



# Kirklees Council

Playing Pitch Strategy – Appendix 1: Stage C

Football, Rugby Union, Cricket, Rugby League and Hockey Assessments

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## 1. Kirklees Playing Pitch Strategy Stage C Report – Football

### Study Area

1.1. The area covered by the PPS is the Kirklees Council area. Sub areas have been identified and agreed to enable a more localised assessment of provision and examination of playing pitch surplus and deficiencies. Use of sub areas also allows local circumstances and issues to be considered. Kirklees is divided into five sub areas:

- Huddersfield Sub Area;
- Batley and Spen Sub Area;
- Dewsbury and Mirfield Sub Area;
- Rural East Sub Area; and
- Rural West Sub Area.

Figure 1: Analysis area map



## 2. Football Assessment

### Introduction

2.1 The organisation responsible for the development of football in Kirklees is West Riding County FA, though some clubs to the East of the Borough affiliate to Sheffield Hallamshire County FA. The football strategic context is provided in Appendix 1.

### Supply

2.2 The 2015 PPS identified 378 pitches of which 322 were known to be available at some level for community use.

2.3 The current audit identifies a total of 373 grass football pitches. Of these 373 pitches, 280 pitches are available and used by community football clubs across 120 sites in the 2020/21 football season.

2.4 A further 18 pitches have been identified across 19 sites that have been available in the past but are not currently used.

2.5 In addition 64 pitches have been identified on school sites that are not available for community use and only provide for school use.

2.6 Disused sites identify a 11 pitches.

2.7 The total pitches identified is 373. 5 short of the 2015 PPS. This is mainly due to pitch reconfiguration. There has been no loss of sites between 2015 and 2020/21 season. Some sites may not currently be maintained or are not available for use. The protection of sites was one of the main recommendations in 2015 and this has been upheld.

2.8 Appendix 2 Kirklees Football Supply and Demand shows the sites where football has been played in the 2020/1 season.

2.9 As can be seen in Table 1, most of the community available and used (Secured and unsecured community use) pitches in Kirklees are in the Huddersfield Sub Analysis Area 83 pitches. This is followed by Dewsbury and Mirfield Sub Area with 61 grass pitches, Batley and Spen 58, Rural East Sub Area 44 and Rural West Sub Area with 32 grass football pitches.

Table 1: Summary of Grass Football Pitches Used by Community Football Clubs 202021 Football Season

Analysis area	No. Playing Pitch Sites	Pitches Available for Community Use					Total Pitches
		Adult 11 v 11	Youth 11 v 11	Youth 9 v 9	Mini 7 v 7	Mini 5 v 5	
Huddersfield Sub Area	34	57	5	10	7	4	83
Batley and Spen	29	30	5	7	7	11	60
Dewsbury and Mirfield Sub Area	20	34	3	6	9	9	61
Rural East Sub Area	17	26	2	4	6	6	44
Rural West Sub Area	20	21	0	3	6	2	32
<b>Total Current</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>280</b>
<b>PPS 2015</b>		<b>187</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>322</b>

- 2.10 The available pitches used by community football clubs in the 2020/21 season across Kirklees equates to 168 adult 11 v 11, 15 youth 11 v 11, 30 junior 9 v 9, 35 mini soccer 7 v 7 and 32 mini soccer 5 v 5 pitches. There are a small number of youth 11 v 11 pitches across Kirklees compared to other sized pitches.

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### Football Pitches used for Match Play in the 2020/21 Season – Secured Community Use Access and Unsecured Community Use Access.

- 2.11 71% (199) of the 280 pitches used for match play during the 2020/21 season across Kirklees provide secured community use access (i.e. pitches owned or leased by local authorities or clubs/associations). 29% (81) pitches are unsecured community use pitches provided at education sites. Where there is no secured community use agreement in place.
- 2.12 The 2 sub areas with the least unsecured community use pitches are Dewsbury and Mirfield Sub Area 9 (15%) and Rural West Sub Area 9 (28%). Huddersfield Sub Area has 24 unsecured community use pitches (29%), Batley and Spennings Dale Sub Area 22 unsecured community use pitches (37%), and the Rural East Sub Area has 17 (39%) unsecured community use pitches.

Table 2: Secured and Unsecured Community Use Pitches by Sub Area 2020/21 Football season

Sub Area	Secured/ Unsecured Community Use	No. marked pitches 2020/21 Used for community Use					Total (%)
		Full size 11 v 11	Youth 11 v 11	Junior 9 v 9	Mini 7 v 7	Mini 5 v 5	
Huddersfield Sub Area	Secured Community Use	43	3	4	5	4	59 (71%)
	Unsecured Community Use	14	2	6	2	0	24 (29%)
Batley and Spennings Dale Sub Area	Secured Community Use	21	1	2	5	9	38 (63%)
	Unsecured Community Use	9	4	5	2	2	22 (37%)
Dewsbury and Mirfield Sub Area	Secured Community Use	30	3	4	8	7	52 (85%)
	Unsecured Community Use	4	0	2	1	2	9 (15%)
Rural East Sub Area	Secured Community Use	20	1	1	3	2	27 (61%)
	Unsecured Community Use	6	1	3	3	4	17 (39%)
Rural West Sub Area	Secured Community Use	17	0	2	3	1	23 (72%)
	Unsecured Community Use	4	0	1	3	1	9 (28%)
TOTAL	Secured Community Use	131	8	13	24	23	199 (71%)
	Unsecured Community Use	37	7	17	11	9	81 (29%)

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### Football Sites Across Kirklees – Not Used for Match Play in 2020/21 (No Identified Community Use)

2.13 Table 3 identifies those sites that have been available for play in the past and have been used in past seasons but have no identified match play on their pitches in the 2020/21 season.

Table 3: Sites that are available for use but have no identified use currently for Competitive Match Play 2020/21 Season

Sub Area	Site	Security of use	Owners	Adult	Youth Football		Mini Soccer	
				11 v 11	11 v 11	9 v 9	7 v 7	5 v 5
Huddersfield Sub Area	Almondbury CE Infant and Nursery School (Now All Hallows CofE Primary School)	Unsecured	Local authority	0	0	0	0	1
	Botham Hall Recreation Ground	Secured	Local Authority	1	0	0	0	0
	Coronation Park	Secured	Local Authority	1	0	0	0	0
	Douglas Avenue	Secured	Local authority	0	0	0	0	1
	Newsome skate Park	Secured	Local Authority	0	0	0	1	0
	Thurstonland Hall Recreation Ground	Secured	Local Authority	0	1	1	0	0
Batley and Spen Sub Area	Millbridge Junior & Infant School	Unsecured	Academy	0	0	0	0	1
	Spenborough Pool and Fitness Centre	Secured	Local Authority	1	0	0	0	0
	Chestnut Avenue	Secured	Local Authority	1	0	0	0	0
	Owler Lane	Secured	Local Authority	0	1	0	0	0
	Staincliffe Playing Field & Cricket Ground	Secured	Local Authority	0	1	0	0	0
Dewsbury and Mirfield Sub Area	House of Resurrection	Unsecured	Church	0	0	0	1	0
	Thornhill Street Recreation Ground	Secured	Local authority	1	0	0	0	0
	Bridge Street Playing Fields	Secured	Local Authority	1	0	0	0	0

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Sub Area	Site	Security of use	Owners	Adult	Youth Football		Mini Soccer	
				11 v 11	11 v 11	9 v 9	7 v 7	5 v 5
	Earlsheaton Park	Secured	Local Authority	1	0	0	0	0
	Knowl Park	Secured	Local Authority	0	1	0	0	0
	Milton Road Recreation Ground	Secured	Local Authority	0	1	0	0	0
	Pilgrim Tip Recreation Ground	Secured	Local Authority	1	0	0	0	0
	Wellhouse Lane	Secured	Local Authority	0	0	0	1	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>19 sites</b>	<b>16 secured 3 Unsecured</b>		<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>

2.14 The pitch sites identified in Table 3 are 1 pitch sites and in most instances are no longer marked out as pitches. Some of these sites have no changing facilities. The majority of these sites are Local Authority 17, 1 church site and 1 education site. The Local authority sites can be used as overflow pitches if required.

### Education Sites – Football Pitches Only Available for School Use

2.15 Table 4 identifies the sites across Kirklees where there are football pitches provided on education sites but are only available for school use and there is no available community use.

Table 4: Education Sites - School Use Only No Community Use

Site name	Community use	Secured/ Unsecured	Management	Analysis area	Pitch type	Pitch size	Quality rating	No. of pitches
All Saints Catholic College	N/A	Unsecured	Education	Huddersfield	Adult	11 v 11	Good	2
All Saints Catholic College	N/A	Unsecured	Education	Huddersfield	Youth	9 v 9	Good	2
Almondbury Junior School	N/A	Unsecured	Education	Huddersfield	Mini	5 v 5	Standard	1
Ashbrow Academy	N/A	Unsecured	Education	Huddersfield	Mini	5 v 5	Standard	1

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Site name	Community use	Secured/Unsecured	Management	Analysis area	Pitch type	Pitch size	Quality rating	No. of pitches
Batley Academy Trust	N/A	Unsecured	Education	Batley & Spen	Mini	5 v 5	Poor	1
Batley Parish C of E School	N/A	Unsecured	Education	Batley & Spen	Mini	7 v 7	Poor	1
Boothroyd Primary School	N/A	Unsecured	Education	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Mini	7 v 7	Poor	1
Bywell Junior School	N/A	Unsecured	Education	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Mini	7 v 7	Poor	1
Carlinghow Academy	N/A	Unsecured	Education	Batley & Spen		Unmarked large area	Poor	
Colne Valley High School	N/A	Unsecured	Education	Rural West	Adult	11 v 11	Standard	2
Crossley Fields School	N/A	Unsecured	Education	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Youth	11 v 11	Poor	1
Crowlees Junior & Infant School	N/A	Unsecured	Education	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Youth	11 v 11	Poor	1
Dalton School HD5 9HN	N/A	Unsecured	Education	Huddersfield	Youth	11 v 11	Poor	1
Denby Dale School	N/A	Unsecured	Education	Rural West	Mini	7 v 7	Poor	1
Fieldhead Academy	N/A	Unsecured	Education	Batley & Spen	Adult	11 v 11	Standard	1
Fixby Junior & Infants	N/A	Unsecured	Education	Huddersfield	Youth	11 v 11	Poor	1
Hillside Primary School	N/A	Unsecured	Education	Huddersfield	Adult	11 v 11	Standard	1
Hartshead Junior & Infant School	N/A	Unsecured	Education	Batley & Spen	Mini	5 v 5	Standard	1
Healey Junior School	N/A	Unsecured	Education	Batley & Spen	Youth	11 v 11	Poor	1
Holmfirth Junior infant & Nursery School	N/A	Unsecured	Education	Rural West	Adult	11 v 11	Standard	1

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Site name	Community use	Secured/Unsecured	Management	Analysis area	Pitch type	Pitch size	Quality rating	No. of pitches
Honley High School (Not Neily Field. Neily Field is a separate site)	N/A	Unsecured	Education	Rural West	Adult	11 v 11	Poor	1
Huddersfield Grammar School	N/A	Unsecured	Education	Huddersfield	Mini	5 v 5)	Standard	1
Leeside School Fields	N/A	Unsecured	Education	Batley & Spen	Adult	11 v 11	Poor	1
Lepton C of E Voluntary Junior Infants and Nursery	N/A	Unsecured	Education	Rural East	Youth	11 v 11	Poor	2
Lindley Junior School	N/A	Unsecured	Education	Huddersfield	Mini	7 v 7	Poor	2
Lydgate Junior & Infant School	N/A	Unsecured	Education	Batley & Spen	Youth	11 v 11	Poor	1
Mirfield Free Grammar School	N/A	Unsecured	Education	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Adult	11 v 11	Poor	1
Moorend Academy	N/A	Unsecured	Education	Huddersfield	Youth	11 v 11	Poor	2
Moorlands Primary	N/A	Unsecured	Education	Huddersfield	Youth	11 v 11	Poor	1
Netherhall Learning Campus	N/A	Unsecured	Education	Huddersfield	Adult	11 v 11	Poor	1
Newsome High School	N/A	Unsecured	Education	Huddersfield	Adult	11 v 11	Poor	1
Newsome High School	N/A	Unsecured	Education	Huddersfield	Youth	11 v 11	Poor	2
Oak Primary School	N/A	Unsecured	Education	Huddersfield	Mini	7 v 7	Poor	1
Orchard Academy	N/A	Unsecured	Education	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Mini	5 v 5	Poor	1
Overthorpe CE Academy	N/A	Unsecured	Education	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Junior	9 v 9	Poor	1
Ravenshall School	N/A	Unsecured	Education	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Youth	11 v 11	Poor	1

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Site name	Community use	Secured/Unsecured	Management	Analysis area	Pitch type	Pitch size	Quality rating	No. of pitches
Ravensthorpe CE Junior School	N/A	Unsecured	Education	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Youth	11 v 11	Poor	1
Ravensthorpe CE Junior School	N/A	Unsecured	Education	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Mini	5 v 5	Poor	2
Robertstown C of E Voluntary Junior & Infant	N/A	Unsecured	Education	Batley and Spennings	Youth	11 v 11	Poor	1
Royds Hall High School	N/A	Unsecured	Education	Huddersfield	Adult	11 v 11	Poor	2
Scapegoat Hill Junior & Infant School	N/A	Unsecured	Education	Rural West	Youth	11 v 11	Poor	1
Scholes Village Primary	N/A	Unsecured	Education	Batley and Spennings	Youth	11 v 11	Poor	1
Slaithwaite C of E School	N/A	Unsecured	Education	Rural West	Mini	7 v 7	Poor	1
Staincliffe CE Junior School	N/A	Unsecured	Education	Batley & Spennings	Mini	5 v 5	Poor	1
St Mary's Catholic Primary	N/A	Unsecured	Education	Batley and Spennings	Youth	11 v 11	Poor	1
St Patrick's Catholic Primary	N/A	Unsecured	Education	Huddersfield	Mini	7 v 7	Poor	1
St Thomas CE Primary School	N/A	Unsecured	Education	Huddersfield	Mini	5 v 5	Poor	1
Thornhill Junior & Infants School	N/A	Unsecured	Education	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Youth	11 v 11	Poor	1
Upper Batley High School	N/A	Unsecured	Education	Batley and Spennings	Adult	11 v 11	Poor	2
Upper Batley High School	N/A	Unsecured	Education	Batley and Spennings	Youth	11 v 11	Poor	1
Westborough High School	N/A	Unsecured	Education	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Adult	11 v 11	Poor	2
Westmoor Primary School	N/A	Unsecured	Education	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Youth	11 v 11	Poor	1

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Site name	Community use	Secured/Unsecured	Management	Analysis area	Pitch type	Pitch size	Quality rating	No. of pitches
Windmill C of E primary School	N/A	Unsecured	Education	Batley and Spen	Youth	11 v 11	Poor	1
Woodley School and College	N/A	Unsecured	Education	Huddersfield	Youth	11 v 11	Poor	1
<b>Totals: 54 sites</b>								64 + a large unmarked playing field

2.16 The following table provides a summary of Table 4 above Education Sites- School Use Only No Community Use by sub area and pitch typology.

**Table 5: Education Sites – School Use Only No Community Use by Sub Area and Pitch Typology**

Sub Area	Adult	Youth 11v11	Junior 9 v 9	Mini 7 v 7	Mini 5 v 5	Totals
Huddersfield	7	8	2	4	4	25
Batley & Spen	4	7	0	1	3	15
Dewsbury & Mirfield	3	6	1	2	3	15
Rural West	4	1	-	2	-	7
Rural East	-	2	-	-	-	2
<b>Totals</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>64</b>

### Informal Pitches

2.17 In addition to playing fields with marked pitches and goalposts for formal games, there are areas of maintained grass in parks, recreation grounds and other public open spaces throughout Kirklees that are freely available to access for informal, kick about games. Several football clubs use these spaces for team training at weekends and during light evenings in early and late season as a free alternative to paying for training slots on artificial pitches.

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### Disused Provision

- 2.18 Playing fields which have previously accommodated formal pitch provision are categorised as disused. A disused site is a playing field which is not being used at all by any users and is not available for community hire either.
- 2.19 Sport England would challenge a proposed loss of playing pitches/playing field which fails to meet such criteria. Table 6 provides a list of disused sites across Kirklees:

**Table 6: Disused Sites Across Kirklees**

Site name	Available for community use?	Secured/ Unsecured	Management	Analysis area	Pitch type	Pitch size	No. of pitches
Former Birkdale High School Playing Fields Not used since 2014	No use Identified	Secured	Local Authority	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Youth	11v11	1
Former Birkdale High School Playing Fields Not used since 2014	No use Identified	Secured	Local Authority	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Youth	9 v 9	1
High Burton Recreation Ground Not used since 2014	No use Identified	Secured	Local Authority	Huddersfield	Youth	9 v 9	1
Lees Holme Park Not used since 2104	No use Identified Since 2014	Secured	Local Authority	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Adult	11 v 11	1
Sycamore Recreation Ground Not used since 2014	No use Identified since 2014	Secured	Local Authority	Rural West	Adult	11 v 11	1
Sycamore Recreation Ground Not used since 2014	No use Identified since 2014	Secured	Local Authority	Rural West	Mini	7 v 7	1
Bar Croft (Stoney Ford) was used in 2014	Yes	Previously Secured	Unknown	Huddersfield	Adult	11 v 11	1
St Patricks Mill Street was once used by Birstall St Patricks FC – Development Site Local Plan	Yes	Previously Secured	Unknown	Batley & Spen	Adult	11 v 11	1
White Lee Football Ground	Yes	Secured	Local Authority	Batley & Spen	Adult	11 v 11	1

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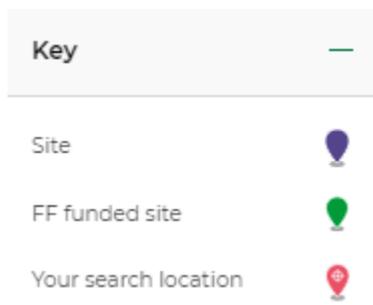
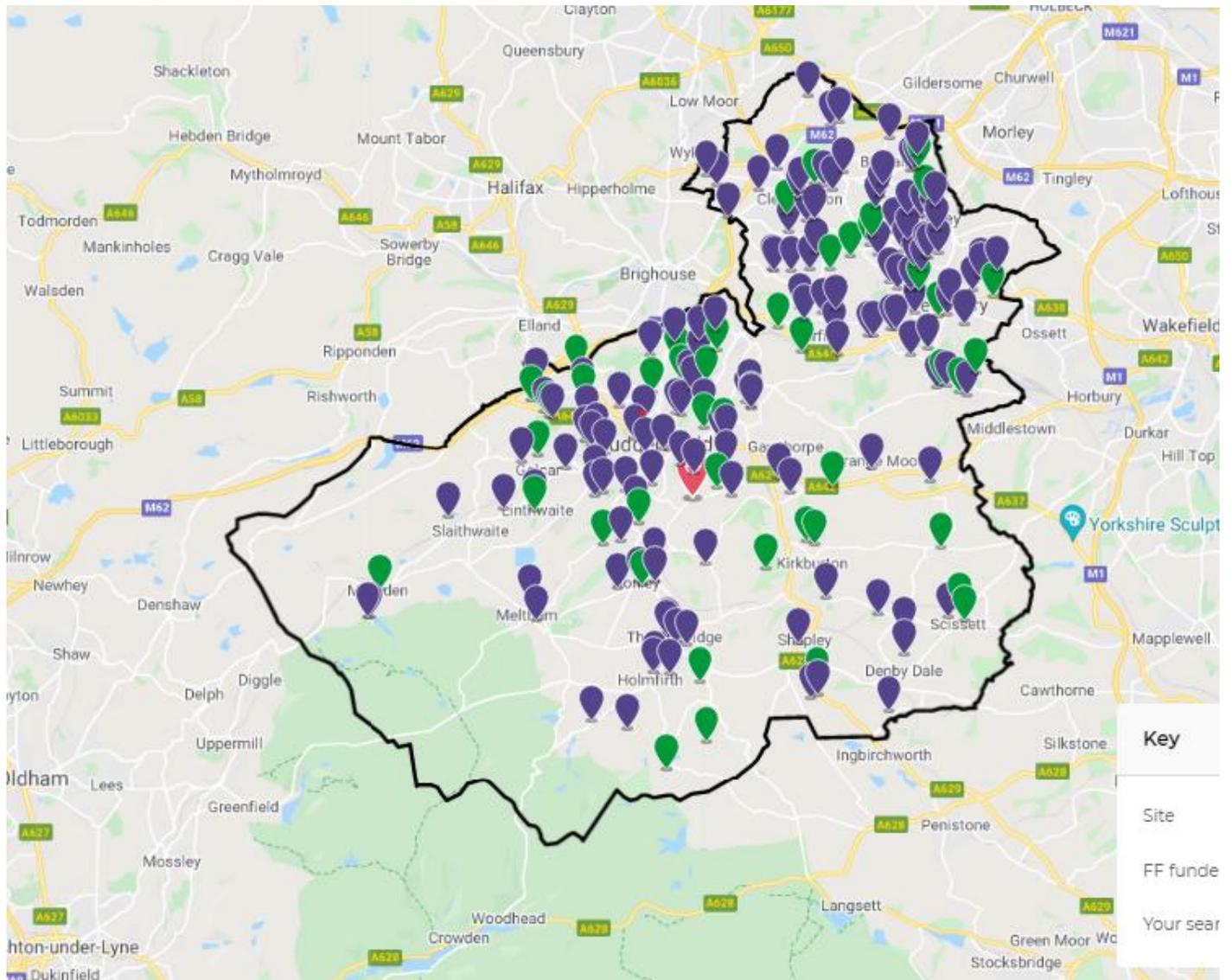
Site name	Available for community use?	Secured/ Unsecured	Management	Analysis area	Pitch type	Pitch size	No. of pitches
Bradley Mills Cricket Club Barr Street – A members club no sport played – Cricket club folded 1995 has goal posts in position and a bowls green disused. Fields are currently used for pay parking at Huddersfield Town and Giants home games.	No use identified	Previously Secured Sports Club	Unknown	Huddersfield	Adult	11 v 11	1
Brook Motors Sports Club	No use identified	Previously Secured Sports Club	Unknown	Rural West	Adult	11v11	1

2.20 Map 1 provides the location of football pitches across Kirklees.

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Map 1: Location of all football pitches in Kirklees



Source: PitchFinder. Image used courtesy of Football Foundation

### **Future Provision and Proposed Supply changes**

- 2.21 Current planning applications/proposals for playing pitch sites in Kirklees that have potential implications for the future supply of playing pitches are:

#### **Greenhead College/ Brambles Primary Academy**

- 2.22 As a result of the building of a new Primary School (Brambles Primary Academy) some of the site footprint was affected, and Kirklees Council agreed mitigation with Sport England.
- 2.23 The new configuration of the site is that Greenhead College retains 2 x adult football pitches and 1 x rugby league pitch.
- 2.24 Brambles Primary Academy will have 1 x U9/10 (7 v 7) football pitch and 1 x U11/12 (9 v 9) football pitch and there will be a community use agreement secured for these two pitches (which will reflect the fact that they are also going to have to accommodate the school's usage). Kirklees Council is currently in discussions with the West Riding County Football Association (WRFA) to help formulate an appropriate Community Use Agreement (CUA).

#### **Woodfield Park Sports Ground**

- 2.25 Planning permission was granted in 2016 to provide a sports ground and training facilities for Huddersfield Giants on Woodfield Park Sports Ground, a former Police Sports Ground. Planning permission was extended to May 2021 for the development to start.

#### **St Patricks Mill Street**

- 2.26 This site was last used approximately 2 years ago by Birstall St Patricks FC. The site is allocated for housing development in the Kirklees Local Plan (site HS83). The Local Plan requires that replacement playing pitch provision or mitigation measures of equivalent or better quantity and quality will be required in a suitable location unless an assessment clearly shows the site to be surplus to requirements having regard to the most up-to-date evidence for sport and recreation needs.

#### **Bradley Park Golf Course**

- 2.27 The Kirklees Local Plan requires that housing development on this site must allow for a repurposed 9-hole golf course, clubhouse and two full sized 3G AGPs and the provision of the pitches is likely to be a few years away.

#### **East Bierley Community Sports Association**

- 2.28 East Bierley Community Sports Association has submitted a planning application for erection of a clubhouse, additional changing facilities, works to existing pitches, and creation of a new hybrid and five-a-side pitches and car park. Planning application was approved 11<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

#### **Holmfirth High School**

- 2.29 A planning application was approved December 2021 for a 3G artificial grass pitch at Holmfirth High School.
- 2.30 The planning approval has conditions which restrict the use of sports lighting. The provision of this facility would be a much-needed facility for clubs in the Rural West Sub Area particularly Holmfirth Town FC, Hepworth United, Honley FC, Holme Valley Academicals and Holmbridge FC.

2.31 However, due to the restrictions on sports lighting permitted hour of use and the impact this has on the business plan, funding by the Football Foundation was deemed unreasonable and the school are looking to self-finance the development.

### **Kirklees Council and Football Club Aspirations – Future Supply Changes**

2.32 It is the intention of Kirklees Council to work in partnership with West Riding County Football Association, Sheffield and Hallamshire County Football Association and the Football Foundation to try and use their multi-pitch sites more effectively going forward and move teams away from single pitch sites, if deemed feasible. However, the Council will require investment into pitch quality and changing to facilitate this. The Council's key priority sites, which they currently manage and maintain are summarised below. Some of these are only 2 pitch sites in size, but due to the lack of large multi-pitch sites in the surrounding areas they are deemed to be key priority sites. These sites have all been assessed as poor or standard quality pitches:

- **Huddersfield Sub Area:**
  - Reinwood Recreation Ground – requires pitch improvements;
  - Lindley Recreation Ground – requires pitch improvements;
  - Leeds Road Sports Complex – requires pitch improvements;
  - Standforth Recreation Ground – requires pitch improvements; and
  - Longfield Avenue – requires pitch and changing room improvements.
- **Batley and Spennings Sub Area:**
  - Batley Sports and Tennis Centre and Batley Girls School – require pitch improvements. Howden Clough Fc are in discussions with Batley Girls School and Kirklees Council regarding provision of a clubhouse on site;
  - Carters Field – requires pitch and changing facility improvements; and
  - King George V Playing Field – requires pitch and changing improvements.
- **Dewsbury and Mirfield Sub Area:**
  - Wakefield Road – requires pitch improvements;
  - Sands Lane – requires pitch and changing room improvements;
  - Crawshaw Street – requires pitch and changing room improvements; and
  - West Mills – requires pitch improvements.
- **Rural West Sub Area:**
  - Sands Recreation Ground – requires pitch and changing room improvements;
  - Broadlands Recreation Ground – requires pitch improvements;
  - Jagger Lane – requires pitch improvements; and
  - Linthwaite Recreation Ground – requires pitch improvements.
- **Rural East Sub Area:**
  - Cross Lane Recreation Ground – requires pitch improvements and changing room improvements;
  - Longfield Avenue – requires pitch and changing room improvements; and
  - Bywell Road/ Leeds Road Playing Field – requires pitch improvements.

2.33 Consultation with Kirklees-based football clubs identifies aspirations for change in the supply of football facilities. This feedback is unlikely to be exhaustive, and there may be other clubs with similar aspirations, or be opportunities on other sites. This may mean that wider consideration of sites is necessary to identify those with development potential.

### Batley and Spenningsdale Sub Area:

- Liversedge FC in 2020/21 was promoted from Northern Counties East League Premier Division and are now in the Northern Premier League – East. The club is seeking to improve the ground to meet current and future football league requirements and comply with Football Association (FA) requirements for clubs operating at this level. This includes provision of a single storey wooden cabin-type clubhouse adjacent to the existing south stand and the existing car park. The new accommodation will provide hospitality facilities for an increased number of spectators and officials, including refreshments and toilets, and the building will also be DDA compliant. The existing clubhouse will be improved to provide changing facilities only for female football officials. The club is also seeking to replace their existing floodlighting. The club has merged with Cleckheaton Juniors and would like to develop a 3G pitch in the Spenningsdale Valley that can be used by themselves, the local community and schools.
- Gomersal and Cleckheaton FC support provision of a 3G football turf pitch at East Bierley Community Sports Association. The club currently uses this facility for its open age teams Under 18's and under 10's. The Club also uses several other sites for matches e.g., Moorend Park, Princess Mary Stadium, Shirley Recreation Ground, Gomersal Primary Schools, Nibshaw Lane, Spenningsdale Victoria Bowling and Cricket Club and BBG Academy. The Club currently uses several different sites for training mid-week e.g. Tong High School 3G Pitch, 8 hours per week, Batley Sports & Tennis Centre All Weather Pitch, 3 hours per week, Spenningsdale Victoria Cricket Field, 3 hours per week, Gomersal Primary School Pitch, 3 hours per week, BBG Academy Fields, 3 hours per week, East Bierley Playing Fields, 6 hours per week. The club wants to move mini-soccer match play to 3G artificial grass pitches, which is 4 matches at 5 v 5 and 6 matches at 7 v 7. If possible, want to move all age groups to a single 3G artificial grass pitch, which is 27 teams utilising a full pitch approx. 12 hours per week. A planning application is currently being considered for works to existing sports facilities including erection of a clubhouse, additional changing facilities building works to existing pitches, and creation of new hybrid and five-a-side pitches and car park.
- Heckmondwike Sports Club/White Rose FC has engaged a consultant to undertake some initial feasibility work on the possibility of developing a 3G AGP on the existing onsite pitch. Feedback has highlighted issues around access to the site, parking and proximity of housing to a proposed 3G resurface of the existing grass pitches, so this proposal has been halted.

### Rural East Sub Area:

- Emley AFC is currently in Level 10 (Step 6) of the English Football League System. The Club is aiming to progress into Level 9 (Step 5) of the system as a result of league promotions. The facilities at the Welfare Ground do not currently meet Football Association ground grading regulations for the club to progress to Step 5. Specifically, the size and specification of the away team changing rooms and referee's changing rooms are currently below that required by the Football Association. The club is proposing alterations to provide high quality changing facilities as well as a spacious function room with kitchen and bar areas, which takes advantage of the views across the playing field.
- Lepton Highlanders has stated they are in discussions with the County Football Association over provision of 3G football turf pitches. Lepton Highlanders currently use the following sites for winter training - Rowley Lane School court 9 hours, King James High School 1 hour, Shelley High School 1 hour, and Kirkburton Middle School 2 hours.
- Shelley College aspires to develop a 3G AGP.

- Scissett FC would like to consider some link up with Scissett Middle School. The school has a lot of existing Disused land to develop 3G pitches. This would result in increased player participation and that the Club could re-start juniors / mini soccer and maybe a 3rd senior team.

### Huddersfield Sub Area

- Golcar United aspires to develop a 3G AGP.
- Huddersfield Laund Hill FC have demand for a 3G football turf pitch for training. This proposed 3G would be for rugby league, rugby union and football and led by rugby.
- Norristhorpe FC has suggested a 3G pitch of at least 7 v 7 size at Warrenside Sports Complex; this will enable match play and training for mini-soccer teams, reduction of external hire costs for match play and training, ability to hire facility to school and community groups and teams when not in use by club and to host coach education courses. Increasing the size of the pitch to 9 v 9 or even 11 v 11 will further increase the scale of these plans. Their existing main winter training venue is the use of a sand-filled astro at Mirfield Free Grammar which is intended for hockey play and is not an appropriate surface for football. More than 20 of their teams currently use this facility from October to March. Due to lack of space for all teams, some teams train in sports halls so have no access to football-specific surfaces for training during winter months. The club wants to reduce number of cancelled fixtures to retain and grow participation.
- Lindley Collegians has stated that all current age ranges are training in less-than-ideal locations. The older teams train on a hockey pitch which is not an ideal surface. The younger teams train in various school halls which are also not ideal and the ones that the Club is able to afford are often too small. Ideally, the Club would look to train all its teams on 3G pitches but there are none available in the area at reasonable times. The one at Salendine Nook High School/New College is unavailable as it is already fully used.
- Dalton Dynamoes aspirations to use a 3G football turf pitch for all the Clubs' age groups.

### Rural West Sub Area:

- Meltham Athletic aspire to provide a full size 3G pitch for training and games to improve standards at Broadlands Recreation Ground. Existing pitches are poor and waterlog too easily.

### Dewsbury & Mirfield Sub Area:

- Battyeford SC would be interested in using facilities for winter training at a local football hub; this could provide better facilities than they currently use at West Mills. They may also want to use 3G provision for 9 v 9 to alleviate issues with grass pitches.

### Pitch quality

- 2.34 The quality of football pitches across Kirklees has been assessed via a combination of site visits (using non-technical assessments as determined by the FA) and user consultation to reach and apply an agreed rating as follows:

<b>Good</b>	<b>Standard</b>	<b>Poor</b>
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- 2.35 Pitch quality primarily influences the carrying capacity of a site; often pitches lack the drainage and maintenance necessary to sustain levels of use. Pitches that receive little to no ongoing repair or post-season remedial work are likely to be assessed as poor, therefore limiting the number of games they can accommodate each week to avoid a detrimental effect on quality.

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- 2.36 Conversely, well maintained pitches are likely to be of a higher standard and capable of taking several matches without a significant reduction in surface quality.
- 2.37 The percentage parameters used for the non-technical assessments were as follows: Good (>80%), Standard (50-80%), Poor (<50%). The final quality ratings assigned to the sites also consider the user quality ratings gathered from consultation and those agreed with West Riding County FA.
- 2.38 Table 7 summarises the quality of pitches that are available for community use in Kirklees. In total, 44 (16%) pitches are assessed as good quality, 145 (52%) as standard quality and 91 (33%) as poor quality.

Table 7: Pitch quality assessments (community use pitches)

Analysis Sub Area	Adult Pitches			Youth 11 v 11 Pitches			Junior 9 v 9 Pitches			Mini pitches		
	Good	Standard	Poor	Good	Standard	Poor	Good	Standard	Poor	Good	Standard	Poor
Huddersfield Sub Area	8	21	28	0	5	0	2	5	3	4	6	1
Batley and Spen Sub Area	8	14	8	0	4	1	2	3	2	2	13	3
Dewsbury and Mirfield Sub Area	5	20	9	0	3	0	0	3	3	2	8	8
Rural East Sub Area	8	11	7	0	2	0	1	2	1	2	7	3
Rural West Sub Area	-	14	7	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>20</b>

- 2.39 Most poor-quality pitches are located at Kirklees Council or educational sites. These pitches often receive limited amounts of dedicated maintenance due to budgetary restraints and are heavily used for community, curricular and extracurricular activities meaning they have less time to recover.
- 2.40 Clubs and leagues identify that the pitches maintained by the local authority are of poor quality due to drainage issues. There is a need to determine if this is down to the lack of maintenance on the pitches leading to drainage issues or a new drainage system is required.
- 2.41 The Kirklees Local Football Facility Plan supports pitch improvements: at these sites
- Crown Fields – improvements to pitches;
  - Wakefield Road – Improvements to grass pitches;
  - Sands Lane Playing Fields – improvements to grass pitches;
  - Holdroyd Bank Recreation Ground – improvements to grass pitches;
  - Standiforth Recreation Ground – improvements to grass pitches;
  - North Huddersfield Trust School – improvements to grass pitches;
  - Bankfield Recreation Ground (Kirklees Field) – improvements to grass pitches;
  - Crawshaw Street Playing Fields – Improvements to grass pitches;
  - Hepworth United FC – Improvement to grass pitches;
  - Longfield – improvements to changing rooms;
  - Jaggar Lane – improvements to grass pitches; and
  - Cross Lane Recreation Ground – improvements to grass pitches/possible asset transfer.
- 2.42 Specific comments relating to the pitch conditions at individual sites can be seen in Table 8.

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Table 8: Summary of comments on pitch quality <sup>1</sup>

Site name	Club name	Comments
Fern Lea Playing Fields	Lindley Junior Collegians	Works to footpaths has churned up pitch and this has not been rectified. Causes waterlogging.
Broadlands Recreation Ground.	Meltham Athletic	Need for Developments to fund improvements of pitches.
East Bierley Playing Fields	Gomersal & Cleckheaton Junior FC	Pitches have poor drainage and a slope
Princess Mary Fields	Gomersal & Cleckheaton Junior FC	Poor drainage
Shirley Recreation Ground	Cumberworth Juniors	Uneven surface and dog fouling
Nibshaw Lane	Gomersal & Cleckheaton Junior FC	Poor drainage, parking issues
Gomersal Primary School	Gomersal & Cleckheaton Junior FC	Suffers from vandalism
Man Damm Park	Liversedge FC	Suffered from damage from quad bikes
Sands Recreation Ground	Holme Valley Academicals	Constant dog fouling issues, stones, and glass on the pitches, even tyre marks often the pitch has no grass.
Warrenside	Norristhorpe FC	Dog walkers/fouling and vandalism (e.g. fires lit on pitch, bikes, litter) are a frequent problem due to Warrenside having open access from Leeds Road as this part of the site is not surrounded by any fencing. This essentially renders the fencing at the Keldregate/Warrenside part of the site useless as anyone who wishes to gain access to the site may do so in other areas.
Savile Playing Fields	Savile Town Juniors	Some bumpy areas (needs flattening), Goalposts are slanted (need fitting in securely), litter.
Sands Lane Playing Fields	AFC Chickenley First Dewsbury Rangers U21 Inter Batley Sunday Sands Lane First	Easily becomes waterlogged/flooded, path/road to the pitch is potholed and tricky to access in wet conditions, dog fouling is bad.

- 2.43 To support with the target of playing matches on 'good' quality pitches. The FA and Football Foundation have launched PitchPower (<https://footballfoundation.org.uk/pitchpower>) - a really simple tool to help individual sites inspect and improve their grass pitches.
- 2.44 The site self-inspection will provide regular detailed assessment reports from grounds management experts at the Grounds Management Association, including recommendations on maintaining and improving the quality of the pitches.
- 2.45 All key sites should be encouraged to undertake a PitchPower self-assessment and review the report recommendations.
- 2.46 Grants are available through the Football Foundation to pay for enhanced grass pitch maintenance works, materials and grounds maintenance machinery where appropriate.

<sup>1</sup> Source: club consultation or from site assessments undertaken to inform this assessment

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### Ancillary Facilities

2.47 The quality of ancillary facilities across Kirklees has been assessed via a combination of site visits and user consultation to reach and apply an agreed rating as follows:

Good	Standard	Poor
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2.48 Ancillary facility ratings are primarily influenced by the type of amenities which are available on a site plus their quality, such as a clubhouse, changing rooms, showering provision, car parking, dedicated official and spectator facilities and boundary fencing. Table 9 identifies the findings for football sites that are actively utilised for football across Kirklees.

