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## GLOSSARY

AGP	Artificial Grass Pitch
3G	Third Generation (artificial turf)
NGB	National Governing Body
FA	Football Association
ECB	England and Wales Cricket Board
EH	England Hockey
RFU	Rugby Football Union
S106	Section 106
FIT	Fields in Trust
GIS	Geographical Information Systems
KKP	Knight, Kavanagh and Page
NPPF	National Planning Policy Framework
FPM	Facilities Planning Model
FE	Further Education
HE	Higher Education
TGR	Team Generation Rate
CSP	County Sports Partnership

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In light of economic pressures facing Kirklees Council, the development and implementation of a new Local Plan, and in order to consider how the council can best achieve its aspirations for Health and Wellbeing, a new Playing Pitch Strategy was commissioned.

The strategy has been developed in accordance with Sport England's approved methodology, and is the result of collaboration between representatives from Kirklees Council, Sport England, West Yorkshire Sport and the National Governing Bodies of Football, Cricket, Hockey, Rugby League and Rugby Union. The strategy also covers outdoor tennis and bowls, and consultation has taken place with stakeholders from all seven of these sports.

The aims of the strategy are to provide:

- ◀ A vision for the future improvement and prioritisation of playing pitches
- ◀ A series of strategic recommendations which provide a strategic framework for the improvement, maintenance, development and, as appropriate, rationalisation of the playing pitch stock.
- ◀ A series of sport by sport recommendations which provide a strategic framework for sport led improvements to provision.
- ◀ A prioritised area-by-area action plan to address key issues

The findings are drawn from a detailed assessment of the current and projected supply of and demand for playing pitches and a technical analysis of pitch quality and usage levels. The findings of these assessments provide the evidence of where provision needs further consideration and/or to be protected/ enhanced. This has informed the development of both strategic and sport specific recommendations. Finally, the strategy sets out site by site recommendations.

## Vision

*'Provide a network of good quality outdoor sports provision, enabling everyone to be physically active and promoting a healthier lifestyle for all.'*

In accordance with the Sport England framework, strategic recommendations are designed to meet one of 3 key objectives. Each objective therefore comes with a series of recommendations:

## OBJECTIVE 1

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

### Recommendations:

- a. Ensure, through the use of the Playing Pitch Strategy, that sports facilities are protected through the implementation of policy.
- b. Secure tenure and access to sites through a range of solutions and partnership agreements.
- c. Maximise community use of outdoor sports facilities where there is a need to do so.

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## **OBJECTIVE 2**

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

### **Recommendations:**

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

## **OBJECTIVE 3**

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

### **Recommendations:**

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

These strategic recommendations are supplemented by the sport specific recommendations, which are:

### **FOOTBALL RECOMMENDATION**

Seek to focus future investment in key football hub sites, to include improvement of changing facilities and creation of new 3G AGPs to serve the game for training, affiliated match play and recreational football.

### **CRICKET RECOMMENDATION**

Protect all current provision, including local authority pitches for Sunday cricket, and work to reduce over play on club sites.

### **RUGBY UNION RECOMMENDATION**

Work towards reducing over play at Club sites and increase the quality of pitches and ancillary facilities as required.

### **RUGBY LEAGUE RECOMMENDATION**

Protect current provision and work towards improving quality and reducing overplay.

### **HOCKEY RECOMMENDATION**

Protect current provision and improve pitch quality where possible and appropriate.

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### **BOWLS RECOMMENDATION**

Maximise access to existing provision.

### **TENNIS RECOMMENDATION**

Maximise access to existing provision and work towards improving the quality of provision.

Broadly speaking, it is clear that the playing pitch stock in Kirklees suffers from issues linked to poor quality and overuse, which are at risk of being exacerbated if cuts impact of maintenance regimes. There is also a marked deficiency in the number of 3G pitches across the Borough. There may, however, be opportunities for a number of partners and sports to come together to address some of these issues, and in particular the development of 3G hub sites might provide a solution to some of the supply and demand and overplay issues on pitches for football and both rugby codes.

The scale of the challenges is significant and financial pressures within the public sector mean that it is unrealistic to expect that these can all be met. With the potential for cuts to the level of maintenance of council owned playing pitches a real possibility and given the limited availability of external funding available, it should be clearly understood that not all these recommendations can be delivered. It will also be important to manage expectations about what the council's role will be in the years to come, and there may be an even greater reliance going forward on pitches being owned or maintained by the private or voluntary and community sector.

