.
Football		Available for community use	1 11v11	Standard	No clear drainage issues,	Protect, ensure that site quality continues to be maintained to standard level
Cricket		Available for community use	1 grass cricket ground, 10 wickets	Standard	Second ground for Ilkeston Rutland CC, some spare capacity remains. Would benefit from qualitative improvements.	Protect, improve maintenance and address any remaining quality issues to increase facility to good.
Rugby		Available for community use	3 (and 8 mini pitches) one of which is floodlit	M1/D0	Compaction evident on all pitches and drainage is a concern, particularly on Pitches 1 and 3 where standing water is frequent. Maintenance issues exacerbated by lack of income this year.	Protect, improved maintenance to M2/D3
Bowls		The Stute	Available for community use	1 bowling green		Playing surface showing signs of water deprivation, compaction and thatching. Club believe surface to be adequate, but paths are trip hazards and pavilion is poor. Membership low and would benefit from increasing.

Long Eaton Sub Area

5.4 Table 5.3 provides a summary of the breakdown of provision in the Long Eaton Sub Area. Detailed site specific actions are provided in Table 5.4.

Table 5.3 – Long Eaton Site Specific issues

Sport	Key Issues	Priority Recommendations
Cricket	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Across the season, supply just above demand – 58 wickets required, 65 MES provided • Spare capacity of 1.5 MES at peak time • Main pitches for Sandiacre Town, Long Eaton CC and Sawley CC all suffer from overplay. • Existing overplay at Long Eaton CC would mean that this pitch does not currently represent genuine spare capacity at peak time 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protection of existing facilities • Ensure security of tenure for Sandiacre Town CC • Seek to improve all pitches to good through improved maintenance and subsequent investment into any remaining quality issues • Long Eaton CC require new training facilities / improved clubhouse • West Park identified as potential location for NTP for informal playing field provision
Rugby Union	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supply meets demand for match play (0), but when including training, two floodlit pitches heavily overplayed. Total position across site – 10.5 MES overplay. • Future position will see capacity pressures equating to 13.5 MES • Site capacity influenced by poor quality, but shortage of capacity will remain even if pitches are improved to maximum levels 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protection of existing facilities • Improvements to maintenance procedures and potential investment into drainage • Floodlighting additional pitch • Access required to additional pitches (either grass pitch or WR Compliant 3G AGP)
Hockey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three sand based AGPs currently (Trent College, Long Eaton School) • One pitch required to meet demand for hockey 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Retain minimum of one sand based surface and ensure full community access for hockey on this site. • Location to be determined through AGP working group
Tennis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poor quality existing public tennis courts at West Park and 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protection of all courts

Sport	Key Issues	Priority Recommendations
	<p>opportunities to improve customer journey</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Courts on school sites available but with poor customer journey • Courts at Wilsthorpe Community School not currently available. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refurbishment of courts at West Park, installation of LTA Clubspark and floodlighting • Secure community use of courts at Friesland School and Trent College and promote use LTA software to improve customer journey • Longer term, seek to secure community use of other school facilities if demand is evident.
Bowls	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All greens functioning and with capacity for growth • Opportunity to improve green quality at West Park, site with multiple greens offers developmental opportunities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protection of existing greens • Focus upon tailoring maintenance regimes to improve green quality, particularly at West Park • Promote development initiatives at West Park to increase participation
Football	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supply closely matched with demand and evidence of overplay on several sites • Although there is spare capacity for adult football (7.5 at peak time), this is offset by inadequate capacity for youth football (-3 MES) at peak time, but -7 MES across the week • Little spare capacity for 9v9 (1 MES at peak time) • Provision at peak time constrained for 7v7 and 5v5 football • Scope to increase quality of pitches significantly • Concentration of overplay at key club bases 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protection of all sites • Provision of additional 3G AGP – site to determined through AGP working group. • Focus on increased maintenance to enhance pitch quality at Collingwood Recreation Ground, Friesland School, St Giles Park and Long Eaton School as key priority. All sites would benefit from this action • Changing / toilets at Booths Playing Fields • Ensure school sites offering current access are secured long term • Renegotiate community use at Wilsthorpe Community Academy