Table 9: Summary of community available ancillary facility quality at active football sites

Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	Ancillary Facility Quality
1	Almondbury Recreation Ground	Huddersfield	Standard
2	Almondbury Sports Centre	Huddersfield	Standard
3	Bankfield Recreation Ground	Huddersfield	Poor
4	Berry Brow Recreation Ground	Huddersfield	Standard/Good
5	Bradley Park	Huddersfield	Good
6	Celandine Avenue	Huddersfield	None
7	Crow Lane	Huddersfield	None
8	Cross Lane	Huddersfield	Standard
0	Deighton Centre	Huddersfield	Standard
10	Dram Sports and Community Centre	Huddersfield	Standard
11	Dryclough Recreation Ground	Huddersfield	Poor
12	Fern Lea Playing Fields	Huddersfield	None
13	Golcar Junior & infants School	Huddersfield	None
14	Greenhead College	Huddersfield	Standard
15	Hawkroyd Bank	Huddersfield	Poor
16	Heatherleigh Playing Fields	Huddersfield	Standard
17	Huddersfield New College	Huddersfield	Good
18	King James School	Huddersfield	Standard
19	Laund Hill Community Club (Formerly Huddersfield YMCA Sports Club)	Huddersfield	Standard
20	Leeds Road	Huddersfield	Good
21	Lighenfield Lane Recreation Ground	Huddersfield	Poor
22	Lindley Recreation Ground / Daisy	Huddersfield	None
23	Lindley Swifts ARLFC (Birchcliffe Sports Ground	Huddersfield	Standard
24	Longfield Avenue Recreation Ground	Huddersfield	Poor
25	Northfield Hall	Huddersfield	Poor
26	North Huddersfield Trust School	Huddersfield	Standard
27	Paddock Cricket Club	Huddersfield	Standard
28	Reinwood Recreation Ground	Huddersfield	Standard

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Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	Ancillary Facility Quality
29	Rowley Lane Junior & Infants School	Huddersfield	None
30	Salendine Nook High School	Huddersfield	Poor
31	St Joseph's Catholic Primary School	Huddersfield	None
32	Standiforth Recreation Ground (Dalton Playing Fields)	Huddersfield	Standard
33	Westgate Arena Cross Lane	Huddersfield	Standard
34	Warrenside Football Club	Huddersfield	Good
35	Batley Girls High School	Batley and Spennings	None
35a	Upper Batley Fields	Batley and Spennings	None
36	Batley Grammar School	Batley and Spennings	Standard
37	BBG Academy	Batley and Spennings	Standard
38	Beck Lane	Batley and Spennings	Poor
39	Carters Field	Batley and Spennings	Poor
40	East Bierley	Batley and Spennings	Good
41	Gomersal Primary School	Batley and Spennings	None
42	Hartshead Recreation Ground	Batley and Spennings	None
43	Heckmondwike Grammar School	Batley and Spennings	Standard
44	Heckmondwike Sports Club	Batley and Spennings	Standard
45	Howden Clough Playing Fields	Batley and Spennings	None
46	Hyrstlands Park	Batley and Spennings	Standard
47	King George V	Batley and Spennings	Good
48	Kingsley Recreation Ground	Batley and Spennings	None
49	Liversedge Football Club	Batley and Spennings	Standard
50	Liversedge Cricket Club	Batley and Spennings	Standard
51	Moorend Recreation Ground	Batley and Spennings	None
52	Nibshaw Recreation Ground	Batley and Spennings	None
53	Norristhorpe Recreation Ground	Batley and Spennings	None
54	Princess Mary Rugby Field	Batley and Spennings	None
55	Scholes Cricket Club	Batley and Spennings	Good
56	Shirley Recreation Ground	Batley and Spennings	None
57	Spennings Bottom (Mann Dam Park)	Batley and Spennings	None
58	Spennings Valley High School	Batley and Spennings	Standard
59	Spennings Victoria Cricket Bowling and Athletic Club	Batley and Spennings	Standard
60	West End Park	Batley and Spennings	None
61	Whitechapel Church of England Primary School	Batley and Spennings	Standard
62	Whitcliffe Mount Playing Fields	Batley and Spennings	Standard
63	Castle Hall	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Standard
64	Centenary Square Football	Dewsbury & Mirfield	None
65	Crawshaw Street Playing Field	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Poor

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Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	Ancillary Facility Quality
66	Healds Road Playing Field	Dewsbury & Mirfield	None
67	Holroyd Park	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Standard
68	Leeds Road (Paul Hinchcliffe Memorial Ground)	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Standard
69	Lower Hopton	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Standard
70	Manor Croft Academy	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Standard
71	Mirfield Memorial Ground (Moorland CC)	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Standard
72	Old Bank Recreation Ground	Dewsbury & Mirfield	None
73	Overthorpe Park Playing Fields	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Standard
74	Overthorpe Sports Club	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Standard
75	Rectory Park	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Standard
76	Sands Lane Playing Field	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Poor
77	Savile Playing Field	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Poor
78	St John Fisher Catholic High School	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Standard
79	Thornhill Sports Centre	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Standard
80	Thornhill Cricket and Bowling Club	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Good
81	Wakefield Road Recreation Ground	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Good
82	West Mills Playing Field	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Standard
83	Birdsedge First School	Rural East	None
84	Cross Lane Recreation Ground	Rural East	Poor
85	Crown Fields/Birdsedge	Rural East	Standard
86	Farnley Tyas Recreation Ground	Rural East	Standard
87	Grange Moor	Rural East	Standard
88	Gregory Fields	Rural East	Standard
89	Hill Top	Rural East	Good
90	Kirkburton Middle School	Rural East	Good
91	Lepton Highlanders Sports Club	Rural East	Good
92	Nortonthorpe Sports Club	Rural East	Standard
93	Scisset Middle School	Rural East	Standard
94	Shelley College	Rural East	Standard
95	Shelley Lane Westerley Way	Rural East	None
96	Shepley Recreation Ground	Rural East	None
97	Storthes Hall Park	Rural East	Good
98	Sunnymead Recreation Ground	Rural East	None
99	The Welfare Ground	Rural East	Standard
100	Broadlands Recreation Ground	Rural West	None
101	Cartworth Moor	Rural West	Poor
102	Flowery Fields	Rural West	Good
103	Green Hill Bank	Rural West	None

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Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	Ancillary Facility Quality
104	Hepworth United FC	Rural West	Good
105	Holmbridge Recreation Ground	Rural West	None
106	Holmfirth High School	Rural West	Standard
107	Holmfirth High School (Little Wembley)	Rural West	None
108	Honley C of E School	Rural West	None
109	Honley Cricket Club	Rural West	Standard
110	Jagger Lane	Rural West	Poor
111	Linthwaite Recreation Ground	Rural West	None
112	Marsden Cricket Ground	Rural West	Good
113	Marsden Football Club	Rural West	Standard
114	Meltham C of E School	Rural West	None
115	Meltham Road	Rural West	None
116	Neiley Pavilion	Rural West	Standard
117	Sands Recreation Ground	Rural West	Standard
118	Thongsbridge Recreation Ground	Rural West	None
119	West Field Park	Rural West	None

2.49 Across Kirklees, 36 sites actively used for football are not serviced by any sort of clubhouse or changing rooms. In addition, a further 15 sites are serviced by poor quality provision. As a result, there are several stakeholders with aspirations to develop or improve the quality of ancillary provision on the sites they use.

2.50 Changing rooms identified for replacement or improvement are:

- Bankfield Recreation Ground – Planning Approved;
- Beck Lane Football Club – Planning permission approved March 2019;
- Carters Field – requires new changing rooms;
- Crawshaw Street – requires refurbishment;
- Cross Lane Recreation Ground – requires refurbishment;
- Dram Centre – showers need attention;
- Hawkroyd Bank – requires new changing facility;
- Lightenfield Lane – Changing rooms needed;
- Longfield Avenue – changing rooms require refurbishment;
- Sands Lane Holmfirth – condemned but not replaced. Clubs are paying the same price for pitch since the changing room closures but also have to hire changing facilities elsewhere;
- Savile Playing Fields – requires refurbishment. Saville Utd would like to work with the Council to improve the changing rooms;
- Howden Clough FC is currently fundraising for a new clubhouse. The club has had plans drawn up and are looking to put a business plan together to assist with additional funding;

- Liversedge FC in 2020/21 was promoted from Northern Counties East League Premier Division and are now in the Northern Premier League – East. The club is seeking to improve the ground to meet current and future football league requirements and comply with Football Association (FA) requirements for clubs operating at this level. This includes provision of a single storey wooden cabin-type clubhouse adjacent to the existing south stand and the existing car park. The new accommodation will provide hospitality facilities for an increased number of spectators and officials, including refreshments and toilets, and the building will also be DDA compliant. The existing clubhouse will be improved to provide changing facilities only for female football officials. The club is also seeking to replace their existing floodlighting; and
- Emley AFC is currently in Level 10 (Step 6) of the English Football League System. The Club is aiming to progress into Level 9 (Step 5) of the system as a result of league promotions. The facilities do not currently meet Football Association ground grading regulations for the club to progress to Step 5. Specifically, the size and specification of the away team changing rooms and referee’s changing rooms are currently below that required by the Football Association. The club is proposing alterations to provide high quality changing facilities as well as a spacious function room with kitchen and bar areas, which takes advantage of the views across the playing field.

### Demand

- 2.51 Through the audit and assessment, 718 teams have been identified as playing within Kirklees. This consists of 204 adult men’s, 16 adult women’s, 140 youth 11 v 11 boys’, 15 youth 11 v 11 girls’, 100 junior boys’ 9 v 9 teams, 11 junior girls’ 9 v 9 teams, and 232 7 v 7 and 5 v 5 mini soccer teams. Adult men’s football is the most prominent format of play. The 2015 PPS team numbers equated to 655 teams. So a current increase of 63 teams. Women’s teams have increased from 9 to 16 and youth girls from 13 to 26.
- 2.52 In addition, there are 5 Futsal teams (West Yorkshire Futsal Club U13. U14 and U15; Ossett Albion Juniors U14 and White Rose All Stars U8.
- 2.53 Table 10 identifies the number of teams by age groups across the sub areas in Kirklees. Football in Kirklees is predominately played in the Huddersfield Sub Area (266 teams which corresponds with the area also accommodating the most amount of provision). This is followed by Batley and Spennings 142 teams, Rural East 112 teams, rural West 110 teams and Dewsbury and Mirfield 88 teams.

Table 10: Summary of competitive teams currently playing in Kirklees

Analysis area	Adult Male 17 years +	Adult Female 17 years +	Youth 11 v 11 (Boy’ s)	Youth 11 v 11 (Girls)	Junior 9 v 9 (Boy’ s)	Junior 9 v 9 (Gir’ s)	Mini Soccer	Total
Huddersfield Sub Area	87	6	50	8	36	6	77	270
Batley and Spennings Sub Area	22	2	38	0	24	0	56	142
Dewsbury and Mirfield Sub Area	30	2	12	2	10	2	30	88
Rural East Sub Area	37	1	21	2	15	1	35	112
Rural West Sub Area	32	5	19	3	15	2	34	110
<b>Total</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>718</b>

#### **Football Pyramid Demand**

- 2.54 The National League System is a series of interconnected leagues for adult men's football clubs in England. It begins below the football league (the National League) and comprises of seven steps, with various leagues at each level and more leagues lower down the pyramid than at the top. The system has a hierarchical format with promotion and relegation between the levels, allowing even the smallest club the theoretical possibility of rising to the top of the system.
- 2.55 Clubs within the step system must adhere to ground requirements set out by the FA. The higher the level of football being played the higher the requirements. Clubs cannot progress into the league above if the ground requirements do not meet the correct specifications. Ground grading assesses grounds from A to H, with 'A' being the requirements for Step 1 clubs.
- 2.56 Huddersfield Town AFC is a professional club in Kirklees that plays above the pyramid, in the Football League. The club competes in the Championship, the second tier of English football.
- 2.57 Liversedge FC is a Step 4 club. Ground requirements have been mentioned previously. They have also recently merged with Cleckheaton Sporting Juniors.
- 2.58 Golcar FC and Emley FC are Step 6 clubs with ambitions to progress to Step 5.
- 2.59 Littletown Firsts, Lower Hopton First, Gomersal and Cleckheaton First are members of one of the Regional Feeder League. Formerly Step 7 level. There are 2 x Regional Feeder Leagues in West Riding – West Yorkshire Association League and Yorkshire Amateur Association League, with teams from Kirklees playing in them.
- 2.60 Shelley Community FC was until recently a Step 6 club but following the Covid 19 pandemic have resigned from the North West Counties Football League and will now be playing in the West Yorkshire Association Football League Division 2 and the Reserves in Division 2. The Premier League of the West Yorkshire Association Football League is a Regional Feeder League.
- 2.61 Formerly Step 7 level, Howden Clough FC also plays in Division 2 of the West Yorkshire Association Football League.
- 2.62 There are other teams with ambitions to progress through the football pyramid e.g. Howden Clough FC and Huddersfield LH.
- 2.63 A common issue for clubs entering the pyramid is changing facilities. For Regional Feeder League Football (ground grading H), changing rooms must be a minimum size of 18 square metres, exclusive of shower and toilet areas.
- 2.64 The general principle for clubs in the football pyramid is that they must achieve the appropriate grade by March 31<sup>st</sup> of their first season after promotion, which therefore allows a short grace period for facilities to be brought up to standard. This, however, does not apply to clubs being promoted to either of the Regional Feeder Leagues (Premier and supreme divisions) as they must meet requirements immediately.

#### **Women's National League System**

- 2.65 There is also a Women's National League System like the adult men's football pyramid, providing structure to the women's game. As seen in the Table 11, the system is also hierarchical with promotion and relegation between the levels.

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Table 11: Summary of ground grading for women's football

Level	League	Grading category
Tier 1	Women's Super League	Grade A
Tier 2	FA Women's Championship	Grade B
Tier 3	FA Women's National League - Premier	Grade C
Tier 4	FA Women's National League Division 1	Grade D
Tier 5	Women's Regional League Premier	Grade E
Tier 6	Women's Regional League Division 1	
Tier 7	County Leagues	

- 2.66 Although women's clubs are still required to meet ground requirements set out by the FA, these differ from the men's National League System. Ratings range from grade A to E, each with differing minimum requirements.
- 2.67 In 2017, the FA announced plans to restructure the women's league for the highest performers in the football pyramid.
- 2.68 The changes were implemented from the start of the 2018-19 season and saw the top league, FA WSL 1, expand from ten clubs to 14 and the creation of a new national league established at tier two for a maximum of 12 teams. Kirklees has the following teams in the Women's Football Pyramid.
- Huddersfield Town Women's Football Club (FA Women's National League Northern Premier Division);
  - Hepworth United Ladies Development (Northeast Regional Women's Football League South Division);
  - Ossett United FC Ladies (Northeast Regional Women's Football League, Premier Division);
  - Lower Hopton Ladies FC (Tier 7 West Riding County Women's Football League Premier Division); and
  - Ossett United Development (Tier 7 West Riding Women's Football League, Premier Division).

### Imported Demand

- 2.69 Imported demand refers to any demand from teams in neighbouring local authorities that accesses facilities within Kirklees.
- 2.70 Morley Town (Leeds) play at Batley Sports and Tennis Centre.
- 2.71 Woodkirk Valley FC home ground is close to the Kirklees border with Leeds the club has a large number of teams meaning that the club accesses playing pitch and training facilities in the Batley and Spen area of Kirklees. This may well change in the future with the planned development of an additional 3G AGP and playing pitches near to the Kirklees Border in Bradford at the Wyke Sports Village on the site of the old Wyke Manor School.
- 2.72 Ossett Town Juniors a club from Wakefield accesses Dewsbury Rams 3G AGP for training.

### Exported Displaced Demand

- 2.73 Exported or displaced demand refers to teams that are currently accessing pitches for home fixtures outside of Kirklees, despite being registered to Kirklees as a Local Authority through either West Riding County football association or Sheffield Hallam County Football Association.
- 2.74 There is some displaced demand mainly for training purposes for clubs to access good training facilities. Gomersal and Cleckheaton FC have 8 hours training at Tong School in Bradford.
- 2.75 Some Cumberworth Junior FC teams travel to Penistone Grammar School in Barnsley to play matches. These teams are the U11's U12's U13's and U14's.

### Latent Demand

- 2.76 Latent demand refers to potential demand i.e., Individuals who would like to participate within the sport but do not do so. This can be for a variety of reasons including a lack of pitches or appropriate facilities.
- 2.77 Further expansion of recent initiatives such as veterans' leagues (encouraging over 35s to continue to play or to return to the game), 'Just Play' organised kickabouts, walking football are opportunities to use football as a tool to address latent demand.
- 2.78 The low current base of expressed demand for girls and women's football (i.e. in terms of the number of girls and women's teams in comparison to boys and men teams) is clear evidence of high levels of latent demand for more female participation in the game. Realising much more of this latent demand among women and girls is a key target of the new FA Strategy.
- 2.79 The Weetabix Wildcats programme is designed to inspire girls aged 5-11 to be involved in the sport. Weetabix Wildcats Centres provides girls with regular opportunities to play football and take part in organised sessions in a fun and engaging environment created exclusively for girls. Current Weetabix Wildcat Centres in Kirklees are:
- Meltham CE Primary School Holmfirth;
  - Newsome High School and Sports College;
  - Oak Primary CE Huddersfield;
  - Hepworth United FC;
  - Slaithwaite CE School;
  - The Zone (Huddersfield Community Trust);
  - Lepton CE (VC) Junior, Infant and Nursery School;
  - Lindley Junior School;
  - Bankfield Recreation Ground;
  - Lepton Highlanders FC;
  - Woodland Glade Sports and Leisure Centre;
  - Grange Moor Football Club;
  - Elland CE Junior and Infants School;
  - Scissett School;
  - Towngate Playing Field;
  - Ravensthorpe CE Academy;
  - Overthorpe CE Academy;
  - King James School;
  - Al-Hikmah Sports Hall; and
  - Batley Parish CE School.

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- 2.80 The football clubs in Kirklees identify that the demand for girl's football is clearly growing and the need for improved changing provision and appropriate pitches needs to be provided to meet this demand. This will hopefully lead to an increase in women's football as more teams are likely to be created as current junior girls are retained and adult teams and competition structures are developed (both formal and informal).
- 2.81 In addition, many clubs are forced to use alternative sites to access pitches as there are insufficient pitches at their main home grounds e.g. Norristhorpe FC, Hepworth United FC, Cumberworth Juniors, Dalton Dynamos, Golcar United, Gomersal and Cleckheaton, Lindley Junior Collegians and Honley FC.
- 2.82 Hepworth United has stated that there are insufficient youth 11 v 11 pitches within the valley (Rural West Sub Area). Demand will get worse as mini and junior 9 v 9 teams come through the system.
- 2.83 Other clubs are marking over and overplay pitches to provide pitches for mini soccer and 9 v 9. This adds to the wear and tear on adult 11 v 11 pitches.

### Unmet Demand

- 2.84 Several of the larger, community football clubs playing in Kirklees have identified unmet demand for growth and plan to establish additional teams over the next three seasons. These include nearly all the youth football clubs.
- 2.85 Norristhorpe FC has stated they would like to be able to increase teams by the following over the next 3 seasons:
- Adult Women's Team 1;
  - Youth boys (11 v 11) teams 1;
  - Youth girls (11 v 11) team 1;
  - Youth girl's (9 v 9) team 1;
  - Youth girl's (7 v 7) teams 2;
  - Youth Boys (9 v 9) team 1;
  - Mini boys (7 v 7) team 1; and
  - Mini soccer (5 v 5) teams 5+.
- 2.86 Huddersfield University would like to operate teams in the local leagues at weekends but is struggling for pitch space.
- 2.87 Junction FC would like to increase team numbers by 1 men's team and 1 women's team. Gomersal and Cleckheaton wish to have an additional 1 adult men's team. AFC Dalton wish to achieve an increase of 1 women's team. Savile United wish to have an additional 1 adult men's team 11 v 11.
- 2.88 Shelley Juniors FC has recently teamed up with Project Sport to offer Saturday sessions for 2 – 7-year-olds to increase participation.

### Future Demand

- 2.89 Future demand can be defined in two ways, through participation increases and by using population forecasts.

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### Participation Increases

2.90 Clubs report aspirations to increase the number of teams they provide. Clubs have quantified *potential* increase as set out above; there is also predicted growth of 25 teams, as seen below:

- Youth Football 11 v 11 - 13 teams, 6 boys and 7 girls = 6.5 MES;
- Junior 9 v 9 - 10 teams 5 girls and 5 boys, = 5 MES;
- Mini Soccer – 11 teams = 5.5 MES
- 3 additional adult women’s teams = 1.5 MES; and
- 3 additional adult men’s teams = 1.5 MES.

### Population Increases

2.91 Team generation rates (TGRs) are used to calculate the number of teams likely to be generated in the future (2035) based on population growth.

2.92 The Kirklees Local Plan Strategies and Policies were adopted in February 2019. The Local Plan states that the council will seek to achieve sustainable housing growth through the delivery of a minimum of 31,140 new dwellings between 2013 and 2031 (1730 new dwellings per annum) through allocation sites and taking account of windfalls, committed housing figures and losses/demolitions.

2.93 The Sport England New Development Playing Pitch Calculator Tool should be used to identify team generation rates and need for playing pitches as and when planning applications are agreed.

2.94 Kirklees Planning Department have provided the following housing growth across the PPS Sub Areas. The table below provided the future population in the sub areas based on the housing growth per sub area multiplied by average household size of 2.3 persons.

Table 12: Housing growth across the PPS Sub Areas to 2031

PPS Sub-Area	Housing Capacity on Local Plan Allocated Sites Without Planning Permission (Oct 2021)	Population based on average Household size 2.3 persons.
Huddersfield	4,424	10175
Dewsbury & Mirfield	2,777	6387
Batley & Spen	3,837	8825
Rural East	840	1932
Rural West	1,511	3475
<b>Total</b>		<b>30794</b>

2.95 The total population demand from the new housing equates to 30,794. The population growth data for Kirklees and each sub area has been inserted into Sport England’s New Development Playing Pitch Calculator tool as has the football team numbers for each typology. The output from the Sport England Calculator tool provides the team generation rates for football, the new teams generated from the new population and the future match equivalent sessions required for the future for each typology.

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Table 13: Kirklees Wide and Sub Area Team Generation Rates (TGRs) and Match Equivalent Sessions to 2031.

Age group	Kirklees Predicted future number of teams (2031)	Kirklees Number of home matches per team per week	Huddersfield Sub Area Predicted future number of teams (2031)	Huddersfield Sub Area Number of home matches per team per week	Batley & Spenningsdale sub Area Predicted future number of teams (2031)	Batley & Spenningsdale Sub Area Number of home matches per team per week	Dewsbury & Mirfield Sub Area Predicted future number of teams (2031)	Dewsbury & Mirfield Sub Area Number of home matches per team per week	Rural East Sub Area Predicted future number of teams (2031)	Rural East Sub Area Number of home matches per team per week	Rural West Sub Area Predicted future number of teams (2031)	Rural West Sub Area Number of home matches per team per week
Senior Men 11 v 11	14.17	7.08	<b>4.68</b>	<b>2.34</b>	4.06	2.03	2.94	1.47	0.89	0.44	1.60	0.80
Senior Women 11 v 11	1.11	0.56	<b>0.37</b>	<b>0.18</b>	0.32	0.16	0.23	0.12	0.07	0.03	0.13	0.06
Youth Boys 11 v 11	9.72	4.86	<b>3.21</b>	<b>1.61</b>	2.79	1.39	2.02	1.01	0.61	0.30	1.10	0.55
Youth Girls 11 v 11	1.04	0.52	<b>0.34</b>	<b>0.17</b>	0.30	0.15	0.22	0.11	0.07	0.03	0.12	0.06
Junior Boys 9 v 9	6.95	3.47	<b>2.29</b>	<b>1.15</b>	1.99	1.00	1.44	0.72	0.44	0.22	0.78	0.39
Junior Girls 9 v 9	0.76	0.38	<b>0.25</b>	<b>0.13</b>	0.22	0.11	0.16	0.08	0.05	0.02	0.09	0.04
Mini-Soccer	16.11	8.05	<b>5.32</b>	<b>2.66</b>	4.62	2.31	3.34	1.67	1.01	0.51	1.82	0.91

2.96 It is important to note that TGRs are based on population figures and cannot account for specific targeted development work within certain areas or focused towards NGB initiatives.

### Capacity Analysis

2.97 The capacity for pitches to regularly provide for competitive play, training and other activity over a season is most often determined by quality. As a minimum, the quality and therefore the capacity of a pitch affect the playing experience and people's enjoyment. In extreme circumstances, it can result in the inability of a pitch to cater for all or certain types of play during peak and off-peak times.

2.98 As a guide, The FA has set a standard number of matches that each grass pitch type should be able to accommodate without it adversely affecting its quality. Taking into consideration the guidelines on capacity, the following ratings were used in Kirklees:

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Table 14: FA Quality Ratings Matches per Week.

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

- 2.99 Table 15 overleaf applies the above pitch ratings against the actual level of weekly play recorded to determine a capacity rating as follows:

<b>Potential capacity</b>	Play is below the level the site could sustain
<b>At capacity</b>	Play matches the level the site can sustain
<b>Overused</b>	Play exceeds the level the site can sustain

### Match Equivalent Sessions

- 2.100 Pitches have a limit of how much play they can accommodate over a certain period before their quality, and in turn their use, is adversely affected. As the main usage of pitches is likely to be for matches, it is appropriate for the comparable unit to be match equivalent sessions.
- 2.101 **Appendix 1** provides the capacity analysis of individual sites by sub area and playing pitch typology and culminates in a Kirklees Sub Area Overview Work Sheet.

### Spare Capacity

- 2.102 To determine 'actual spare capacity', each site with 'potential capacity' identified in Appendix 1 Kirklees Sub Area Overview Work Sheet has been reviewed. A pitch is only said to have 'actual spare capacity' if it is available for community use and available at the peak time for that format of the game. Any pitch not meeting this criterion has consequently been discounted.
- 2.103 Actual spare capacity has been identified for secured and unsecured tenure pitches with a view to provide a scenario in Stage D that identifies the impact of removing unsecured tenure pitches.
- 2.104 All education facilities with pitches in Appendix 1 have had 1 MES added to each pitch typology to reflect capacity and curriculum capacity use.
- 2.105 Actual spare capacity across Kirklees of unsecured and secured community use pitches at peak time of play in Table 15 totals 52.5 match equivalent sessions per week. This has been aggregated up by area and by pitch type.

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Table 15: Summary of Actual Spare Capacity Taken from Appendix 1 Sub Area Overview Worksheet)

Analysis Sub Areas	Actual Spare Capacity Peak Time of Play					Total
	(Match equivalent sessions per week Secured and Unsecured Community Use)					
	Adult	Youth	Junior	Mini	Mini	
		11 v 11	9 v 9	7 v 7	5 v 5	
Huddersfield Sub Area Secured and Unsecured Community Use	13.5	0	0	0	0	13.5
Batley and Spennethorpe Sub Area Secured and Unsecured Community Use	0.5	0.5	0	1	0.5	2.5
Dewsbury and Mirfield Sub Area Secured and Unsecured Community Use	16	0	4	4	4	28
Rural East Sub Area Secured and Unsecured Community Use	2	1.5	3.5	0.5	0	7.5
Rural West Sub Area Secured and Unsecured Community Use	0	0	0.5	0	0.5	1
<b>Total All Sub–Areas Secured and Unsecured community Use</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>52.5</b>

2.106 When considering secured community use pitches only. Actual spare capacity of secured community use pitches at peak time of play in Table 16 totals 33.5 MES This has been aggregated up by area and by pitch type.

Table 16: Summary of Actual Spare Capacity Secured Community Use Pitches Taken from Appendix 1 Sub Area Overview Worksheet)

Analysis Sub Areas	Actual Spare Capacity Peak Time					Total
	(Match equivalent sessions per week Secured Community Use)					
	Adult	Youth	Junior	Mini	Mini	
		11 v 11	9 v 9	7 v 7	5 v 5	
Huddersfield Sub Area Secured Community Use Only	8.5	0	0	0	0	8.5
Batley and Spennethorpe Sub Area Secured Community Use Only	1.5	0	1	0	0	2.5
Dewsbury and Mirfield Sub Area Secured Community Use only	12.5	0	2	3	2	19.5
Rural East Sub Area Secured Community Use Only	1.5	0.5	0	0	1	3
Rural West Sub Area Secured Community Use Only	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total All Sub–Areas Secured Community Use</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>33.5</b>

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2.107 Actual spare capacity of unsecured community use pitches at peak time of play in Table 17 totals 26 MES This has been aggregated up by area and by pitch type.

Table 17: Summary of Actual Spare Capacity Unsecured Community Use Pitches Taken from Appendix 1 Sub Area Overview Worksheet)

Analysis Sub Areas	Actual Spare Capacity Peak Time (Match equivalent sessions per week Unsecured Community Use)					Total
	Adult	Youth	Junior	Mini	Mini	
		11 v 11	9 v 9	7 v 7	5 v 5	
Huddersfield Sub Area Unsecured Community Use Only	5	0	0	0	0	5
Batley and Spen Sub Area Unsecured Community Use Only	0	0	0	2	2	4
Dewsbury and Mirfield Sub Area Unsecured Community Use only	3.5	0	2	1	2	8.5
Rural East Sub Area Unsecured Community Use Only	0.5	1	3.5	0.5	0	5.5
Rural West Sub Area Unsecured Community Use Only	0	0	0.5	1.5	1	3
<b>Total All Sub–Areas Unsecured Community Use</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>26</b>

2.108 Most actual spare capacity is identified on adult pitches and junior 9 v 9 pitches, although some is also identified on the remaining pitch types.

### Overplay

2.109 Overplay occurs when there is more play accommodated on a site than it can sustain, which can often be due to the low carrying capacity of pitches. In Kirklees, it is also due to the lack of youth 11 v 11 pitches and in the rural area's youth 11 v 11, junior 9 v 9 and mini soccer pitches. 74 pitches across 45 sites are overplayed by a combined total of 74.5 match equivalent sessions per week at peak time of play.

2.110 As can be seen below, when broken down, 24.5 match equivalent sessions of overplay at peak time of play takes place in the Huddersfield Sub Area, 22 match equivalent sessions in Batley and Spen Sub Area, 3.5 match equivalent sessions in Dewsbury and Mirfield Sub Area, 13 match equivalent sessions in the Rural East Sub Area, and 11.5 match equivalent sessions in the Rural West Sub Area. The highest sub areas for overplay at peak time are Huddersfield and Batley and Spen followed by Huddersfield. Rural East, rural west and Dewsbury and Mirfield. Table 19 provides a full break down of overplay at peak time of play.

Table 18: Sub area Overview of Overplay at Peak Time of Play

Analysis area	Overplay MES
Huddersfield	24.5
Batley & Spen	22
Dewsbury & Mirfield	3.5
Rural East	13
Rural West	11.5

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Table 19: Summary of Overplay Peak Time of Play

Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	Pitch type	No. of pitches	Capacity rating (Match sessions) Peak Time of Play
7	Cross Lane	Huddersfield	Adult 11 v 11	1	0.5
12	Fern Lea Playing Fields	Huddersfield	Adult 11 v 11	1	1
15	Hawkroyd Bank	Huddersfield	Adult 11 v 11	1	1
15	Hawkroyd Bank	Huddersfield	Mini soccer 7 v 7	1	1
15	Hawkroyd Bank	Huddersfield	Mini soccer 5 v 5	1	1
30	Salendine Nook High School	Huddersfield	Adult 11 v 11	1	1
33	Westgate Arena Cross Lane	Huddersfield	Adult 11 v 11	1	0.5
13	Golcar Junior & infants School	Huddersfield	Youth 11 v 11	2	1
13	Golcar Junior & infants School	Huddersfield	Junior 9 v 9	1	1
24	Longfield Avenue Recreation Ground	Huddersfield	Youth 11 v 11	1	0.5
3	Bankfield Recreation Ground	Huddersfield	Junior 9 v 9	1	0.5
3	Bankfield Recreation Ground	Huddersfield	Mini soccer 7 v 7	1	0.5
17	Huddersfield New College	Huddersfield	Junior 9 v 9	1	2
19	Laund Hill Community Club (Formerly Huddersfield YMCA Sports Club)	Huddersfield	Junior 9 v 9	1	1
19	Laund Hill Community Club (Formerly Huddersfield YMCA Sports Club)	Huddersfield	Mini soccer 5 v 5	1	1
26	North Huddersfield Trust School	Huddersfield	Mini soccer 7 v 7	1	1
29	Rowley Lane Junior & Infants School	Huddersfield	Junior 9 v 9	1	1
31	St Joseph's Catholic Primary School	Huddersfield	Mini soccer 7 v 7	1	2
34	Warrenside Football Club	Huddersfield	Adult 11 v 11	2	4
34	Warrenside Football Club	Huddersfield	Mini soccer 5 v 5	1	3

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Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	Pitch type	No. of pitches	Capacity rating (Match sessions) Peak Time of Play
35	Batley Girls High School/Batley Sports and Tennis Centre	Batley & Spen	Adult 11 v 11	1	3
35	Batley Girls High School/Batley Sports and Tennis Centre	Batley & Spen	Youth 11 v 11	1	1
35	Batley Girls High School/Batley Sports and Tennis Centre	Batley & Spen	Junior 9 v 9	1	1.5
35a	Upper Batley Fields	Batley & Spen	Adult 11v11	2	0.5
41	Gomersal Primary School	Batley & Spen	Youth 11 v 11	1	0.5
43	Heckmondwike Grammar School	Batley & Spen	Junior 9 v 9	1	0.5
44	Heckmondwike Sports Club	Batley & Spen	Adult 11 v 11	1	1.5
44	Heckmondwike Sports Club	Batley & Spen	Mini soccer 7 v 7	1	2.5
44	Heckmondwike Sports Club	Batley & Spen	Mini soccer 5 v 5	1	3
46	Hyrstlands Park	Batley & Spen	Mini soccer 5 v 5	1	0.5
47	King George V	Batley & Spen	Adult 11 v 11	2	2
52	Nibshaw Recreation Ground	Batley & Spen	Mini soccer 7 v 7	1	0.5
54	Princess Mary Rugby Field	Batley & Spen	Adult 11 v 11	1	0.5
57	Spen Bottom (Mann Dam Park)	Batley & Spen	Mini soccer 5 v 5	1	0.5
58	Spen Valley High School	Batley & Spen	Adult 11 v 11	2	0.5
59	Spen Victoria Cricket Bowling and Athletic Club	Batley & Spen	Mini soccer 5 v 5	1	1.5
61	Whitechapel Church of England Primary School	Batley & Spen	Junior 9 v 9	1	0.5
61	Whitcliffe Mount Playing Fields	Batley & Spen	Youth 11 v 11	1	1.5
71	Mirfield Memorial Ground (Moorland CC)	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Adult 11 v 11	1	1
77	Savile Playing Field	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Mini soccer 7 v 7	1	0.5
80	Wakefield Road Recreation Ground	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Adult 11 v 11	2	0.5

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Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	Pitch type	No. of pitches	Capacity rating (Match sessions) Peak Time of Play	
81	West Mills Playing Field	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Youth 11 v 11	2	1.5	
84	Cross Lane Recreation Ground	Rural East	Adult 11 v 11	2	3	
90	Kirkburton Middle School	Rural East	Adult 11 v 11	2	2	
90	Kirkburton Middle School	Rural East	Mini soccer 7 v 7	1	1.5	
90	Kirkburton Middle School	Rural East	Mini soccer 5 v 5	1	2	
91	Lepton Highlanders Sports Club	Rural East	Mini soccer 7 v 7	1	1	
91	Lepton Highlanders Sports Club	Rural East	Mini soccer 5 v 5	1	2	
93	Scissett Middle School	Rural East	Adult 11 v 11	1	0.5	
93	Scissett Middle School	Rural East	Junior 9 v 9	1	1	
101	Cartworth Moor	Rural West	Adult 11 v 11	1	2.5	
102	Flowery Fields	Rural West	Adult 11 v 11	1	1	
104	Hepworth United FC	Rural West	Adult 11 v 11	1	0.5	
104	Hepworth United FC	Rural West	Mini soccer 7 v 7	2	1.5	
106	Holmfirth High School	Rural West	Adult 11 v 11	1	1	
107	Holmfirth High School (Little Wembley)	Rural West	Adult 11 v 11	2	1	
108	Honley C of E School	Rural West	Junior 9 v 9	1	0.5	
109	Honley Cricket Club	Rural West	Mini soccer 7 v 7	1	1	
109	Honley Cricket Club	Rural West	Mini soccer 5 v 5	1	0.5	
110	Jagger Lane	Rural West	Adult 11 v 11	2	0.5	
113	Marsden Football Club	Rural West	Adult 11 v 11	1	0.5	
115	Meltham Road	Rural West	Adult 11 v 11	1	1	
				<b>Total</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>74.5</b>

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- 2.111 The majority of overplay on sites is generated from the substantial levels of demand accessing pitch stock and the lack of youth and junior pitches for peak time play.
- 2.112 Table 21 below looks at the overplay of weekly capacity where demand exceeds the capacity of pitches on a weekly basis.
- 2.113 As can be seen below, when broken down, 27.5 match equivalent sessions of weekly overplay takes place in the Huddersfield Sub Area, 10.5 match equivalent sessions in the Batley & Spen Sub Area, 3 match equivalent session in the Dewsbury & Mirfield Sub Area, 13.5 in Rural West Sub Area and 6.5 match equivalent sessions in the Rural West Sub Area. A full breakdown of weekly overplay is provided in Table 20 below

**Table 20: Sub Area Overview Overplay of Weekly Capacity**

Analysis area	Overplay MES
Huddersfield	27.5
Batley & Spen	10.5
Dewsbury & Mirfield	3
Rural West	13.5
Rural East	6.5

**Table 21: Summary of Overplay of MES Weekly Demand against Weekly Capacity**

Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	Pitch type	No. of pitches	Capacity rating (Match sessions) Weekly Play
12	Fern Lea Playing Fields	Huddersfield	Adult 11 v 11	1	1.5
14	Greenhead College	Huddersfield	Adult 11 v 11	1	0.5
13	Golcar Junior & Infants School	Huddersfield	Junior 9 v 9	1	1
15	Hawkroyd Bank	Huddersfield	Adult 11 v 11	1	0.5
17	Huddersfield New College	Huddersfield	Adult 11 v 11	5	5
17	Huddersfield New College	Huddersfield	Junior 9 v 9	1	2

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Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	Pitch type	No. of pitches	Capacity rating (Match sessions) Weekly Play
23	Lindley Swifts ARLFC (Birchencliffe Sports Ground)	Huddersfield	Adult 11 v 11	1	0.5
27	Paddock Cricket Club	Huddersfield	Adult 11 v 11	1	0.5
29	Rowley Lane Junior & Infants School	Huddersfield	Junior 9 v 9	1	2
30	Salendine Nook High School	Huddersfield	Junior 9 v 9	1	1
30	Salendine Nook High School	Huddersfield	Adult 11 v 11	2	4.5
32	Standiforth Recreation Ground (Dalton Playing Fields)	Huddersfield	Adult 11 v 11	3	1.5
33	Warrenside Football Club	Huddersfield	Adult 11 v 11	2	7
34	Batley Girls High School/Batley Sports and Tennis Centre	Batley & Spen	Adult 11 v 11	1	2
34	Batley Girls High School/Batley Sports and Tennis Centre	Batley & Spen	Junior 9 v 9	1	1.5
39	East Bierley	Batley & Spen	Adult 11 v 11	1	1.5
40	Gomersall Primary School	Barley and Spen	Youth 11 v 11	1	0.5
46	King George V	Batley & Spen	Adult 11 v 11	2	2
59	West End Park	Batley & Spen	Adult 11 v 11	1	0.5
60	Whitechappel Church of England Primary School	Batley & Spen	Youth 11 v 11	1	0.5
60	Whitechapel Church of England Primary School	Batley & Spen	Junior 9 v 9	1	1.5
61	Whitcliffe Mount Playing Fields	Batley & Spen	Youth 11 v 11	1	0.5
80	Wakefield Road Recreation Ground	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Adult 11 v 11	2	3
82	Birdsedge First School	Rural East	Mini soccer 7 v 7	1	1
84	Crown Fields/Birdsedge	Rural East	Adult 11 v 11	2	0.5
87	Gregory Fields	Rural East	Adult 11 v 11	1	1
89	Kirkburton Middle School	Rural East	Adult 11 v 11	2	1

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Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	Pitch type	No. of pitches	Capacity rating (Match sessions) Weekly Play
90	Lepton Highlanders Sports Club	Rural East	Adult 11 v 11	2	1
92	Scisset Middle School	Rural East	Adult 11 v 11	1	2
99	Broadlands Recreation Ground	Rural West	Adult 11 v 11	2	2.5
100	Cartworth Moor	Rural West	Adult 11 v 11	1	2.5
101	Flowery Fields	Rural West	Adult 11 v 11	1	1.5
103	Hepworth United FC	Rural West	Adult 11 v 11	1	1.5
105	Holmfirth High School	Rural West	Adult 11 v 11	1	2
106	Holmfirth High School (Little Wembley)	Rural West	Adult 11 v 11	1	2
107	Honley C of E School	Rural West	Junior 9 v 9	1	0,5
109	Jagger Lane	Rural West	Adult 11 v 11	2	1
112	Marsden Football Club	Rural West	Adult 11 v 11	1	0.5
<b>Total</b>				54	65

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### Supply and Demand Analysis

- 2.114 Having considered supply and demand, Table 22 identifies and summarises the current demand (i.e. spare capacity taking away overplay) for the whole Kirklees Council area. Future demand is based on team generation rates, which are driven by population increases, and in addition, clubs' aspirational future growth plans.
- 2.115 When considering secured and unsecured community use sites there is current spare capacity on adult 11 v 11 and junior 9 v 9 pitch typologies. A shortfall of youth 11 v 11 and mini soccer 5 v 5 and balanced pitch provision for mini soccer 7 v 7 across Kirklees.
- 2.116 After factoring in future demand (Local Plan population increases from new dwellings and future team demands from Clubs), shortfalls become evident across all pitch typologies except for adult 11 v 11.