There will need to be collaboration between the Council, National Governing Bodies of Sport (NGBs), Sport England, schools, further/higher education providers, community clubs and private landowners to consider priority actions which meet strategic needs and are both viable and sustainable. The council should seek to provide support wherever possible for any external organisations who are seeking to address any of the recommendations.

Although the strategy can be used by any organisation to support their own plans and aspirations, it is recognised that Kirklees Council will lead on a number of the recommendations in relation to the sites that the currently control. The council will develop annual action plans, capture achievements, report progress and update the recommendations at set points throughout the strategies timeline to the Executive Board of the Kirklees Physical Activity and Sport Partnership, a multi-agency group who have been responsible for the updating of the strategy for sport and physical activity in Kirklees. This will provide a level of accountability and scrutiny and ensure the strategy remains at the forefront of strategic decision making.

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### PART 1: INTRODUCTION

This is the Playing Pitch Strategy (PPS) for Kirklees Council (KC) and its partners. Building upon the preceding Assessment Report it provides a strategic framework for the maintenance and improvement of existing outdoor sports pitches and ancillary facilities between 2015 and 2020. The PPS covers the following playing pitches and outdoor sports:

- ◀ Football pitches
- ◀ Cricket pitches
- ◀ Rugby league pitches
- ◀ Rugby union pitches
- ◀ Artificial grass pitches (AGPs)
- ◀ Bowling greens
- ◀ Tennis courts

The Strategy is capable of:

- ◀ Providing adequate planning guidance to assess development proposals affecting playing fields, as appropriate, directing open space contributions secured through development and informing and shaping local planning policy
- ◀ Inform the protection and provision of sports facilities and the Infrastructure Delivery Plan and S106 and CIL schedules.
- ◀ Informing land use decisions in respect of future use of existing outdoor sports areas and playing fields (capable of accommodating pitches) across the Borough;
- ◀ Providing a strategic framework for the provision and management of outdoor sports across the Borough;
- ◀ Supporting external funding bids and maximise support for outdoor sports facilities;
- ◀ Providing the basis for on-going monitoring and review of the use, distribution, function, quality and accessibility of outdoor sport.

#### 1.1: Structure

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

- ◀ A vision for the future improvement and prioritisation of playing pitches
- ◀ A series of strategic recommendations which provide a strategic framework for the improvement, maintenance, development and, as appropriate, rationalisation of the playing pitch stock.
- ◀ A series of sport by sport recommendations which provide a strategic framework for sport led improvements to provision.
- ◀ A prioritised area-by-area action plan to address key issues.

The Strategy and Action Plan recommends a number of priority projects for Kirklees, which should be implemented from 2015 to 2020. It is outlined to provide a framework for improvement and, although resources may not currently be in place to implement it, potential partners and possible sources of external funding may be identified.

The recommendations that come out of this strategy must be translated into local plan policy so there is a policy mechanism to support delivery and secure provision/investment where the opportunity arises.

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There is a need to build key partnerships between the Council, National Governing Bodies of Sport (NGBs), Sport England, schools, further/higher education providers, community clubs and private landowners to maintain and improve playing pitch provision. In these instances, the potential for the Council to take a strategic lead is more limited (except in terms of Section 106 Agreements). This document will provide clarity about the way forward, and allow key organisations to focus on the key issues that they can directly influence and achieve.

### 1.2 Context

As outlined by the Council in the preparation stages of the study, the key drivers for a new PPS are to:

- ◀ The current Playing Pitch Strategy was published in 2006 and is now out of date
- ◀ Budget cuts for local authorities are posing significant pressures on Councils abilities to maintain and develop their playing pitch stock. This document will help to identify areas that need prioritising, including key sites, and will reflect supply and demand analysis, team generation and future projection rates.
- ◀ To provide a baseline for current and future supply and demand assessments for each of the sports being considered, and also set out a vision with a strategic approach to playing pitch provision in the Borough in the short, medium and long term.
- ◀ To provide an evidence base for use in planning, investment and sports development decisions.
- ◀ To provide a robust and up-to-date evidence base to inform the policy direction of the new Local Plan, specifically the development of planning policies concerned with the protection of playing fields and new playing pitch provision required to meet future demand. The findings and recommendations will also be used as a basis upon which to consider planning applications and development proposals involving playing pitches and the requirement for new open space.
- ◀ To establish the principles to help inform where future resources should be focused and evidence need for funding bids to increase and improve playing pitch provision.