Table 5.4 – Site Specific Actions in Long Eaton

Sport	Site Name	Accessibility Position	Pitch Provision	Rating	Key Issues	Recommendations
Football	Cloudside Academy	Available for community use	1 7v7, 1 9v9	Standard	Unsecured access but important club site, lumpy, bumpy and compacted. Grass brown. Small amount of spare capacity but limited at peak time.	Protect for curricular use, seek to secure long term community use and improve pitch quality through tailored maintenance programme in first instance.
Football	Collingwood Road Recreation Ground (Cornwallis Close)	Available for community use	1 11v11	Poor	Pitch compacted with skids weeds and messy goals. Evidence of poor drainage, small pavilion. Small amount of spare capacity	Protect, engagement with PitchPower tool to improve maintenance and quality (key priority)
Football	Friesland School	Available for community use	1 11v11 adult, 1 11v11 youth, 1 9v9. 3G AGP	Low standard	Important site for large club, evidence of heavy usage and compaction. Significant overplay across the site.	Protect, engagement with PitchPower tool to improve maintenance and quality (key priority). Ensure that CUA is maintained.
3G AGP		Available for community use	3G AGP		3G AGP on FA pitch register, operating at capacity	Ensure 3G pitch is retained on FA pitch register through regular testing. Address any qualitative concerns that arise to ensure that pitch remains on register.
Cricket		Not available for community use	1 NTP	Standard	Curricular use only.	Protect for curricular use only
Tennis		Available for use	5 tennis courts	Standard	Courts standard to good. Tarmac	Protect, seek to secure community use of site. Improvement of existing booking system
Football	Grange Park	Available for community use	11v11, 9v9, 2 7v7, 5v5, AGP		Busy site including good barriered pitch, and 3G AGP. Heavy usage, limited spare capacity and some overplay on 9v9 pitch.	Protect, ensure that site quality continues to be maintained to a minimum of standard quality. Engage with Pitch Power. Address any improvements required to meet ground grading requirements.

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Sport	Site Name	Accessibility Position	Pitch Provision	Rating	Key Issues	Recommendations
Football		Available for community use	3G AGP	Good	3G AGP on FA pitch register, operating at capacity	Ensure 3G pitch is retained on FA pitch register through regular testing. Address any qualitative concerns that arise to ensure that pitch remains on register.
Cricket	Long Eaton School	Not available for community use	1 NTP	Poor	Curricular use only. In poor condition	Protect and seek to improve for curricular use.
Rugby		Available for community use	Mini pitch	M1/D0	Small basic mini rugby pitch only, suffers from drainage issues on occasion. Pitch surface adequate. Changing facilities within school. Curricular use only	Protect for curricular use
Bowls	Long Eaton Town Bowls Club	Available for community use	1 bowling green		Improving green due to rest during pandemic. Strong membership	Protect, seek to retain maintenance procedures.
Football	Melbourne Court (Haddon Way)	Available for community use (leased to club)	1 7v7, 1 9v9	Low standard	Small site that suffers from impact of recreational use. Important club base, small amount of spare capacity at peak time.	Protect, engagement with PitchPower tool to improve maintenance and quality
Cricket	Sandiacre Town Cricket Club (Longmoor Lane)	Available for community use	1 grass cricket square, 8 wickets	Good	This square is at capacity. Ongoing investment into maintenance required to sustain quality	Protect. Retain maintenance practices to retain facility as good. Upgrade second pitch to ensure that this is also good.
Football	Soldiers And Sailors Sports Ground	Available for community use	2 9v9, 1 7v7	Standard	Pitch marked flexibly, some spare capacity across the week but almost no remaining capacity at peak time. Important club overspill site on cricket outfield.	Protect, engagement with PitchPower tool to improve maintenance and quality
Cricket		Available for community use	1 grass cricket square, 6 wickets	Low standard	Second ground for club, some spare capacity but no security of tenure.	Protect, secure tenure for club. Retain maintenance practices to retain facility as good.