Table 22: Summary of Supply and Demand Kirklees Council Peak Time of Play Secured and Unsecured Community Use By Sub Area.

Huddersfield Sub Area						
Pitch type	Demand (match equivalent sessions per week)					Total Future Demand
	Actual Spare Capacity	Overplay Peak time	Current Total	Future Demand – Population Increases	Future Demand Club Aspirations	
Adult	13.5	8.5	5.0	2.52	1.5	0.98
Youth 11v11	0	1.5	1.5	1.78	1.5	4.78
Junior 9v9	0	5.5	5.5	1.28	1.5	8.28
Mini Soccer	0	9.5	9.5	2.66	3.5	15.66

Batley and Spen						
Pitch type	Demand (match equivalent sessions per week)					Total Future Demand
	Actual Spare Capacity	Overplay Peak time	Current Total	Future Demand – Population Increases	Future Demand Club Aspirations	
Adult	0.5	7.5	7	2.19	1.5	12.19
Youth 11v11	0.5	3	2.5	1.54	2	8.54
Junior 9v9	0	2.5	2.5	1.11	2	5.61
Mini Soccer	1.5	8.5	7	2.31	1	10.31

Dewsbury and Mirfield						
Pitch type	Demand (match equivalent sessions per week)					Total Future Demand
	Actual Spare Capacity	Overplay Peak time	Current Total	Future Demand – Population Increases	Future Demand Club Aspirations	
Adult	16	1.5	14.5	1.59	1.5	11.41
Youth 11v11	0	1.5	-1.5	1.12	2	-4.62
Junior 9v9	4	0	4	0.80	2	1.20
Mini 7v7	8	0.5	7.5	1.67	1	4.83

Rural East						
Pitch type	Demand (match equivalent sessions per week)					Total Future Demand
	Actual Spare Capacity	Overplay Peak time	Current Total	Future Demand – Population Increases	Future Demand	
					Club Aspirations	
Adult	2	5.5	-3.5	0.47	0	-3.97
Youth 11v11	1.5	0	1.5	0.33	0.5	0.67
Junior 9v9	3.5	1	2.5	0.24	0	2.26
Mini Soccer	0.5	6.5	-6	0.51	0.5	-7.01

Rural West						
Pitch type	Demand (match equivalent sessions per week)					Total Future Demand
	Actual Spare Capacity	Overplay Peak time	Current Total	Future Demand – Population Increases	Future Demand	
					Club Aspirations	
Adult	0	8	-8	0.86	0.5	-9.36
Youth 11v11	0	0	0	0.61	1	-1.61
Junior 9v9	0.5	0.5	0	0.43	0.5	-0.93
Mini Soccer	0.5	3	-2.5	0.91	1	-4.41

2.117 Most current overplay across the various pitch types across Kirklees is generated from high levels of demand from youth 11 v 11 and 9 v 9 on adult 11 v 11 pitches. This is worsened when accounting for the additional future demand.

### Football Summary

- The 2020/21 audit identifies a total of 373 grass football pitches. Of these 346 pitches, 280 pitches are available and used by community football clubs across 120 sites.
- Available pitches used by community football clubs in the 2020/21 season across Kirklees equates to 168 adult 11 v 11, 15 youth 11 v 11, 30 junior 9 v 9, 35 mini soccer 7 v 7 and 32 mini soccer 5 v 5 pitches.
- Most of the community available and used (Secured and unsecured community use) pitches in Kirklees are in the Huddersfield Sub Analysis Area (83 pitches). This is followed by Dewsbury and Mirfield Sub Area with 61 grass pitches, Batley and Spenningshall 60 grass pitches, Rural East Sub Area 44 grass pitches and Rural West Sub Area with 32 grass football pitches.
- In total 44 (16%) pitches are assessed as good quality, 145 (51%) as standard quality and 91 (33%) as poor quality.
- Several stakeholders aspire to improve their pitch quality and or provide 3G pitches.
- Across Kirklees, 36 sites actively used for football are not serviced by any sort of clubhouse or changing rooms. In addition, a further 15 sites are serviced by poor quality provision. As a result, there are several stakeholders who indicate aspirations to improve the quality of ancillary provision on the sites they use.

- 718 teams have been identified as playing within Kirklees. This consists of 204 adult men's, 16 adult women's, 140 youth 11 v 11 boys', 15 youth 11 v 11 girls', 100 junior boys' 9 v 9, 11 junior girls' 9 v 9, and 232 7 v 7 and 5 v 5 mini soccer teams. Adult men's football is the most prominent format of play. In addition, there are 5 Futsal teams (West Yorkshire Futsal Club U13, U14 and U15; Ossett Albion Juniors U14 and White Rose All Stars U8).
- Football in Kirklees is played predominantly in the Huddersfield Sub Area 266 teams which corresponds with the area also accommodating the most amount of provision. This is followed by Batley and Spennings 142 teams, Rural East 112 teams, Rural West 110 teams and Dewsbury and Mirfield 88 teams.
- Several Clubs have expressed ambitions to move up the football pyramid.
- Actual spare capacity across Kirklees totals 52.5 match equivalent sessions per week.
- 74 pitches across 45 sites are overplayed by a combined total of 74.5 match equivalent sessions per week at peak time of play.
- When considering secured and unsecured community use sites there is current spare capacity on adult 11 v 11 and junior 9 v 9 pitch typologies. A shortfall of youth 11 v 11 and mini soccer 5 v 5 and balanced pitch provision for mini soccer 7 v 7 across Kirklees.
- After factoring in future demand (Local Plan population increases from new dwellings and future team demands from Clubs), shortfalls become evident across all pitch typologies.

## Third Generation Turf (3G) & Artificial Grass Pitches (AGPS)

### Introduction

2.118 There are several surface types that fall into the category of artificial grass pitch (AGP). The three main groups are rubber crumb (also known as third generation turf or 3G), sand based (filled or dressed) and water based.

Table 23: AGP type and sport suitability

Surface	Category	Comments
Rubber crumb	Long Pile 3G (60mm with shock pad)	Rugby surface – must comply with World Rugby type 22 and/or RFL Community Standard, requires a minimum of 60mm pile.
Rubber crumb	Medium Pile 3G (55-60mm)	Preferred football surface. Suitable for noncontact rugby union/league practice or play.
Rubber crumb	Short Pile 3G (40mm)	Acceptable surface for some competitive football.
Sand	Sand Filled	Competitive hockey and football training.
Sand	Sand Dressed	Preferred hockey surface and suitable for football training.
Water	Water based	Preferred hockey surface and suitable for football training if irrigated.

2.119 England Hockey's Artificial Grass Playing Surface Policy (June 2016) advises that 3G pitches should not be used for hockey matches or training and that they can only be used for lower-level hockey (introductory level) when no sand-based or water-based AGPs are available.

2.120 In line with Sport England Guidance Kirklees Council should consider the need for planning applications where any playing pitch surface is being changed from one type to another, such as sand based to 3G as this would constitute an engineering operation. (There are some exceptions to this, but the advice would always be to check with the Local Planning Authority first). This is to enable consideration of potential issues including those relating to surface drainage, noise, lighting, and to allow consultation to take place with Sport England to ensure that any impact on sports provision is assessed.

2.121 Competitive football can take place on 3G surfaces that have been FA or FIFA certified and a growing number of 3G pitches are now used for competitive match play when passed an approved test and registered on the FAs 3G pitch register at mini soccer and youth level. The recommended FA dimensions for a full sized 3G pitch are 100x64 metres with additional run off areas of three metres required on each side. Minimum playing area dimensions to meet performance standard criteria for competitive football are 90x45 metres (or 100x64 metres for FIFA sanctioned international matches), with additional run off areas of three metres required on each side. FIFA 3G pitch certification is required to host competitive adult match play at Step 3 and below, whilst for teams playing at Steps 1 or 2 pitches are required to have FIFA Pro standard certification, further information on which is included later in the section. Football training can take place on sand and water-based surfaces but is not the preferred option.

2.122 World Rugby (WR) produced the 'Performance Specification for Artificial Grass Pitches for Rugby', more commonly known as 'Regulation 22' that provides the necessary technical detail to produce pitch systems that are appropriate for rugby. The artificial surface standards identified in Regulation 22 allows matches to be played on surfaces that meet the standard.

- 2.123 Full contact activity, including tackling, rucking, mauling, and lineouts can take place. All full-size World Rugby compliant 3G pitches feature on the RFU register, including expiry dates of certification. Upon registration, World Rugby compliancy is valid for two years before renewal and retesting is required.
- 2.124 Competitive rugby league play and contact practice is permitted to take place on 3G pitches which are deemed by the RFL to meet its Performance Standard for Synthetic Turf Pitches. Pitches fall under two categories; community club pitches which require retesting every two years and elite stadia pitches which require an annual retest. Much of the criteria within the RFL performance standard test also forms part of the World Rugby test, consequently World Rugby certified 3G pitches are considered by the RFL to be able to meet rugby league requirements and are deemed suitable for rugby league use subject to passing an additional exclusive RFL performance standard test.

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**Current Provision**

**3G Football, Rugby Union and Rugby League (AGPs)**

2.125 Table 24 shows the existing full size 3G AGPs in Kirklees:

**Table 24: Existing 3G AGPs Kirklees**

Site Name	Analysis Area	No. of Pitches	Available Community Use Peak Period	Security of tenure	Size	Pile	Floodlights (Yes or No)	FA Registered	Year Built/ Refurbished
Batley Sports and Tennis Centre	Batley & Spen	1	Monday – Friday – 06.30 - 22.00 hours Weekends Saturday 07.00 – 16.30 hours Sunday 08.00 – 21.00 hours  Used by Commercial Football League Mondays 7pm– 9pm. Howden Clough Juniors FC and Seniors train on the 3G Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturday mornings and play matches Saturday afternoons and Sunday mornings. 20 hours of use by Howden FC, Gomersall & Cleckheaton FC 3 hours of training use per week.  Birstall Victoria RLFC have used the pitch for non-contact training. Only suitable for non-contact rugby league or rugby union training Not suitable for hockey.	Secured	101m x 62m	Short 40mm	Yes	Yes	Built 2005
Leeds Road Sports Complex	Huddersfield	1	Monday – Friday – hours 09.00 – 22.00 except Friday 09.00 – 20.00 Weekends Saturday 09.00 – 20.00 hours	Secured	101m x 60m	Short 40mm	Yes	Yes	Built 1991 refurbished 2013.

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Site Name	Analysis Area	No. of Pitches	Available Community Use Peak Period	Security of tenure	Size	Pile	Floodlights (Yes or No)	FA Registered	Year Built/ Refurbished
			<p>Sunday – 10.00 – 20.00 hours</p> <p>Used by West Riding CFA Veterans League Monday evenings as a central venue.</p> <p>Huddersfield Giants Rugby League have used the AGP on Wednesday evening but they will now move to Laund Hill Community Park in the future.</p> <p>Kirklees College use the 3G pitch for football and rugby League academy training weekdays Monday – Fridays.</p> <p>Emley AFC use the 3G pitch for training midweek.</p> <p>Commercial 5 a side league Wednesday 8.00pm – 10.00pm.</p> <p>Only suitable for football, non-contact rugby league and rugby union training. Not suitable for hockey</p>						
Canalside Sports Complex	Huddersfield	1	Not available for Community Use	Unsecured	110m x 75m	Short 35mm	Yes	Expired	Built 2014
Huddersfield New College	Huddersfield	1	<p>Used only by Huddersfield Town FC Monday – Friday 18.00 - 22.00 hours</p> <p>Weekends Saturday and Sunday 09.00 – 18.00 hours</p> <p>Fully booked 18.00 – 22.00 Monday to Friday and Saturday and Sunday 09.00 – 16.00</p>	Unsecured	91m x 55m	Long	Yes	Yes	Refurbished 2020 Built 2012

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Site Name	Analysis Area	No. of Pitches	Available Community Use Peak Period	Security of tenure	Size	Pile	Floodlights (Yes or No)	FA Registered	Year Built/ Refurbished
			Main user Westend Juniors FC.  Only suitable for football, non-contact rugby league and rugby union training. Not suitable for hockey						
St John Fisher Catholic Academy	Dewsbury & Mirfield	1	Monday – Friday 18.00 - 21.00 hours  Weekends Saturday and Sunday 09.00 – 18.00 hours  Used by Dewsbury Rangers Thursday and Friday evenings. School Lettings confirm the pitch is fully booked Monday – Friday evenings with available space at the weekend.  Only suitable for football, non-contact rugby league and rugby union training. Not suitable for hockey	Secured	100m x 61m	Long	Yes	Yes	Carpet refurbished 2022
Moor End Academy	Huddersfield	1	Available hours - Monday – Friday 18.00 – 21.00 hours – 15 hours  Available hours - Weekends Saturday and Sunday 09.00 – 18.00  Fully booked Monday – Friday 18.00 – 21.00 – Booked 15 hours  Saturday fully booked 09.00 – 12.00. 12.00 – 13.00 2/3rds available, 13.00 – 17.00 available – Booked 3 2/3rds hourly slots.	Unsecured	80m x 55m	Long	Yes	No	Built 2018

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Site Name	Analysis Area	No. of Pitches	Available Community Use Peak Period	Security of tenure	Size	Pile	Floodlights (Yes or No)	FA Registered	Year Built/ Refurbished
			Sundays 09.00 – 10.00 available, 10.00 – 12.00 fully booked, 12.00 – 17.00 available. Booked for 2 hours  Only suitable for football, non-contact rugby league and rugby union training. Not suitable for hockey						
Tetley's Stadium	Dewsbury & Mirfield	1	Monday – Friday 09.00 – 20.30 hours  Weekends Saturday and Sunday 09.00 – 13.00  The 3G pitch is used for football and Rugby League training. Birstal Victoria and Shawcross Sharks use the facility.  Only suitable for football, non-contact rugby league and rugby union training. Not suitable for hockey	Secured	111m x 67m	Long 57mm	Yes	No	Built 2017

2.126 Tetley's Stadium, and Moor End Academy 3G AGPs are not on the FA 3G Pitch Register. The remainder of the above pitches are on the FA Register for 3G AGPs (meaning they are quality checked and can be used for football match play and training). Canalside Sports complex is not available for community use.

2.127 Analysis of the availability identifies that all 3G pitches are heavily booked Monday – Friday evenings with some capacity at weekends.

2.128 Additionally, there are two existing small-sided 3G AGP centres in Kirklees. These are: **Kick-Off and The Zone.**

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- 2.129 Soccer City has closed.
- 2.130 There is a Street Soccer facility in Batley, which has 2 outdoor 3G 5-a-side courts.
- 2.131 There are gaps in provision in the main towns particularly Huddersfield, Batley, and Dewsbury and to the south of Kirklees.
- 2.132 Football clubs across Kirklees state the need for additional 3G AGPs for training and match play. Many clubs use their own pitches to train on in the summer, winter months, and use school halls, sand based artificial grass pitches and some travel out of Kirklees to use 3G football turf pitches in neighbouring authorities, as they cannot access 3G football turf pitches within Kirklees or if they can they are at undesirable times. The cost of this to clubs is not sustainable.
- 2.133 The way 3G AGPs are used is rapidly changing; current line-marking systems allow for match play across all formats of football (5 v 5, 7 v 7, 9 v 9 and 11 v 11). This enables significant levels of match-play to be transferred from grass to 3G.

### Future Provision

- 2.134 When applying the Football Association guidance of 38 teams required for 1 full size 3G football turf pitch and applying the identified number of 718 registered football teams playing and training in Kirklees. The requirement is for 19 (18.89 rounded up) 3G football turf pitches.
- 2.135 The Kirklees Local Football Facilities Plan highlights the need for 11 additional full size 3G football turf pitches. 3G football turf pitch provision has been considered under Parklife. However, work has now ceased on the Parklife project mainly due to the lack of sites for a hub facility due to topography, size of sites to provide multi pitch developments, flood plains and other sports on site such as cricket at Leeds Road Playing Field. The decision was to look at sites on an individual basis.
- 2.136 The Kirklees Local Plan requires that housing development at Bradley Park Golf Course must allow for a repurposed 9-hole golf course, clubhouse and two full sized 3G AGPs and the provision of the pitches is likely to be a few years away.
- 2.137 Colne Valley High School (Rural West Sub Area) received planning permission for a 9 v 9 3G football turf pitch with floodlights - April 2019. The facility was approved and is now built. However, there are restrictions on hours of use of the sports lighting
- 2.138 Dewsbury Rams (Huddersfield Sub Area) See planning application 2020/93471 for partial variation of condition 40 on previous permission 2015/90201. The application sought to vary the terms of usage of the pitch was approved in October 2021.
- 2.139 A planning application, was approved December 2021 for a 3G artificial grass pitch at Holmfirth High School. The planning approval has conditions which restrict the use of sports lighting. The provision of this facility would be a much-needed facility for clubs in the Rural West Sub Area particularly Holmfirth Town FC, Hepworth United, Honley FC, Holme Valley Academics and Holmbridge FC. However, due to the restrictions on sports lighting permitted hour of use and the impact this has on the business plan funding by the Football Foundation was deemed unreasonable and the school are looking to self-finance the development.
- 2.140 Lepton Highlanders currently use the following sites for winter training - Rowley Lane School 9 hours, King James High School 1 hour, Shelley High School 1 hour, Kirkburton Middle School 2 hours. The club has an aspiration to provide a 3G AGP and have met with various stakeholders; including the County FA, Football Foundation and Local Authority, to discuss the feasibility of providing a 3G Football Turf Pitch at their site.

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- 2.141 The planning authority have provided the club with pre planning advice and guidance and have highlighted areas of consideration in relation to the site being in the greenbelt.
- 2.142 Heckmondwike Sports Club/White Rose FC has engaged a consultant to undertake some initial feasibility work on the possibility of developing a 3G AGP on the existing onsite pitch. Feedback has highlighted issues around access to the site, parking and proximity of housing to a proposed 3G resurface of the existing grass pitches, so this proposal has been halted.
- 2.143 Consultation has identified that Shelley College aspires to deliver a 3G AGP. In addition, consultation has identified that Golcar United have aspirations for a 3G AGP. Both are in the Rural West sub-Area.
- 2.144 Gomersal and Cleckheaton FC supports provision of a 3G football turf pitch in the Batley and Spen area. The club currently uses East Bierley CSA for its open age teams Under 18's and under 10's. The club also uses several other sites for matches e.g. Moorend Park, Princess Mary Stadium, Shirley Recreation Ground, Gomersal Primary Schools, Nibshaw Lane, Spen Victoria Bowling and Cricket Club and BBG Academy. The Club is an existing partner club with Tong High School 3G AGP. There is a need to consult with the existing operator to discuss resurfacing and extending opening times (currently up to 8.00pm) as opposed to displacing teams away from an existing facility. As well as using Tong High School 3G AGP, 8 hours per week, the club uses Batley Sports & Tennis Centre All Weather Pitch, 3 hours per week, Spen Victoria Cricket Field, 3 hours per week, Gomersal Primary School Pitch, 3 hours per week, BBG Academy Fields, 3 hours per week, East Bierley Playing Fields, 6 hours per week. The club wants to move mini-soccer match play to 3G artificial grass pitches, which is 4 matches at 5 v 5 and 6 matches at 7 v 7. If possible, they would like to move all age groups to a single 3G artificial grass pitch, which is 27 teams utilising a full pitch approx. 12 hours per week. East Bierley Community Sports Association has submitted a planning application for erection of a clubhouse, additional changing facilities, works to existing pitches, and creation of a new hybrid and five-a-side pitches and car park. Planning application was approved 11<sup>th</sup> January 2022.
- 2.145 Huddersfield Laund Hill FC has stated they have demand for a 3G football turf pitch for training. Planning permission has been granted for a 3G AGP at Laund Hill Community Club. This proposal will be for rugby and football and will be rugby led.
- 2.146 Meltham Athletic – Would like a full size 3G pitch for training and games to improve standards at Broadlands Recreation Ground. Existing pitches are poor and waterlog too easily.
- 2.147 Liversedge FC have merged with Cleckheaton Juniors and would like to develop a 3G pitch in the Spen Valley that can be used by themselves and the local community.
- 2.148 Norristhorpe have suggested a 3G pitch of at least 7 v 7 size at Warrenside Sports Complex; this will enable match play and training for mini-soccer teams, reduction of external hire costs for match play and training, ability to hire facility to school and community groups and teams when not in use by club and to host coach education courses. Increasing the size of the pitch to 9 v 9 or even 11 v 11 will further increase the scale of these plans. Current main winter training venue is the use of a sand-filled astro at Mirfield Free Grammar which is intended for hockey play and is not an appropriate surface for football. More than 20 of the Clubs teams currently use this facility from October to March. Due to lack of space for all teams, some teams train in sports halls so have no access to football-specific surfaces for training during winter months. The club wishes to use the 3G pitch for match play as well to reduce the number of cancelled fixtures and to retain and grow participation.
- 2.149 Lindley Collegians - All current age ranges are training in less-than-ideal locations. The Clubs older teams train on a hockey pitch AGP which is not an ideal surface. The younger teams train in various school halls which are also not ideal and due to affordability are often too small.

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- 2.150 Ideally, the Club would look to train all its teams on a 3G pitch but there are none available in the Clubs local area at reasonable times. The one at Salendine Nook High School/New College is not available as already fully used.
- 2.151 Dalton Dynamos have stated they have demand for use of 3G football turf pitches for all the clubs age groups.
- 2.152 East Bierley Village FC have stated they have demand for 3G football turf pitch use.
- 2.153 Hartshead FC have stated they have demand for 3G football turf pitch use.
- 2.154 Hepworth United FC use Newsome High School, Penistone and Moored for current training.
- 2.155 Honley FC currently use Lockwood Park, Newsome High School, Honley High School, Thongsbridge Tennis Club, The Barn for current training.
- 2.156 Linthwaite FC currently train at Cone Valley High School.
- 2.157 Emley AFC currently use Leeds Road in conjunction with Kirklees College. The club has demand for additional training facilities.
- 2.158 Battyeford SC would be interested if a local hub were built to provide better winter training facilities than they currently use at West Mills. They have said they may want to use 3G for 9v 9 to alleviate issues with grass pitches.
- 2.159 Mount Pleasant FC have stated they currently use Hyrstlands Park, Healds Road, Carters Field and Holroyd Park for training,
- 2.160 Scissett FC – believes its current set up could lend itself to some good locations at Nortonthorpe Sports club, who have a lot of land but in the opinion of the Football Club the Sports Club are not making the best use of the land. Scissett FC would like to consider some link up with Scissett Middle School who also have a lot of land currently Disused. 3G pitch provision would mean increased participation from players. Reliable pitches mean we could re-start juniors / mini soccer and maybe a 3rd senior team.
- 2.161 Kirkburton Junior Football Club currently uses the AGP at Kirkburton Junior School for training.
- 2.162 Most clubs have stated that they would “ideally like to be able to train on a floodlight artificial pitch during the winter, but the current limited availability of these facilities makes this impossible in practicable terms e.g. we cannot book them sufficiently far in advance to be able to reliably plan for them being available to us, or the time slots available are too late in the evening for kid’s football.”

### **World Rugby Regulation Compliant Pitches**

#### **Rugby Union**

- 2.163 There is demand for additional training equivalent sessions for rugby union which could be met by a World Rugby 22 compliant 3G pitch in Kirklees. Cleckheaton Rugby Club currently use Tong School 3G pitch across the Kirklees Council border for training.
- 2.164 Tetley Stadium Dewsbury Rams is the only full-size rugby football league 3G pitch in Kirklees. However, this pitch is not World Rugby Regulation 22 certified and therefore rugby union games or contact training cannot be played on the pitch. Rugby Union Clubs are likely to only use the AGP as a last resort in bad weather as contact training cannot be played on the surface.

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2.165 Planning permission has been granted for a full size World Rugby Regulation 22 3G At Laund Hill Community Club

2.166 Lockwood Park AGP was damaged beyond repair earlier in 2022. The AGP was used by Huddersfield Dragons Hockey Club. England Hockey have worked with the Leslie Sports Foundation (lease holders) at Storthes Hall Park, Huddersfield Dragons and other parties to secure funding to replace the surface and lighting of the AGP at Storthes Hall Park. Huddersfield Dragons Hockey Club have voted in favour of a move to Storthes Hall AGP. There are plans to turn this into a world rugby compliant 3G for training activity and mini and junior matches, but it will not be of a size big enough to host competitive senior matches.

2.167 There may well be opportunities to work with other sporting NGBs to provide appropriate 3G pitch training and match play opportunities across Kirklees.

### Rugby League AGPs

2.168 Kirklees currently has the following 3G FTPs:

- Batley Sports and Tennis Centre (FA Registered) Not suitable for RFL use
- Leeds Road Sports Complex – (FA Registered) Not suitable for RFU use
- Canalside Sports complex – Huddersfield Town FC (FA Registered) not suitable for RFL use
- Huddersfield New College (FA Registered) Not suitable for RFL use
- Tetley's Stadium – Dewsbury Rams RLFC – suitable for RFL use
- St John Fisher Catholic Voluntary Academy – (FA Registered) Not suitable for RFL use
- Moor End Academy – Not suitable for RFL use.

2.169 Tetley Stadium Dewsbury Rams is the only full-size rugby football league 3G pitch in Kirklees and can stage up to 13-a-side games be it football, Rugby League/union or two 9-a-side football games. Dewsbury Rams also has access to 2 x 3G MUGA pitches that can host up to 6-a-side games or can be combined to be used for 8-a-side games. The 3G pitch opened in 2017 and is 3 years old.

2.170 Dewsbury Rams 3G pitch current times of use are:

<b>MUGA Pitches</b>	<b>Full Size Pitch</b>
Monday: 09:00 - 22:00	Monday: 09:00 - 20:30
Tuesday: 09:00 - 22:00	Tuesday: 09:00 - 20:30
Wednesday: 09:00 - 22:00	Wednesday: 09:00 - 20:30
Thursday: 09:00 - 22:00	Thursday: 09:00 - 20:30
Friday: 09:00 - 22:00	Friday: 09:00 - 20:30
Saturday: 09:00 - 22:00	Saturday: 09:00 - 13:00
Sunday: 09:00 - 22:00	Sunday: 09:00 - 13:00

2.171 The Dewsbury Ram 3G pitch has had complaints about noise from neighbouring residents and the club have installed shock pads on the fencing to reduce fence collision noise. The club would like to provide ball stop fencing and provide pitch side changing provision.

2.172 The Club has said that with Rugby League now being predominately a spring/summer sport the need to use all weather facilities has diminished especially for evening bookings. Club sustainability is important, and the summer game allows clubs and teams to train at their home grounds without damaging their pitches. Thus, saving much needed finances. However, football clubs based in the local area are still playing the winter game and do encounter adverse weather conditions. This also applies to other winter sports such as rugby union.

- 2.173 Clubs have confirmed that most summer training takes place at their home grounds and where possible off the pitch. Winter training however and pre-season summer training takes place across a combination of AGPs, indoor sports halls and gyms.
- 2.174 It is a regular issue for clubs in terms of finding appropriate facilities. Little training takes place on competitive pitches in the winter as few clubs have floodlit facilities. Clubs have stated where they train:
- Mirfield Stags use Mirfield Free Grammar School artificial grass pitch and home ground for training.
  - Birstall Victoria use Dewsbury Rams 3G pitch for winter training and the clubs home ground for summer training.
  - Shaw Cross Sharks have used Dewsbury Rams 3G pitch but also use their home ground.
  - Emley Moor use their home ground training at Scissett Middle School.
  - Moldgreen in conjunction with Huddersfield community trust run organised training sessions at Netherhall Training Campus Sports Hall HD5 9PG.
  - Huddersfield Giants use Leeds Road sports complex for training along with Kirklees College.
- 2.175 East Bierley Community Sports Association has an approved planning application January 2022 for creation of a new hybrid and five a side pitches.
- 2.176 Huddersfield Giants own the old Woodfield Park Sports Club site. The intention was to ensure a 3G pitch was provided at the site in the future.
- 2.177 Planning permission has been granted for a 3G at Laund Hill Community Park it is hoped this will be used by RFL, RFU and FA. and the intention would be to ensure this pitch is available for community use.
- 2.178 There may well be opportunities to work with other sporting NGBs to provide appropriate 3G pitch training and match play opportunities across Kirklees.
- 2.179 In addition, Sport England and the Rugby League are working on the development of a potential new pitch option – a hybrid pitch. The aim of this is to improve existing grass pitches to enable them to have a higher carrying capacity, allowing more matches to be played on a weekly basis.
- 2.180 A Hybrid pitch comprises an all-weather surface being laid under a grass surface; this strengthens the overall playing surface, improves drainage and overall quality of the playing surface.
- 2.181 Various trials of this new pitch option are in progress; early indications are that hours of use could increase to a minimum 30 per week, which represents significant potential given existing good quality pitches have circa 6-8 hours per week.

### **Supply and Demand Analysis**

#### **FA Training Model**

- 2.182 The FA considers high quality third generation artificial grass pitches as an essential tool in promoting coach and player development. AGPs can support intensive use and as such are great assets for both playing and training. Primarily such facilities have been installed for community use and training, however, are increasingly used for competition which The FA wholly supports.
- 2.183 The FA's long-term ambition is to provide every affiliated team in England the opportunity to train once per week on floodlit 3G surface, together with priority access for every Charter Standard

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Community Club through a partnership agreement. The FA standard estimates that one full size AGP can service 38 teams. #

- 2.184 Table 25 considers the number of full size 3G pitches required if every team was to remain training within the analysis area in which they play. The 3G requirement is rounded to the nearest whole number.
- 2.185 The model assumes that all pitches are fully available for club use at peak time when in practice several pitches operate commercial small, sided leagues which reduce capacity available. It also projects all football teams as training on full size 3G pitches.
- 2.186 When applying the above methodology on a Kirklees Council basis there is a current need for a further 12 (11.8 rounded up) full size 3G pitches, rising to 15 (14.4 rounded up) to cater for future demand. This is in addition to the 7 pitches which currently service Kirklees.

Table 25: Current demand for 3G pitches in Kirklees for Affiliated Football Team Training (38 teams per pitch)

Analysis Sub Area	Current No. of Teams	Current Requirement	Current No. of Full size 3G	Current Shortfall	Future Number of Teams	Future Requirement	Future Shortfall
Huddersfield Sub Area	266	7.0	3	4	298	7.8	4.8
Batley and Spen Sub Area	142	3.7	1	2.7	169	4.4	3.4
Dewsbury & Mirfield Sub Area	88	2.4	2	0.4	111	2.9	0.9
Rural East Sub Area	112	2.9	0	2.9	117	3	3
Rural West Sub Area	110	2.8	1	1.8	124	3.3	2.3
<b>Kirklees Total</b>	<b>718</b>	<b>18.8</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>11.8</b>	<b>819</b>	<b>21.4</b>	<b>14.4</b>

- 2.187 In conclusion, there is an insufficient supply of full size 3G pitches to meet current and anticipated future training demand based on the FA training model in Kirklees. There is a need for further provision to be provided in all 5 sub areas.
- 2.188 To ensure that current and any future supply are maintained to a good enough standard to accommodate demand, providers are encouraged to put sinking funds in place to ensure long-term sustainability. Annual budgets must include a sink fund to provide funds for replacing the surface every 10 -12 years. This will allow for re-surfacing to take place when required and will ensure that FA certification remains in place.
- 2.189 Any new 3G pitches should comply with FA certification when installed.

### Hockey AGPs

- 2.190 Hockey supply and demand assessment is provided in Section 6. However, since the introduction of 3G pitches and given their popularity for football, providers have seen this as a way of replacing their tired sand-based carpet and generating money from hiring out a 3G pitch to football clubs and commercial football providers. This has come at the expense of hockey, with players now travelling further distances to gain access to a suitable pitch and many teams being displaced from their preferred geographical area. Due to its impact on hockey, it is appropriate to ensure that sufficient

sand-based AGPs are retained for the playing development of hockey. To that end, a change of surface will require a planning application and, as part of that, the applicants will have to show that there is sufficient provision available for hockey in the locality. Advice from Sport England and EH should therefore be sought prior to any planning application being submitted. It should also be noted that, if a surface is changed, it could require the existing floodlighting and drainage to be changed and, in some instances, noise attenuation measures may need to be put in place.

### 3G Pitch and AGP Summary

- There is an insufficient supply of full size 3G pitches to meet current and anticipated future demand for football in Kirklees. There is no World Rugby 22 Regulation compliant 3G provision in Kirklees although planning permission has been given for a World Rugby 22 Regulation compliant 3G at Laund Hill Community Club and there are opportunities at East Brierly and Lockwood Park in the future.
- There are currently 7 full size 3G pitches across Kirklees. 6 of these are available for community use. 3 of the 6 are currently FA Registered. 2 have been previously FA Registered but registration has expired.
- Several stakeholders have shown an interest in 3G pitch provision.
- There is an existing need for 19 (18.8 rounded up) 3G pitches and a current shortfall of 12 (11.8 rounded up) 3G pitches.
- Considering future demand. Demand modelling predicts a need for a further 3 (2.6 rounded up) 3G pitches in addition to the current shortfall of 12 3G pitches.

### 3. Rugby Union Assessment

#### Introduction

- 3.1. The Rugby football Union (RFU) is the governing body for the sport across England. The RFU strategic context is in appendix 1.

#### Supply of Rugby Union Pitches – Quantity

- 3.2. The audit of rugby union pitches in Kirklees identifies that there are 4 community use sites containing 9 adult rugby pitches and 1 junior pitch. This is an increase of 1 adult pitch since the 2015 PPS.
- 3.3. In addition to the above there are 4 senior and 2 junior rugby union pitches provided on education sites across Kirklees.
- 3.4. A key component of the analysis is an examination of the extent to which pitches identified are in secured public use. This has been undertaken in the context of the Sport England definition of community use, and embraces:
- All local authority pitches.
  - Educational facilities whether subject to formal dual use, community use agreements or similar formal hire arrangements with local teams or not.
  - Any other facilities which are available to the public because of formal dual / community use agreements; and
  - Any facilities owned, used, or maintained by clubs/private individuals, which as a matter of policy or practice are available for use by sections of the public through membership of a club or admission fees.
- 3.5. The community use rugby Club sites are provided in table 26 below. The two sub areas with Community Club rugby pitches are Batley and Spen (Cleckheaton Sports Club and Whitcliffe Mount School Playing Fields) and Huddersfield (Lockwood Park and Laund Hill Community Club)
- 3.6. The community use rugby Club sites are all in secured community use.

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Table 26: Supply - Community Use Rugby Union Pitches

Site Name	Security of Use	Owners	Sub Area	Adult Pitches	Junior/Minis Pitches
<b>Cleckheaton Sports Club – Cleckheaton Rugby Club</b>	Secured	Sports Club – Rugby, Cricket, Bowls Sections	Batley & Spen	1 Pitch (Floodlit)	0
<b>Wjhycliffe Mount Playing Fields - Cleckheaton Rugby Club</b>	Secured	Cleckheaton rugby Club Joint Security of Tenure with Wyke Wanderers FC and Whicliffe Mount School. Rolling annual contract.	Batley and Spen	2 (No floodlit pitches)	0
<b>Lockwood Park – Huddersfield Rugby Club &amp; University of Huddersfield Men’s and Women’s Teams.</b>	Secured	Sports Club	Huddersfield	3.5 floodlit pitches 1 can be used for match play)	1
<b>Laund Hill Community Club – Huddersfield LH RUFC</b>	Secured	Sports Club	Huddersfield	3 (1 floodlit pitch and 2 partially floodlit used for training)	0

- 3.7. Table 27 provides an audit of rugby pitches on education sites. These sites are unsecured community use pitches in education ownership. The only rugby pitches on a school site used by a community rugby club are at Whitcliffe Mount Playing Fields identified in Table 26 (above). These are used by Cleckheaton Rugby Club. The school has been actively involved in the RFU All Schools programme for the last five years and as a result the numbers of students, both boys and girls, playing rugby union has increased dramatically and the school’s relationship with Cleckheaton RUFC continues to be strong.

Table 27: Education and Army Foundation College – Unsecured Community Use Sites

	Security of Use	Owners	Sub Area	Adult	Junior/Minis	Teams
<b>Castle Hall Academy</b>	Unsecured	Education Academy	Dewsbury & Mirfield	1	1	Curriculum use only
<b>Greenhead College - Rugby League</b>	Unsecured	Education	Huddersfield	1	0	Curriculum use - rugby league pitch sometimes used for rugby union
<b>Heckmondwike Grammar School</b>	Unsecured	Education	Batley and Spen	1	0	Has curriculum and inter schoolhouse competitions in the Spring Term.
<b>Holmfirth High School – Little Wembley</b>	Unsecured	Education	Rural West	1	0	Used for rugby union or Rugby league as part of the curriculum.
<b>Royd Hall School Sports Centre</b>	Unsecured	Education Academy	Huddersfield	0	1	Curriculum use only.