### *Planning context*

The National Planning Policy Framework March 2012 (NPPF) recognises that access to high quality open spaces and opportunities for sport and recreation can make an important contribution to the health and well-being of communities.

NPPF requires that planning policies are based on robust and up-to-date assessments of the needs for open space, sports and recreation facilities and opportunities for new provision. The assessments should identify specific needs and quantitative or qualitative deficits or surpluses of open space, sports and recreational facilities in the local area.

Paragraph 74 of NPPF is concerned with the protection of existing open space, sports and recreational buildings and land, including playing fields. One of the matters set out is that such buildings and land should not be built on unless an assessment has been undertaken which has clearly shown the open space, buildings or land to be surplus to requirements. National Planning Practice Guidance (March 2014) refers local authorities to Sport England's guidance on how to assess the need for sport and recreation facilities.



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Kirklees Council has an adopted Unitary Development Plan (UDP) that sets out the council's policies and proposals for the use and development of land and buildings. The plan was adopted on 1 March 1999 and constitutes the statutory development plan. It includes saved planning policies for the protection of land designated as urban greenspace (UDP policy D3) and private playing fields (UDP policy R7A)

The Council is in the process of preparing a new Local Plan to replace the UDP. This plan will be prepared in the context of the National Planning Policy Framework and will set out policies and proposals for the protection of open space and playing fields in accordance with the framework.

### **Strategic context summary**

Everybody Active: The Kirklees Physical Activity and Sports Plan 2015 – 2020 provides direction in respect of getting more of the population active be it through everyday life, travel, recreation or sport. Referencing these ambitions, the objective of this Strategy is to provide built facility infrastructure that is fit for purpose to facilitate current and anticipated future demand for sport and recreational activity.

Austerity and a continuing squeeze on local government finance, coupled with modest economic growth make these challenging times for sport and recreation providers. Capital funding for new projects is expected to be scarce and operational subsidies for facility management will be reduced, if available at all. In light of this, and the limited resources of external funders, it must be accepted that is not realistic to expect all the recommendations to be met. It is also a reality that maintenance of playing pitches in the future will rely increasingly on the voluntary club network.

In Kirklees an estimated one third of the adult population is active i.e. taking 150 minutes moderate intensity activity per week. Based on the 2012 adult population of 339,000, this leaves a ball park figure of 225,000 people to convert to regular activity. If population growth is factored in, Kirklees will have 250,000 potential new regular participants over the next 5 year period. In addition to population growth there is potential for new housing within the Borough. Although exact locations are unknown the impact of a housing increase should also be considered within the context of the Strategy.

Kirklees is a blend of urban and rural areas. It is predominately urban in the north and rural in the south, linked together by Huddersfield, a large town of some 145,000 people. Like many authorities it encompasses significant areas of wealth, mostly in the south and areas of high deprivation, mostly in the north. It has a mixed population, predominately white but with significant levels of people from black and minority ethnic groups, notably Asian and British Asian who make up 21% of the resident population.

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## 1.4 Headline findings

The table below highlights the quantitative headline findings from the Kirklees Playing Pitch Assessment Report. Potential actions on quality versus quantity are also provided as an indicative snapshot. Future demand is calculated by using team generations rates (TGRs) to predict the likely number of teams in the future and therefore number of additional match equivalent sessions required.