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Sport	Site Name	Accessibility Position	Pitch Provision	Rating	Key Issues	Recommendations
Football	Sawley Park	Available for community use	2 11v11	Poor	Compaction with skids, fairy ring and weeds. Impacted by unofficial use. Pitches holding water. Small amount of spare capacity but impacted by quality.	Protect, engagement with PitchPower tool to improve maintenance and quality
Football	St Giles Park	Available for community use (leased to club)	11v11, 7v7	Standard	Barriered pitch for NLS side, compacted. Clear evidence of wear and tear. Significant overplay on main pitch due to use by all ages.	Protect, engagement with PitchPower tool to improve maintenance and quality (key priority). Address any improvements required to meet ground grading requirements.
Football	The Long Eaton School	Available for community use	11v11, 11v11 youth, 2 9v9, 1 7v7, 1 5v5		Important site for large club, grass pitches well marked, overplay on youth pitches and little remaining capacity at peak time.	Protect, engagement with PitchPower tool to improve maintenance and quality (key priority). Ensure that CUA is maintained. Potential site for 3G AGP.
Hockey		Available for community use	Sand Based AGP		Some line markings fading / grip under foot poor. Base for club hockey and significant use for football. Limited remaining capacity.	Protect, consider future of pitch as part of wider AGP strategy - one sand based pitch with full accessibility for community use should be provided in Long Eaton as a minimum. Potential location for 3G AGP (but subject to ensuring that hockey usage is adequately provided for).
Tennis		Not available for community use	6 tennis courts	Standard to Good	Multi sport MUGA	Protect for curricular use. Longer term seek community use of facilities if demand is evident
Cricket	Trent College	Not available for community use	3 NTP, grass cricket facility	Good	Curricular use only	Protect for curricular use. Explore potential community use of this facility to meet community demand longer term.
Hockey		Available for community use	Sand Based AGP		Both pitches of high quality, some use for community hockey and extensive school use. Some spare capacity	Protect - one sand based pitch with full accessibility for community use should be provided in Long Eaton as a minimum. seek to formalise community use agreement of facilities. Ensure if retained for hockey that hockey is given priority access.

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Sport	Site Name	Accessibility Position	Pitch Provision	Rating	Key Issues	Recommendations
Tennis		Available for community use.	6 tennis courts	Good	Excellent condition, two banks of courts. Clear line markings. Limited promotion	Protect, seek to secure community use of site. Improvement of existing booking system
Rugby		Available for community use	6 rugby pitches	M1/DO	Even, well maintained and good grass coverage although site does suffer from some drainage issues. Posts with safety covers, appear to receive more limited use than other sites. Curricular use only	Protect for curricular use
Rugby	West Park – Long Eaton RUFC	Available for community use	4 (and 2 mini pitches). 2 of the pitches are floodlit	M1/DO	Significant drainage issues experienced during winter months, and evidence of compaction. Supply meets demand for match play (0), but when including training, two floodlit pitches heavily overplayed.	Protect, improvements to maintenance to M2/D3, installation of additional floodlighting. Potential additional capacity on site (more grass pitches). Extension to changing facilities.
Bowls	West Park	Available for community use	3 bowling greens		Only two greens playable (long grass on third), surfaces of limited quality – bumpy, moss, bare patches and divots. Opportunity to increase participation - and generate activities - double green.	Protect, seek to improve maintenance procedures and address identified quality issues. Seek to promote activities on greens to increase participation in bowls boroughwide
Football		Available for community use	7 11v11	Standard	Site suffers from drainage issues, some compaction, fairy ring and uneven ground. Vehicle marks and evidence of unofficial use.	Protect, engagement with PitchPower tool to improve maintenance and quality (key priority).
Cricket	West Park Long Eaton Cc	Available for community use	2 squares with 8 and 11 wickets	Medium to low standard	Both squares at capacity, although not all slots used at peak time. Scope to improve square and outfield quality. Club believe extension to pavilion required.	Protect, improved maintenance as priority and address any remaining quality issues to increase facility to good, new training facilities. Improvement to changing accommodation / clubhouse.