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- 3.8. Holmfirth High School offer rugby union as part of the curriculum and have links to Huddersfield LH RUFC and their community programme with several of the Clubs male and female players coming from the school. Planning permission has been given for a 3G AGP for football at Holmfirth High School, a rugby union grass pitch will still be available at the school's Little Wembley Playing Field site. If an AGP is developed in place of an existing rugby union pitch. The RFU would ask that the AGP is constructed to be World Rugby Regulation 22 compliant.
- 3.9. Greenhead College has use of a Rugby League pitch for its Rugby League Academy. This pitch is sometimes used for college rugby union. Castle Hall Academy, Heckmondwike Grammar School and Royds Hall School all use their rugby union pitches for curriculum or extra curriculum rugby activities.
- 3.10. There is currently no World Rugby 22 compliant AGP available for community use in Kirklees. A planning application was approved in 2022 for a World Regulation 22 compliant pitch at Laund Hill Community Club. Huddersfield Giants Community Trust will help further develop the Laund Hill Community Club site allowing it to provide “world class sporting facilities” and become a community hub. The plan is to install an 3G AGP suitable for Premiership Rugby Union, Bet Fred Super League Rugby League and football to FA standards.
- 3.11. The current RFU recommendations for mini and youth pitches are as follows, however, it should be noted that it is common practice for mini and youth pitches to be marked out with cones on full size pitches for rugby union:
- U7 20m x 12m + 5m IGA (in-goal area)
  - U9 60m x 30m + 5m IGA
  - U11/U12 60 x 35m + 5m IGA
  - U8 45m x 22m + 5m IGA
  - U10 60m x 35m + 5m IGA
  - U13 Girls 60m x 35M + 5m IGA

### **Kirklees - Disused Sites**

- 3.12. There are no known disused rugby union pitch sites across Kirklees.

### **Security of Tenure**

- 3.13. All community use rugby union club sites have security of tenure. Cleckheaton rugby club has an annual rolling use contract with Whitcliffe Mount School.
- 3.14. The education sites other than the Whitcliffe Mount School Playing Fields are all owned by education and are unsecured for community use.

### **Future Provision**

- 3.15. Planning permission has been granted for a 3G AGP at Laund Hill Community Club. This proposal will be for rugby and football and will be rugby led. This would cause the loss of a grass rugby union pitch. However, a 3G pitch would provide additional training and match play MES compared to a grass rugby union pitch, provided a community use agreement is secured.
- 3.16. Kirklees Council has given planning permission for East Bierley Sports Association to provide the following:
- A 3G pitch (World Regulation 22 rugby pitch) with floodlights;
  - Five a side football facility;
  - Club House and multi-function space;
  - 4 new changing facilities; and
  - Improved car parking provision.

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- 3.17. The East Bierley Sports Association facilities are currently used by Birkenshaw Blue Dogs a Rugby League Team with no rugby union use of the site.
- 3.18. With the loss of the hockey AGP at Lockwood Park due to flooding. Huddersfield Dragons Hockey Club have voted in favour of a move to Storthes Hall AGP. This move will allow the Lockwood Park AGP to be refurbished as a World Regulation 22 Rugby 3G that could be used for rugby union training demand and mini and junior matches but not competitive senior matches as the pitch would be too small, it could also be used by Rugby League and Football in the future.

#### Quality – Ancillary Facilities and Pitches

##### Ancillary Facilities

- 3.19. Huddersfield RUFC: There are eight changing rooms at the home ground each with ensuite showers and there is one official changing room. Ideally there would be an additional match official changing room due to the number of pitches and to accommodate female match officials.
- 3.20. The site has access for the disabled, a clubroom and kitchen. There is car parking; however, this is not adequate for all pitches. Users rate showers and changing accommodation as good.
- 3.21. Huddersfield LH RUFC: There are ten changing rooms including 1 official changing room at the home ground at Laund Hill Community Club. All changing rooms have ensuite showers and if required separate areas for junior and female changing. Changing facilities are secured during matches and adequate car parking is available. The site is located on a flood plain. Showers and changing are rated as standard.
- 3.22. Cleckheaton RUFC: There are two changing rooms at the Cleckheaton Sports Club each has communal showers and toilets. There is also one official changing room. Facilities are secured during matches and there is disabled access, a clubroom, kitchen, and car parking are available. Users rate the changing accommodation as poor and the showers as standard.
- 3.23. The main issue for Cleckheaton RUFC is the age of the building and the shared access with the cricket club. The building is two storeys with central heating only servicing the ground floor and storage tanks used for the hot water system which is not always sufficient after games. For the rugby teams, showers and toilets are located on the ground floor whilst the changing accommodation is upstairs. The Club would like to modernise the building with a small ground floor extension to provide separate ensuite facilities for both rugby and cricket teams, especially for when the seasons overlap.
- 3.24. The stand facility a Cleckheaton Rugby Club requires the bench seating to be replaced.

##### Quality of Pitches

- 3.25. The methodology for assessing rugby pitch quality looks at two key elements: the maintenance programme and the level of drainage. Each is scored and classified in one of three categories. These represent actions required to improve pitch quality. A breakdown for each of the two scoring elements and three respective categories is provided in the table below.
- 3.26. The drainage scores are based upon a pipe drained system at 5m centres that has been installed in the last eight years; and a slit drained system at 1m centres. If systems are beyond this then they are considered to be natural drainage – adequate or inadequate depends on pitch condition.

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Table 28: Rugby Pitch Scoring Elements Rugby Pitch Quality

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

- 3.27. Pitch quality influences the number of matches and training that can be sustained, and therefore has a significant impact on the overall adequacy of supply in an area. Site assessments have been carried out in line with the assessment matrix provided above.
- 3.28. Demand from each site is converted into match equivalent sessions. This considers both the requirement of pitches to accommodate competitive fixtures, and the impact that training sessions will have on the capacity of pitches.
- 3.29. Below are the quality pitch assessments following site visits. Table 28 shows the quality and capacity for the Community Club pitches and Table 29 for the Education site pitches.

Table 29: Quality rating of pitches – Community Club Pitches

Site Name	Type of pitch	Drainage Score	Pitch maintenance score	Pitch Capacity Match Equivalent Sessions	Overall capacity Match Equivalent Sessions of site
Cleckheaton Sports Club	1 <sup>st</sup> Pitch (floodlit)	D0	M2	2	2
Laund Hill Community Club	1 <sup>st</sup> Pitch (floodlit)	D3	M1	3	7
Laund Hill Community Club	2 <sup>nd</sup> Pitch	D1	M1	2	
Laund Hill Community Club	3 <sup>rd</sup> Pitch	D1	M1	2	
Lockwood Park	1 <sup>st</sup> Pitch (floodlit)	D2	M2	3.25	9.75
Lockwood Park	2 <sup>nd</sup> Pitch (floodlit)	D2	M1	2.5	
Lockwood Park	3 <sup>rd</sup> Pitch (floodlit)	D2	M1	2.5	
Lockwood Park	Junior/ Mini pitch (floodlit)	D0	M1	1.5	
Whitcliffe Mount	Pitch 1	D0	M1	1.5	3
Whitcliffe Mount	Pitch 2	D0	M1	1.5	

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Table 30: Quality rating of pitches – Education Pitches

Site Name	Type of Pitch	Drainage Score	Pitch Maintenance Score	Pitch Capacity	Overall Capacity of Site
Castle Hall Academy	Pitch 1 Adult	DO	M1	1.5	3
Castle Hall Academy	Pitch 2 Junior	DO	M1	1.5	
Greenhead College – Rugby League	Pitch 1 Adult	DO	M1	1.5	1.5
Heckmondwike Grammar School	Junior Pitch	DO	M1	1.5	1.5
Holmfirth High School – Little Wembley	Junior Pitch	DO	M1	1.5	1.5
Royd Hall School Sports Centre	1 <sup>st</sup> Junior Pitch	DO	M1	1.5	1.5

### Community Club Pitch Quality

- 3.30. **Huddersfield RFUC** – Lockwood Park – The first team pitch has received funding to upgrade the maintenance regimes so bringing the pitch standard to M2. All three pitches have pipe drainage. The junior / mini pitch is of poor quality due to drainage issues. All of the pitches have floodlights at Lockwood Park, the only floodlights of match quality are those on the main pitch. All floodlights need rewiring and some funding has been secured. There is an opportunity following the damage to Lockwood Park AGP and the future move of Huddersfield Dragons Hockey Club to a refurbished AGP at Storthes Hall to refurbish the Lockwood Park AGP and change use to World Rugby Regulation 22 compliant allowing for rugby union, rugby league and football.
- 3.31. **Huddersfield LH RFUC** – Laund Hill Community Club - The main pitch is pipe and slit drained with adequate maintenance and is fully floodlit. The second and third pitch have natural drainage and there are waterlogging issues in the winter. The pitches are partially floodlit to assist with training needs. Planning permission has been granted for a World rugby Regulation 22 compliant 3G pitch on the site.
- 3.32. **Cleckheaton Rugby Club** - Have access to one main pitch at Cleckheaton Sports Club. This is the clubs home ground. The pitch has naturally inadequate drainage and is maintained by a club volunteer. The club has invested in a slitting machine which has improved the quality of pitches. The club also uses pitches and other training areas off site e.g. at Whitcliffe Mount School Playing Fields' 2 pitches for matches as well as Spenborough running track and outside the Borough on occasions at Tong Leadership Academy (Bradford) on the 3G pitch, however, this is not World Rugby compliant, limiting the type of training that can take place (October-March).
- 3.33. The 2 pitches at Whitcliffe Mount School Playing Fields have natural inadequate drainage and a standard maintenance regime. In terms of community use, these pitches are mainly used by Cleckheaton 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> adult men's teams.

### Demand – Community Competitive Rugby

- 3.34. Kirklees currently has 3 community rugby union clubs based in the borough, Huddersfield Rugby Club, Huddersfield Laund Hill (formerly Huddersfield YMCA) Rugby Club and Cleckheaton Rugby Club; plus, the University of Huddersfield Rugby Club, which competes in the British University & College Sports (BUCS) leagues.

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- 3.35. All 4 clubs currently play all their home matches in Kirklees. Most training is also accommodated at the three main clubs' home grounds except for Cleckheaton who use different sites for their training, and the University of Huddersfield men's and ladies' teams use Lockwood Park for home games on a Wednesday afternoon. The University men's team train at Lockwood Park Monday evenings and the Ladies team train at Huddersfield Laund Hill Rugby Club (Formerly Huddersfield YMCA) on Monday evenings.
- 3.36. In total there are 49 community club teams across Kirklees. 11 adult male teams, 3 adult women teams, 2 male and 3 female colts' teams 18 -19 years, 9 junior boy's teams, 6 junior girls' teams and 15 mini soccer teams. This is an increase on teams since 2015 PPS, 41 teams were identified. There are women's and girl's teams are playing now. None were identified in 2015.

Table 31: Rugby Clubs in Kirklees and Number of Teams

Club	Adult Teams Men	Adult Teams Women	18-19 years youth teams		Junior teams (U13-17)		Mini / Midi age groups(U7-12)	Totals
			Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls		
Cleckheaton RUFC	4	0	0	1	4	2	6	17
Huddersfield RUFC	3	1	1	1	4	2	6	18
Huddersfield LH RUFC	3	1	1	1	1	2	3	12
University of Huddersfield RUFC	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
	<b>11</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>49</b>

### Community Rugby Club Training

- 3.37. The majority of rugby teams train at their home ground on match pitches. This reduces the capacity for match play and means that pitches are more likely to be overplayed.
- 3.38. The extent of training on pitches midweek depends on the presence of sports lighting.
- Huddersfield RUFC has access to floodlights on 3.5 training pitches with sports lighting and these pitches have capacity for 9.75 match equivalent sessions per week. The pitches are used to accommodate both training and match play. Weekly training demand excluding Sunday morning minis and Sunday girls equates to 7.25 MES. There is weekly training capacity of 2.5 MES.
  - Cleckheaton RUFC has access to one training pitch with sports lighting and this pitch has capacity for 2 match equivalent sessions per week. The pitch is used to accommodate both training and match play. Weekly training demand is 9 MES. This is over played by 7 MES per week.
  - Huddersfield LH RUFC has access to one full pitch with floodlighting and 2 partially floodlit pitches. The pitches have capacity for 7 match equivalent sessions per week. All three pitches are used to accommodate training and match play. Weekly training demand equates to 6.5 MES. This rises to 7 MES when considering training for the University of Huddersfield Women's Team.
- 3.39. Rugby union clubs identify the use of World Rugby Regulation 22 compliant artificial grass pitches for training as a method of protecting the match pitches and providing a high-quality surface for full contact practice. Competitive play continues to take place on grass pitches for the most part, with ad hoc use of 3G pitches for fixtures in the case of unsuitable pitches due to waterlogging or frost.
- 3.40. There are currently no World Rugby compliant AGPs in Kirklees.



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### Exported Demand

- 3.41. Displaced or exported demand refers to Kirklees based teams that are currently accessing pitches outside of the local authority for their home fixtures. This is normally because their pitch requirements cannot be met, which is usually because of pitch supply. There is no demand identified which is exported out of Kirklees for match play. However, Cleckheaton RUFC do use facilities outside the borough for training.

### Imported Demand

- 3.42. There is no identified imported demand from rugby union clubs whose main home ground is in a neighboring borough into Kirklees.

### Unmet Demand

- 3.43. Unmet demand is existing demand that is not able to access sufficient pitches. It is usually expressed, for example, when a team is already training but is unable to access a match pitch. There is no identified demand across Kirklees.

### Future Demand

#### Participation Increases

- 3.44. In total, clubs across Kirklees aspire to increase by a total of ten teams.
- Huddersfield RUFC – 1 junior girls' team. Match equivalent sessions would be 0.5 per week and training would be 0.5 per week. Total 1 MES;
  - Cleckheaton RUFC – 1 senior men's team and a junior boys' team. Match equivalent sessions would be 1 per week and training would be 1.5 MES per week. Total 2.5 MES per week; and
  - Huddersfield LH RUFC – 1 additional junior boys' team and a girls' team. Match equivalent sessions would be 1 per week and training would be 1 MES per week. Total 2 MES per week.

#### Population Increases

- 3.45. As well as growth through participation increases there will be growth through population demands.
- 3.46. Team generation rates (TGRs) are used to calculate the number of teams likely to be generated in the future (2035) based on population growth.
- 3.47. The Kirklees Local Plan Strategies and Policies were adopted in February 2019. The Local Plan states that the council will seek to achieve sustainable housing growth through the delivery of a minimum of 31,140 new dwellings between 2013 and 2031 (1730 new dwellings per annum) through allocation sites and taking account of windfalls, committed housing figures and losses/demolitions.
- 3.48. The Sport England New Development Playing Pitch Calculator Tool should be used to identify team generation rates and need for playing pitches as and when planning applications are agreed.
- 3.49. Kirklees Planning Department have provided the following housing growth across the PPS Sub Areas. The table below provided the future population in the sub areas based on the housing growth per sub area multiplied by average household size of 2.3 persons.

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Table 32: Housing growth across the PPS Sub Areas to 2031

PPS Sub-Area	Housing Capacity on Local Plan Allocated Sites Without Planning Permission (Oct 2021)	Population based on average Household size 2.3 persons.
Huddersfield	4,424	10175
Dewsbury & Mirfield	2,777	6387
Batley & Spen	3,837	8825
Rural East	840	1932
Rural West	1,511	3475
<b>Total</b>		<b>30794</b>

- 3.50. The total population demand from the new housing equates to 30,794. The total population growth data for Kirklees has been inserted into Sport England’s New Development Playing Pitch Calculator tool as has the rugby union team numbers for each typology. The output from the Sport England Calculator tool provides the team generation rates for rugby union, the new teams generated from the new population and the future match equivalent sessions required for the future for each typology.
- 3.51. The team generation rates predict an increase in 0.48 adult men’s and women’s match equivalent sessions, 0.69 boys and girls 7 – 18 years match equivalent sessions, 0.52 mixed 7 – 12 years match equivalent sessions.
- 3.52. Table 33 provides the team generation rates for Kirklees Rugby Union.

Table 33: Team Generation Rates Kirklees Rugby Union

Sport age groups	Percentage of the total population in the area	A1. Number of people in each sport age group	Kirklees Rugby Union Team Generation Rate
<b>Rugby Union</b>			
<b>Men (19-45yrs)</b>	16.73%	<b>5153.25</b>	6741
<b>Women (19-45yrs)</b>	16.71%	<b>5146.37</b>	24683
<b>Boys (13-18yrs)</b>	3.82%	<b>1174.87</b>	1537
<b>Girls (13-18yrs)</b>	3.68%	<b>1132.90</b>	1811
<b>Mixed (7-12yrs)</b>	8.02%	<b>2469.84</b>	2369

## Education

- 3.53. Participation in rugby union in schools in Kirklees is relatively low in comparison to most other areas of the country. Schools where rugby union is played as part of the curriculum have rugby union pitches. The rugby union term is mainly the autumn winter term.
- 3.54. School pitches are subject to wear and tear during a typical curriculum programme, particularly for PE lessons and by school teams playing matches.
- 3.55. The club-based nature of rugby union however means that clubs wish to focus their activity at the club base as far as possible.

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### Capacity Analysis

- 3.56. To enable an accurate supply and demand assessment of rugby union pitches, the following assumptions have been applied:
- All sites that are used for community club competitive rugby matches are included on the supply side secured and unsecured and education sites that are unsecured community use or unavailable for community use are included.
  - Each school with a rugby union pitch runs 2 hours outdoor PE per week per year group – equivalent of 5 teams = 5 match equivalent sessions weekly.
  - All competitive play is on senior sized pitches (except for where mini or junior pitches are provided).
  - From U13 upwards, teams play 15 v 15 and use a full pitch.
  - Mini teams (U7-12) play on half of a senior pitch i.e., two matches per senior pitch. This could include multiple matches with lower age groups as U7's is 4 a side.
  - For senior and youth teams the current level of play per week is set at 0.5 for each match played based on all teams operating on a traditional home and away basis (assumes half of matches will be played away).
  - For mini teams, play per week is set at 0.25 for each match played based on all teams operating on a traditional home and away basis and playing across half of one adult team pitch or mini pitch.
  - All male adult club rugby takes place on a Saturday afternoon.
  - Colts Rugby U17 – 18s takes place midweek for Training and play on Sunday PM.
  - All U7-18 rugby takes place on a Sunday AM for Matches but most age groups in older Mini and Juniors will train midweek.
  - Women's rugby union takes place Sunday PM for Matches but midweek for training.
  - Training that takes place on club pitches is reflected by the addition of team equivalents. 2 teams training on one pitch on one evening = one match equivalent session.
  - Quality of pitches determines the capacity or number of times a pitch can be played. The RFU has set guidance standards for the number of matches that each grass pitch type should be able to accommodate without adversely affecting its current quality (pitch capacity).
  - Education competitive team play tends to occur midweek and at independent schools Saturday AM.
- 3.57. Table 34 shows the match and training equivalent sessions per week and the pitch capacity per site (Club and Education). This identifies the weekly match and training equivalent sessions over played or underplayed.

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Table 34: Pitch Capacity of Rugby Union pitches in Kirklees

Site	Club	Teams	Match/Training Day	Training /Curricula use Equivalent Sessions	Match Equivalent Sessions	Total Training/Curricular & Match Equivalent Sessions	Total Site Pitch Capacity	Weekly Overplay or Underplay
Cleckheaton Sports Club	Cleckheaton Rugby Club	1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> ,	Train Tuesday and Thursdays play Saturdays	2	1	3	2	11
		3 <sup>rd</sup> and 4ths	Train Tuesday and Thursday	2	0	2		
		U18, U15 and U13 Girls	Train Wednesday play Sunday	1.5	1.5	3		
		U16/U17 Boy's	Train Wednesday	0.5	0	0.5		
		U15, 14 and U13 Boy's	Train Wednesday	1.5	0	1.5		
		U7 – U12	Train Wednesday play Sunday	1.5	1.5	3		
<b>Totals</b>				9	4	13	2	11
Whitcliffe Mount School Playing Field	Cleckheaton RUFC	3 <sup>rd</sup> and 4ths	Play Saturday	0	1	8	3	5
		U16/U17 Boy's	Play Sunday	0	0.5			
		U15, U14, U13 Whitcliffe mount School Use	Play Sunday	5	1.5			
<b>Totals</b>				5	3	8	3	5
Lockwood Park	Huddersfield RUFC	1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> s	Train Tuesday & Thursday play Saturday	3	1.5	4.5	9.75	6
		Women's	Train Tuesday	1	0	0.5		
		U18 Academy	Train Tuesday & Thursdays play Sunday	1	0.5	1.5		
		Girls Training U13, U15 and U18	Train Sunday	1.5	0	1.5		
		U13, U14, U15 and U16	Train Wednesdays play Sunday	2	2	4		
		U12	Train Wednesday Play Sunday	0.25	0.25	0.5		

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Site	Club	Teams	Match/Training Day	Training /Curricula use Equivalent Sessions	Match Equivalent Sessions	Total Training/Curricular & Match Equivalent Sessions	Total Site Pitch Capacity	Weekly Overplay or Underplay
		U7 – U11	Train or play Sunday	1.25	0	1.25		
		University Huddersfield Men's and Women's	Men Train Mondays play Wednesdays Women play Wednesdays.	1	1	1.5		
<b>Totals</b>				<b>10.5</b>	<b>5.25</b>	<b>15.75</b>	<b>9.75</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Laund Hill Community Club</b>	Huddersfield LH Rugby Club	1 <sup>st</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Train Tuesday & Thursdays Play Saturday	3	1.5	4.5	7	<b>5.75</b>
		Huddersfield University Women	Train Monday	1	0	0.5		
		O2 Touch Training	Mondays	0.5	0	0.5		
		Women's, U18, U15 and U13 Girls	Train on Thursday Play on Sunday	2	2	4		
		U18, U14 Boy's	Train Tuesday play Sunday	1	1	2		
		U9, U8, U7	Train and play on Sunday	0.75	0	0.75		
<b>Totals</b>				<b>8.25</b>	<b>4.50</b>	<b>12.75</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5.75</b>
<b>Totals Community Rugby Clubs</b>				<b>32.75</b>	<b>16.75</b>	<b>49.5</b>	<b>21.75</b>	<b>27.75</b>
<b>Castle Hall Academy</b>	School	Curriculum use		5	0	5	3	<b>2</b>
<b>Greenhead College – Rugby League</b>	College	Used for rugby League as well as rugby union.		5	0	5	1.5	<b>3.5</b>
<b>Heckmondwike Grammar School</b>	School	Curriculum use		5	0	5	1.5	<b>3.5</b>
<b>Holmfirth High School – Little Wembley</b>	School	Curriculum use		5	0	5	1.5	<b>3.5</b>
<b>Royd Hall School Sports Centre</b>	School	Curriculum use		5	0	5	1.5	<b>3.5</b>

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Site	Club	Teams	Match/Training Day	Training /Curricula use Equivalent Sessions	Match Equivalent Sessions	Total Training/Curricular & Match Equivalent Sessions	Total Site Pitch Capacity	Weekly Overplay or Underplay
Whitcliffe Mount School	School	Curriculum use		5	0	5	3	2
<b>Total Education</b>				<b>30</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>18</b>

3.58. Table 34 shows no identified spare capacity' at either community club or school rugby union pitch sites. Please note that Whitcliffe Mount School Playing Fields are used by the School and Cleckheaton RUFC. When the weekly usage is added together there are 8 match equivalent sessions weekly and only capacity for 3 match equivalent sessions. Weekly overplay at this site equates to 5 match equivalent sessions. This overplay has been added into the Community Rugby Club total for Training/Curriculum Use Equivalent Sessions and the total for Training/Curriculum and Match Use Equivalent sessions to provide the true match equivalent usage of the site.

### Peak Time Demand

3.59. To identify spare capacity at peak time, for community clubs the number of match equivalent sessions at peak time is measured against the number of match equivalent sessions available.

3.60. The table below identifies the current peak time of play for rugby and the demand for pitches for individual club sites across Kirklees.

Table 35: The current peak time of play for rugby and the demand for pitches for individual club sites across Kirklees

Cleckheaton RUFC – Cleckheaton Sports Club Peak Time of play	Teams Demand – Matches	Number of Pitches (MES)	Over supply + /Under supply -
Adult Men's Saturday PM	1	1	0
Youth and Junior Sunday AM and Mini Sunday AM	2.5	1	1.5
Colts, Women and Girl's Sunday PM	2	1	1

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Cleckheaton RUFC – Whitcliff School Playing Fields Peak Time of play	Teams Demand – Matches	Number of Pitches	Over supply + /Under supply -
Adult Men's Saturday PM	1	2	1
Youth and Junior Sunday AM and Mini Sunday AM	2	2	0
Colts, Women and Girl's Sunday PM	0	2	2

Huddersfield RUFC – Lockwood Park Peak Time of play	Teams Demand – Matches	Number of Pitches	Over supply + /Under supply -
Adult Men's Saturday PM	1.5	3	1.5
Youth and Junior Sunday AM and Mini Sunday AM	4	4	0
Colts, Women and Girl's Sunday PM *	2.5	3	0.5

Huddersfield LH RUFC – Laund Hill Community Club	Teams Demand – Matches	Number of Pitches	Over supply + /Under supply -
Adult Men's Saturday PM	1.5	3	1.5
Youth and Junior Sunday AM and Mini Sunday AM	1.25	3	1.75
Colts, Women and Girl's Sunday PM	2.5	3	0.5

- 3.61. There are currently sufficient rugby pitches across Kirklees on a Saturday PM at peak time of play for adult men's teams. There is balanced play at Cleckheaton Rugby Club (Cleckheaton Sports Club) and spare capacity at Whitcliff School Playing Fields (Cleckheaton Rugby Club), Huddersfield RUFC and Huddersfield Laund Hill Rugby Club (Formerly Huddersfield YMCA) for adult men's teams.
- 3.62. Except for Cleckheaton Rugby Club (Cleckheaton Sports Club) there is spare capacity at all community clubs for colts, women's and girl's rugby play at peak time of play Sundays PM.
- 3.63. There is overplay at peak time for junior youth and mini match equivalent sessions on Sundays Am at Cleckheaton RUFC (Cleckheaton Sports Club). Balanced play at Whitcliff School Playing Fields and Huddersfield RUFC and capacity at Huddersfield LH Rugby Club.
- 3.64. As identified in table 34 there is no actual spare capacity at any site when considering match play and training.

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Table 36: Current and Future Demand to 2031 For Community Rugby club Pitches Training and Match Play

	(A) Current Demand Match Equivalent Sessions 2021	(B) Current Capacity Weekly Training and Match Equivalents (2021)	(C) Current Shortfall Match and Training Equivalent Sessions (2021) = (B – A)	(D) Participation Increase Aspirations	(E) Projected Population Increase (2021 – 2031)	Future deficit match and Training Equivalent Sessions (2031)
<b>Weekly Training MES</b>	32.75	18.75	14.25	3	1.5	18.75
<b>Weekly Match and Training MES</b>	49.50	21.75	27.75	5.5	3	36.25

- 3.65. There is a current shortfall of capacity on training pitches with sports lighting to accommodate the current weekly requirement for training MES. This equates to current overplay of 14.25 MES. When including weekly competitive play and weekly training MES there is an overplay of 27.75 MES. With increases from club participation aspirations and projected population growth the shortfall grows in 2031.
- 3.66. Given the above-mentioned shortfalls, priority should be placed first and foremost on alleviating overplay. Given that the majority of overplay is a result of training demand on grass pitches, it is considered that there is a potential need for additional floodlighting, pitch quality improvements and/or access to World Rugby compliant AGPs. Scenarios exploring this will be evidenced in the subsequent strategy document.

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### Rugby Union Summary

- The community use rugby Club sites provide 9 adult and 1 junior secured community use pitches.
- In addition to the above there are 4 senior and 2 junior rugby pitches provided on education sites across Kirklees. These pitches are used by schools and are all overplayed.
- There is no actual spare capacity at any of the community clubs after considering current training and match play.
- There is overplay at peak time for junior youth and mini match equivalent sessions on Sundays AM at Cleckheaton RUFC (Cleckheaton Sports Club). Balanced play at Whitcliff School Playing Fields and Huddersfield RUFC and capacity at Huddersfield Laund Hill Rugby Club (Formerly Huddersfield YMCA).
- Cleckheaton RUFC are at capacity on their existing home ground site (1 pitch) and must use Whitcliff Mount School Playing Fields and are struggling to accommodate all their teams.
- Overall, there is a current shortfall of 27.75 match and training equivalent sessions per week on community club rugby union pitches to meet current demand. Shortfalls are further exacerbated when considering future demand, equating to 36.25 match and training equivalent sessions.
- Cleckheaton RUFC (Cleckheaton Sports Club) pavilion and changing accommodation is of 'Poor' quality.
- Huddersfield RUFC - Ideally there would be an additional match official changing room due to the number of pitches and to accommodate female match officials. The site has access for the disabled, a clubroom and kitchen. There is car parking; however, this is not adequate for all pitches. Users rate showers and changing accommodation as good quality.
- Huddersfield RUFC – Has floodlights on 3.5 pitches. However, the floodlights all require rewiring and the club are currently seeking funding for this works.
- Huddersfield LH RUFC changing rooms are rated as standard quality.
- There may be opportunities to discuss future access to World Rugby compliant AGPs at Laund Hill Community Park and East Bierley Community Sports Association.
- Priority should be placed first and foremost on alleviating overplay. Given that the majority of overplay is a result of training demand on grass pitches, it is considered that there is a potential need for additional sports lighting, pitch quality improvements and/or access to World Rugby compliant AGP.

### 4. Cricket Assessment

#### Introduction

- 4.1. The Yorkshire County Cricket Board is the main governing body for cricket within the County, including Kirklees. The strategic context for cricket is in appendix 1.

#### Cricket Club Demand and Number of Teams

- 4.2. This section provides an overview of the clubs and teams that play in the Kirklees area. Table 37 provides a breakdown of clubs and the number of team's adult men's, adult women, and junior teams.
- 4.3. There are 67 community cricket clubs based in the borough using 56 cricket sites. Between them, the 67 clubs support 171 adult male open age teams compared to 164 teams in the 2015 an increase of 7 teams. Teams playing on a Saturday (109 teams), Sunday (27 teams), and midweek (35 teams). The peak time of play is a Saturday.
- 4.4. Cleckheaton Cricket Club have a women's team and a women's colts' section. Holm Valley Girls Cricket Club play at Cartworth Moor Cricket Ground Rural West and have a women's team and 2 girl's teams. Denby Dale Cricket Club have an u13's girls' team. Batley Cricket Club have a Women's softball team. Thurstonland Cricket Club have held a softball festival. Scholes Cricket Club Rural West has had a women's team in the past and is providing softball. The club plans to have a women's team in the future and a girls' team. Upperthong Cricket Club have a Mums team. There were no identified women's or girl's teams in the 2015 PPS. So, an increase of 8 teams.
- 4.5. There are 194 boy's teams U17 – U9 inclusive. This compares to 199 in the 2015 PPS a decrease of 5. The junior boy's generally play midweek.

#### All Stars Cricket (5-8-year-olds) and Dynamos Cricket (8 – 11-year-olds)

- 4.6. All Stars Cricket is a nationwide programme developed by the ECB and the Elite Coach Development team that aims to inspire 5- to 8-year-olds to take up cricket and to acquire the skills to play the game and connect them to the stars of English cricket. Dynamos Provides the next step for those graduating from All Stars Cricket and is an introduction for all 8 – 11-year-olds new to the sport
- 4.7. Consultation identified 12 clubs that have undertaken 'All Stars' coaching. However, there are currently 19 clubs across Kirklees participating in the programme and a further 5 clubs are participating in Dynamos Cricket.

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Table 37: Kirklees Cricket Clubs and Teams

Site No.	Site name	Analysis area	Teams													
			1st X1 Sat	2nd X1 Sat	1st X1 Sunday	2nd X1 Sunday	Women's team	T20 or Evening Cricket League	U19	U17	U15	U13	U11	U9	Girl's	
1	Almondbury Cricket Club HD5 8PF	Huddersfield	1	1					3		1		1	1		
2	Almondbury Wesleyans Cricket Club HD5 8XT	Huddersfield	1	1	1				1		1	1	1	1		
3	Armitage Bridge Cricket Club HD4 7PB	Huddersfield	1	1					1		1	2	1	1	1	
4	Birkby Rose Hill CC HD2 2BL	Huddersfield	1	1	1						1	1	1			
5	Bradley & Colneridge Cricket Club Warrenside HD2 1LP	Huddersfield	1	1					1							
6	Edgerton & Dalton Cricket Club Fold Road HD5 9NL	Huddersfield	1	1												
7	Golcar Cricket Club Swallow Lane - HD7 4NB	Huddersfield	1	1	1				1		1	1	1	1	1	
8	Hall Bower Cricket Club Ground	Huddersfield	1	1					1		1	1	1			
9	Kirkheaton Cricket Club Bankfield HD5 0JW	Huddersfield	1	1								1	1	1	1	
10	Lascelles Hall Cricket Club - Highfield Lane HD5 0BB	Huddersfield	1	1					1		1	1	1	1	1	
11	Friends X1 CC Leeds Road Sports Complex HD2 1YY	Huddersfield			1											
11	Scout Hill CC Leeds Road Sports Complex HD2 1YY	Huddersfield			1											
11	Azad CC Leeds Road Sports Complex HD2 1YY	Huddersfield			1											
11	Klassic CC Leeds Road Sports Complex HD2 1YY	Huddersfield			1											

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			1st X1 Sat	2nd X1 Sat	1st X1 Sunday	2nd X1 Sunday	Women's team	T20 or Evening Cricket League	U19	U17	U15	U13	U11	U9	Girl's
11	Yorkshire Medics CC Leeds Road Sports Complex HD2 1YY	Huddersfield							1						
11	New Sanam CC Leeds Road Sports Complex HD2 1YY	Huddersfield			1										
11	KK CC Leeds Road Sports Complex HD2 1YY	Huddersfield			1										
11	PKWA CC Leeds Road Sports Complex HD2 1YY	Huddersfield			1										
11	Kashmir CC Leeds Road Sports Complex HD2 1YY	Huddersfield			1										
12	Leymoor Cricket Club Parkwood Road HD7 4QW	Huddersfield	1	1					1						
13	Outlane Cricket Club HD3 3TE	Huddersfield	1	1		1					1	1			
14	Batley Cricket Club (Far Town) WF17 7NN	Batley & Spen	1	1	1			1	1		1		1		
15	Birstall Cricket Club (Leeds Road Birstall) WF17 0EJ	Batley & Spen	1	1	1				1		1	1	1	1	
16	Cleckheaton Sports Club - Cleckheaton Cricket Club (Moorend) BD19 3UD	Batley & Spen	1	1	1			1			1	1	1	1	1
17	Crossbank Methodists Cricket Club (The Rumbolds, Birstall) WF17 8BB	Batley & Spen	1	1	1				1			1	1	1	
18	East Bierley Cricket Club BD4 6PJ	Batley & Spen	1	1								1	1	1	
19	Gomersal Cricket Club (Oxford Road) BD19 4RQ	Batley & Spen	1	1							1	1	1	1	
20	Hartshead Moor Cricket Club Highmoor Lane BD19 6LW	Batley & Spen	1	1	1						1	1	1	1	
21	Herkmondwike and Carlinghow CC WF16 9ED	Batley & Spen	1	1	1										

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Site No.	Site name	Analysis area	Teams													
			1st X1 Sat	2nd X1 Sat	1st X1 Sunday	2nd X1 Sunday	Women's team	T20 or Evening Cricket League	U19	U17	U15	U13	U11	U9	Girl's	
22	Liversedge Cricket Club Roberttown WF17 7NP	Batley & Spen	1	1					1			1	1	1		
23	Scholes Cricket Club - Cleckheaton BD19 6NN	Batley & Spen	1	1					1		1	1	1	1	1	
24	Spen Victoria Cricket Bowling & Athletic Club BD19 4PJ	Batley & Spen	1	1	1						1	1	1	1		
25	Mount CC Staincliffe Playing Fields & Cricket Ground WF17 7BA	Batley & Spen	1	1	1											
26	Clayton West Cricket Club Back Lane HD8 9PP	Rural East	1	1								1	2	1	1	
27	Cumberworth United Cricket Club Cumberworth Lane HD8 8PR	Rural East	1	1							1	1	1	1	1	
28	Denby Cricket Club Upper House Fold Club HD8 8UN	Rural East	1	1	1						1	1	1	1	1	
29	Denby Dale Cricket Club Wakefield Road HD8 8RX	Rural East	1	1	1						1	1	1	2	2	1
30	Flockton Cricket Club Hill Top Field WF4 4AF	Rural East	1	1					1							
31	Kirkburton Cricket Club Riley Lane HD8 0SX	Rural East	1	1					1		1	1	1	1	1	
32	Lepton Highlanders Sports & Social Club HD8 0LX	Rural East	1	1					1		1		1	1	1	
33	Shelley Cricket Club Westerley Lane HD8 8HW	Rural East	1	1								1	1	1	1	
34	Shepley Cricket Club Marsh Lane HD8 8AS	Rural East	1	1					1		1	1	1	1	1	
35	Skelmanthorpe Cricket Club Lidgett Lane HD8 9AQ	Rural East	1	1									1	1	1	
36	Emley Clarence CC Upper Lane HD8 9RE	Rural East	1	1							1	1	1	1	1	

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Site No.	Site name	Analysis area	Teams													
			1st X1 Sat	2nd X1 Sat	1st X1 Sunday	2nd X1 Sunday	Women's team	T20 or Evening Cricket League	U19	U17	U15	U13	U11	U9	Girl's	
37	Thurstonland Cricket Club Marsh Hall Lane HD4 6XD	Rural East	1	1								1	1	1	1	
38	Broad Oak Cricket Club Cowersley Lane HD7 5TE	Rural West	1	1					2		1	1	1	2	1	
39	Cartworth Moor Cricket Club Mill Lane HD9 2TU	Rural West	1	1					1		1					
39	Holm Valley Ladies Cartworth Moor Cricket Club	Rural West						1								2
40	Holmbridge Cricket Club Ground Woodhead Road HD9 2NQ	Rural West	1	1								1	1	1	1	
41	Holmfirth Cricket Club Bridge Fold	Rural West	1	1					1		1	1	1	1	1	
42	Honley Cricket Club Far Lane HD9 6NS	Rural West	1	1					1		1	2	2	2	1	
43	Linthwaite Cricket & Bowling Club HD7 5QH	Rural West	1	1												
44	Marsden Cricket Club Hemplow HD7 6NN	Rural West	1	1								1	1	1	1	
45	Meltham Cricket Club Meltham Sports & Community Centre Mean Lane HD9 5QT	Rural West	1	1					1			1	1	1	1	
46	Scholes Cricket Club Chappelgate HD9 1SX	Rural West	1	1					1			1	1	1	1	
47	Slaithwaite Cricket Club Racton Street HD7 5DQ	Rural West	1	1	1				1			1	1	1	1	
48	Upperthong Cricket Club Dean Road HD9 3XB	Rural West	1	1	1			1			1	1	1	1	1	
49	Thongsbridge Cricket Club Miry Lane HD9 7SA	Rural West	1	1					1		1	1	1	1	1	
50	Hanging Heaton Cricket Club WF17 6DB	Dewsbury & Mirfield	1	1					1			1	1	1		

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Site No.	Site name	Analysis area	Teams													
			1st X1 Sat	2nd X1 Sat	1st X1 Sunday	2nd X1 Sunday	Women's team	T20 or Evening Cricket League	U19	U17	U15	U13	U11	U9	Girl's	
51	Hopton Mills Cricket Club Ground WF14 0PT	Dewsbury & Mirfield	1	1					1		1	1	1	1		
52	Mirfield Cricket Club WF14 9NE	Dewsbury & Mirfield	1	1	1						1	1	1	1	1	
53	Moorland Cricket Club WF14 9NB	Dewsbury & Mirfield	1	1					1		1	1	1	1		
54	Mirfield Parish Cavaliers Cricket Club Wellhouse Lane WF14 0PN	Dewsbury & Mirfield	1	1					1		1	1		1		
55	Saville Stars CC Sands Lane Playing Fields WF12 8EH	Dewsbury & Mirfield	1													
55	Amya Yorkshire CC Sands Lane Playing Fields WF12 1EH	Dewsbury & Mirfield			1											
55	Gurjakhn Star CC Sands Lane Playing Fields WF12 8EH	Dewsbury & Mirfield			1											
56	Upper Hopton Cricket Club Sutcliffe Memorial Ground WF14 8HY	Dewsbury & Mirfield	1	1					1				1			
<b>Totals</b>			<b>55</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>4</b>	

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### Women's Softball

4.8. Several Clubs have been identified as providing Women's softball sessions. These are:

- Batley Cricket Club – Batley and Spen
- Cleckheaton Cricket Club – Batley and Spen
- Scholes Cricket Club – Rural West
- Holm Valley Ladies – Rural West at Thurstonland Cricket Club

### Unmet demand

4.9. None of the community clubs has identified unmet demand (for example waiting lists for junior sections).

### Latent and Future demand

4.10. More accessible facilities and shorter, less formal game formats are being developed and promoted by the ECB in response to national research into the state of the game and to encourage more participation within these groups. For three years (obviously impacted by Covid) Yorkshire Cricket Board have run a comprehensive Core Cities programme, targeting specifically, but not exclusively, South Asian communities, reacting to demand and organising non-traditional formats. Much of this takes place indoors but there have been a number of outdoor programmes/leagues within this time period and this continues to grow. There have been sessions for street/tapeball for children again mainly indoors but has also taken place outdoors

4.11. Aligned to this, there have been discussions with Kirklees Council and the ECB about possible ECB investment of non turf pitches at a number of community/park locations (subject to compliance). Some of the disused sites in Kirklees have been identified with regards to casual usage and aligned to the ECB Core cities programme. The discussions have been disrupted during the pandemic.