Sport	Analysis Area	Current shortfalls	Future shortfalls (2037)	Future spare capacity	Potential actions
Football (grass pitches)	Batley & Spen	Shortfall of 19.5 adult, 6 youth 11v11 and 7 9v9 match equivalent sessions.	Shortfall of 20.5 adult, 9 youth 11v11 and 9 9v9 match equivalent sessions.	Spare capacity of 2 match equivalents on 7v7 pitches and 2.5 on 5v5 pitches.	Consideration should be given to the role that AGPs could play in reducing shortfalls alongside enhanced/increased/reconfigured grass provision.
	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Shortfall of 2 youth 11v11 and 2.5 9v9 match equivalent sessions.	Shortfall of 4 youth 11v11 and 3.5 9v9 match equivalent sessions.	Spare capacity of 5 match equivalents on adult pitches, 1 on 7v7 and 0.5 on 5v5.	Quality improvements and reconfiguration likely to accommodate most shortfalls.
	Huddersfield	Shortfall of 5.5 youth 11v11 and 8.5 9v9 match equivalent sessions.	Shortfall of 9.5 youth 11v11 and 10.5 9v9 match equivalent sessions.	Spare capacity of 6 match equivalents on adult pitches, 1 on 5v5.	Quality improvements and reconfiguration likely to accommodate youth 11v11 shortfalls but additional 9v9 pitches required. Consideration should be given to the role that AGP's could play.
	Rural East	Shortfall of 9 youth 9v9 and 5 7v7 match equivalent sessions.	Shortfall of 10.5 youth 9v9 and 7 7v7 match equivalent sessions.	Spare capacity of 1 match equivalents on adult pitches.	Quality improvements could accommodate some shortfalls but likely that additional pitches required. Consideration should be given to the role that AGP's could play.
	Rural West	Shortfall of 11.5 adult, 2 youth 11v11 and 2 9v9	Shortfall of 13 adult, 3.5 youth 11v11 and 3 9v9	Spare capacity of 0.5 match equivalents on 7v7	Quality improvements could accommodate some

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		match equivalent sessions.	match equivalent sessions.	pitches.	shortfalls but likely that additional pitches required. Consideration should be given to the role that AGP's could play.

Sport	Analysis Area	Current picture	Future demand (2037)	Potential actions
Football (3G AGPs)	Batley & Spen	Shortfall of 2 3G pitches based on FA model.	Pitch/s will require <b>resurface</b> .	Creation of new AGPs in the future either as football hubs or individual AGP's in strategic locations
	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Shortfall of 1 3G pitch based on FA model.	Pitch/s will require <b>resurface</b> .	Creation of new AGPs in the future either as football hubs or individual AGP's in strategic locations
	Huddersfield	Shortfall of 2 3G pitch based on FA model.	Pitch/s will require <b>resurface</b> .	Creation of new AGPs in the future either as football hubs or individual AGP's in strategic locations
	Rural East	Shortfall of 2 3G pitch based on FA model.	Pitch/s will require <b>resurface</b> .	Creation of new AGPs in the future either as football hubs or individual AGP's in strategic locations
	Rural West	Shortfall of 2 3G pitch based on FA model.	Pitch/s will require <b>resurface</b> .	Creation of new AGPs in the future either as football hubs or individual AGP's in strategic locations
Cricket	Batley & Spen	Shortfall of 31 matches per season	Shortfall of 31.5 matches per season	Additional wickets will be required.
	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Shortfall of 22 matches per season	Shortfall of 22.5 matches per season	Additional wickets will be required.
	Huddersfield	Shortfall of 95 matches per season	Shortfall of 96 matches per season	Additional wickets will be required.
	Rural East	No current shortfalls	Shortfall of 0.5 matches per season	Current supply likely to accommodate demand, some quality improvements may be required.
	Rural West	Shortfall of 84 matches per season	Shortfall of 84.5 matches per	Additional wickets will be required.