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Sport	Site Name	Accessibility Position	Pitch Provision	Rating	Key Issues	Recommendations
Cricket	West Park Other Cricket Pitches	Available for community use	2 squares 16 and 11 wickets		Scope for additional play although pitch quality requires improvement if to be suitable for Saturday Derbyshire League play.	Protect, improved maintenance and address any remaining quality issues as priority to increase facility to good. Site also identified as having potential to host informal cricket through provision of additional NTP.
Cricket	West Park Sawley Cc	Available for community use	2 squares with 6 and 16 wickets	Low standard	First square at capacity / overplayed but scope for growth of club using second square. Squares require improvement, poor NTP	Protect, improved maintenance and address any remaining quality issues as priority to increase facility to good.
Tennis	West Park Tennis	Available for community use	3 tennis courts	Poor	Limited, almost unplayable and require immediate refurbishment. Free of charge, no monitoring of use	Protect, refurbishment of courts (resurface), potential installation of LTA clubspark, floodlighting.
Football		Not available for community use	2 11v11 youth, 1 9v9	Standard	No community usage, basic playing field in reasonable condition. Scope to increase activity on site.	Protect. Seek to renegotiate community use agreement at site as a key priority.
Rugby		Not available for community use	1 rugby pitch	M0/D0	Basic rugby pitch with no specialist maintenance. Curricular use only	Protect for curricular use
Hockey		Available for community use	Sand Based AGP		Basic sand based AGP, no use for hockey. Spare capacity.	Protect, consider future of pitch as part of wider AGP strategy - one sand based pitch with full accessibility for community use should be provided in Long Eaton as a minimum. Ensure if retained for hockey that hockey is given priority access.
Tennis		Wilsthorpe Community School	No community access	6 tennis courts	Standard	Located at the rear of the school, overmarked for other sports. Basic tarmac. Access suspended in pandemic and not yet restarted

5.5 Table 5.5 summarises the key recommendations in the Rural Area, whilst Table 5.6 provides site specific actions and recommendations.

Table 5.5 – Rural Area

Sport	Key Issues	Priority Recommendations
Cricket	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 85 MES required and 85 provided. There is some spare capacity at some sites, but others are overplayed • 1.5 MES available at peak time • Breadsall, Crompton Ground, Risley Cricket Club all overplayed. • Very limited spare capacity at all other grounds. Nutbrook CC (second ground), Sandiacre Town (second ground) and St Peters Park able to sustain additional play at peak time • Projected growth will see provision become insufficient 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protection of all existing sites • Qualitative improvements at all clubs through focus on improved maintenance, retention of quality of first square at Ockbrook and Borrowash CC • Ensure security of tenure for all clubs • Provision of NTP particularly at Stanton-by-Dale • Training facilities at West Hallam, Stanton-by-Dale, Nutbrook, • Improved pavilion at Nutbrook / Risley • Potential requirement to reinstate second ground at Breadsall longer term
Rugby Union	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No existing club base 	N/a
Hockey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No existing club base 	N/a
Tennis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No public tennis courts • Valuable club infrastructure, but Breadsall TC, Little Eaton TC in particular have little opportunity for growth 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protection of all courts • Floodlighting at club sites, alongside qualitative improvements where required (in particular, improvements to surface will be required longer term at Little Eaton and Ockbrook and Borrowash) • Work with clubs to introduce pay and play access
Bowls	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Both greens functioning but with scope to increase membership • Opportunity to improve green quality at both sites 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protection of existing greens • Focus upon tailoring maintenance regimes and subsequently address any identified quality issues.
Football	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supply better matched with demand than other areas of the Borough 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protection of all sites. Sites not currently used to be retained in case of emerging demand

Sport	Key Issues	Priority Recommendations
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spare capacity on adult pitches (5.5 MES at peak time), no provision for youth football so teams use senior pitches • Supply just adequate on 9v9 pitches (1.5 MES) at peak time • Provision at peak time constrained for 7v7 (0.5 MES) and insufficient for 5v5 (-0.5) • concerns about the quality of provision, with many sites poor or towards the lower end of the standard quality rating 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improvements to pitch quality and capacity through enhanced / tailored maintenance procedures – particular priorities include Beech Lane, Deans Drive, Derwent Meadows, Draycott Recreation Ground, St Peters Park.