4.12. Currently no clubs in the borough have disability cricket sections.

4.13. Clubs that have identified that they wish to provide additional teams over the next 2 seasons are:

- Armitage Bridge Cricket Club – Huddersfield - 3rd adult team for Sunday play.
- Cleckheaton Cricket Club – Batley and Spen - Club to provide U15, U13, U11 team in the future
- East Bierley Cricket Club – Batley and Spen - U13 and U9 team in the future.
- Mount Cricket Club – Batley and Spen – Reintroduce Junior Cricket 2022
- Emley Clarence Cricket club – Rural East - U15 and U17 team
- Holmbridge Cricket Club – Rural West – U17
- Holmfirth Cricket Club – Rural West – U17
- Honley Cricket Club – Rural West – 3rd X1.
- Meltham Cricket club – Rural West – U17
- Scholes Cricket club Clappergate Rural West – Women's team U17 and U9
- Slaithwaite Cricket Club – Rural West – U17
- Hanging Heaton Cricket Club – Dewsbury and Mirfield – U17

### Displaced demand

4.14. There is one known imported team Morley Cricket Club 3<sup>rd</sup> X1 play at Leeds Road Sports Complex Huddersfield on Saturdays.

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### Future Playing Pitch (Cricket) Demand – Population Growth

- 4.15. Team generation rates (TGRs) are used to calculate the number of teams likely to be generated in the future (2035) based on population growth.
- 4.16. The Kirklees Local Plan Strategies and Policies were adopted in February 2019. The Local Plan states that the council will seek to achieve sustainable housing growth through the delivery of a minimum of 31,140 new dwellings between 2013 and 2031 (1730 new dwellings per annum) through allocation sites and taking account of windfalls, committed housing figures and losses/demolitions.
- 4.17. The Sport England New Development Playing Pitch Calculator Tool should be used to identify team generation rates and need for playing pitches as and when planning applications are agreed.
- 4.18. Kirklees Planning Department have provided the following housing growth across the PPS Sub Areas. The table below provided the future population in the sub areas based on the housing growth per sub area multiplied by average household size of 2.3 persons.

**Table 38: Housing growth across the PPS Sub Areas**

PPS Sub-Area	Housing Capacity on Local Plan Allocated Sites Without Planning Permission (Oct 2021)	Population based on average Household size 2.3 persons.
Huddersfield	4,424	10175
Dewsbury & Mirfield	2,777	6387
Batley & Spen	3,837	8825
Rural East	840	1932
Rural West	1,511	3475
<b>Total</b>		<b>30794</b>

- 4.19. The total population demand from the new housing equates to 30,794. The population growth data for Kirklees and each sub area has been inserted into Sport England’s New Development Playing Pitch Calculator tool as has the cricket team numbers for each typology. The output from the Sport England Calculator tool provides the team generation rates for cricket, the new teams generated from the new population and the future match equivalent sessions required for the future for each typology.

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Table 39: Kirklees Wide and Sub Area Team Generation Rates (TGRs) and Match Equivalent Sessions to 2031.

Age group	Kirklees Predicted future number of teams (2031)	Kirklees Number of home matches per team per week	Huddersfield Sub Area Predicted future number of teams (2031)	Huddersfield Sub Area Number of home matches per team per week	Batley & Spen sub–Area Predicted future number of teams (2031)	Batley & Spen Sub Area Number of home matches per team per week	Dewsbury & Mirfield Sub Area Predicted future number of teams (2031)	Dewsbury & Mirfield Sub Area Number of home matches per team per week	Rural East Sub Area Predicted future number of teams (2031)	Rural East Sub Area Number of home matches per team per week	Rural West Sub Area Predicted future number of teams (2031)	Rural West Sub Area Number of home matches per team per week
Men 19 - 45	11.88	118.75	3.92	39.24	3.40	34.03	2.46	24.63	0.75	7.45	1.34	13.40
Women 19 - 45	0.28	2.78	0.09	0.92	0.06	0.04	0.06	0.58	0.02	0.17	0.03	0.31
Boys 7 - 18	13.47	107.72	4.45	35.59	3.86	30.87	2.79	22.34	0.84	6.76	1.52	12.16
Girls 7 - 18	0.28	2.22	0.09	0.74	0.06	0.64	0.06	0.46	0.02	0.14	0.03	0.25

- 4.20. It is important to note that TGRs are based on population figures and cannot account for specific targeted development work within certain areas or focused towards NGB initiatives.
- 4.21. By 2031 adult match equivalent sessions are predicted to increase across Kirklees by 121.53 and junior match equivalent sessions by 109.94 per season due to population growth from new housing development. The highest increase will be in the Huddersfield sub area 40.16 adult match equivalent sessions and 36.33 junior match equivalent sessions per season. Next is Batley and Spen sub area 34.07 match equivalent sessions and 31.51 junior match equivalent sessions per season. Dewsbury and Mirfield sub area are next 25.21 adult match equivalent sessions and 22.8 junior match equivalent sessions per season. Rural West equates to 13.71 adult match equivalent sessions and 12.41 match equivalent sessions per season. Rural East 7.62 adult match equivalent sessions and 0.90 junior match equivalent sessions per season.

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### Pitch Supply

- 4.22. In the 2021 season, there were 61 maintained fine turf cricket squares providing 699 fine turf pitches across 56 sites used by Kirklees community cricket clubs. The squares provide a total capacity for 3,025 match equivalent sessions per season.

Table 40: Summary of pitches 2021 compared with the 2015 PPS

Analysis area	PPS 2015 Available for community use (used)	PPS 2022 Available for community use (Used)	Available for community use (unused)
Batley & Spen	12	12	2
Dewsbury & Mirfield	12	9	-
Huddersfield	19	16	-
Rural East	13	12	-
Rural West	12	12	-
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- 4.23. Batley and Spen and Rural West have the same number of community use available fine turf squares in the 2021 season as the 2015 PPS. The available for community use (Unused) column in 2015 identified Hyrstmount Park and this site had a square with 10 pitches this site is no longer maintained by the Local authority as a cricket ground. The non- turf pitch is still available for use at the site.
- 4.24. Huddersfield Sub area has a reduction of available community use fine turf squares in 2022 compared to 2015. Birchencliffe Cricket Club played at Birchencliffe Sports and Social club. However, the club folded and the ground used to make way for summer rugby league. Paddock Cricket and Bowling Club folded in 2015. The site is now disused for cricket; however, football is still played at the site. Old Almondburians Cricket Club King James School, Huddersfield. The school's old boys' team has folded since 2015. The cricket facilities are still available at the school but are not hired for community use.
- 4.25. Rural East has a difference of one facility since 2015. This is the loss of the cricket facility at Nortonthorpe Sports Association. Football is still played at the site.
- 4.26. Dewsbury and Mirfield has a reduction of three facilities since the 2015 PPS. These are Crawshaw Street, Bridge Street Playing Fields and Elms Playing Field (Healds Road). All three are Local authority facilities.
- 4.27. There are 22 non turf pitches at 22 sites providing capacity for 1,320 match equivalent sessions per season at community use sites. There are 5 additional non turf pitches on school sites, Hyrstmount Park and Almondbury Leisure Centre. This is 1 more than in 2015.
- 4.28. Crawshaw street Playing Fields Non turf Pitch
- 4.29. In addition to the above fine turf supply there are 7 school sites with cricket squares or a non turf pitch within the borough. Clubs do not usually access the schools natural grass cricket pitch facilities. King James School Huddersfield was used by Almondburians Cricket club until it folded in 2017. There is no current identified community use at this site.

### Disused Sites

- 4.30. There are several disused sites across Kirklees. These are shown below:

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### Huddersfield Sub Area

- Birchcliffe Cricket Club HD3 3QL - Cricket club folded to make way for summer rugby league
- Paddock Cricket Bowling and Athletic Club HD1 4UB - No longer in use for cricket - football played but the sports club would like to see the cricket club reformed in the future.
- Bradley Mills Cricket Club Huddersfield HD6 6PB - Cricket club ceased in 1995 believed to be used for football up to 2011.
- Primrose Hill Cricket Club Cross Lane – now used for football.
- Woodfield Park – no longer in use for cricket.

### Batley and Spennings Sub Area

- Chapel Lane Heckmondwike - for over 10 years. Former cricket ground. Club relocated and site became disused. Site potentially too small for full size cricket outfield.

### Dewsbury and Mirfield

- Bridge Street Playing Fields - Local authority site had 9 pitches previously
- Lees Hall Road Dewsbury - Disused site over 10 years
- Thornhill Cricket and Bowls Club - Disused for cricket since 2014 now used for football
- Crawshaw Street Playing fields – No longer used for cricket
- Ellis Playing Fields (Healds Road) – no longer used for cricket

### Rural East

- Nortonthorpe Sports Association – disused since 2021.

## Local Authority Parks Pitches

- 4.31. There are 4 identified cricket sites managed by Kirklees Council. These are Leeds Road Huddersfield, Sands Lane Dewsbury and Mirfield, Mount Cricket Club at Staincliffe (Leased by the Club) and Hyrstmount (Staincliffe). Mirfield Cricket Club are trying to lease their pavilion from the Council.

## Secured and Unsecured Community Use Pitches

- 4.32. All 56 sites provide secured community use. However, there are some clubs with issues regarding security of tenure and ball strike issues:
- Mount CC have issues with securing a lease (also security issues with the venue being public open land, they are plagued with vandalism);
  - Mirfield CC have an ongoing lease issue. This impacts on plans to develop their clubhouse.
  - Moorlands CC have lease issues on the same site as Mirfield CC that need to be resolved.
  - Broad Oak have issues in terms of a proposed development adjacent to one side of the ground. There is a need to ensure that any ball stop netting required is in place.
  - Holmbridge Cricket Club - there was some housing allowed a few years back on land adjacent to the cricket ground, and there is now a ball strike issue as a result. Talks are ongoing between the Council, Sport England and the ECB to determine a way forward.
  - Denby Cricket club, where there is a proposed development alongside the pitch, requires ball strike risk assessment and mitigation. This is currently ongoing discussions with the developer.
  - Clayton West Cricket Club. The Club currently rent approximately one third of the cricket ground from a local farmer. The club may be asked to return the land to the farmer. The cricket outfield is not of sufficient size to meet the ECB minimum size requirements for cricket to continue to be played should the Cricket Club be left with the remaining 2/3 of the outfield.
- 4.33. The following table 41 provides a full overview of supply for all cricket pitches in the Kirklees Council area.

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Table 41: Cricket site breakdown

Site No	Site name	Analysis area	Ownership	Non-Turf Pitch	No. of squares	No. of wickets	Quality of Pitch	Non-Turf Pitch Capacity (Sessions per Season)	Natural Grass Pitch Capacity (session per Season)	Quality of Changing Rooms
1	Almondbury Cricket Club HD5 8PF	Huddersfield	Sports Club - Leased	1	1	10	Good	60	50	Good
2	Almondbury Wesleyans Cricket Club HD5 8XT	Huddersfield	Sports Club	0	1	9	Standard	0	36	Standard
3	Armitage Bridge Cricket Club HD4 7PB	Huddersfield	Sport Club	1	1	22	Standard	60	88	Good
4	Birkby Rose Hill CC HD2 2BL	Huddersfield	Sports Club	1	1	10	Standard	60	40	Standard
5	Bradley & Colneridge Cricket Club Warrenside HD2 1LP	Huddersfield	Sports Club	0	1	9	Standard	0	36	Standard
6	Edgerton & Dalton Cricket Club Fold Road HD5 9NL	Huddersfield	Sports Club	0	1	12	Standard	0	48	Poor
7	Golcar Cricket Club Swallow Lane - HD7 4NB	Huddersfield	Sports Club	0	1	12	Good	0	60	Standard
8	Hall Bower Cricket Club Ground	Huddersfield	Sports Club	0	1	12	Standard	0	48	Standard
9	Kirkheaton Cricket Club Bankfield HD5 0JW	Huddersfield	Sports Club	0	1	16	Standard	0	64	Poor
10	Lascelles Hall Cricket Club - Highfield Lane HD5 0BB	Huddersfield	Sports Club	0	1	16	Standard	0	64	Poor
11	Leeds Road Sports Complex HD2 1YY	Huddersfield	Local Authority	0	1	10	Standard	0	40	Standard
11	Leeds Road Sports Complex HD2 1YY	Huddersfield	Local Authority	0	1	10	Standard	0	40	Standard
11	Leeds Road Sports Complex HD2 1YY	Huddersfield	Local Authority	0	1	10	Standard	0	40	Standard
11	Leeds Road Sports Complex HD2 1YY	Huddersfield	Local Authority	0	1	10	Standard	0	40	Standard
12	Leymoor Cricket Club Parkwood Road HD7 4QW	Huddersfield	Sports Club	0	1	6	Standard	0	24	Poor
13	Outlane Cricket Club HD3 3TE	Huddersfield	Sports Club	0	1	8	Standard	0	32	Standard

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Site No	Site name	Analysis area	Ownership	Non-Turf Pitch	No. of squares	No. of wickets	Quality of Pitch	Non-Turf Pitch Capacity (Sessions per Season)	Natural Grass Pitch Capacity (session per Season)	Quality of Changing Rooms
14	Batley Cricket Club (Far Town) WF17 7NN	Batley & Spen	Sports Club	1	1	12	Standard	60	48	Poor
15	Birstall Cricket Club (Leeds Road Birstall) WF17 0EJ	Batley & Spen	Sports Club Leased	0	1	14	Good	0	70	Standard
16	Cleckheaton Sports Club - Cleckheaton Cricket Club (Moorend) BD19 3UD	Batley & Spen	Sports Club	0	1	10	Good	0	50	Standard
17	Crossbank Methodists Cricket Club (The Rumbolds, Birstall) WF17 8BB	Batley & Spen	Sports Club	0	1	10	Standard	0	40	Good
18	East Bierley Cricket Club BD4 6PJ	Batley & Spen	Sports Club	1	1	12	Standard	60	48	Standard
19	Gomersal Cricket Club (Oxford Road) BD19 4RQ	Batley & Spen	Sports Club	0	1	12	Standard	0	48	Good
20	Hartshead Moor Cricket Club Highmoor Lane BD19 6LW	Batley & Spen	Sports Club	0	1	14	Standard	0	56	Good
21	Heckmondwike Sports Club - Hermondwike and Carlinghow CC WF16 9ED	Batley & Spen	Sports Club	0	1	10	Good	0	50	Standard
22	Liversedge Cricket Club Roberttown WF17 7NP	Batley & Spen	Sports Club	1	1	12	Good	60	60	Standard
23	Scholes Cricket Club - Cleckheaton BD19 6NN	Batley & Spen	Sports Club	1	1	16	Good	60	80	Standard
24	Spen Victoria Cricket Bowling & Athletic Club BD19 4PJ	Batley & Spen	Sports Club	0	1	14	Good	0	70	Poor
25	Mount CC Staincliffe Playing Fields & Cricket Ground WF17 7BA	Batley & Spen	Sports Club - leased by Local authority	1	1	10	Good	60	50	Standard
26	Clayton West Cricket Club Back Lane HD8 9PP	Rural East	Sports Club Rent from Farmer	0	1	12	Standard	0	48	Standard

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Site No	Site name	Analysis area	Ownership	Non-Turf Pitch	No. of squares	No. of wickets	Quality of Pitch	Non-Turf Pitch Capacity (Sessions per Season)	Natural Grass Pitch Capacity (session per Season)	Quality of Changing Rooms
27	Cumberworth United Cricket Club Cumberworth Lane HD8 8PR	Rural East	Site leased to Club from Farmer	1	1	12	Good	60	60	Good
28	Denby Cricket Club Upper House Fold Club HD8 8UN	Rural East	Sports Club	0	1	9	Good	0	45	Standard
29	Denby Dale Cricket Club Wakefield Road HD8 8RX	Rural East	Sports Club	1	1	12	Standard	60	48	Good
30	Flockton Cricket Club Hill Top Field WF4 4AF	Rural East	Sports Club	0	1	9	Standard	0	36	Standard
31	Kirkburton Cricket Club Riley Lane HD8 0SX	Rural East	Sports Club	1	1	12	Standard	60	48	Good
32	Lepton Highlanders Sports & Social Club HD8 0LX	Rural East	Sports Club - Land is held in Trust for use by Lepton Sports	0	1	12	Standard	0	48	Good
33	Shelley Cricket Club Westerley Lane HD8 8HW	Rural East	Sports Club	1	1	12	Standard	60	48	Good
34	Shepley Cricket Club Marsh Lane HD8 8AS	Rural East	Sports Club	1	1	14	Standard	60	48	Good
35	Skelmanthorpe Cricket Club Lidgett Lane HD8 9AQ	Rural East	Sports Club	1	1	12	Standard	60	48	Good
36	Welfare Ground Emley Clarence CC Upper Lane HD8 9RE	Rural East	Sports Club	0	1	10	Standard	0	40	Standard
37	Thurstonland Cricket Club Marsh Hall Lane HD4 6XD	Rural East	Sports Club	1	1	12	Standard	60	48	Standard
38	Broad Oak Cricket Club Cowersley Lane HD7 5TE	Rural West	Sports Club	0	1	16	Standard	0	64	Good
39	Cartworth Moor Cricket Club Mill Lane HD9 2TU	Rural West	Sports club	0	1	10	Standard	0	40	Standard
40	Holmbridge Cricket Club Ground Woodhead Road HD9 2NQ	Rural West	Sports Club	0	1	10	Standard	0	40	Standard
41	Holmfirth Cricket Club Bridge Fold	Rural West	Sports Club	1	1	12	Standard	60	48	Standard

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42	Honley Cricket Club Far Lane HD9 6NS	Rural West	Sports Club Held in trust for sporting use of people of Honley	1	1	10	Standard	60	40	Good
43	Linthwaite Cricket & Bowling Club HD7 5QH	Rural West	Sports Club	0	1	12	Standard	0	48	Standard
44	Marsden Cricket & Bowling Club Hemplow HD7 6NN	Rural West	Sports Club	0	1	16	Good	0	80	Good
45	Meltham Cricket Club Meltham Sports & Community Centre Mean Lane HD9 5QT	Rural West	Sports Club	0	1	18	Standard	0	72	Good
46	Scholes Cricket Club Chappelgate HD9 1SX	Rural West	Sports Club	1	1	10	Standard	60	40	Good
47	Slaithwaite Cricket & Bowling Club Racton Street HD7 5DQ	Rural West	Sports Club	0	1	12	Standard	0	48	Good
48	Upperthong Cricket Club Dean Road HD9 3XB	Rural West	Sports Club	0	1	13	Standard	0	52	Good
49	Thongsbridge Cricket Club Miry Lane HD9 7SA	Rural West	Sports Club	0	1	12	Standard	0	48	Standard
50	Hanging Heaton Cricket Club WF17 6DB	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Sports Club	1	1	10	Good	60	50	Standard
51	Hopton Mills Cricket Club Ground WF14 0PT	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Sports Club	0	1	10	Good	0	50	Standard
52	Mirfield Memorial Ground - Mirfield Cricket Club Wf14 9NE	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Local Authority	1	1	14	Good	60	70	Standard
53	Mirfield Memorial Ground Moorland Cricket Club WF14 9NB	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Local Authority	0	1	10	Good	0	60	Standard
54	Mirfield Parish Cavaliers Cricket Club Wellhouse Lane WF14 0PN	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Sports Club	1	1	10	Good	60	50	Good
55	Sands Lane Playing Fields WF12 8EH	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Local Authority	0	1	6	Standard	0	30	Poor
55	Sands Lane Playing Fields WF12 1EH	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Local Authority	0	1	6	Standard	0	30	Poor

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55	Sands Lane Playing Fields WF12 8EH	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Local Authority	0	1	4	Standard	0	20	Poor
56	Upper Hopton Cricket Club Sutcliffe Memorial Ground WF14 8HY	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Sports Club	1	1	12	Good	60	60	Standard
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- 4.34. School sites which are not used by clubs but would-be unsecured usage if they were available for use or used are provided in table 42 below.

Table 42: Kirklees Borough School Cricket Facilities

Site	Sub Area	Management	Unavailable	Squares	Pitches	Non-Turf Pitch
Moorend Academy HD4 5JA	Huddersfield	Education	Unavailable			1
Salendine Nook High School HD3 4GN	Huddersfield	Education	Unavailable			1
Batley Business & Enterprise College	Batley & Spen	Education	Unavailable			1
King James School	Huddersfield	Education	Unavailable	1	12	

- 4.35. In addition, there are non-turf pitches at Almondbury Sports Centre Huddersfield, and Hyrstlands Park Batley and Spen.

### Quality Capacity and Demand Assessment

- 4.36. Each site (and pitch) has been provided with a quality rating. The capacity rating per pitch has been agreed with the ECB a poor pitch rating is 0, standard pitch rating 4 and a good pitch rating 5.
- 4.37. The total capacity for grass cricket pitches across Kirklees is shown in table 43 below. There are 3,025 available match equivalent per season on grass pitches. The demand in 2019 is for 2,974 match equivalent sessions per season, with a theoretical underplay of 51 match equivalent sessions per season across the whole of Kirklees. In addition, there are 1,320 non-turf pitch match equivalent sessions available across Kirklees.
- 4.38. 27 of the 56 sites have overplay. These sites are:

- **Huddersfield Sub Area**
  - Almondbury Cricket Club
  - Almondbury Wesleyans Cricket Club
  - Birkby Rose Hill CC
  - Golcar Cricket club
  - Hail Bower Cricket Club
  - Outlane Cricket Club
- **Batley and Spen Sub Area**
  - Batley Cricket Club
  - Cleckheaton Cricket Club
  - Crossbank Methodists Cricket Club
- **Rural East Sub Area**
  - Clayton West Cricket Club Back Lane HD8 9PP
  - Cumberworth United Cricket Club
  - Denby Cricket Club
  - Denby Dale Cricket Club
  - Kirkburton Cricket Club
  - Shelley Cricket Club
  - Shepley Cricket Club
  - Emley Clarence Cricket Club

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➤ **Rural West Sub Area**

- Broad Oak Cricket Club
- Holmbridge Cricket Club
- Holmfirth Cricket Club
- Honley Cricket Club
- Scholes Cricket Club
- Slaithwaite Cricket Club
- Upperthong Cricket Club
- Thongsbridge Cricket Club

➤ **Dewsbury and Mirfield Sub Area**

- Hopton Mills Cricket Club
- Mirfield Memorial Ground Moorland Cricket Club

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Table 43: Pitch quality Ratings and supply and demand capacity

Site No	Site name	Analysis area	Ownership	Non-Turf Pitch	No. of squares	No. of wickets	Quality of Pitch	Non-Turf Pitch Capacity (Sessions per Season)	Natural Grass Pitch Capacity (sessions per Season)	Games per Season	Capacity Demand Balance
1	Almondbury Cricket Club HD5 8PF	Huddersfield	Sports Club - Leased	1	1	10	Good	60	50	58	-8
2	Almondbury Wesleyans Cricket Club HD5 8XT	Huddersfield	Sports Club	0	1	9	Standard	0	36	74	-38
3	Armitage Bridge Cricket Club HD4 7PB	Huddersfield	Sport Club	1	1	22	Standard	60	88	72	16
4	Birkby Rose Hill CC HD2 2BL	Huddersfield	Sports Club	1	1	10	Standard	60	40	58	-18
5	Bradley & Colneridge Cricket Club Warrenside HD2 1LP	Huddersfield	Sports Club	0	1	9	Standard	0	36	24	12
6	Edgerton & Dalton Cricket Club Fold Road HD5 9NL	Huddersfield	Sports Club	0	1	12	Standard	0	48	26	22
7	Golcar Cricket Club Swallow Lane - HD7 4NB	Huddersfield	Sports Club	0	1	12	Good	0	60	91	-31
8	Hall Bower Cricket Club Ground	Huddersfield	Sports Club	0	1	12	Standard	0	48	57	-9
9	Kirkheaton Cricket Club Bankfield HD5 0JW	Huddersfield	Sports Club	0	1	16	Standard	0	64	46	18
10	Lascelles Hall Cricket Club - Highfield Lane HD5 0BB	Huddersfield	Sports Club	0	1	16	Standard	0	64	58	6
11	Leeds Road Sports Complex HD2 1YY	Huddersfield	Local Authority	0	1	10	Standard	0	40	20	20
11	Leeds Road Sports Complex HD2 1YY	Huddersfield	Local Authority	0	1	10	Standard	0	40	28	12
11	Leeds Road Sports Complex HD2 1YY	Huddersfield	Local Authority	0	1	10	Standard	0	40	29	11

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11	Leeds Road Sports Complex HD2 1YY	Huddersfield	Local Authority	0	1	10	Standard	0	40	20	20
12	Leymoor Cricket Club Parkwood Road HD7 4QW	Huddersfield	Sports Club	0	1	6	Standard	0	24	20	4
13	Outlane Cricket Club HD3 3TE	Huddersfield	Sports Club	0	1	8	Standard	0	32	34	-2
14	Batley Cricket Club (Far Town) WF17 7NN	Batley & Spen	Sports Club	1	1	12	Standard	60	48	53	-5
15	Birstall Cricket Club (Leeds Road Birstall) WF17 0EJ	Batley & Spen	Sports Club Leased	0	1	14	Good	0	70	60	10
0.50.50.516	Cleckheaton Sports Club - Cleckheaton Cricket Club (Moorend) BD19 3UD	Batley & Spen	Sports Club	0	1	10	Good	0	50	58	-8
17	Crossbank Methodists Cricket Club (The Rumbolds, Birstall) WF17 8BB	Batley & Spen	Sports Club	0	1	10	Standard	0	40	45	-5
18	East Bierley Cricket Club BD4 6PJ	Batley & Spen	Sports Club	1	1	12	Standard	60	48	42	6
19	Gomersal Cricket Club (Oxford Road) BD19 4RQ	Batley & Spen	Sports Club	0	1	12	Standard	0	48	44	4
20	Hartshead Moor Cricket Club Highmoor Lane BD19 6LW	Batley & Spen	Sports Club	0	1	14	Standard	0	56	51	5
21	Heckmondwike Sports Club - Hermondwike and Carlinghow CC WF16 9ED	Batley & Spen	Sports Club	0	1	10	Good	0	50	31	19
22	Liversedge Cricket Club Roberttown WF17 7NP	Batley & Spen	Sports Club	1	1	12	Good	60	60	48	12
23	Scholes Cricket Club - Cleckheaton BD19 6NN	Batley & Spen	Sports Club	1	1	16	Good	60	80	48	32
24	Spen Victoria Cricket Bowling & Athletic Club BD19 4PJ	Batley & Spen	Sports Club	0	1	14	Good	0	70	49	21

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25	Mount CC Staincliffe Playing Fields & Cricket Ground WF17 7BA	Batley & Spen	Sports Club - leased by Local authority	1	1	10	Good	60	50	39	11
26	Clayton West Cricket Club Back Lane HD8 9PP	Rural East	Sports Club Rent from Farmer	0	1	12	Standard	0	48	60	-12
27	Cumberworth United Cricket Club Cumberworth Lane HD8 8PR	Rural East	Site leased to Club from Farmer	1	1	12	Good	60	60	65	-5
28	Denby Cricket Club Upper House Fold Club HD8 8UN	Rural East	Sports Club	0	1	9	Good	0	45	64	-19
29	Denby Dale Cricket Club Wakefield Road HD8 8RX	Rural East	Sports Club	1	1	12	Standard	60	48	78	-30
30	Flockton Cricket Club Hill Top Field WF4 4AF	Rural East	Sports Club	0	1	9	Standard	0	36	22	14
31	Kirkburton Cricket Club Riley Lane HD8 0SX	Rural East	Sports Club	1	1	12	Standard	60	48	69	-21
32	Lepton Highlanders Sports & Social Club HD8 0LX	Rural East	Sports Club - Land is held in Trust for use by Lepton Sports	0	1	12	Standard	0	48	46	2
33	Shelley Cricket Club Westerly Lane HD8 8HW	Rural East	Sports Club	1	1	12	Standard	60	48	56	-8
34	Shepley Cricket Club Marsh Lane HD8 8AS	Rural East	Sports Club	1	1	14	Standard	60	48	62	-14
35	Skelmanthorpe Cricket Club Lidgett Lane HD8 9AQ	Rural East	Sports Club	1	1	12	Standard	60	48	43	5
36	Welfare Ground Emley Clarence CC Upper Lane HD8 9RE	Rural East	Sports Club	0	1	10	Standard	0	40	47	-7
37	Thurstonland Cricket Club Marsh Hall Lane HD4 6XD	Rural East	Sports Club	1	1	12	Standard	60	48	42	6
38	Broad Oak Cricket Club Cowersley Lane HD7 5TE	Rural West	Sports Club	0	1	16	Standard	0	64	86	-22

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39	Cartworth Moor Cricket Club Mill Lane HD9 2TU	Rural West	Sports club	0	1	10	Standard	0	40	32	8
40	Holmbridge Cricket Club Ground Woodhead Road HD9 2NQ	Rural West	Sports Club	0	1	10	Standard	0	40	51	-11
41	Holmfirth Cricket Club Bridge Fold	Rural West	Sports Club	1	1	12	Standard	60	48	55	-7
42	Honley Cricket Club Far Lane HD9 6NS	Rural West	Sports Club Held in trust for sporting use of people of Honley	1	1	10	Standard	60	40	88	-48
43	Linthwaite Cricket & Bowling Club HD7 5QH	Rural West	Sports Club	0	1	12	Standard	0	48	27	21
44	Marsden Cricket & Bowling Club Hemplow HD7 6NN	Rural West	Sports Club	0	1	16	Good	0	80	56	24
45	Meltham Cricket Club Meltham Sports & Community Centre Mean Lane HD9 5QT	Rural West	Sports Club	0	1	18	Standard	0	72	60	12
46	Scholes Cricket Club Chappelgate HD9 1SX	Rural West	Sports Club	1	1	10	Standard	60	40	57	-17
47	Slaithwaite Cricket & Bowling Club Racton Street HD7 5DQ	Rural West	Sports Club	0	1	12	Standard	0	48	58	-10
48	Upperthong Cricket Club Dean Road HD9 3XB	Rural West	Sports Club	0	1	13	Standard	0	52	77	-25
49	Thongsbridge Cricket Club Miry Lane HD9 7SA	Rural West	Sports Club	0	1	12	Standard	0	48	60	-12
50	Hanging Heaton Cricket Club WF17 6DB	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Sports Club	1	1	10	Good	60	50	44	6
51	Hopton Mills Cricket Club Ground WF14 0PT	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Sports Club		1	10	Good	0	50	52	-2
52	Mirfield Memorial Ground - Mirfield Cricket Club Wf14 9NE	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Local Authority	1	1	14	Good	60	70	58	12

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Site No	Site name	Analysis area	Ownership	Non-Turf Pitch	No. of squares	No. of wickets	Quality of Pitch	Non-Turf Pitch Capacity (Sessions per Season)	Natural Grass Pitch Capacity (sessions per Season)	Games per Season	Capacity Demand Balance
53	Mirfield Memorial Ground Moorland Cricket Club WF14 9NB	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Local Authority		1	10	Good	0	60	64	-4
54	Mirfield Parish Cavaliers Cricket Club Wellhouse Lane WF14 0PN	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Sports Club	1	1	10	Good	60	50	44	6
55	Sands Lane Playing Fields WF12 8EH	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Local Authority		1	6	Standard	0	30	9	21
55	Sands Lane Playing Fields WF12 1EH	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Local Authority		1	6	Standard	0	30	20	10
55	Sands Lane Playing Fields WF12 8EH	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Local Authority		1	4	Standard	0	20	9	11
56	Upper Hopton Cricket Club Sutcliffe Memorial Ground WF14 8HY	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Sports Club	1	1	12	Good	60	60	30	30
				<b>22</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>699</b>		<b>1320</b>	<b>3025</b>	<b>2974</b>	<b>51</b>

4.39. Peak demand is on a Saturday for adult male cricket and this needs to be considered as only one game can be played on 1 square. The table 43 below identifies capacity at peak time of play: The orange squares identify that there is balanced play and that no more match equivalent sessions can be accommodated. Green means that the square can accommodate an additional match equivalent session. Red identifies sites where the square is already over played during the week. - Saturday, Sunday, and midweek play.

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Table 44: Peak Time Demand and availability of additional play

Site No	Site name	Analysis area	No. of squares	Peak Time Availability Saturday	Peak time Availability Sunday	Peak time Availability Midweek
1	Almondbury Cricket Club HD5 8PF	Huddersfield	1			
2	Almondbury Wesleyans Cricket Club HD5 8XT	Huddersfield	1			
3	Armitage Bridge Cricket Club HD4 7PB	Huddersfield	1			
4	Birkby Rose Hill CC HD2 2BL	Huddersfield	1			
5	Bradley & Colneridge Cricket Club Warrenside HD2 1LP	Huddersfield	1			
6	Edgerton & Dalton Cricket Club Fold Road HD5 9NL	Huddersfield	1			
7	Golcar Cricket Club Swallow Lane - HD7 4NB	Huddersfield	1			
8	Hall Bower Cricket Club Ground	Huddersfield	1			
9	Kirkheaton Cricket Club Bankfield HD5 0JW	Huddersfield	1			
10	Lascelles Hall Cricket Club - Highfield Lane HD5 0BB	Huddersfield	1			
11	Leeds Road Sports Complex HD2 1YY	Huddersfield	1			
11	Leeds Road Sports Complex HD2 1YY	Huddersfield	1			
11	Leeds Road Sports Complex HD2 1YY	Huddersfield	1			
11	Leeds Road Sports Complex HD2 1YY	Huddersfield	1			
12	Leymoor Cricket Club Parkwood Road HD7 4QW	Huddersfield	1			
13	Outlane Cricket Club HD3 3TE	Huddersfield	1			
14	Batley Cricket Club (Far Town) WF17 7NN	Batley & Spen	1			
15	Birstall Cricket Club (Leeds Road Birstall) WF17 0EJ	Batley & Spen	1			
16	Cleckheaton Sports Club - Cleckheaton Cricket Club (Moorend) BD19 3UD	Batley & Spen	1			
17	Crossbank Methodists Cricket Club (The Rumbolds, Birstall) WF17 8BB	Batley & Spen	1			
18	East Bierley Cricket Club BD4 6PJ	Batley & Spen	1			
19	Gomersal Cricket Club (Oxford Road) BD19 4RQ	Batley & Spen	1			

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Site No	Site name	Analysis area	No. of squares	Peak Time Availability Saturday	Peak time Availability Sunday	Peak Availability time Midweek
20	Hartshead Moor Cricket Club Highmoor Lane BD19 6LW	Batley & Spen	1			
21	Heckmondwike Sports Club - Hermondwike and Carlinghow CC WF16 9ED	Batley & Spen	1			
22	Liversedge Cricket Club Roberttown WF17 7NP	Batley & Spen	1			
23	Scholes Cricket Club - Cleckheaton BD19 6NN	Batley & Spen	1			
24	Spen Victoria Cricket Bowling & Athletic Club BD19 4PJ	Batley & Spen	1			
25	Mount CC Staincliffe Playing Fields & Cricket Ground WF17 7BA	Batley & Spen	1			
26	Clayton West Cricket Club Back Lane HD8 9PP	Rural East	1			
27	Cumberworth United Cricket Club Cumberworth Lane HD8 8PR	Rural East	1			
28	Denby Cricket Club Upper House Fold Club HD8 8UN	Rural East	1			
29	Denby Dale Cricket Club Wakefield Road HD8 8RX	Rural East	1			
30	Flockton Cricket Club Hill Top Field WF4 4AF	Rural East	1			
31	Kirkburton Cricket Club Riley Lane HD8 0SX	Rural East	1			
32	Lepton Highlanders Sports & Social Club HD8 0LX	Rural East	1			
33	Shelley Cricket Club Westerley Lane HD8 8HW	Rural East	1			
34	Shepley Cricket Club Marsh Lane HD8 8AS	Rural East	1			
35	Skelmanthorpe Cricket Club Lidgett Lane HD8 9AQ	Rural East	1			
36	Welfare Ground Emley Clarence CC Upper Lane HD8 9RE	Rural East	1			
37	Thurstonland Cricket Club Marsh Hall Lane HD4 6XD	Rural East	1			
38	Broad Oak Cricket Club Cowersley Lane HD7 5TE	Rural West	1			
39	Cartworth Moor Cricket Club Mill Lane HD9 2TU	Rural West	1			
40	Holmbridge Cricket Club Ground Woodhead Road HD9 2NQ	Rural West	1			
41	Holmfirth Cricket Club Bridge Fold	Rural West	1			
42	Honley Cricket Club Far Lane HD9 6NS	Rural West	1			
43	Linthwaite Cricket & Bowling Club HD7 5QH	Rural West	1			

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Site No	Site name	Analysis area	No. of squares	Peak Time Availability Saturday	Peak time Availability Sunday	Peak Availability Midweek
44	Marsden Cricket & Bowling Club Hemplow HD7 6NN	Rural West	1			
45	Meltham Cricket Club Meltham Sports & Community Centre Mean Lane HD9 5QT	Rural West	1			
46	Scholes Cricket Club Chappelgate HD9 1SX	Rural West	1			
47	Slaithwaite Cricket & Bowling Club Racton Street HD7 5DQ	Rural West	1			
48	Upperthong Cricket Club Dean Road HD9 3XB	Rural West	1			
49	Thongsbridge Cricket Club Miry Lane HD9 7SA	Rural West	1			
50	Hanging Heaton Cricket Club WF17 6DB	Dewsbury & Mirfield	1			
51	Hopton Mills Cricket Club Ground WF14 0PT	Dewsbury & Mirfield	1			
52	Mirfield Memorial Ground - Mirfield Cricket Club Wf14 9NE	Dewsbury & Mirfield	1			
53	Mirfield Memorial Ground Moorland Cricket Club WF14 9NB	Dewsbury & Mirfield	1			
54	Mirfield Parish Cavaliers Cricket Club Wellhouse Lane WF14 0PN	Dewsbury & Mirfield	1			
55	Sands Lane Playing Fields WF12 8EH	Dewsbury & Mirfield	1			
55	Sands Lane Playing Fields WF12 1EH	Dewsbury & Mirfield	1			
55	Sands Lane Playing Fields WF12 8EH	Dewsbury & Mirfield	1			
56	Upper Hopton Cricket Club Sutcliffe Memorial Ground WF14 8HY	Dewsbury & Mirfield	1			

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- 4.40. Across the whole of Kirklees peak time of play is a Saturday. With only 1 team using a square at any one time, there is available spare capacity at 7 squares at 2 sites Leeds Road and Sands Lane on a Saturday (Peak Time of Play). These 2 sites are not considered by the Saturday cricket club leagues to be good enough quality, 50 sites have balanced play on a Saturday (peak time of play).
- 4.41. Except for Leeds Road Sports Complex and Golcar Cricket Club all sites have spare capacity on a Sunday.
- 4.42. 31 sites have spare capacity mid-week with 5 sites with over play.

### Five Sub Areas

- 4.43. The following considers the demand and capacity within the 9 geographical sub areas.

### Huddersfield Sub Area

- 4.44. The Huddersfield sub area has 13 sites with 16 squares. Leeds Road Sports Ground provides 4 squares.
- 4.45. There are several sites in the Huddersfield Sub Area that are overplayed. These are:
- Almondbury Cricket Club (4 MES per season).
  - Almondbury Wesleyans Cricket Club (38 MES per season).
  - Birkby Rose Hill CC (18 MES per season).
  - Golcar Cricket club (31 MES per season).
  - Hail Bower Cricket Club (9 MES per season).
  - Outlane Cricket Club (2 MES per season).
- 4.46. There are currently 3 non-turf pitches in the Huddersfield sub area.
- 4.47. Overall capacity of natural grass pitches is 750 match equivalent sessions per season and demand is 715 with a theoretical spare capacity of 35 match equivalents sessions per season. The future demand from population projections and club aspirations of increasing teams is an additional 86.49 match equivalent sessions per season. This would mean improvements to existing ground's or bringing back into use disused grounds in the Huddersfield sub area.
- 4.48. All the Huddersfield sub area sites have no capacity on a Saturday except for Leeds Road. Leeds Road does not meet the quality standard for Saturday cricket leagues but provides balanced play on a Sunday.
- 4.49. Almondbury Cricket club and Golcar Cricket Club provide 'Good' quality grass facilities. The remaining sites are of 'Standard' quality and could be improved too 'Good'. If these sites are improved to 'Good' this would raise capacity of play. The 'Standard' quality sites are:
- Almondbury Wesleyans Cricket Club
  - Armitage Bridge Cricket Club
  - Birkby Rose Hill CC
  - Edgerton & Dalton Cricket Club
  - Hall Bower Cricket Club
  - Kirkheaton Cricket Club
  - Lascelles Hall Cricket Club
  - Leeds Road Sports Complex x 4 squares
  - Outlane Cricket Club

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- 4.50. There are 2 sites Almondbury Cricket club and Armitage Bridge Cricket Club that have 'Good' quality pavilion and changing facilities. 'Poor' quality changing, and pavilion facilities have been identified Edgerton & Dalton Cricket Club, Kirkheaton Cricket Club, Lascelles Hall Cricket Club and Leymoor Cricket Club. The remaining sites provide 'Standard' quality changing and pavilion facilities.
- 4.51. The table below identifies cricket club's comments and additional development requirements as per consultation:

**Table 45: Club Comments and Development Requirements**

Almondbury Cricket Club HD5 8PF	Access to ground between 2 houses - Club looking to fund a new cricket net practice facility. Grey Ox play mid-Week cricket here 6 games. Oldham CC play mid-week cricket here 6 games
Almondbury Wesleyans Cricket Club HD5 8XT	Want to extend club house facility and provide a new net facility. Club has a current planning application approved for a stone-built building to house score board.
Armitage Bridge Cricket Club HD4 7PB	Non turf pitch Installed Oct 2018 require Fixed nets. Pitches nearest to the boundary on both sides of the square provide a very short boundary. Would like to set up 3rd X1 for Sunday games in the future.
Birkby Rose Hill CC HD2 2BL	Completing an extension to the existing pavilion. Sunday team moving to Quaid -E- Azim Cricket league 2020
Bradley & Colneridge Cricket Club Warrenside HD2 1LP	Smallish Ground. Need movable nets
Edgerton & Dalton Cricket Club Fold Road HD5 9NL	Need to refurbish or replace changing rooms and need moveable cricket nets. Club has suffered from vandalism in the past.
Golcar Cricket Club Swallow Lane - HD7 4NB	There has been an issue with residents complaining about ball stop netting recently erected as a planning condition for new housing adjacent to the ground. The club are looking at refurbishing/renovating the club house. Hounds CC play mid-week cricket here 8 games.
Hall Bower Cricket Club Ground	Since new rugby pitch was built next to cricket field, the top side of the field is prone to getting waterlogged which didn't occur when rugby pitch wasn't there. Club used by Ashbrow Garage Mid-Week Cricket League. 8 games
Kirkheaton Cricket Club Bankfield HD5 0JW	Need to replace changing room roof, and repair ride on mower. Need dog excreta bins around the ground. Pitches on square to the north are junior size.
Lascelles Hall Cricket Club - Highfield Lane HD5 0BB	Need a new club house and fixed nets. Existing modular pavilion building was a temporary build. Club have been fund raising and applied for panning permission to replace. Also require fixed cricket nets and moveable nets. CN Tax [lay here mid-week 8 games

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Leeds Road Sports Complex HD2 1YY	Approx. 10 games each team Dewsbury & District Squares are relatively close together. Site not up to Huddersfield Cricket League Saturday Standards so mainly Sunday play only.
Leeds Road Sports Complex HD2 1YY	Approx. 10 games each team Dewsbury & District. Squares are relatively close together. Site not up to Huddersfield Cricket League Saturday Standards so mainly Sunday play only.
Leeds Road Sports Complex HD2 1YY	Approx. 10 games each team Dewsbury & District. Squares are relatively close together. Site not up to Huddersfield Cricket League Saturday Standards so mainly Sunday play only.
Leymoor Cricket Club Parkwood Road HD7 4QW	Approx. 10 games each team Dewsbury & District. Squares are relatively close together. Site not up to Huddersfield Cricket League Saturday Standards so mainly Sunday play only.
Outlane Cricket Club HD3 3TE	Received sponsorship for a new mower Outfield is dry and patchy. Ground close to road. Royal Walkers CC play mid-week cricket here 8 games

4.52. King James School Huddersfield has been used by Almondburians Cricket club until it folded in 2017. Almondburians was an old schoolboy's cricket team from the school. There is no current identified community use at the school site.

4.53. There are several disused sites across the Huddersfield sub area. These are shown below:

- Birchencliffe Cricket Club HD3 3QL - Cricket club folded to make way for summer rugby league
- Paddock Cricket Bowling and Athletic Club HD1 4UB - No longer in use for cricket - football played but the sports club would like to see the cricket club reformed in the future.
- Bradley Mills Cricket Club Huddersfield HD6 6PB - Cricket club ceased in 1995 believed to be used for football up to 2011.
- Primrose Hill – was a cricket facility now home ground for football.
- Woodfield Park – no longer in use for cricket.

### Batley and Spennings Sub Area

4.54. The Batley and Spennings sub area have 12 sites with 12 squares. There are 3 cricket grounds with overplay.

- Batley Cricket Club (5 MES per season).
- Cleckheaton Cricket Club (8 MES per season) and
- Crossbank Methodist Cricket Club (5 MES per season).

4.55. There are 5 non-turf pitches in the Batley and Spennings sub area. The non-turf pitches are provided at Batley Cricket Club, East Bierley Cricket Club, Liversedge Cricket Club, Scholes Cricket Club and Mount Cricket Club.

4.56. Overall capacity on grass is 670 match equivalent sessions and demand is 568 match equivalent sessions with a theoretical spare capacity of 102 match equivalent sessions per season. Projected future population demand and club aspirations of new teams identifies an increase in 89.58 match equivalent sessions per season. Theoretically this can be accommodated within the existing capacity.

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4.57. Saturdays is peak time of play. There is no spare capacity for additional match play on a Saturday. There is availability to increase matches on Sundays at all sites. There is also availability at the following cricket clubs for additional mid-week play:

- Batley Cricket Club
- East Bierley Cricket Club
- Gomersal Cricket Club
- Hartshead Moor Cricket Club
- Heckmondwike And Carlinglow Cricket Club
- Liversedge Cricket Club
- Mount Cricket Club

4.58. Birstall, Cleckheaton, Heckmondwike and Carlinglow, Liversedge, Scholes, Spen Victoria and Mount Cricket Clubs have 'Good' quality grass facilities. 4 sites provide 'Standard' quality grass facilities and could be improved too 'Good'. If these sites are improved to 'Good' this would raise capacity of play. The 'Standard' quality sites are:

- Crossbank Methodists Cricket Club
- East Bierley Cricket Club
- Gomersal Cricket Club
- Hartshead Moor Cricket Club

4.59. There are 3 sites Crossbank Methodists Cricket Club, Gomersall Cricket Club and Hartshead Cricket Club that have 'Good' quality pavilion and changing facilities. 'Poor' quality changing, and pavilion facilities have been identified at Batley Cricket Club, and Spen Victoria Cricket Club.

4.60. The table below identifies cricket club's comments and additional development requirements as per consultation:

**Table 46: Club comments and Development Requirements**

Batley Cricket Club (Far Town) WF17 7NN	Social Area urgently needs refurbishment to extend the space and include two old, dilapidated changing areas that can be repurposed changing rooms. Need a new Roller and new fixed nets - grass. Planned to stage Dynamos and All-stars Cricket Summer 2021. Also promoting Walking Cricket at Al Hickmah Centre Batl. Kashmir Dewsbury CC play here 9 games Sundays
Birstall Cricket Club (Leeds Road Birstall) WF17 0EJ	Entrance to ground hidden away between houses - Provides All Stars Cricket. The Club wish to expand pavilion.
Cleckheaton Sports Club - Cleckheaton Cricket Club (Moorend) BD19 3UD	It is intended to refurbish the club's changing rooms in the next three years. Should be re roofed soon. Funding is currently being sought for the remainder of the refurbishments. Fixed nets -non turf is required. Planning permission obtained in 2019 for nets and security fencing. Club to provide U15, U13, U11 team in the future (2021).
Crossbank Methodists Cricket Club (The Rumbolds, Birstall) WF17 8BB	Require a replacement scoreboard. Pavilion built 2015 but would like to extend. Club has grass nets. There is a main cricket field and a disused lower field quite small.

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East Bierley Cricket Club BD4 6PJ	Funds raised for a 2-lane net facility to be in place for next season. Will provide U13 and U9 team in the future. Club is currently fund raising to repair of existing drains and installation of new drainage trenches to stop pitch waterlogging. there is a need to carry out – Scoreboard repairs and – Sightscreen repair and upgrade
Gomersal Cricket Club (Oxford Road) BD19 4RQ	Planning application to erect Ball stop Netting approved.
Hartshead Moor Cricket Club Highmoor Lane BD19 6LW	Need a cellar extension and new roof
Heckmondwike Sports Club - Hermondwike and Carlinghow CC WF16 9ED	Improved Sightscreens. Shahen Cricket Club play here Sundays 9 games.
Scholes Cricket Club - Cleckheaton BD19 6NN	Previously had a women's team.
Spennithorne Victoria Cricket Bowling & Athletic Club BD19 4PJ	Changing rooms/tearoom requires refurbishment subject to funding and new sight screens
Mount CC Staincliffe Playing Fields & Cricket Ground WF17 7BA	The club have had a feasibility study funded by the ECB and with support from Yorkshire Strategy. The pitch strategy update is important in establishing need, provision, and gaps in investment for clubs like ours. We require security measures, fencing (planning application submitted for security fencing), more pitches on the square and fixed nets. Used by Saville Gym CC Sundays 9 games. there is an issue with the lease that needs to be resolved with the Council.

- 4.61. There is one identified disused site in Batley and Spennithorne at Chapel Lane Heckmondwike. Has been disused for over 10 years. The cricket club using the site was relocated and became disused and potentially too small for full size cricket outfield.

### Rural East Sub Area

- 4.62. The Rural East sub area has 12 sites with 12 squares. The match equivalent session capacity per season is 565 and there is demand for 654 match equivalent sessions. If all matches were played on grass. This is over play of 89 match equivalent sessions per season. Future population projections and club aspirations of new teams add a further 24.52 match equivalent sessions per season. This would increase overplay to 113.52 match equivalent sessions per season.

- 4.63. Overplay occurs at the following cricket clubs:

- Clayton West Cricket Club (12 MES per season).
- Cumberworth United Cricket Club (5 MES per season).
- Denby Cricket Club (19 MES per season).
- Denby Dale Cricket Club (30 MES per season).
- Klrkburton Cricket Club (21 MES per Season).
- Shelley Cricket Club (8 MES per season).
- Shepley Cricket Club (14 MES per season).
- Emley Clarence Cricket Club (7 MES per season).

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- 4.64. There are 7 cricket grounds with non- turf pitches these are Cumberworth United Cricket Club, Denby Dale Cricket Club, Kirkburton Cricket Club, Shelley Cricket Club, Shepley Cricket Club, Skelmanthorpe Cricket Club and Thurstonland Cricket Club. Some of the above overplay could be redistributed to non turf pitches at sites such as Cumberworth, Denby Dale, Kirkburton, Shelley and Shepley where juniors U13 could play on non-turf pitches.
- 4.65. All cricket sites are at capacity at peak time of play on a Saturday afternoon. All sites can accommodate additional play on a Sunday. During midweek Denby Dale and Kirkburton are overplayed. However, additional mid-week play is available at Flockton, Shelley, Skelmanthorpe and Thurstonland Cricket Clubs.
- 4.66. Denby Cricket Club and Cumberworth United Cricket Club provide ‘Good’ quality grass facilities. The remaining sites all provide ‘Standard’ quality grass facilities and could be improved too ‘Good’. If these sites are improved to ‘Good’ this would raise capacity of play at these sites.
- 4.67. There are 7 sites that provide ‘Good’ quality pavilion and changing facilities. There are no ‘Poor’ quality changing, and pavilion facilities. The remainder of the sites all provide ‘Standard’ quality changing and pavilion facilities.
- 4.68. The table below identifies cricket club’s comments and additional development requirements as per consultation:

**Table 47: Club Comments and Development**

Clayton West Cricket Club Back Lane HD8 9PP	Club requires a new roller and Side screens. There is a major challenge at the Club due to the threat of new Housing next to the ground. We are pulling out all the stops into trying to prevent the development taking place next to the ground and concurrently obtain long term tenure on the land and surrounding area. This could then allow us to further develop our facilities
Cumberworth United Cricket Club Cumberworth Lane HD8 8PR	Need for new signage, improvements to car parking and net facilities and a need to increase security measures.
Denby Cricket Club Upper House Fold Club HD8 8UN	Need a building for scoreboard and an umpires’ room.
Denby Dale Cricket Club Wakefield Road HD8 8RX	Require off field fixed cricket nets, Ground subject to flooding. Ground works taking place 2020
Flockton Cricket Club Hill Top Field WF4 4AF	Need a new pavilion building
Kirkburton Cricket Club Riley Lane HD8 0SX	Need practice net facilities. Thompson Cooling CC play mid-week cricket here 8 games
Lepton Highlanders Sports & Social Club HD8 0LX	Outfield overplayed with football leaving a rough outfield. Lepton 31 CC play here midweek 8 games.
Shelley Cricket Club Westerley Lane HD8 8HW	Sight screens are damaged and need replacing U17 team for 2021
Shepley Cricket Club Marsh Lane HD8 8AS	The completion of the new clubhouse which is currently 95% complete is required, there is a need for moveable cricket nets and a new score board

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Skelmanthorpe Cricket Club Lidgett Lane HD8 9AQ	Planning permission for access ramp and accessible toilet facilities approved.
Welfare Ground Emley Clarence CC Upper Lane HD8 9RE	New U15 and U17 team 2020

### Rural West Sub Area

- 4.69. The Rural West sub area has 12 sites with 12 squares. The match equivalent session capacity per season is 620 if all match equivalent sessions are played on grass there is demand for 707 match equivalent sessions. This leaves a theoretical overplay of 86.12 MES per season across the sub area. The future population demand and club aspirations of new teams adds a further 71.38 match equivalent sessions per season totalling 157.5 match equivalent sessions of over play.
- 4.70. 8 sites are currently overplayed. These are:
- Broad Oak Cricket Club (22 MES per season)
  - Holmbridge Cricket Club (11 MES per Season)
  - Holmfirth Cricket Club (7 MES per season)
  - Honley Cricket Club (48 MES per season)
  - Scholes Cricket Club (17 MES per season)
  - Slaithwaite Cricket Club (10 MES per season)
  - Upperthong Cricket Club (25 MES per season)
  - Thongsbridge Cricket Club (12 MES per season)
- 4.71. There are 3 cricket grounds with non turf pitches these are Holmfirth, Honley and Scholes Cricket clubs.
- 4.72. All sites provide balanced play on a Saturday afternoon (peak time of play) with no availability for additional match equivalent sessions. All sites have availability for a match equivalent session on a Sunday. Honley and Broad Oak Cricket Clubs are well used during the week. There are 3 sites with mid-week availability these are Cartworth, Linthwaite and Marsden Cricket Club sites.
- 4.73. Marsden Cricket and Bowling Club provides ‘Good’ quality grass facilities. The remaining 11 provide ‘Standard’ quality grass facilities and could be improved too ‘Good’. If these sites are improved to ‘Good’ this would raise capacity of play.
- 4.74. There are 7 sites that provide ‘Good’ quality pavilion and changing facilities. There are no ‘Poor’ quality changing, and pavilion facilities. The remainder of the sites all provide ‘Standard’ quality changing and pavilion facilities. Holmfirth Cricket club have stated they would like to undertake a complete refurbishment/renovation of their clubhouse. Upperthong Cricket Club has planning permission to extend the clubs changing facilities and Thongsbridge Cricket club has approved planning to extend its changing facilities.
- 4.75. The table below identifies the cricket club’s comments and additional development requirements as per consultation:

**Table 48: Club comments and Development Requirements**

Broad Oak Cricket Club Cowersley Lane HD7 5TE	ST Patricks CC play here mid-week. 8 games and Broad Oak Royals 8 games mid-week. Possible need for ball stop netting if or when development of new housing takes place adjacent to the ground.
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Cartworth Moor Cricket Club Mill Lane HD9 2TU	Farmers Arms CC play here midweek. 8 games
Holmbridge Cricket Club Ground Woodhead Road HD9 2NQ	Club requires an accessible pathway round the perimeter of the ground. Will provide U17 team 2021. Urgently needs to resolve ball stop netting issues with adjacent development.
Holmfirth Cricket Club Bridge Fold	U17 team for 2021 Full Clubhouse and changing room renovation/rebuild required
Honley Cricket Club Far Lane HD9 6NS	Recently improved drainage and the drive. Plans include replacing the heavy roller, side screens and score box. Plan for 3rd X1 in the Halifax League 2021.
Linthwaite Cricket & Bowling Club HD7 5QH	Have had issues with maintenance of the square and outfield.
Marsden Cricket & Bowling Club Hemplow HD7 6NN	Permanent non-turf practise nets are required and a tarmac track around the ground. There is a need for new mowers & other ground equipment and an electronic scoreboard.
Meltham Cricket Club Meltham Sports & Community Centre Mean Lane HD9 5QT	Under 17 team 2021. Honley Casuals CC play mid-week cricket here 8 games
Scholes Cricket Club Chappelgate HD9 1SX	Have been involved with women's Cricket and Softball Cricket. Provide U17 and U9 team 2021.
Slaithwaite Cricket & Bowling Club Racton Street HD7 5DQ	U17 team 2021.
Upperthong Cricket Club Dean Road HD9 3XB	Planning permission granted to extend changing rooms. Need a new roller
Thongsbridge Cricket Club Miry Lane HD9 7SA	Upgrade and extension of clubhouse Planning applied for and approved. We are looking to create a community outdoor space and carry out drainage of outfield. Note we do not partake in All Stars programme as we have our own "Little Lions" programme that predates the former. We have approx. 50 participants.

### Dewsbury and Mirfield Sub Area

- 4.76. The Dewsbury and Mirfield sub area have 7 sites with 9 squares. Sands Lane owned by Kirklees Council provides for 3 squares. The match equivalent session capacity per season is 420 if all match equivalent sessions are played on grass. There is a current demand for 330 match equivalent sessions per season. This leaves a theoretical spare capacity of 90 MES per season across the sub area. Projected population demand and club aspirations of new teams shows an additional need for 56.01 match equivalent sessions per season. This can be met from the existing theoretical capacity.
- 4.77. Overplay occurs at the following cricket clubs:
- Hopton Mills Cricket Club (2 MES per season)
  - Mirfield Memorial Ground Moorland Cricket Club (4 MES per season)
- 4.78. Non-turf pitches are provided at Hanging Heaton Cricket Club, Mirfield Cricket Club, Mirfield Parish Cavaliers Cricket Club and Upper Hopton Cricket Club.

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- 4.79. 6 of the 7 sites provide 'Good' quality grass facilities. The 3 squares provided at Sands Lane provide 'Standard' quality grass facilities and could be improved too 'Good'. If these sites are improved to 'Good' this would raise capacity of play.
- 4.80. There are 'Poor' quality changing and pavilion facilities at Sands Lane. 'Standard' quality changing, and pavilion facilities have been identified at Hanging Heaton Cricket club, Hopton Mills Cricket Club, Mirfield Cricket Club, Moorland Cricket Club and Upper Hopton Cricket Club.
- 4.81. The table below identifies cricket club's comments and additional development requirements as per consultation:

**Table 49: Club Comments and Development Requirements**

Hanging Heaton Cricket Club WF17 6DB	Club would like to redevelop the changing rooms, players toilet and shower facilities. Plus, we would like to have an outdoor permanent net facility to be used by juniors, seniors, and other teams. Introducing U17 team in 2021.
Hopton Mills Cricket Club Ground WF14 0PT	Recently provided a new equipment store and Scoreboard
Mirfield Memorial Ground - Mirfield Cricket Club WF14 9NE	Taking on lease of the pavilion from the council (lease needs to be resolved) and require funds to repair the roof. Harry Lime CC - Sundays
Mirfield Memorial Ground Moorland Cricket Club WF14 9NB	
Mirfield Parish Cavaliers Cricket Club Wellhouse Lane WF14 0PN	Require additional mobile nets
Sands Lane Playing Fields WF12 8EH	Ground not up to Standard for Saturday League play, so mainly Sunday usage.
Upper Hopton Cricket Club Sutcliffe Memorial Ground WF14 8HY	Had issues with the pitch in 2018, due to new drainage slits opening in heat wave. Used by evening cricket club Spangled Bull Thursday evenings 8 games.

- 4.82. Dewsbury and Mirfield has disused use sites. These are Bridge Street Playing Fields a Local Authority site that had 9 pitches previously, Lees Hall Road Dewsbury a disused site for over 10 years and Thornhill Cricket and Bowls Club Disused for cricket since 2014 now used for football.

### Summary of Capacity

- 4.83. Table 50 below identifies the amount of spare capacity and overplay of match equivalent sessions per season. Overplay at cricket sites is high in Kirklees with a total of 391 match equivalent sessions per season. This is an increase on the 2015 PPS by 159 match equivalent sessions. Current spare capacity of 449 theoretically can accommodate the current overplay. With future match equivalent sessions there is a projected overplay of 284.72 match equivalent sessions over a season.

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Table 50: Seasonal Capacity Match Equivalent Sessions by sub area

Analysis area	Actual spare capacity (Seasonal MES Current)	Overplay Current	Future Demand	Total Current
Batley & Spen	120	18	89.58	12.42
Dewsbury & Mirfield	96	6	56.01	33.99
Huddersfield	141	106	86.49	51.49
Rural East	20	109	24.52	113.52
Rural West	65	152	86.12	173.12
<b>KIRKLEES</b>	<b>449</b>	<b>391</b>	<b>342.72</b>	<b>284.72</b>

- 4.84. However, peak time of play needs to be considered. Peak demand is on a Saturday for adult male cricket and this needs to be considered as only one game can be played on 1 square.
- 4.85. When considering both peak time of play on a Saturday and looking at Sunday play. Table 51 shows that the 2015 PPS had spare capacity of 0.5 MES weekly on a Saturday and this has now decreased to no spare capacity at peak time across Kirklees.
- 4.86. Leeds Road and Sands Lane, 7 squares in total provide an opportunity for increasing capacity on a Saturday if quality was improved to meet Saturday League Standards.
- 4.87. There is spare capacity on squares on a Sunday. On Sundays there is an opportunity to increase participation with either Sunday adult men's or women's team(s) and or under 13 teams. The number of spare match equivalent sessions on a Sunday has decreased since 2015 by 3.5 match equivalent sessions

Table 51: Seasonal Capacity Match Equivalent Sessions by sub area

Analysis area	Actual spare capacity weekly (Saturday Peak Time Matches current)	Actual spare capacity weekly (Saturday Peak Time Matches 2015 PPS)	Actual spare capacity weekly (Sunday Matches current)	Actual spare capacity weekly (Sunday Matches 2015 PPS)
Batley & Spen	0	0	2	2.5
Dewsbury & Mirfield	0	0	1	1.5
Huddersfield	0	0	3	4
Rural East	0	0.5	1	2.5
Rural West	0	0	3	3
<b>KIRKLEES</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>13.5</b>

- 4.88. The 2015 PPS Assessment report included the following table for cricket looking at where current provision can accommodate current and future demand. The table below looks at available spare capacity at peak time (Saturdays) considered against overplay and future demand respect of peak time capacity for the season. This table includes the 2022 PPS data and the 2015 data for comparison.

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Table 52:

Analysis area	Actual Spare Capacity (Matches Weekly Current)	Actual Spare Capacity (Matches Weekly 2015)	Overplay Current	Overplay 2015	Future Demand 2031	Total Current
Batley & Spen	0	0	18	31	89.58	107,58
Dewsbury & Mirfield	0	0	6	22	56.01	62,01
Huddersfield	0	0	106	95	86.49	192.49
Rural East	0	0.5	109	0	24,52	133.52
Rural West	0	0	152	84	86.12	238.12
<b>KIRKLEES</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>391</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>342.72</b>	<b>733.72</b>

4.89. The key summary findings for cricket are:

The key issues for the strategy to address are therefore:

- 1 There are 67 community cricket clubs based in the borough. Between them, the 69 clubs support 171 adult male open age teams either playing on a Saturday (109 teams), Sunday (27 teams), or midweek (35 teams). The peak time of play is a Saturday.
- 2 There are 4 Women's teams and 4 girl's teams.
- 3 There are 194 boy's teams U17 – U9 inclusive. The junior boy's generally play midweek.
- 4 There is a growing demand for women and girl's cricket.
- 5 In the 2019 season, there were 57 maintained fine turf cricket squares providing 477 pitches across Kirklees used by community cricket clubs. Providing a total capacity for 3,057 match equivalent sessions per season.
- 6 All 57 cricket ground sites are classed as secured community use and there are 22 non turf pitches at 22 secured community use sites.
- 7 There are issues with leases that need to be resolved – Mount Cricket Club, Mirfield Cricket Club.
- 8 There are issues with new housing development that need to be resolved at:
  - Holmbridge Cricket Club – Ball Stop netting,
  - Clayton West Cricket – loss of land
  - Broad Oak Cricket club – Ball stop netting.
  - Denby Cricket Club – Ball stop netting.
- 9 Across Kirklees there are 3,025 available match equivalent sessions per season on grass pitches. The demand in 2019 is for 2,974 match equivalent sessions per season, with a theoretical underplay of 51 match equivalent sessions per season across the whole of Kirklees. In addition, there are 1,320 non-turf pitch match equivalent sessions available across Kirklees.
- 10 27 of the 57 sites are over played.

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- 11** Peak time of play is Saturday. There is no spare capacity on a Saturday to increase play. Sunday has 10 matches of spare capacity.
- 12** 31 sites have spare capacity mid-week with 5 sites with over play.
- 13** There is no spare capacity at peak time on Saturdays
- 14** Pre pandemic there were discussions with Kirklees Council and the ECB about possible ECB investment of non turf pitches at a number of community/park locations (subject to compliance). Some of the disused sites in Kirklees have been identified with regards to casual usage and aligned to the ECB Core cities programme. The discussions have been disrupted during the pandemic.
- 15** It is likely that there will be increased demand/pressure on a number of clubs with regards to the ECB's plans to develop women's and girl's teams and play opportunities in the coming years, especially with regards to All Stars/Dynamos linking into girl's cricket and the expansion of both women's softball and hardball teams and festivals/competitions.

## 5. Rugby League Assessment

### Introduction

- 5.1. The Rugby Football League (RFL) is the governing body for Rugby League in Britain and Ireland. It administers the England national Rugby League team, the Challenge Cup, Super League, and the Championships which form the professional and semi-professional structure of the game structure in the UK. The strategic context is appendix 1.
- 5.2. The RFL also administers the amateur and junior game across the country in association with the British Amateur Rugby League Association (BARLA).
- 5.3. There are currently two Rugby League seasons running in Kirklees, the summer season (from February to September) and the winter season (from September to May):
- Super League (currently known as the Betfred Super League for sponsorship reasons) is a summer league and is the top-level professional Rugby League club competition. Huddersfield Giants is the one Kirklees professional club in the Borough, which plays at John Smiths Stadium and competes in the RFL Super League.
  - Super Academy League hosts Huddersfield Giants U19 team.
  - The Championship League is a summer league and has two semi-professional clubs from Kirklees; Dewsbury Rams play at Tetley's Stadium and Batley Bulldogs play at Fox's Biscuit Stadium (formerly known as Mount Pleasant).
  - National Conference League is a summer league and is the top league in the amateur Rugby League pyramid. There is a Premier Division and a further 3 divisions. Kirklees clubs that compete in the National Conference League are Underbank Rangers, Thornhill Trojans, Shaw Cross Sharks, Batley Boys, Dewsbury Moor and Dewsbury Celtic.
  - Yorkshire Men' and Yorkshire Junior League is played in the summer season between March and October. All Kirklees junior and primary level rugby is played in the summer season March – October.
  - The Pennine League is a Rugby League competition for amateur open age teams and runs from September to April.
  - Women and Girl's Rugby League is played in the summer months.
- 5.4. Senior Rugby League is played on a field measuring 100 x 68 metres. The preferred pitch size for u7s, u8s and u9s is 60 x 40 metres, whereas for u10s and u11s it is 80 x 30 metres. U12s and above generally play on senior pitches.

### Rugby League World Cup 2022 (RLWC2022)

- 2.191** The Rugby League World Cup is coming to England in 2022. 12 months later than planned, Rugby League is a way of life for communities across the North of England. It has rare access to hard-to-reach groups in some of the most deprived areas. Hosting the RLWC2022 will give the sport an even more powerful platform from which to connect with these people and improve their economic and social wellbeing. RLWC2022 will amplify these programmes for host partners that will see a long-lasting legacy developed for the sport through the InspirationALL programme.
- 2.192 The CreatedBy RLWC2021 Capital Grants Programme opened for applications on 23 October 2018 with the aim of investing in projects that offer opportunities for people from all different backgrounds to be active in Rugby League. The grant closes in October 2021.

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2.193 Delivered by RLWC2021 in partnership with the sport's national governing body, the Rugby Football League, Sport England and the Department for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport, the CreatedBy programme is a funding pot of up to £10million made available by the government to support growth in participation in the sport.

### Pitch Supply (Step 2)

2.194 For all the playing pitch sports included in the scope of the PPS for Kirklees, the supply information illustrated in the diagram below has been gathered, as far as possible, by a combination of data collection and review, surveys, and consultations:

2.195 *Sources of information* – The sources of information used to establish current pitch supply were:

- Sport England Active Places Power audit for playing pitches.
- Rugby Football League National Clubs Manager
- Consultation with rugby football league clubs

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#### Grass Pitches

2.196 The Kirklees PPS 2015 audit of Rugby League pitches identified 59 dedicated rugby league pitches in Kirklees (47 senior, 10 junior and two primary) across 38 sites. The 2022 PPS audit has identified 62 dedicated rugby league pitches in Kirklees (3 stadia pitches, 47 adult, 10 junior and 2 primary) across 44 sites. The break down is shown below:

- Secured and unsecured community use provision tables 50 - 55. identify 25 sites providing 3 stadia pitches, 27 adult pitches, 8 junior pitches and 2 primary pitches.
- Education pitches school use only No Community Use table 54 13 sites accommodate 14 adult pitches and 1 junior pitch.
- Sites that have been used for Rugby League in the past but no existing use identified table 55 6 sites that have provided 6 adult pitches and 1 junior pitch in the past.

2.197 There have been some new sites identified since 2015 such as Lepton Highlanders, Lockwood Park, North Huddersfield Trust School and Netherhall Learning Campus High School.

2.198 The audit has broken down the Secured and unsecured community use sites into Sub Areas below.

- Huddersfield sub area has 10 sites providing 1 stadia pitch, 11 adult pitches, and 2 junior pitches.
- Batley and Spen sub area have 4 sites providing 1 stadia pitch, 2 adult pitches, 2 junior pitch and 1 primary pitch.
- Dewsbury and Mirfield sub area have 7 sites providing 1 stadia pitch, 10 adult pitches, 4 junior pitches and 1 primary pitch.
- Rural East sub area has 2 sites providing 2 adult pitches
- Rural West sub area has 2 sites providing 2 adult pitches.

### Secured and Unsecured Community Use Pitches

2.199 36 of the 40 marked pitches are provided at secured community use sites (90%) and 4 marked pitches are provided at unsecured community use sites (10%). The unsecured community use sites are all education sites.

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Table 53: Huddersfield Sub Area RFL Pitch Provision Community Use Provision 2019 - 2020

Site name	Available for community use?	Secured/ Unsecured	Management / Ownership	Analysis area	Pitch type	Pitch Quality rating	No. of pitches	Changing Rooms Quality Rating	Comments
Almondbury Spartans Arkenley Lane, Huddersfield, HD4 6SQ (King James School Playing fields)	Yes	Unsecured	Education	Huddersfield	Adult	Poor	1	Poor	Pitch slopes. Space for a second pitch
Huddersfield Giants - Huddersfield HD1 6PG	Yes	Secured	Joint ownership RFL Club, Football Club & Council	Huddersfield	Stadia	Good	1	Good	
Huddersfield Giants Women ARLFC and Huddersfield Rams Australian Rules Football Club - Laund Hill Sports (formerly Huddersfield YMCA) HD3 3XF	Yes	Secured	Trust	Huddersfield	Adult	Standard	1	Good	Remarked as a Rugby Union pitch in the winter
Huddersfield University Men's ARLFC - Lockwood Park HD4 6EN	Yes	Secured	Club	Huddersfield	Adult	Poor	1	Good	Remarked as a Rugby Union pitch in the winter
Lindley Swifts ARLFC and Huddersfield Masters Birchcliffe Sports & Social Club HD3 3QL	Yes	Secured	Sports Club - Rented	Huddersfield	Adult	Standard	1	Good	The pitch has now turned so both Lindley Swifts ARLFC & AFC Lindley can share the facilities equally. Lindley Swifts have joined with St Joseph's
Moldgreen ARLFC – Dram Centre HD5 9RP	Yes	Secured	Council	Huddersfield	Adult	Poor	1	Standard	The pitch is adjacent to a training pitch and there is space for an additional pitch possibly junior.

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Site name	Available for community use?	Secured/ Unsecured	Management / Ownership	Analysis area	Pitch type	Pitch Quality rating	No. of pitches	Changing Rooms Quality Rating	Comments
Moldgreen ARFLC – Dram Centre HD5 9RP	Yes	Secured	Council	Huddersfield	Junior	Poor	1	Standard	
Huddersfield St Joseph's ARFLC (Far Town) Spaines Rd, Huddersfield HD2 2SD	Yes	Secured	Council	Huddersfield	Adult	Poor	1	Poor	Club now joined with Lindley Swifts
Huddersfield St Joseph's ARFLC (Far Town) Spaines Rd, Huddersfield HD2 2SD	Yes	Secured	Council	Huddersfield	Junior	Poor	1	Poor	
Leeds Road Sports Complex HD2 1YY	Yes	Secured	Council	Huddersfield	Adult	Poor	1	Standard	Used as training pitch by Huddersfield Giants, Kirklees Academy, and community teams train on the pitch
Huddersfield New College	Yes	Secured	Council	Huddersfield	Adult	Poor	1	Standard	College Academy Team plays Wednesdays
Newsome Panthers ARFLC – Hall Bower HD4 6RR	Yes	Secured	Lease 30 years from 2003	Huddersfield	Adult	Poor	1	Standard	Identified need for new equipment to assist with maintenance of pitches.
Newsome Panthers ARFLC – Hall Bower HD4 6RR	Yes	Secured	Lease 30 years from 2003	Huddersfield	Adult	Poor	1	Standard	

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Site name	Available for community use?	Secured/ Unsecured	Management / Ownership	Analysis area	Pitch type	Pitch Quality rating	No. of pitches	Changing Rooms Quality Rating	Comments
Newsome Panthers ARLFC – Hall Bower HD4 6RR	Yes	Secured	Lease 30 years from 2003	Huddersfield	Adult	Poor	1	Standard	

Table 54: Batley and Spen community Use RFL Pitch Provision 2019 – 2020.