Table 5.6 – Site Specific Recommendations – Rural Area

Sport	Site Name	Accessibility Position	Pitch Provision	Rating	Key Issues	Recommendations
Football	Bare Lane Recreation Ground (Pares Way)	Available for community use	Informal playing field	N/a	Informal playing field only, no pitch markings	Protect. Retain as green space. Opportunity to reprovide pitch on the site in the event of identified demand. No clear current requirement.
Football	Beech Lane Recreation Ground	Available for community use	1 x 11v11, 2 x 7v7	Low standard and poor	Pitches overmarked, compacted and squeezed tightly together. Regular waterlogging. Small amount of spare capacity, but impacted by quality.	Protect, engagement with PitchPower tool to improve maintenance and quality (key priority)
Cricket	Breadsall Memorial Hall And Playing Fields	Available for community use	1 grass cricket ground, 8 wickets	Standard	Square at capacity, no availability at peak time. Quality issues and lack of off field training facilities	Protect, improved maintenance as priority to increase facility to good, new training facilities. Potential requirement to reinstate second ground longer term.
Tennis	Breadsall Memorial Hall And Playing Fields	Club members only	2 tennis courts	Standard	Basic courts now demonstrating signs of wear and tear, club undertake regular maintenance. Club has no capacity for growth.	Protect, provide floodlighting to increase capacity. Explore options for pay and play.
Bowls	Breadsall Playing Fields	Available for community use	1 bowling green		Paths poor, surface basic, parking issues. Bumpy, bare patches. Membership higher than average	Protect, seek to improve maintenance procedures and address identified quality issues.
Tennis	Breadsall Priory Marriot Hotel	Club members / hotel guests only	1 tennis courts	Standard	Basic but functional	Protect
Football	Breaston Park	Available for community use	1 x 11v11	Low standard	Undulating, burned in pitch markings. No remaining spare capacity.	Protect, ensure that site quality continues to be maintained to standard level
Cricket	Cock Orchard (Off Cat And Fiddle Lane)	Available for community use	1 grass cricket ground, 8 wickets	Standard	Square at capacity, no availability at peak time. Quality issues and lack of off field training facilities	Protect, improved maintenance as priority to increase facility to good, possible NTP, new training facilities.

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Sport	Site Name	Accessibility Position	Pitch Provision	Rating	Key Issues	Recommendations
Cricket	Crompton Ground	Available for community use	1 grass cricket ground, 7 wickets, NTP	Standard	Square at capacity, no availability at peak time. No training facilities and changing rooms require upgrade.	Protect, improved maintenance as priority to increase facility to good, increase size of square, new training facilities. NTP. Potential requirement for new provision to support club.
Football	Deans Drive Recreation Ground	Available for community use	1 x11v11	Poor	Fairy ring, messy goal with some skids. Grass very long with thatching, significant undulation. Pitch well marked.	Protect, engagement with PitchPower tool to improve maintenance and quality (key priority),
Football	Derby College (Broomfield Hall)	Available for community use	2 x 11v11	Standard	2 functioning pitches, standard quality. Spare capacity for community use.	Protect for curricular use, seek to promote availability of community use at site.
Football	Derwent Meadows	Available for community use	1 x 11v11	Poor	Poor pitch, scope to provide additional pitches on site. Discussions underway with view to providing club lease.	Protect, engagement with PitchPower tool to improve maintenance and quality (key priority). Continue ongoing discussions in relation to lease of site.
Football	Draycott Recreation Ground	Available for community use	1 x 11v11	Poor	Compacted, messy goals. Small pitch. No remaining spare capacity.	Protect, engagement with PitchPower tool to improve maintenance and quality (key priority)
Football	Millhouse Field	Available for community use	Informal playing field		Informal playing field only, no pitch markings	Protect. Retain as green space. Opportunity to reprovide pitch on the site in the event of identified demand. No clear current requirement.
Football	Nutbrook Cricket Club	Available for community use	1 9v9, 1 5v5	standard	Small amount of spare capacity on 9v9, none on 5v5. Pitches on cricket outfield of basic quality.	Protect for football use
Cricket	Nutbrook Cricket Club	Available for community use	2 grass cricket grounds, first has 12 wickets, second has 4	Standard	Square on first pitch at capacity, very limited spare capacity on second ground (including peak time availability). Poor practice facilities and changing facilities require upgrade.	Protect, improved maintenance as priority to increase facility to good, new training facilities. Improvement to changing accommodation / clubhouse.
Tennis	Ockbrook & Borrowwash Lawn Tennis Club	Club members only	5 tennis courts	3 good, 2 standard due to wear	Well maintained, good condition and good associated facilities, some signs of court surfacing starting to wear. Well used but some capacity to increase membership.	Protect, floodlighting. Longer term court surface improvements will be required. Explore options for pay and play.