Site name	Available for community use?	Secured/ Unsecured	Management / Ownership	Analysis area	Pitch type	Pitch Quality rating	No. of pitches	Changing Rooms Quality Rating	Comments
Batley Bulldogs RLFC (Formerly Mount Pleasant Stadium)	Yes	Secured	Club	Batley & Spen	Stadia	Good	1	Good	Stadia pitch
Batley Bulldogs RLFC (Formerly Mount Pleasant Stadium)	Yes	Secured	Club	Batley & Spen	Primary	Good	1	Good	
Taylor Street WF17 5AY	Yes	Secured	Council	Batley & Spen	Junior	Poor	1	N/A	No changing or toilet facilities. Used by Batley Juniors ARLFC
Birkenshaw Blue Dogs - East Bierley Playing Fields	Yes	Secured	Asset Transfer - Trust	Batley & Spen	Adult	Poor	1	Good	Pitch has drainage issues. Changing rooms are new following the asset transfer - Community group seeking 3G pitch for use but ARLFC and Football Clubs on site.

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Site name	Available for community use?	Secured/ Unsecured	Management / Ownership	Analysis area	Pitch type	Pitch Quality rating	No. of pitches	Changing Rooms Quality Rating	Comments
Birstall Victoria ARLFC (John Curwen Academy WF16 9BB)	Yes	Unsecured	Education	Batley & Spen	Adult	Poor	1	Standard	Club uses school changing facilities
Birstall Victoria ARLFC (John Curwen Academy WF16 9BB)	Yes	Unsecured	Education	Batley & Spen	Junior	Poor	1	Standard	Club uses school changing facilities

Table 55: Dewsbury and Mirfield Community Use RFL Pitch Provision 2019 – 2020.

Site name	Available for community use?	Secured/ Unsecured	Management / Ownership	Analysis area	Pitch type	Pitch Quality rating	No. of pitches	Changing Rooms Quality Rating	Comments
Dewsbury Rams ARLFC (Tetley's Stadium WF12 7RH) Also home to Bradford Bulls	Yes	Secured	Club	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Stadia	Good	1	Good	Site of 3G full size RFL pitch and 2 3G MUGAs.

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Site name	Available for community use?	Secured/ Unsecured	Management / Ownership	Analysis area	Pitch type	Pitch Quality rating	No. of pitches	Changing Rooms Quality Rating	Comments
Dewsbury Celtic ARLFC Dewsbury (Crow Nest Park) Irish National Club, Park Parade, Westtown, Dewsbury, WF13 2QJ	Yes	Secured	Council	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Adult	Poor	1	Standard	Rail and post round 3 sides. Changing rooms and clubhouse short walk away (Irish National Centre) refurbished 2016
Dewsbury Celtic ARLFC Dewsbury (Crow Nest Park) Irish National Club, Park Parade, Westtown, Dewsbury, WF13 2QJ	Yes	Secured	Council	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Junior	Poor	1	Standard	
Dewsbury Celtic ARLFC Dewsbury (Crow Nest Park) Irish National Club, Park Parade, Westtown, Dewsbury, WF13 2QJ	Yes	Secured	Council	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Primary	Poor	1	Standard	
Dewsbury Moor ARLFC 229 Heckmondwike Road WF13 3NU	Yes	Secured	Club Own	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Adult	Standard	1	Good	Clubhouse completely refurbished. Changing rooms still need to be fitted out and completed Club has access to land for training with floodlights adjacent to the two junior pitches.
Dewsbury Moor ARLFC 229 Heckmondwike Road WF13 3NU	Yes	Secured	Club Own	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Junior	Standard	1	Good	

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Site name	Available for community use?	Secured/ Unsecured	Management / Ownership	Analysis area	Pitch type	Pitch Quality rating	No. of pitches	Changing Rooms Quality Rating	Comments
Dewsbury Moor ARLFC 229 Heckmondwike Road WF13 3NU	Yes	Secured	Club Own	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Junior	Standard	1	Good	
Hanging Heaton ARLFC - Leeds Road Paul Hinchcliffe Memorial Ground (Bywell Playing Fields Bendigo Road), Dewsbury WF12 7QE	Yes	Secured	Council	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Adult	Poor	1	N/A	Clubhouse and changing at Hanging Heaton Welfare Men's Club - Playing pitch Bywell Playing Fields
Hanging Heaton ARLFC - Leeds Road Paul Hinchcliffe Memorial Ground (Bywell Playing Fields Bendigo Road), Dewsbury WF12 7QE	Yes	Secured	Council	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Adult	Poor	1	N/A	Clubhouse and changing at Hanging Heaton Welfare Men's Club - Playing pitch Bywell Playing Fields
Mirfield Stags ARLFC Hillrich Park Slipper Lane W14 0HE	Yes	Secured	Education	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Adult	Poor	1	Standard	The pitch is adjacent to a training pitch and there is space for an additional pitch see below. Changing rooms are within Mirfield Free Grammar School sports Centre
Mirfield Stags ARLFC Hillrich Park Slipper Lane W14 0HE	Yes	Secured	Education	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Adult	Poor	1	Standard	

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Site name	Available for community use?	Secured/ Unsecured	Management / Ownership	Analysis area	Pitch type	Pitch Quality rating	No. of pitches	Changing Rooms Quality Rating	Comments
Shaw Cross Sharks - Sykes Ln, Dewsbury, Batley WF17 6LR	Yes	Secured	Leased	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Adult	Poor	1	Standard	Need to refurbish clubhouse
Shaw Cross Sharks - Sykes Ln, Dewsbury, Batley WF17 6LR	Yes	Secured	Leased	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Adult	Poor	1	Standard	
Shaw Cross Sharks - Sykes Ln, Dewsbury, Batley WF17 6LR	Yes	Secured	Leased	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Junior	Poor	1	Standard	
Thornhill Trojans Thornhill Sports & Community Centre Overthorpe Park, Edge Top Road Thornhill, Dewsbury West Yorkshire WF12 0DP	Yes	Secured	Council	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Adult	Poor	1	Standard	
Thornhill Trojans Thornhill Sports & Community Centre Overthorpe Park, Edge Top Road Thornhill, Dewsbury West Yorkshire WF12 0DP	Yes	Secured	Council	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Adult	Poor	1	Standard	

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Table 56: Rural East Community Use RFL Pitch Provision 2019 – 2020.

Site name	Available for community use?	Secured/ Unsecured	Management / Ownership	Analysis area	Pitch type	Pitch Quality rating	No. of pitches	Changing Rooms Quality Rating	Comments
Emley Moor ARLFC – Scisset Middle School Wakefield Road, Scissett, Huddersfield HD8 9JX	Yes	Unsecured	Education	Rural East	Adult	Poor	1	Poor	Pitch slopes and has poor drainage club currently operate from portacabins. Seriously fund raising for a new club house on site.
Kirkburton Cougars – Lepton Highlanders Sports and Social Club HD8 0LX	Yes	Secured	Sports Club - Rented	Rural East	Adult	Poor	1	Good	Remarked as a Football pitch in the winter

Table 57: Rural West Community Use RFL Pitch Provision 2019 – 2020.

Site name	Available for community use?	Secured/ Unsecured	Management / Ownership	Analysis area	Pitch type	Pitch Quality rating	No. of pitches	Changing Rooms Quality Rating	Comments
Slaithwaite Sarasons Slaithwaite Spa HD7 5QB	Yes	Secured	Council	Rural West	Adult	Poor	1	N/A	
Underbank Rangers includes master's team The Cross Ground HD9 2RR	Yes	Secured	Leased	Rural West	Adult	Poor	1	Standard	Have been looking with Holmfirth Town FC at relocation.

2.200 Table 57 identifies sites in Education ownership that have Rugby League pitches and are provided for school use only. In total the 13 sites accommodate 14 natural grass adult full size pitches and 1 junior pitch.

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Table 58: Education Pitches School Use Only No Community Use

Site name	Available for community use?	Management	Analysis area	Pitch type	Pitch Quality rating	No. of pitches	Comments
All Saints Catholic College HD2 2JT	No	Education	Huddersfield	Adult	Standard	1	School use only
Castle Hall Academy	No	Education	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Adult	Poor	1	School use only
Colne Valley High School HD7 5SP	No	Education	Rural West	Adult	Poor	2	School use only
Greenhead College Sports Field - HD1 5BP	No	Education	Huddersfield	Adult	Standard	1	College use only.
Holmfirth High School -	No	Education	Rural East	Adult	Poor	1	School use only. Used for football, rugby union and Rugby League.
Manor Croft Academy WF12 7DW	No	Education	Dewsbury and Mirfield	Adult	Standard	1	School use only school recognised for its Rugby League teams. Used for football No community use
Nether Hall Learning Campus High School Nether Hall Avenue HD5 9PG	No	Education	Huddersfield	Adult	Poor	1	School use only
Newsome High School and Sports College HD4 6JN	No	Education	Huddersfield	Adult	Poor	1	School use only
North Huddersfield Trust School HD2 1DJ	No	Education	Huddersfield	Adult	Standard	1	School use only
Salendine Nook High School HD3 4GN	No	Education	Huddersfield	Adult	Poor	1	School use only.
Shelly College HD8 BNL	No	Education	Rural East	Adult		2	No pitches marked out - If pitches are marked, they are for school use only. 2 adult pitches previously

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Site name	Available for community use?	Management	Analysis area	Pitch type	Pitch Quality rating	No. of pitches	Comments
Spen Valley High School WF15 7LX	No	Education	Batley and Spen	Adult	Poor	1	School use only
St John Fisher Catholic Voluntary Academy Dewsbury WF13 4LL	No	Education	Dewsbury and Mirfield	Junior	Poor	1	School use only

2.201 Table 58 identifies 6 sites that have no identified use. Some have no markings.

Table 59: Sites identified as no use.

Site name	Management	Analysis area	Pitch type	Pitch Quality rating	No. of pitches	Comments
Broadlands Recreation Ground HD9 5QY	Council	Rural West	Adult	Poor	1	No identified use.
Broadlands Recreation Ground HD9 5QY	Council	Rural West	Junior	Poor	1	No identified use.
Hollins Glen Recreation Ground Slaithwaite - HD7 5LE	Council	Rural West	Adult		1	Has been used by Slaithwaite Saracens juniors in the past no pitch markings for any sports. No changing rooms. 1 adult pitch in the past
Heather Leigh Recreation Ground HT3 3TD	Council	Huddersfield	Adult	Poor	1	Was used by Lindley Swifts pitch prone to flooding.
Staincliffe Playing Field and Cricket Ground WF17 7BA	Council	Batley and Spen	Adult	Poor	1	Drainage is poor - No identified use for Rugby League.
Standiforth Recreation Ground HD5 9TZ	Council	Huddersfield	Adult		1	Was used by Moldgreen ARLFC until they moved to the Dram Centre. No identified use for Rugby League. 1 adult pitch

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Site name	Management	Analysis area	Pitch type	Pitch Quality rating	No. of pitches	Comments
The Welfare Ground HD8 9RE	Good	Rural East	Adult	Standard	1	No Rugby League use since Emely Moor ARLFC moved. Used by football but ground needs improvements. For club to stay in league. Previously 1 adult pitch

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### Quality of Grass Pitches

2.202 Quality of pitches in Kirklees has been measured through a variety of means, specifically:

- Site assessments using the non-technical data sheet provided by the Rugby Football League.
- Consultation with club pitch users.

2.203 The individual pitch quality assessments are provided in the table above and identify if the pitch is either 'Good', 'Standard' or 'Poor'.

2.204 The majority of pitches are 'poor' quality due to the number of games and the overuse in playing and training. basic maintenance programmes particularly at Council sites where budgets will not allow for any further level of upkeep. Pitches at club sites may receive some remedial work by volunteers but this is often limited by cost. Further maintenance such as seeding and fertilising may be done sporadically when cost allows, or it is possible that clubs may not have access to the right equipment to be able to carry out the maintenance.

2.205 Private sites (e.g. sports clubs) typically offer better quality facilities than Council parks/playing fields and school pitches. In general, such sports clubs tend to have dedicated ground staff or volunteers working on pitches and the fact that they are often secured by fencing prevents unofficial use. However, private site hire is often at full cost recovery. The maintenance and use of Council sites tend to be less frequent and unofficial use of these sites can further exacerbate quality issues.

2.206 Main reasons for a decline in pitch quality relate to reports of limited maintenance carried out by the Council and a lack of available funds to carry out maintenance opportunities at private club sites. Other reasons for the decline in pitch quality include:

- Amount of rainfall this season
- All year-round play
- Uneven and hard surfaces
- Casual use
- Dog foul/litter and glass on pitches
- Lack of investment and limited maintenance
- Lack of remedial work i.e. seeding and sanding

2.207 Clubs on council pitch sites believe that pitch quality has worsened. However, some clubs believe that pitch quality has improved due to the change to the summer season.

2.208 As Rugby League in Kirklees is played across two seasons, i.e. summer and winter, there is match play and training on most pitches all year round. This means that some pitches tend to be wet and boggy in winter, and dry, hard, and patchy in summer. Coupled with the fact that it is then difficult to find sufficient time for pitch remediation and maintenance, many pitches are therefore assessed as poor quality in Kirklees. Summer and winter play occurs at the following sites:

- Almodbury Spartans – King James School Arkenley Lane
- Hanging Heaton – Bywell Playing Fields
- Mirfield Stags – Hillrich Park
- Moldgreen – Dram Centre
- Shaw Cross Sharks – Sykes Lane
- Thornhill Trojans – Overthorpe Park

2.209 Most of the club's train on their own pitches or on space beside their pitches in the summer months. Clubs also use sports halls and artificial pitches across Kirklees in the Winter months.

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2.210 Some matches have been played at the Dewsbury Rams 3G pitch when other pitches have been unplayable due to waterlogging and some clubs use the Dewsbury Rams 3G pitch for training.

2.211 The only good quality pitches are located at the professional club - Huddersfield Giants and the two semi-professional clubs - Tetley's Stadium and Foxes Biscuit Stadium (10% of the 40 pitches). 31 of the 40 Rugby League pitches in Kirklees used for community use are rated as 'Poor' quality 77.5% and 12.5% are rated as 'standard' quality. The number of poor quality pitches is more or; less equal to the 2015 findings (31).

**Table 60: Summary of pitch quality Kirklees Sub Area Secured and Unsecured community Use Pitches.**

Sub Area	Quality of pitches		
	Good	Standard	Poor
Huddersfield	1	2	11
Batley and Spen	2	0	4
Dewsbury & Mirfield	1	3	12
Rural East	-	-	2
Rural West	-	-	2
<b>KIRKLEES</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>31</b>

2.212 It is Kirklees Council's intention to try and use there multi pitch sites more effectively going forward and move teams away from single pitch sites. Below are the Council's sites that they consider as their main priority sites, which they currently manage and maintain. The sites below have all been assessed as poor or standard quality pitches.

- Bywell Road/ Leeds Road Playing Field – requires pitch improvements.
- Broadlands Recreation Ground – requires pitch improvements.
- Leeds Road Sports Complex – requires pitch improvements.
- Standiforth Recreation Ground – requires pitch improvements.

2.213 Improving the quality of selected standard pitches to good or poor pitches to standard quality would provide additional playing capacity in the peak weekend periods and provide capacity for training.

2.214 Clubs have commented on pitch quality and need for new or refurbished ancillary facilities.:

- Lepton Highlanders Sports – the pitches on this site become waterlogged require drainage improvements. There is also constant use with Rugby League and football on 1 pitch.
- East Bierley Playing Fields has poor drainage and a slope. Club and the managing trust would like to provide a 3G pitch on site.
- Scissett Middle School – pitch slopes and has poor drainage. Emley Moor ARLFC who use the pitch at Scissett School are currently fundraising to build a new club facility, which would include 6 changing rooms plus a kitchen and function room. These facilities will also be open to, and available for, the local business community as well as schools and other sports clubs.
- Dewsbury Moor ARLFC have refurbished their clubhouse but still need to finish shower areas with fixtures and fittings. This will provide for female changing.
- Almondbury Spartans ARLFC – pitch slopes. New club that aspires to improve playing pitch and clubhouse facilities in the future.
- Woodfield Park Sports and Social Club off Meltham Road at Lockwood. Huddersfield Giants have planning permission for a training ground for the First Team and the Academy. It is also intended that the site would be used by the wider community and local junior teams. The proposal is to erect a two-storey training building with ancillary community space, and to create a grassed rugby pitch and a 3G rugby pitch allowing for all year-round training.
- Dam Centre – showers need repairing.

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- Newsome Panthers ARLFC – Need for additional ground maintenance equipment to improve playing pitches.
- Shaw Cross Sharks ARLFC – refurbishment of gym flooring, clubhouse hot water system, and lift.
- Dewsbury Rams – Provide changing facilities to support the use of the 3G pitch and MUGAs and provide ball stop netting.
- Underbanks ARLFC would like to move or have new enhanced facilities.
- Most clubs need to purchase additional new equipment, balls, tackle bags, post protectors etc, in some instances there is a need at least double the amount of equipment due to COVID-19 requirements.

### 3G Football Turf Artificial Grass Pitches (FTPs)

2.215 Kirklees currently has the following 3G FTPs:

- Batley Sports and Tennis Centre (FA Registered) Not suitable for RFL use
- Leeds Road Sports Complex – (FA Registered) Not suitable for RFU use
- Canalside Sports complex – Huddersfield Town FC (FA Registered) not suitable for RFL use
- Huddersfield New College (FA Registered) Not suitable for RFL use
- Tetley’s Stadium – Dewsbury Rams RLFC – suitable for RFL use
- St John Fisher Catholic Voluntary Academy – (FA Registered) Not suitable for RFL use
- Moor End Academy – Not suitable for RFL use.

2.216 Tetley Stadium Dewsbury Rams is the only full-size rugby football league 3G pitch in Kirklees and can stage up to 13-a-side games be it football, Rugby League/union or two 9-a-side football games. Dewsbury Rams also has access to 2 x 3G MUGA pitches that can host up to 6-a-side games or can be combined to be used for 8-a-side games. The 3G pitch opened in 2017 and is 3 years old.

2.217 Dewsbury Rams 3G pitch current times of use are:

MUGA Pitches		Full Size Pitch	
Monday:	09:00 - 22:00	Monday:	09:00 - 20:30
Tuesday:	09:00 - 22:00	Tuesday:	09:00 - 20:30
Wednesday:	09:00 - 22:00	Wednesday:	09:00 - 20:30
Thursday:	09:00 - 22:00	Thursday:	09:00 - 20:30
Friday:	09:00 - 22:00	Friday:	09:00 - 20:30
Saturday:	09:00 - 22:00	Saturday:	09:00 - 13:00
Sunday:	09:00 - 22:00	Sunday:	09:00 - 13:00

2.218 The Dewsbury Ram 3G pitch has had complaints about noise from neighbouring residents and the club have installed shock pads on the fencing to reduce fence collision noise. The club would like to provide ball stop fencing and provide pitch side changing provision.

2.219 The Club has said that with Rugby League now being predominately a spring/summer sport the need to use all weather facilities has diminished especially for evening bookings. Club sustainability is important, and the summer game allows clubs and teams to train at their home grounds without damaging their pitches. Thus, saving much needed finances. However, football clubs based in the local area are still playing the winter game and do encounter adverse weather conditions. This also applies to other winter sports such as rugby union.

2.220 Clubs have confirmed that most summer training takes place at their home grounds and where possible off the pitch. Winter training however and pre-season summer training takes place across a combination of AGPs, indoor sports halls and gyms.

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- 2.221 It is a regular issue for clubs in terms of finding appropriate facilities. Little training takes place on competitive pitches in the winter as few clubs have floodlit facilities. Clubs have stated where they train:
- Mirfield Stags use Mirfield Free Grammar School artificial grass pitch and home ground for training.
  - Birstall Victoria use Dewsbury Rams 3G pitch for winter training and the clubs home ground for summer training.
  - Shaw Cross Sharks have used Dewsbury Rams 3G pitch but also use their home ground.
  - Emley Moor use their home ground training at Scissett Middle School.
  - Moldgreen in conjunction with Huddersfield community trust run organised training sessions at Netherhall Training Campus Sports Hall HD5 9PG.
  - Huddersfield Giants use Leeds Road sports complex for training along with Kirklees College.
- 2.222 Huddersfield Giants own the old Woodfield Park Sports Club site. The intention was to ensure a 3G pitch was provided at the site in the future.
- 2.223 However, the club has also purchased Laund Hill Community Park and is working with existing playing pitch clubs at the site to develop the park which will include a 3G RFL, RFU and FA registered pitch and the intention would be to ensure this pitch is available for community use.
- 2.224 There may well be opportunities to work with other sporting NGBs to provide appropriate 3G pitch training and match play opportunities across Kirklees.
- 2.225 In addition, Sport England and the Rugby League are working on the development of a potential new pitch option – a hybrid pitch. The aim of this is to improve existing grass pitches to enable them to have a higher carrying capacity, allowing more matches to be played on a weekly basis.
- 2.226 A Hybrid pitch comprises an all-weather surface being laid under a grass surface; this strengthens the overall playing surface, improves drainage and overall quality of the playing surface.
- 2.227 Various trials of this new pitch option are in progress; early indications are that hours of use could increase to a minimum 30 per week, which represents significant potential given existing good quality pitches have circa 6-8 hours per week.

### Pitch Demand (Step 3)

#### Rugby Football League Demand

- 2.228 Mini rugby football league is played by boys and girls. From under sevens up to the under 11 age group the teams are mixed with boys and girls playing together.
- 2.229 From 12 years and over juniors are played in either boy's teams or girl's teams.
- 2.230 Open aged teams are 16 years plus.
- 2.231 Findings relating to demand for rugby football league pitch demand in Kirklees are summarised below.

#### Clubs and Teams

- 2.232 In the 2019/20 season, there are 25 clubs in Kirklees fielding 149 teams compared to the 2015 PPS 134 teams. This is made up of 37 senior teams (2015 PPS 35), which 4 are women's teams (2015

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PPS 3). 51 junior boy's teams (U13-U18) (2015 PPS 46), 7 junior girl's teams (2015 no girl's teams identified) and 69 primary (U7-U12) (2015 PPS 53).

Table 61: summary of Demand Sub Area

Analysis area	No. of competitive Rugby League teams					Total
	Senior Male	Senior Female	Junior Boys	Junior Girls	Primary	
Batley & Spen	5	-	11	1	15	32
Dewsbury & Mirfield	13	3	23	5	19	63
Huddersfield	12	1	8	1	11	33
Rural East	1	-	5	-	3	9
Rural West	2	-	4	-	6	12
<b>KIRKLEES</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>149</b>

2.233 In Kirklees, 10 rugby football league clubs have 10 teams or more than 10 teams. These clubs in the 2019/20 season were:

- Shaw Cross ARLFC - 20 teams
- Batley Boys ARLFC – 12 teams
- Dewsbury Moor ARLFC – 14Teams
- Dewsbury Celtic ARLFC – 13 teams
- Birkenshaw Bulldogs – 11 teams
- Thornhill Trojans ARLFC – 11 teams
- Newsome Panthers ARLFC -10 teams
- Underbank Rangers ARLFC - 10 teams

2.234 Demand can vary from season to season in some clubs. This can at times depend on who the coaching team at the club are as players can follow coaches around the different clubs. The World Cup now postponed until 2022 is hoped to bring a renewal in participation.

### Women and Girls

2.235 Demand growth for rugby football league is growing in women and girls' teams as more of the junior ARLFC start to establish women and girls' teams or expand the number of girls' teams as more girls move up the age groups from mixed mini rugby football league.

2.236 The following women's and girls' rugby football league teams played in Kirklees in the 2019/20 season:

- **Women's Teams**
  - Thornhill Trojans ARLFC
  - Shaw Cross Sharks ARLFC
  - Huddersfield Giants
  - Dewsbury Moor ARLFC
- **Girl's Teams**
  - Batley Boys ARLFC
  - Dewsbury Moor ARLFC
  - Huddersfield St Joseph's ARLFC
  - Shaw Cross Sharks ARLFC
  - Thornhill Trojans ARLFC

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2.237 The RFL is to support existing clubs to grow and encourage more clubs to develop playing opportunities for females.

#### Displaced Demand

2.238 Birkenshaw Blue Dogs ARLFC play and train at East Bierley Playing Fields. However, the club has been known to use Tong School in Bradford for training purposes. Most of its players come from the Tong School area. Emley Moor ARLFC have been known to use Penistone School in Barnsley to train and play matches.

#### Unmet Demand

2.239 Several clubs have indicated they have identified unmet demand for growth and plan to establish additional teams over the next couple of seasons.

- Mirfield Stags ARLFC wish to grow the club with plans to introduce juniors still high on their agenda.
- Shaw Cross Sharks ARLFC are keen to develop open age women's and girl's Rugby League and by 2021 wish to have an open age team. 0.5 + 0.5 = 1 MES per week Dewsbury
- Emley Moor ARLFC new girls' teams at U12's and U14's the club have been working with Huddersfield Giants to create girls' teams through the community trust. They also wish to start an open age team. 0.75m MES per Week. Rural East
- St Joseph's ARLFC – new U16 girls' team in the future. 0.5 MES per week Huddersfield
- Almondbury Spartans ARLFC have a women's team in training and hoping to play games from 2021. Will introduce Junior and Primary teams as the years go on. 0.5 MES per week. Huddersfield
- Batley Boys no U15 2019 but will have again in 2020. 0.50 MES per week. Batley and Spennings
- Lindsey Swifts restarting an open age team 2020. 0.5 MES per week. Huddersfield
- Dewsbury Moor additional Girls U11 2020/21. 0.25 MES per week. Dewsbury and Mirfield
- Newsome Panthers new U16 and U10. 0.75 MES per week. Dewsbury and Mirfield
- Birkenshaw Bulldogs new Girls U7 and U13 2021.
- There is a possibility that with the World Cup this year that there will be a resurgence of the game at Meltham all Blacks Junior ARLFC.

#### Latent demand

2.240 Further expansion of recent initiatives such as leagues (encouraging Masters to continue to play or to return to the game).

2.241 The low current base of expressed demand for girls and women's rugby football league (i.e. in terms of the number of girls and women's teams in comparison to boys and men teams) is clear evidence of high levels of latent demand for more female participation in the game.

2.242 Huddersfield Giants Community Trust has been working with Huddersfield Giants Ambassador teams to provide specific sessions to grow the girls and boy's game.

#### Future demand

2.243 Team generation rates (TGRs) are used to calculate the number of teams likely to be generated in the future (2035) based on population growth.

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- 2.244 The Kirklees Local Plan Strategies and Policies were adopted in February 2019. The Local Plan states that the council will seek to achieve sustainable housing growth through the delivery of a minimum of 31,140 new dwellings between 2013 and 2031 (1730 new dwellings per annum) through allocation sites and taking account of windfalls, committed housing figures and losses/demolitions.
- 2.245 The Sport England New Development Playing Pitch Calculator Tool should be used to identify team generation rates and need for playing pitches as and when planning applications are agreed.
- 2.246 Kirklees Planning Department have provided the following housing growth across the PPS Sub Areas. The table below provided the future population in the sub areas based on the housing growth per sub area multiplied by an average household size of 2.3 persons.

**Table 62: Housing growth across the PPS sub areas**

PPS Sub-Area	Housing Capacity on Local Plan Allocated Sites Without Planning Permission (Oct 2021)	Population based on average Household size 2.3 persons.
Huddersfield	4,424	10175
Dewsbury & Mirfield	2,777	6387
Batley & Spen	3,837	8825
Rural East	840	1932
Rural West	1,511	3475
	<b>Total</b>	<b>30794</b>

- 2.247 The total population demand from the new housing equates to 30,794. The population growth data for Kirklees and each sub area has been inserted into Sport England's New Development Playing Pitch Calculator tool as has the Rugby League team numbers for each age typology. The output from the Sport England Calculator tool provides the team generation rates for Rugby League, the new teams generated from the new population and the future match equivalent sessions required for the future for each typology.

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Table 63: Kirklees Wide and Sub Area Team Generation Rates (TGRs) and Match Equivalent Sessions to 2031.

Age group	Kirklees Predicted future number of teams (2031)	Kirklees Number of home matches per team per week	Huddersfield Sub Area Predicted future number of teams (2031)	Huddersfield Sub Area Number of home matches per team per week	Dewsbury & Mirfield Sub Area Predicted future number of teams (2031)	Dewsbury & Mirfield Sub Area Number of home matches per team per week	Batley & Spennethorpe Sub Area Predicted future number of teams (2031)	Batley & Spennethorpe Sub Area Number of home matches per team per week	Rural East Sub Area Predicted future number of teams (2031)	Rural East Sub Area Number of home matches per team per week	Rural West Sub Area Predicted future number of teams (2031)	Rural West Sub Area Number of home matches per team per week
Men 19 - 45	2.29	1.15	0.76	0.38	0.48	0.24	0.66	0.33	0.14	0.07	0.26	0.13
Women 19 - 45	0.28	0.14	0.09	0.05	0.06	0.03	0.08	0.04	0.02	0.01	0.03	0.02
Boys 12 – 18	3.54	1.77	1.17	0.58	0.73	0.37	1.01	0.51	0.22	0.11	0.40	0.20
Girls 12 – 18	0.49	0.24	0.16	0.0	0.10	0.05	0.14	0.07	0.03	0.02	0.05	0.03
Mixed 7 – 11	4.79	2.40	1.58	0.69	0.99	0.50	1.37	0.69	0.30	0.15	0.54	0.27

### Imported Demand

- 2.248 Birkenshaw Bull Dogs are considered as an imported club as many of its players are from Bradford. The club has its home ground at East Bierley Playing Fields.

### Capacity Analysis

- 2.249 The capacity for pitches to regularly provide for competitive play, training and other activity over a season is most often determined by quality. As a minimum, the quality and therefore the capacity of a pitch affects the playing experience and people's enjoyment of playing. In extreme circumstances it can result in the inability of the pitch to cater for all or certain types of play during peak and off-peak times.

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2.250 As a guide, The RFL has set a standard number of matches that each grass pitch type should be able to accommodate without adversely affecting its current quality (pitch capacity). Taking into consideration the guidelines on capacity the following was concluded in Kirklees:

Table 64: Capacity of Rugby Football League Pitches by quality Standard Per Week

Pitch Quality Standard	Matches per week (Match Equivalent Sessions)
Good	3
Standard	2
Poor	1

2.251 Table 65 overleaf applies the above pitch ratings against the actual level of weekly play recorded to determine a capacity rating as follows:

<b>Potential capacity</b>	Play is below the level the site could sustain
<b>At capacity</b>	Play matches the level the site can sustain
<b>Overused</b>	Play exceeds the level the site can sustain

2.252 The next step is to ascertain whether any identified 'potential capacity' can be deemed 'actual capacity'. There may be situations where, although a site is highlighted as potentially able to accommodate some additional play, this should not be recorded as spare capacity against the site. For example, a site may be managed to regularly operate slightly below full capacity to ensure that it can cater for several regular friendly matches and activities that take place but are difficult to quantify on a weekly basis.

### The Peak Period

2.253 To fully establish actual spare capacity, the peak period needs to be established. For senior Rugby League matches the peak period is Saturday afternoon, however; demand for senior Rugby League pitches is highest on Sunday mornings, due to the large number of junior (U13-U18s) teams playing on senior pitches currently.

2.254 Some Rugby League pitches in Kirklees are played all year round i.e. both in summer and winter seasons. The capacity table 65 is generated based on play occurring throughout the winter season, as this is when most pitches receive the most use. However, it is clearly indicated when play takes place on pitches throughout the summer season, as it may be considered that these pitches are overplayed as they do not have any rest, which is the case for of several clubs playing all year round.

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2.255 Rugby League within schools is a winter sport and as such all-school fixtures take place throughout the winter season. School pitches are also used regularly to accommodate curriculum use and school training sessions. To reflect this, an additional three match equivalent sessions of play have been added per pitch at school sites where applicable.

Table 65: Rugby League capacity (community use pitches)

Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	Pitch type	Quality rating	No. of pitches	Peak season usage	Match equivalent sessions (Per week*)	Site capacity (sessions per week)	Capacity – Spare capacity or shortfall	Comments
RFL1	East Bierley Recreation Ground	Batley & Spen	Senior	Poor	1	Summer	5.25	1	4.25	Pitch used by Birkenshaw ARLFC, some drainage issues, changing rooms onsite are priority issue. Used all year round, juniors play in summer, seniors play in winter.
RFL2	John Curwen Academy School Fields	Batley & Spen	Junior	Poor	1	Summer	2	1	1	Birstall Victoria ARLFC junior section play on the pitch throughout the summer season.
RFL2	John Curwen Academy School Fields	Batley & Spen	Senior	Poor	1	Summer	0.5	1	0.5	The pitch is used in the summer season by Birstall Victoria ARLFC, though there may be some junior play when required.
RFL3	Taylor Street	Batley & Spen	Junior	Poor	1	Summer	4.25	1	3.25	Batley Boys Usage
RFL4	Crow Nest Park	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Junior	Poor	1	Summer	2	1	1	Site is subject to frequent dog fouling and unofficial use

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Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	Pitch type	Quality rating	No. of pitches	Peak season usage	Match equivalent sessions (Per week*)	Site capacity (sessions per week)	Capacity – Spare capacity or shortfall	Comments
RFL5	Crow Nest Park	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Primary	Poor	1	Summer	1.75	1	0.75	Site is subject to frequent dog fouling and unofficial use
RFL5	Crow Nest Park	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Senior	Poor	1	Summer	1	1	-	Dewsbury Celtic ARLFC senior teams the pitch has a perimeter rail on three sides, but one end is left open and separated with rope on match day as it is too close to the primary pitch to be safely railed. No spare capacity due to all year-round use.
RFL6	Dewsbury Moor ARLFC	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Junior	Standard	2	Summer	3.25	4	0.75	Some spare capacity but used both Saturdays and Sundays for primary and junior matches
RFL6	Dewsbury Moor ARLFC	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Senior	Standard	1	Winter	2	2		
RFL7	Mirfield Stags ARLFC Hilrich Park Slipper Lane	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Senior	Poor	1	Summer	0.5	1	0.5	
RFL8	Bywell Playing Fields	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Senior	Poor	1	Summer	0	1	1	No identified use
RFL8	Bywell Playing Fields	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Senior	Poor	1	Winter	0.5	1	0.5	Pitch used by Hanging Heaton ARLFC throughout the winter for matches and training.

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Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	Pitch type	Quality rating	No. of pitches	Peak season usage	Match equivalent sessions (Per week*)	Site capacity (sessions per week)	Capacity – Spare capacity or shortfall	Comments
RFL9	Overthorpe Park Playing Fields	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Senior	Poor	2	Summer	4.75	2	2.75	Pitch drains well however is used all year round for senior and junior rugby.
RFL10	Shaw Cross Sharks ARLFC	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Junior	Poor	1	Summer	2.25	1	1.25	Sometimes has an issue with dog fouling.
RFL10	Shaw Cross Sharks ARLFC	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Senior	Poor	2	Summer	6	2	4	Pitch maintained by the council, part of the NCL pitch maintenance scheme.
RFL11	Newsome Panthers JARLFC - Hall Bower	Huddersfield	Senior	Poor	3	Summer	7	3	4	Overplay derives from junior play and training on match pitches
RFL12	Dram Sports and Community Centre	Huddersfield	Junior	Poor	1	Summer	2	1	1	
RFL12	Dram Sports and Community Centre	Huddersfield	Senior	Poor	1	Summer	2.5	2	0.5	Used by senior team in summer as well as older junior teams in winter.
RFL13	Fartown Arena	Huddersfield	Junior	Poor	1	Summer	0.25	1	0.75	Pitch is used for both junior matches and training.
RFL13	Fartown Arena	Huddersfield	Senior	Poor	1	Winter	1	1	0	Pitch is used for both senior matches and training.

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Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	Pitch type	Quality rating	No. of pitches	Peak season usage	Match equivalent sessions (Per week*)	Site capacity (sessions per week)	Capacity – Spare capacity or shortfall	Comments
RFL14	Greenhead College	Huddersfield	Senior	Standard	1	Summer	0.5	2	0.5	Used for college games.
RFL15	Huddersfield New College	Huddersfield	Senior	Poor	1	Winter	0.5	1	0.5	The college Rugby League Academy plays fixtures on Wednesday afternoons in the Colleges Rugby League.
RFL16	Laund Hill Community Park Used	Huddersfield	Senior	Standard	1	Summer	2	2	0	Re-marked in winter as a rugby union pitch, used all year. Used by Huddersfield Giants Women ARLFC. Has in the past been used by Huddersfield Rams AFL for matches and training. No spare capacity due to all year-round use.
RFL17	King James' School	Huddersfield	Senior	Poor	1	Winter	1 + 3	1	3	Almondsbury Spartans and School use Three match sessions added to reflect use.
RFL18	Leeds Road Sports Complex	Huddersfield	Senior	Poor	1	Summer	11	1	10	Used for training daily by Huddersfield Giants through Super League season, as well as by Kirklees College Rugby League Academy for Wednesday afternoon fixtures.

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Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	Pitch type	Quality rating	No. of pitches	Peak season usage	Match equivalent sessions (Per week*)	Site capacity (sessions per week)	Capacity – Spare capacity or shortfall	Comments
RFL19	Lockwood Park – Huddersfield University.	Huddersfield	Senior	Poor	1	Summer	1	1		Remarked for Rugby union in the winter. Used by Huddersfield University Men's ARLFC.
RFL20	Birchcliffe Sport and Social Club	Huddersfield	Senior	Standard	1	Summer	3	2	1	Used all year round for junior and senior rugby by Lindley Swifts ARLFC, pitch overlaps cricket outfield.  No spare capacity due to all year-round use and some training as well as football use.
RFL21	Lepton Highlanders – Kirkburton cougars	Rural East	Senior	Poor	1	Summer	0.5	1	0.5	Remarked for football in the winter.
RFL22	Scisset Middle School	Rural East	Senior	Poor	1	Summer	3	1	2	Emley Moor ALRFC plays all matches here, poor drainage and pitch slopes.  Open access.
RFL23	Slaithwaite Spa	Rural West	Senior	Poor	1	Summer	0.75	1	0.25	Council maintained pitch with some spare capacity. Slaithwaite Saracens ARLFC onsite but no changing facilities.
RFL24	The Cross Grounds	Rural West	Senior	Poor	1	Winter	6.50	1	5.50	Used for matches and training, poor-quality access is a safety concern. No spare capacity due to all year-round use.

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### Supply and demand analysis

#### Spare capacity

2.256 Several sites are shown to have potential spare capacity but not all is actual spare capacity, whereby pitch capacity is present and pitches are available at peak time. Actual spare capacity has been combined by area and is summarised below:

Table 66: Spare Capacity Summary (Match Equivalent Sessions) By Site and Analysis Area

Analysis area	Match equivalents available on Senior and Junior pitches in the peak period
John Curwen Academy School Fields	0.5
<b>Total Batley &amp; Spen</b>	<b>0.50</b>
Dewsbury Moor ARLFC	0.75
Mirfield Stags ARLFC Hilrich Park Slipper Lane	0.5
Bywell Playing Fields	1
Bywell Playing Fields	0.5
<b>Total Dewsbury &amp; Mirfield</b>	<b>2.75</b>
Fartown Arena	0.75
Greenhead College	0.5
Huddersfield New College	0.5
<b>Total Huddersfield</b>	<b>1.75</b>
<b>Total Rural East</b>	<b>-</b>
Slaithwaite Spa	0.25
<b>Total Rural West</b>	<b>0.25</b>
<b>KIRKLEES</b>	<b>5.25</b>

2.257 The table 66 shows the rugby football league pitches that provide spare capacity. Pitches with available match sessions at peak time are located mainly within Dewsbury and Mirfield Sub Area; Dewsbury Moor ARLFC, Mirfield Stags and Bywell Playing Fields. Huddersfield sub area has capacity for play at Far Town arena, greenhead college and Huddersfield New College. Batley and Spen sub area has spare capacity at John Curwen Academy and the rural West sub area has capacity at Slaithwaite Spa.