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Sport	Site Name	Accessibility Position	Pitch Provision	Rating	Key Issues	Recommendations
Cricket	Ockbrook And Borrowwash Cricket Club	Available for community use	2 grass cricket grounds, first has 14 wickets, second has 8	Good	Some limited spare capacity available on first square, scope for growth of club using second square. Lack of security of tenure on site represents key issue for club.	Protect, secure tenure for club. Retain maintenance practices to retain facility as good. Upgrade second pitch to ensure that this is also good.
Cricket	Risley Cricket Ground	Available for community use	1 grass cricket ground, 10 wickets and 1 NTP	Standard	Square at capacity, no availability at peak time. No off field practice facilities, changing requires upgrade.	Protect, improved maintenance as priority to increase facility to good, new training facilities. Improvement to changing accommodation / clubhouse.
Football	St Peters Park	Available for community use	1 11v11	Poor	Poor drainage, muddy and skid marks. Scope for additional pitches. No remaining spare capacity	Protect, engagement with PitchPower tool to improve maintenance and quality (key priority).
Cricket	St Peters Park	Available for community use	1 grass square 8 wickets.	Standard to poor.	Leased to club from outside Borough on short term basis only, scope for additional play.	Protect, improved maintenance.
Bowls	St Peters Park	Available for community use	1 bowling green		Floodlit, green in reasonable condition but fencing coming away from posts. Tired	Protect, seek to improve maintenance procedures and address identified quality issues.
Tennis	St Peters Park, Little Eaton Tennis Club	Club members only	3 tennis courts	Standard	basic facilities of standard quality, well maintained but will require refurbishment in medium term – demonstrating wear, clubhouse recently upgraded. Club are regularly cleaning and painting. No capacity for growth.	Protect, floodlighting to increase capacity, longer term resurface required. Explore options for pay and play.
Football	Stanley Common Recreation Ground	Available for community use	11v11	Low standard	Limited quality site not currently used this year. Site quality benefitting from lack of use - spare capacity on pitch at peak time.	Protect, ensure that site quality continues to be maintained to standard level
Football	Stanley Recreation Ground	Available for community use	Informal playing field	N/a	Informal playing field only, no pitch markings	Protect. Retain as green space. Opportunity to reprovide pitch on the site in the event of identified demand. No clear current requirement.

Implementation

- 5.6 Given the potential level of funding required, it is likely that investment will only be achieved through a combination of opportunities and funding sources as well as partnership opportunities.
- 5.7 Local authority finances remain under pressure and previous major national funding programmes are no longer available. Some funding opportunities, however, still remain and it is essential that these are capitalised upon in order to maximise the opportunities to protect and improve pitch provision. Some new funding streams may also become available to support the ongoing recovery from Covid 19.
- 5.8 The council will seek to work on a multi-agency approach to address the facility requirements in the strategy and partnership working will be central to the achievement of this objective.
- 5.9 The main funding delivery mechanisms for the Council and others in delivering the strategy are:
- Section 106 developer contributions and Community Infrastructure levy
 - Capital Grant funding: From schools and national agencies such as Sport England, including its small grants, community asset fund and strategic facilities fund
 - National Governing Body (NGB) support.

New facilities

- 5.10 In addition to the overarching strategy principles outlined earlier in this section, the following should be considered when providing any new facilities.

- Location - When planning new facilities, the existing sporting infrastructure should be taken into account. In particular, the provision of single or double pitch sites with no or limited supporting facilities should be avoided.
- Quality - Any new pitch provision should meet with the design and quality standards guidance provided by Sport England and/or the relevant NGB (detailed below). The following general criteria must also be met:
 - a high standard of design, construction and maintenance, enabling the pitch to be played at least twice per week without detrimental impact and ensuring that sites are clean and attractive facilities
 - adequate changing facilities that:
 - are flexible, fit for a variety of purposes
 - fully comply with the provisions of the Disability Discrimination Act
 - provide for a number of different groups to use the facility at the same time, in safety and comfort
 - meet current standards - Sport England & NGB guidelines
 - managed community access
 - accessible by public transport and by car
 - sufficient car and coach parking
 - size of pitches and run offs complies with NGB specification
 - located in a no-flood zone
 - security of tenure (at least 20 years) if a club is to be based at the site
 - for rugby clubs in particular, sites should include floodlit training facilities

5.11 All new and enhanced sports facilities must be designed in accordance with the relevant Sport England and (where applicable) National Governing Body (NGB) design guidance in order to ensure that the facilities are fit for purpose and of a suitable quality.

5.12 Sport England's web site www.sportengland.org contains a range of current guidance documents which provide detailed specifications and information regarding the design of sporting and ancillary facilities.

5.13 This provides a link to the NGB's supported by Sport England, and to the guidance on the respective NGB websites.

Monitoring and Review

- 5.14 The evolving context of participation in sport and active recreation means that monitoring and review of the strategy is as important as the initial preparation of the document to ensure it remains sufficiently robust to fulfil the above roles.
- 5.15 Reflecting the importance of this phase of work, monitoring of the strategy represents Step 10 of the approach to the production of a playing pitch strategy set out in the guidance for the delivery of a playing pitch Strategy (Sport England 2013).
- 5.16 This strategy document has been developed in conjunction with a large steering group and this group will be retained to deliver the implementation phase, functioning as a Delivery and Implementation Group. Further people with appropriate expertise may be brought into the process as and when required to maximise the benefits that the strategy can bring.
- 5.17 Following adoption of the PPOSS, a series of task and finish groups will be set up, comprising members of this group, designed to support the implementation of specific recommendations. These may include groups to evolve the developer contributions process, groups targeting maintenance improvements and groups supporting the delivery of required participation initiatives. These subgroups will meet regularly.
- 5.18 The Delivery and Implementation group will seek to deliver the key actions of the strategy document, but will also keep the strategy alive by;

- Monitoring the delivery of the recommendations and actions and identifying any changes that are required to the priority afforded to each action
- Recording changes to the pitch stock in the Borough and evaluating the impact of this on the supply and demand information
- Assessing the impact of changes to participation, including changing trends and the development of new formats of the game as well as affiliation data for each of the National Governing Bodies of Sport
- Assessing the impact of demographic changes and new population estimates / housing growth
- Undertaking ongoing consultation to understand the evolving needs of clubs and governing bodies, and any requirements for major facilities in the area
- Analysing funding sources and new funding opportunities for the provision/improvement of sports facilities
- Reviewing growth of emerging sports, their participation rates, facilities available for them and likely facilities necessary for their support and development.

5.19 The ongoing monitoring of the strategy will be led Erewash Borough Council and it has been agreed that the working group will meet twice annually to review progress by all key partners on the strategy delivery and to discuss any issues arising

5.20 The steering group will also be responsible for agreement of the requirement for a full update of this playing pitch assessment and strategy.

5.21 The delivery, implementation and monitoring process is formalised in action plan format in Table 5.7.

Table 5.7 – Monitoring Processes

Monitoring Recommendation	Recommendation /Action	Timescale
M1	Reconvene steering group and establish small delivery groups to drive the implementation of key actions. These should include (but not be limited to) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developer contributions process group • Maintenance Improvement Group • AGP strategy group 	Short Term
M2	Record individual updates to pitch provision and any key changes that have occurred. This should include; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New pitches; • Pitch improvements; • Pitch re-configuration; • Pitch loss/threat; • Community Access agreements (e.g. education or private sites); • Plans for future provision • Changes arising as a result of new development. 	Ongoing – led by Erewash Borough Council
M3	Prepare annual PPS progress paper. This should include; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Known changes to supply and demand • The delivery of PPS recommendations and any changes in priority; • Details of any developments of a specific sport or particular format; • Details of any new or emerging issues and opportunities; • Any issues with the application of the PPS and lessons learnt; • Actions needed to keep the PPS ‘live’ and up to date. 	Annually – led by Erewash Borough Council
M4	Circulate annual progress paper to steering group for comment. Full steering group meeting to be arranged if deemed to be required.	Annually

Monitoring Recommendation	Recommendation /Action	Timescale
	The full annual progress paper will determine when a full refresh of the PPS is required.	

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