#### Overplay

2.258 Table 67 shows 17 sites are overplayed by a total of 45.5 match equivalent sessions per week. This is predominantly a result of poor-quality pitches. Of particular concern is The Cross Grounds which is overplayed by 5.5 match equivalents per week due to heavy usage for training and matches by Underbank Rangers ARLFC teams, predominantly at senior and junior age groups.

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Table 67: Summary of Overplay Peak Time of Play

Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	Pitch type	No. of pitches	Capacity rating (Match sessions) Peak Time of Play
11	East Bierley Recreation Ground	Batley & Spen	Senior	1	4.25
14	John Curwen Academy School Fields	Batley and Spen	Junior	1	1
14	Taylor Street	Batley & Spen	Junior	1	3.25
<b>Total</b>		<b>Batley and Spen</b>		<b>3</b>	<b>8.5</b>
29	Crow Nest Park	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Junior	1	1
32	Crow Nest Park	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Primary	1	0,5
12	Overthorpe Park Playing Fields	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Senior	2	2.75
12	Shaw Cross Sharks ARLFC	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Junior	1	1.25
23	Shaw Cross Sharks ARLFC	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Senior	2	4
<b>Total</b>		<b>Dewsbury &amp; Mirfield</b>		<b>7</b>	<b>9.5</b>
3	Newsome Panthers JARLFC - Hall Bower	Huddersfield	Senior	3	4
16	Dram Sports and Community Centre	Huddersfield	Junior	1	1
18	Dram Sports and Community Centre	Huddersfield	Senior	2	0.5
18	King James' School	Huddersfield	Senior	1	3
25	Leeds Road Sports Complex	Huddersfield	Senior	1	10
33	Birchcliffe Sport and Social Club	Huddersfield	Senior	1	1
<b>Total</b>		<b>Huddersfield</b>		<b>9</b>	<b>19.5</b>
34	Lepton Highlanders – Kirkburton cougars	Rural East	Senior	1	0.5
34	Scisset Middle School	Rural East	Senior	1	2
<b>Total</b>		<b>Rural East</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>2.5</b>
35	The Cross Grounds	Rural West	Senior	1	5.5
<b>Total</b>		<b>Rural West</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>5.5</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>Kirklees</b>		<b>22</b>	<b>45.5</b>

2.259 Leeds Road Sports Complex is also notably overused by Huddersfield Giants RLFC to the total of 10 match equivalent sessions due to the frequency of training on the pitch daily Monday to Friday, as is required of a professional elite level team.

2.260 Overplay can only be alleviated by improving pitch quality or providing more pitches or areas to be used for training; there is not enough spare capacity expressed in the areas of overplay to meet this level of demand.

## Current and Future Demand and Capacity

2.261 Having considered supply and demand capacity above, the table below identifies the current spare capacity and overplay by sub area and future demand in each of the analysis areas, based on match equivalent sessions, future population demand and club's aspirations for new teams,

Table 68: Current and Future Demand Rugby League Match equivalent sessions per week.

Analysis area	Current Demand (Match Equivalent Sessions)			Future Demand (match equivalent sessions)		
	Spare Capacity	Overplay	Current Demand	Future Demand (Club Aspirations)	Future Demand (Population)	Total demand
Batley & Spen	0.50	8.5	8	0.5	1.64	10.14
Dewsbury & Mirfield	2.75	9.5	6.75	2.5	1.19	10.44
Huddersfield	1.75	19.5	17.75	1.5	1.88	21.13
Rural East	-	2.50	2.5	0.75	0.36	3.61
Rural West	0.25	5.50	5.25		0.65	6.90
<b>KIRKLEES</b>	<b>5.25</b>	<b>45.5</b>	<b>40.25</b>	<b>5.25</b>	<b>6.72</b>	<b>52.22</b>

2.262 The table 68 above shows that overall, in Kirklees there is current shortfall of 40.25 match equivalent sessions. The highest level of overplay comes from the Huddersfield Sub Area and Batley and Spen Sub Areas both have high levels. Club aspirations to increase team participation highlight a need for an additional 5.25 match equivalent sessions, increasing the shortfall to 45.5 match equivalent sessions. Future demand is increased further with population projections to show a shortfall of 50.41 match equivalent sessions

2.263 It is important to note that much of the overuse is caused by junior teams playing on senior pitches in areas where there are large clubs with many junior and primary teams, such as Dewsbury & Mirfield. A large majority of the overuse is attributed to training sessions taking place on match pitches and that many of the pitches are used all year round for both summer and winter rugby. Furthermore, most are assessed as poor quality which reduces the carrying capacity and ability to accommodate matches.

## Rugby Football League Summary

- There are 62 dedicated rugby league pitches in Kirklees (3 stadia pitches, 47 adult, 10 junior and 2 primary) across 44 sites. the break down is shown below:
  - Secured and unsecured community use provision 48 - 53 identify 25 sites providing 3 stadia pitches, 27 adult pitches, 8 junior pitches and 2 primary pitches.
  - Education pitches school use only No Community Use table 56 identifies 13 sites that accommodate 14 adult pitches and 1 junior pitch.
  - Sites that have been used for Rugby League in the past but have no existing use identified table 57 identifies 6 sites that have in the past provided 6 adult pitches and 1 junior pitch.
- The vast majority of clubs lease or rent pitches from Kirklees Council.
- The only good quality pitches are located at the professional club - Huddersfield Giants and the two semi-professional clubs - Tetley's Stadium and Foxes Biscuit Stadium (10% of the 40 pitches). 5 of the 402 of Rugby League pitches in Kirklees used for community use are rated as 'Standard' quality (12.5%) and 31 of 40 (77.5%) are rated as 'Poor' quality.

- Changing facilities where present are generally rated as poor quality. Several teams do not have access to onsite changing provision and in some cases make use of local community buildings and halls, which may not be appropriate.
- There are 25 clubs in Kirklees fielding 149 teams. This is made up of 37 senior teams, which 4 are women's teams. 47 junior teams (U13-U18) and 69 primary (U7-U12) teams.
- There is current shortfall of 40.25 match equivalent sessions. The highest level of overplay comes from the Huddersfield Sub Area and Batley and Spen Sub Areas both have high levels. Club aspirations to increase team participation highlight a need for an additional 5.25 match equivalent sessions, increasing the shortfall to 45.5 match equivalent sessions. Future demand is increased further with population projections to show a shortfall of 50.41 match equivalent sessions

## 6. Hockey Assessment

### Introduction

- 6.1. Hockey England is the governing body and Hockey is clearly benefiting from a triple Olympic legacy. Is administered locally by the Yorkshire Hockey Association. The strategic context is in appendix 1.
- 6.2. After Great Britain’s women won bronze in front of a home crowd in London in 2012 the numbers of young girls playing the sport doubled and a historic gold in Rio 2016 saw more than 10,000 players promptly joining clubs. The success of the women’s team in Tokyo in 2021 has also benefited the sport. These triumphs have inspired the nation to get active and play hockey. Thanks to the outstanding work of the network of clubs across the country, England Hockey has seen unprecedented growth at both ends of the age range. There has been an 80% increase in the number of boys and girls in clubs, as well as a 54% increase in players over the age.
- 6.3. Hockey clubs have reaped the rewards of the improved profile of the sport, focussing on a link with schools to provide excellent opportunities for young players. Programmes such as Quick sticks – a small-sided version of hockey for 7-11-year-olds – in Primary Schools have been hugely successful in allowing new players to take part in the sport from an early age. The growth in the sport since the eve of London 2012 has been seen across the country, examples being a 110% increase in under 16s club participation in London, and a 111% growth in the Northwest in the same age bracket.

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- 6.4. Competitive play cannot take place on third generation turf pitches (3G) although 40mm pitches may be suitable, in some instances, for beginner training. The following table outlines the surface type and the recommended playing level for the surface.

Table 69: England Hockey Artificial Grass Playing Surface Policy – July 2016

Category	Surface	Playing Level	Playing Level
<b>England Hockey Category 1</b>	Water surface approved within the FIH  Global/National Parameters	<b>Essential</b> International Hockey- Training and matches.	<b>Desirable</b> Domestic National Premier competition Higher levels of EH Player Pathway Performance Centres and upwards
<b>England Hockey Category 2</b>	Sand dressed surfaces within the FIH National Parameter	<b>Essential</b> Domestic National Premier competition  Higher levels of player pathway: Academy Centres and Upwards	<b>Desirable</b> All adult and junior League Hockey  Intermediate or advanced School Hockey  EH competitions for clubs and schools (excluding domestic national league)
<b>England Hockey Category 3</b>	Sand based surfaces within the FIH National Parameter	<b>Essential</b> All adult and junior club training and league Hockey  EH competitions for clubs and schools  Intermediate or advanced schools hockey	<b>Desirable</b>

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Category	Surface	Playing Level	Playing Level
<b>England Hockey Category 4</b>	All long pile (3G) surfaces	<b>Essential</b> None	<b>Desirable</b> Lower-level hockey (Introductory level) when no category 1-3 surface is Available. *

*\* It is recommending an appropriate ball to meet the standards of the player and the surface*

- 6.5. For senior teams, a full-sized pitch for competitive matches must measure at least 91.4 x 55 metres excluding surrounding run off areas which must be a minimum of two metres at the sides & three metres at the ends. England Hockey preference is for four metre side and five metre end run offs, with a preferred overall area of 101.4 x 63 metres though a minimum overall area of 97.4 x 59 metres is accepted.
- 6.6. When comparing the AGP pitch supply in the 2015 PPS there has been no change with the current pitch supply. The 2015 PPS suggested that an AGP would be built at Royds Hall School this has not occurred. The 2015 PPS identified Storthes Hall Park AGP as a possible change of carpet to 3G. This will not now happen following the damage to Lockwood Park AGP and agreement on refurbishing Storthes Hall Park as a Hockey AGP.
- 6.7. Lockwood Park AGP was used by Huddersfield Dragons Hockey Club, University of Huddersfield and Greenhead College hockey teams up until February 2022, when the carpet was destroyed by flooding. The Lockwood AGP has been removed from the hockey supply table below and placed in the football, rugby football league and rugby union AGP section as a planned future site for 3G provision.
- 6.8. The table below provides a detailed breakdown of the Artificial Grass Pitches (AGPs) available across Kirklees for Hockey. Sport England's Facilities Planning Model (FPM) applies an overall peak period for AGPs of 34 hours a week (Monday to Thursday 17:00-21:00; Friday 17:00-19:00; Saturday and Sunday 09:00-17:00).

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Table 70: Sites with Artificial Grass Pitches (AGPs) that provide community use and are suitable for Hockey use

Playing Pitch Sites – Currently Providing Community Use for Hockey	Ownership and Use	No of AGPS	Sand Filled /Sand Dressed/ Water Based	Sports Lighting	Built and Last Refurbished	Condition	Opening Times
<b>Heckmondwike Grammar School</b>	Education – Community Use	1 AGP 91 x 61 Community Use	Sand Dressed	No	2008	No sports lighting <b>Quality Rating: Standard</b>	Mon-Fri: Closed Sat-Sun: 10:00-14:00 (Due to no sports lighting)  Hours available peak period 8 out of 34.  Used by Batley Ladies hockey club and Dewsbury Ladies hockey club for matches Saturdays.
<b>Hyrstmount</b>	Local Authority	1 AGP 100 x 63 Community Use	Sand Filled	Yes	1990 (2013)	<b>Quality Rating: Standard</b>	Mon-Thurs: 17:30-21:00 Fri: 17:00-20:00 Sat-Sun: Closed  No identified use.  No hockey is played at this site as closed on a Saturday and Sunday
<b>Lockwood Park</b>	Sports Club	1 AGP 100 x 60 Community Use	Sand Dressed	Yes	1997	Quality Rating: Pitch no longer in use due to flooding February 2022.	Unavailable for use.
<b>Mirfield Free Grammar School (Kitson Hill Road)</b>	Academies	1 AGP 100 x 60 Community Use	Sand Filled	Yes	2012	<b>Quality Rating: Standard</b>	Mon-Fri: 17:00-21:00  Sat: 09:00-15:30 Sun: Closed  Hours available peak period 28 out of 34.

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Playing Pitch Sites – Currently Providing Community Use for Hockey	Ownership and Use	No of AGPS	Sand Filled /Sand Dressed/ Water Based	Sports Lighting	Built and Last Refurbished	Condition	Opening Times
							<p>Facility is booked 18.00 – 19.00 Monday – Thursday            17.30 – 2030 Friday            09.00 -11.00 Saturday and            11.30 – 15.30 Saturday            Bookings on a Saturday are available alternate weeks 13.30 – 15.30.</p> <p>Saturday use: football training 09.00 – 11.00. Hockey Matches from 11.30 – 15.30</p> <p>Football coaching (Children) 6.00pm – 8;00pm Tuesdays</p> <p>Mirfield Stags RLFC train on the AGP mid- week</p> <p>Cleckheaton Ladies Hockey Club train Thursday evenings</p> <p>Colne Valley Ladies Hockey Club train Thursday evenings</p> <p>Hockey matches are played on a Saturday - Cleckheaton Ladies Hockey Club, Colne Valley Hockey Club and Canalside Terriers Hockey Club</p>

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Playing Pitch Sites – Currently Providing Community Use for Hockey	Ownership and Use	No of AGPS	Sand Filled /Sand Dressed/ Water Based	Sports Lighting	Built and Last Refurbished	Condition	Opening Times
<b>Newsome High School and Sports College</b>	Community school	1 AGP 88 x 48 No Community Use	Sand Filled	Yes	2006	Poor quality pitch. The pitch is too small for competitive hockey and no community use. The carpet has a number of cuts across it.  <b>Quality Rating: Poor</b>	No community usage.
<b>Storthes Hall Park</b>	Charity Sports Club Committee	1 AGP 97 x 60 Community Use	Sand Filled	Yes	1995 (2007)	Poor facility with significant football usage  <b>Quality Rating: Poor</b>	Currently used for football training by Shelly Football in the Community, Huddersfield Ladies FC and Huddersfield University.  Monday – Friday.no official opening hours.  There is sufficient availability to allow Huddersfield Dragons to meet their current training requirements mid-week and match requirements on a weekend once the carpet has been refurbished,

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- 6.9. There are five full sized artificial pitches in Kirklees suitable for competitive hockey, all of which are sand based and available to the community. All pitches have sports lighting except for Heckmondwike Grammar School.
- 6.10. The AGP at Newsome High School is considered too narrow for competitive hockey matches to take place. There are also nine half size sand-based pitches that could potentially be used for hockey training.
- 6.11. Although Hyrstmount AGP is suitable for hockey and available to the community, the facility is unavailable during weekends. There are accessibility issues to the facility and the council does not open the facility at weekends therefore cannot be used for competitive matches during peak time.
- 6.12. Lockwood Park AGP is managed by Huddersfield Rugby Club and was home to Huddersfield Dragons Hockey Club. The AGP flooded in February 2022, and is now no longer usable for any sport. Huddersfield Dragons HC were displaced to Wakefield HC during the second half of the 2021/22 season.
- 6.13. England Hockey have worked with the Leslie Sports Foundation (lease holders) at Storthes Hall Park, Huddersfield Dragons and other parties to secure funding to replace the surface and lighting of the AGP. Huddersfield Dragons Hockey Club have voted in favour of a move to Storthes Hall AGP where they will be part of the management committee for the site alongside existing users (Shelly Community FC and Huddersfield Town Ladies FC).
- 6.14. England Hockey has stated that the Storthes Hall Park AGP surface will be replaced this summer. Based on the resurfacing of Storthes Hall Park and Huddersfield Dragons Hockey Club moving to the AGP, Lockwood Park AGP can be replaced to 3G if required by Huddersfield Rugby Club.
- 6.15. Although Hyrstmount AGP is suitable for hockey and available to the community, the facility is unavailable during weekends and therefore cannot be used for competitive matches during peak time. Batley Boys RLFC use the AGP for training and Norristhorpe FC have 20 teams training on the AGP.

#### Secured pitches

- 6.16. The only secured community use hockey pitches are Storthes Hall, Lockwood Park (no longer in use) and Hyrstmount.

#### Pitch Quality

- 6.17. Lockwood Park AGP is unusable for any sport following flooding in February 2022. There are discussions to convert the AGP to 3G in the future. Any 3G pitch on this site would be available for Rugby Union, Rugby League and Football.
- 6.18. Storthes Hall AGP was built in 1995 and has never been refurbished. The surface has poor drainage during inclement weather and is classed as a 'Poor' quality pitch and needs refurbishment or replacement. As stated above paragraph 6.17 funding has been found to replace the carpet and sports lighting and the carpet is due to be replaced this summer
- 6.19. Mirfield Free Grammar School AGP is eight years old and is still in standard condition due to age and therefore of standard quality. The carpet of an AGP usually lasts for approximately ten years (depending on levels of use).
- 6.20. Heckmondwike Grammar School is assessed as standard quality; however, the pitch is without sports lighting. This impacts on potential capacity and therefore negatively affects levels of use, particularly during winter months when sports lighting is required.

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- 6.21. Although the School never attempted to have sports lighting surrounding the pitch, it is accepted that it is not possible due to nearby residential housing.
- 6.22. Hyrstmount AGP was refurbished in 2013 and is assessed as standard quality.

### Ancillary Facilities

- 6.23. Changing facilities are provided at all sites, except for Hyrstmount. although quality varies significantly. Changing facilities at Mirfield Grammar School are assessed as good, Storthes Hall Park has an issue with the distance to the pitch from the changing rooms, which can be counteracted by having a prefab building at pitch side. The changing facilities at Heckmondwike Grammar School are reported as average quality.

### Competitive Hockey

- 6.24. The 2015 PPS identified nine community hockey clubs servicing the population of Kirklees, fielding a total of 26 teams plus an additional two teams fielded by the University of Huddersfield, which play midweek.
- 6.25. Currently the number of teams has reduced since 2015. There are 7 community hockey clubs fielding a total of 22 teams. In addition, the University of Huddersfield fields 2 teams midweek and Greenhead College have a mixed, men's and women's team The clubs and number of teams are shown below:
- Batley HC - 1 Ladies' team (Do not train)
  - Canalside Terriers HC – 1 ladies' team (Do not train)
  - Cleckheaton Ladies HC – 1 ladies' team
  - Colne Valley Ladies HC – 1 ladies' team
  - Dewsbury HC – 1 ladies' team
  - Huddersfield Dragons HC – 4 men's teams, 3 ladies' teams, 1 mixed team, 4 youth male (Men's development team, U12, U14, U16) and 4 youth female (2xU12, U14, U16) and 1 veterans' team. Hockey Heroes
  - Huddersfield Ladies HC – 1 ladies' team
  - University of Huddersfield HC – 1 men's team and 1 ladies' team
  - Greenhead College Hockey Club - 1 mixed, 1 man's and 1 women's team.
- 6.26. England Hockey has provided the following data evidencing the membership for hockey clubs in Kirklees for the 2019 season. Huddersfield Dragons Hockey Club is the largest club with 17 teams.

Table 71: Membership Huddersfield Dragons Hockey Club 2019

Huddersfield Dragons Hockey Club - Men		(M) 5-10	(M) 11-13	(M) 14-16	(M) 17-18	(M) 19-21	(M) 22-25	(M) 26-35	(M) 36-45	(M) 46+	Total
Cat 1	Full Members	4	4	4	11	2	11	23	17	32	108
Cat 2	Pay & Play	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Cat 3	Community	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
		<b>10</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>114</b>

Huddersfield Dragons Hockey Club - Women		(F) 5-10	(F) 11-13	(F) 14-16	(F) 17-18	(F) 19-21	(F) 22-25	(F) 26-35	(F) 36-45	(F) 46+	Total
Cat 1	Full Members	22	19	25	21	9	3	8	6	5	118
Cat 2	Pay & Play	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
Cat 3	Community	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
		<b>27</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>123</b>

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- 6.27. Huddersfield Dragons Hockey Club has a larger number of women and girls' members in 2019 than boys and men.
- 6.28. The women and girls have a younger membership than the men and have a larger membership Under 16 - 66 girls to 12 boys. The club did play and train at Lockwood Park up until the damage to the pitch during the second half of the 2021/22 season. The displacement to Wakefield Hockey Club will have had an impact on membership numbers particularly juniors.
- 6.29. University of Huddersfield Hockey Club has the next highest number of teams and members. They field 1 men's team and 1 women's team on Wednesday afternoons in the BUCs league.

Table 72: Membership University of Huddersfield Hockey Club 2019

University of Huddersfield Hockey Club - Men		(M) 5-10	(M) 11-13	(M) 14-16	(M) 17-18	(M) 19-21	(M) 22-25	(M) 26-35	(M) 36-45	(M) 46+	Total
Cat 1	Full Members	-	-	-	10	10	2	-	-	-	22
Cat 2	Pay & Play	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
Cat 3	Community	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>22</b>

University of Huddersfield Hockey Club - Women		(F) 5-10	(F) 11-13	(F) 14-16	(F) 17-18	(F) 19-21	(F) 22-25	(F) 26-35	(F) 36-45	(F) 46+	Total
Cat 1	Full Members	-	-	-	10	10	2	0	0	0	22
Cat 2	Pay & Play	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
Cat 3	Community	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>22</b>

- 6.30. Dewsbury Hockey Club has one women's team they played in the Yorkshire Hockey Association Premier Division in 2018/19 season and finished 5th but did not play in the league in the 2019 season. They played friendly matches during the 2019/20 season. The Club has an ageing membership with 2 players under 36 and the remaining 19 players over 36. The club played its friendly matches at Heckmondwike Grammar School in the 2019 season 12.30pm match slot.

Table 73: Membership Dewsbury Hockey Club 2019

Dewsbury Hockey Club - Women		(F) 5-10	(F) 11-13	(F) 14-16	(F) 17-18	(F) 19-21	(F) 22-25	(F) 26-35	(F) 36-45	(F) 46+	Total
Cat 1	Full Members	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	11	8	21
Cat 2	Pay & Play	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
Cat 3	Community	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>22</b>

- 6.31. Colne Valley Hockey Club has one women's team they played in the Yorkshire Hockey Association Division 1 in 2019/20 season. The club has an ageing membership with 2 players under 36 and the remaining 19 players over 36. The club played at Mirfield Free Grammar School during the 2019 season with a Saturday 13.30pm slot for matches.

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Table 74: Membership Colne Valley Hockey Club 2019

Colne Valley Kirklees Ladies Hockey Club		(F) 5-10	(F) 11-13	(F) 14-16	(F) 17-18	(F) 19-21	(F) 22-25	(F) 26-35	(F) 36-45	(F) 46+	Total
Cat 1	Full Members	-	-	-	1	-	4	9	4	2	20
Cat 2	Pay & Play	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
Cat 3	Community	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
		0	0	0	1	0	4	9	4	2	20

- 6.32. Cleckheaton Ladies Hockey Club has one women's team they played in the Yorkshire Hockey Association Division 5 West in 2019/20 season. The club has an ageing membership with 8 players under 36 and the remaining 9 players over 36. The club played at Heckmondwike Grammar School during the 2019/20 season with a Saturday 10.30am slot for matches.

Table 75: Membership Cleckheaton Ladies Hockey Club 2019

Cleckheaton Ladies Hockey Club - Women		(F) 5-10	(F) 11-13	(F) 14-16	(F) 17-18	(F) 19-21	(F) 22-25	(F) 26-35	(F) 36-45	(F) 46+	Total
Cat 1	Full Members	-	-	-	-	-	3	5	4	5	17
Cat 2	Pay & Play	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
Cat 3	Community	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
		0	0	0	0	0	3	5	4	5	17

- 6.33. Canalside Terriers Hockey Club has one women's team they played in the Yorkshire Hockey Association Division 2 in 2019/20 season. The club has an ageing membership with 2 players under 36 and the remaining 15 players over 36. The club played at Mirfield Free Grammar School during the 2019/20 season with a Saturday 12.00noon slot for matches.

Table 76: Membership Canalside Terriers Hockey Club 2019

Canalside Terriers Hockey Club - Women		(F) 5-10	(F) 11-13	(F) 14-16	(F) 17-18	(F) 19-21	(F) 22-25	(F) 26-35	(F) 36-45	(F) 46+	Total
Cat 1	Full Members	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	9	6	17
Cat 2	Pay & Play	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
Cat 3	Community	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
		0	0	0	0	0	0	2	9	6	17

- 6.34. Batley Hockey Club has one women's team they played in the Yorkshire Hockey Association Division 2 in 2019/20 season. The club has an ageing membership with 17 players under 36 and the remaining 11 players over 36. The club played at Heckmondwike Grammar School during the 2019/20 season with a Saturday 10.30am slot for matches.

Table 77: Membership Batley Hockey Club 2019

Batley Hockey Club - Women		(F) 5-10	(F) 11-13	(F) 14-16	(F) 17-18	(F) 19-21	(F) 22-25	(F) 26-35	(F) 36-45	(F) 46+	Total
Cat 1	Full Members	-	-	-	-	2	5	10	10	1	28
Cat 2	Pay & Play	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
Cat 3	Community	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
		0	0	0	0	2	5	10	10	1	28

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- 6.35. Huddersfield Ladies Hockey Club has one women’s team they played in the Yorkshire Hockey Association Division 4 North West in 2019/20 season. The club has an ageing membership with 10 players under 36 and the remaining 11 players over 36. The club played at Darton Community Sports Centre, Barnsley during the 2019/20 season with a Saturday 10.30am slot for matches.

Table 78: Membership Huddersfield Ladies Hockey Club 2019

Huddersfield Hockey Club - Women		(F) 5-10	(F) 11-13	(F) 14-16	(F) 17-18	(F) 19-21	(F) 22-25	(F) 26-35	(F) 36-45	(F) 46+	Total
Cat 1	Full Members	-	-	2	2	2	-	4	7	4	21
Cat 2	Pay & Play	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
Cat 3	Community	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>21</b>

Table 79: Match Slots Required Each Week

Kirklees Hockey Clubs	Adult Teams				Juniors	Totals	Match Slot (Adult) Requirements	Match Slot (Junior) Requirements
	Senior Men	Senior Women	Mixed	Veterans				
Huddersfield Dragons Hockey Club	4	3	1	1	8	17	4.50	4
University of Huddersfield Hockey Club	1	1	0	0	0	2	1	0
Dewsbury Hockey Club	0	1	0	0	0	1	0.50	0
Colne Valley Hockey Club	0	1	0	0	0	1	0.50	0
Cleckheaton Ladies Hockey Club	0	1	0	0	0	1	0.50	0
Canalside Terriers Hockey Club	0	1	0	0	0	1	0.50	0
Batley Hockey Club	0	1	0	0	0	1	0.50	0
Huddersfield Ladies Hockey Club	0	1	0	0	0	1	0.50	0
<b>Greenhead College Hockey Club</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total Teams</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Total Teams Playing on a Saturday</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>7.50</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total Teams Playing on a Sunday</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Total Teams Playing Mid-Week</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>0</b>

### Match Capacity

- 6.36. Once Storthes Hall Park AGP has been refurbished it will provide hockey matches from 10.00am on a Saturday, with the last match commencing at 16.30pm. This allows for 5 matches on a Saturday. There are sufficient match slots at Strothes Hall Park to meet the adult match play needs of current Huddersfield Dragons Hockey Club 9 teams (4.5 MES).
- 6.37. There are 8 junior teams at Huddersfield Dragons and Storthes Hall Park can accommodate these teams on a Sunday if they are not playing at a Central Venue.

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- 6.38. There is some match play by senior teams on Sundays if the teams are behind due to inclement weather with their matches.
- 6.39. University of Huddersfield matches and Greenhead College matches are on a Wednesday and are in conflict with each other as both wish to be accommodated at Storthes Hall Park. Both establishments have conflicting schedules but have a good working relationship each other alongside BUCS and Colleges Hockey to overcome any fixture clashes.
- 6.40. Heckmondwike Grammar School has no sports lighting so accommodates matches from 10.30am and 12 noon. Batley Hockey Club play alternate weeks at 10.30am and Dewsbury Hockey Club play home games at 12 noon alternate weeks. This means that there are additional match availability alternate weeks at 12 noon.
- 6.41. Mirfield Free Grammar School accommodates Cleckheaton Hockey Club, Canalside Terriers alternate weeks at 12 noon and Colne Valley Hockey Club at 13.30pm alternate Saturdays. This means that there could be availability for additional games at 10.30am and alternate weeks at 13.30pm.
- 6.42. Huddersfield Ladies play on an AGP outside Kirklees council boundary and are classed as an exported team. The club plays at Darton Academy, Barnsley with a regular alternate weekly slot at 10.30am on a Saturday morning.

### Training Capacity

- 6.43. Huddersfield Dragons Hockey Club – The 2021/22 season training took place at Lockwood Park at the following times:
- Tuesday - Goalkeeper Training: 6-7pm U16 boys & U16 girls: 7-8pm = 2 hours
  - Tuesday - Club Open Training 7-8.30pm Open training is for all senior club players Men and women = 1.5 hours
  - Tuesday – Men’s 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> team training 8 – 9.30pm = 1.5 hours
  - Sunday - Girls & Boys Mini (age 4-7) & U10: 10-11am, Girls & Boys U12: 11-12pm. Girls & Boys U14: 12-1pm = 2 hours
- 6.44. There was sufficient time and slots for training 7 hours per week for hockey at Lockwood Park. This training will transfer to the refurbished pitch at Storthes Hall from next season. However, the use of the AGPs for football training could impinge on slots available if the club wished to expand its training times.
- 6.45. University of Huddersfield Hockey Club train on a Monday evening 8.00pm – 10.00pm at Lockwood Park 2021/22 season. The men’s and women’s teams train together. There will be a need to find an alternative AGP for training from 2022/23 season, possibly Storthes Hall Park.
- 6.46. Colne Valley Hockey Club - trains on half of the AGP at Mirfield Grammar School on a Thursday evening.
- 6.47. Cleckheaton Ladies Hockey Club – train at Mirfield Grammar School and play at the school
- 6.48. Batley Ladies Hockey Club, Dewsbury Hockey Club, Canalside Terriers and Huddersfield Ladies Hockey club do not hold training sessions.
- 6.49. The conclusion is that there is available training time for hockey clubs in Kirklees. This will need to be monitored as football provides 3G AGP provision and there will be a need to ensure sustainability of AGPs for hockey going forward for the future

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### Unmet and Latent Demand

- 6.50. The only club that has identified it wishes to develop hockey is Huddersfield Dragons Hockey Club. The club does promote a hockey festival – Huddersfield Happiness Hockey Festival and provides Back to Hockey activities and Hockey Heroes.
- 6.51. Several hockey clubs across Kirklees have grown out of school friends and family activities with young children from families following their parents into clubs.

### Future Playing Pitch (Hockey) Demand – Population Growth

#### Team Generation Rates

- 6.52. Team generation rates (TGRs) are used to calculate the number of teams likely to be generated in the future (2035) based on population growth.
- 6.53. The Kirklees Local Plan Strategies and Policies were adopted in February 2019. The Local Plan states that the council will seek to achieve sustainable housing growth through the delivery of a minimum of 31,140 new dwellings between 2013 and 2031 (1730 new dwellings per annum) through allocation sites and taking account of windfalls, committed housing figures and losses/demolitions.
- 6.54. The Sport England New Development Playing Pitch Calculator Tool should be used to identify team generation rates and need for playing pitches as and when planning applications are agreed.
- 6.55. Kirklees Planning Department have provided the following housing growth across the PPS Sub Areas. The table below provided the future population in the sub areas based on the housing growth per sub area multiplied by average household size of 2.3 persons.

Table 80: Proposed New Housing Population

PPS Sub-Area	Housing Capacity on Local Plan Allocated Sites Without Planning Permission (Oct 2021)	Population based on average Household size 2.3 persons.
Huddersfield	4,424	10175
Dewsbury & Mirfield	2,777	6387
Batley & Spen	3,837	8825
Rural East	840	1932
Rural West	1,511	3475
<b>Total</b>		<b>30794</b>

- 6.56. The total population demand from the new housing equates to 30,794. The population growth data for Kirklees and each sub area has been inserted into Sport England’s New Development Playing Pitch Calculator tool as has the hockey team numbers for each typology and junior hockey club member numbers. The output from the Sport England Calculator tool provides the team generation rates for hockey, the new teams generated from the new population and the future match equivalent sessions required for the future for each typology.

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Table 81: Kirklees Wide and Sub Area Team Generation Rates (TGRs) and Match Equivalent Sessions to 2031.

Age group	Kirklees Predicted future number of teams (2031)	Kirklees Number of home matches per team per week	Huddersfield Sub Area Predicted future number of teams (2031)	Huddersfield Sub Area Number of home matches per team per week	Batley & Spennings Dale Sub Area Predicted future number of teams (2031)	Batley & Spennings Dale Sub Area Number of home matches per team per week	Dewsbury & Mirfield Sub Area Predicted future number of teams (2031)	Dewsbury & Mirfield Sub Area Number of home matches per team per week	Rural East Sub Area Predicted future number of teams (2031)	Rural East Sub Area Number of home matches per team per week	Rural West Sub Area Predicted future number of teams (2031)	Rural West Sub Area Number of home matches per team per week
Men 17 - 55	0.42	0.21	0.14	0.07	0.12	0.06	0.12	0.09	0.03	0.01	0.05	0.02
Women 17 - 55	0.76	0.38	0.25	0.13	0.22	0.11	0.22	0.16	0.05	0.02	0.09	0.04
Boys 14 – 16	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Girls 14 - 16	0.49	0.24	0.05	0.16	0.14	0.07	0.04	0.10	0.03	0.02	0.05	0.03
Boys 11 - 13	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Girls 11 – 13	0.00	0.00	0.05	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.00
Mixed 5 - 10	0.07	0.03	0.09	0.05	0.02	0.01	0.08	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00

- 6.57. The overall increase in team numbers from projected population growth is small. Across all age groups. Less than 1 men's and 1 women's team and small number increases in junior players. The appropriate way forward would be to ask for developer contributions towards the development or improvements of existing carpets.
- 6.58. The main club Huddersfield Dragons Hockey Club currently require 1 full size AGP with sports lighting and of good quality.
- 6.59. There is a high probability as club members become older some of the ladies' clubs may no longer be in existence or may merge with others as has been seen in other areas. The match facilities at Mirfield Free Grammar School and Heckmondwike Grammar school will suffice to provide match play provision in the future for the 1 team clubs that survive. There should not be any change of carpet at these facilities unless discussed at the PPS Steering Group meeting and all steering Group members agreed to such a change. A considered approach needs to be undertaken should there be any changes to hockey AGPs. The removal of permitted development rights on AGPs should be considered.
- 6.60. Developer contributions towards hockey club facilities should be off site payments to assist with the future development of an AGP for Huddersfield Dragons Hockey Club in its quest to provide quality hockey facilities and competition for new and old residents in Kirklees.

## Supply and demand analysis

### Match Play

- 6.61. Based on 15 adult teams from Kirklees requiring a pitch at peak time (Saturday) there is a requirement for 7.5 match equivalent sessions. Storthes Hall Park with new sports lighting and a refurbished surface will accommodate 5 match equivalent sessions on a regular basis this leaves 2.5 match equivalent sessions to be accommodated.
- 6.62. With the loss of the Lockwood Park AGP and the planned refurbishment of Storthes Hall AGP there will be two pitches that meet match play requirements – Storthes Hall Park and Mirfield Free Grammar School can meet the 2.5 remaining match play need on a Saturday. This suggests that supply can meet demand. This will only occur if Storthes Hall Park AGP is refurbished.
- 6.63. Although used up until 2.00pm on match days Heckmondwike Grammar School has been discounted at this point due the lack of sports lighting, as has Hyrstmount AGP as the AGP is not available during peak time of use due to the school not opening the facility.
- 6.64. Future shortfalls in provision could be resolved by ensuring future community use during peak time at Hyrstmount AGP.
- 6.65. In the past hockey junior teams have played outside of Kirklees due to the Yorkshire Hockey Association using centralised venues. This is about to change. All junior matches are played on Sundays and can also be accommodated on smaller sized AGPs. Therefore, if teams were required to play within Kirklees, the demand could be met on the current supply of pitches.

### Training

- 6.66. There is sufficient supply of AGPs to meet training demand once Storthes Hall Park AGP has been refurbished and used for training alongside Mirfield Free Grammar School AGP.

### Hockey Summary

1. There are four AGPs suitable for hockey within Kirklees – Storthes Hall Park, Heckmondwike Grammar School, Mirfield Free Grammar School and Hyrstmount.
2. Storthes Hall Park AGP is due to be refurbished in the summer 2022. The refurbishment of the AGP is essential to ensure future playing facilities for Huddersfield Dragons Hockey Club
3. Due to flooding Lockwood Park AGP is no longer usable and it has been agreed that the carpet can be changed to 3G.
4. Heckmondwike Grammar School does not have sports lighting and Hyrstmount is unavailable at peak time of play.
5. Storthes Hall Park AGP is currently rated as ‘poor’ quality although the carpet is being replaced along with the sports lighting. The remainder are ‘standard’ quality.
6. There are 7 community hockey clubs fielding a total of 22 teams in Kirklees.

- 7.** The University of Huddersfield fields a men's team and women's team midweek and Greenhead College field a midweek men's, women's and mixed team. There is potential for conflict of use of an AGP between the University of Huddersfield and Greenhead College on Wednesday afternoons for match play. Both establishments have conflicting schedules but have a good working relationship with each other, alongside BUCS and Colleges Hockey to overcome any fixture clashes.
- 8.** Consultation shows that there is a decline in hockey club membership across Kirklees
- 9.** Based on 15 adult teams from Kirklees requiring a pitch at peak time (Saturday) there is a requirement for 7.5 match equivalent sessions. Storthes Hall Park, once refurbished will accommodate 5 match equivalent sessions on a regular basis on a Saturday from 10.00am. This will leave 2.5 match equivalent sessions to be accommodated at Mirfield Grammar School.
- 10.** Any changes of use of sand dressed and sand filled AGPs to 3G AGPs need to be agreed between NGBs, England Hockey, the Football Association, Rugby Football Union and Kirklees Council. Due to the impact on hockey, it is appropriate to ensure that sufficient sand based AGPs are retained for the playing development of hockey within the local authority administrative area. To that end, a change of an Artificial Grass Pitch's surface or carpet may require a planning application, and as part of it these applicants will have to show that there is sufficient AGP provision available for hockey in the locality if the surface is changed. Otherwise planning permission will not be granted. Sport England are currently seeking a legal opinion on the matter relating to planning permission and the change of a carpet.

It should also be noted that if a surface is changed, it could require the existing sports lighting to be changed and in some instances noise attenuation measures may need to be put in place.

In line with Sport England guidance, Kirklees Council should consider a planning application where any playing pitch surface is being changed from one type to another, such as sand based to 3G as this would constitute an engineering operation. (There are some exceptions to this, but the advice would always be to check with the Local Planning Authority first.) This is to enable consideration of potential issues including those relating to surface drainage, noise, lighting, and to allow consultation to take place with Sport England to ensure that any impact on sports provision is assessed.