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Sport	Analysis Area	Current picture	Future demand (2037) season	Potential actions
Rugby union	Batley & Spennethorpe	Shortfall of 3 match equivalent sessions	Will increase further if clubs grow as predicted.	Majority of current shortfall can be accommodated with pitch improvements and additional floodlighting.
	Dewsbury & Mirfield	No current demand for pitches	No demand expected.	N/A
	Huddersfield	Shortfall of 7 match equivalent sessions	Will increase further if clubs grow as predicted.	Majority of current shortfall can be accommodated with pitch improvements and floodlighting but additional pitches are likely to be needed in the future.
	Rural East	No current demand for pitches	No demand expected.	N/A
	Rural West	No current demand for pitches	No demand expected.	N/A
Rugby league	Batley & Spennethorpe	Shortfall of 5 senior, 8.5 junior and 1 primary match equivalent sessions	Shortfall of 5.5 senior, 9 junior and 2 primary match equivalent sessions	Priority on improving quality to reduce shortfalls.
	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Shortfall of 27.75 senior, 4 junior and 1 primary match equivalent sessions	Shortfall of 29.25 senior, 5 junior and 2.5 primary match equivalent sessions	Additional pitches required. Quality improvements could accommodate some shortfalls.
	Huddersfield	Shortfall of 19 senior match equivalent sessions	Shortfall of 19 senior, 0.5 primary match equivalent sessions	Additional pitches required. Quality improvements could accommodate some shortfalls.
	Rural East	Shortfall of 5.75 senior match equivalent sessions	Shortfall of 0.5 primary match equivalent sessions	Priority on improving quality to reduce shortfalls.
	Rural West	Shortfall of 20.5 senior and 3 junior match equivalent sessions	Shortfall of 21 senior and 2 primary match equivalent sessions	Additional pitches required. Quality improvements could accommodate some shortfalls.
Hockey (Sand AGPs)	Batley & Spennethorpe	Current demand being met.	Pitch/s will require resurface.	Quality improvements as and when required.

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Sport	Analysis Area	Current picture	Future demand (2037)	Potential actions
	Dewsbury & Mirfield	No current demand for pitches	No demand expected.	N/A
	Huddersfield	Current demand being met.	Pitch/s will require <b>resurface</b> .	Quality improvements as and when required.
	Rural East	<b>Unmet demand</b> from Storthes hall conversion	Pitch/s will require <b>resurface</b> .	Transfer play
	Rural West	No current demand for pitches	No demand expected.	N/A

As highlighted above there are significant shortfalls in match equivalents sessions across the whole of Kirklees and across all of the pitch sports. The strategy therefore will look at ways to reduce the shortfalls through a variety of recommendations and actions.

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## PART 2: VISION

### 2.1 Vision

This study has been developed on the basis of the above strategic drivers in order to ensure that it reflects the Council's wider ambitions. A vision has been set out to provide a clear focus with desired outcomes for the Kirklees Playing Pitch Strategy:

*'Provide a network of good quality outdoor sports provision, enabling everyone to be physically active and promoting a healthier lifestyle for all.'*

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## PART 3: KEY ISSUES

In order to help develop the recommendations/actions and to understand their potential impact, a number of relevant scenario questions are tested against the key issues in this section for the playing pitch sports resulting in the sport specific recommendations. The section below highlights the summary boxes from each sports section within the assessment report:

### Football summary

#### *Supply*

- ◀ The audit identifies a total of 378 football pitches in Kirklees. Of these, 322 are available, at some level, for community use
- ◀ Most football pitches available for community use are assessed as being of standard quality (53%) or good quality (25%), with less than a quarter (22%) assessed as poor

#### *Demand*

- ◀ 655 teams were identified as playing on pitches within Kirklees, however 22 of these play matches on FA certified AGP pitches
- ◀ There are three clubs (Liversedge FC, AFC Emley and Shelley FC) playing within the football pyramid structure at Steps 5, 6 and 7. All three clubs currently meet the required facilities specifications for their respective leagues.
- ◀ Imported demand from three Bradford based clubs for matches increases demand for adult pitches.

#### Training

- ◀ Access to training facilities, particularly floodlit 3G pitches, is a key issue within Kirklees. Many teams report a lack of available capacity and as a result a number have stopped training completely.
- ◀ There is exported demand for training facilities from two teams travelling to nearby Bradford to access AGPs. This reduces some demand for pitches within Kirklees.

### Cricket summary

#### *Supply*

- ◀ In total, there are 70 grass cricket pitches identified in Kirklees, accommodating 363 teams (164 senior and 199 junior teams).
- ◀ There are 26 artificial wickets, mostly within education sites. None are currently used for competitive matches.
- ◀ All grass wickets are available for community use, only two are currently unused; these are Hyrstlands Park and Batley Grammar School.

#### *Demand*

- ◀ The split of senior teams playing across Kirklees is very heavily focussed on Saturday cricket with 71% of teams playing on this day, 17% play on Sundays and 12% play midweek (evening league) cricket.
- ◀ Population forecasts indicate that there will be future demand for seven senior teams and 28 more junior teams.

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- ◀ There are only 0.5 matches of spare capacity on pitches on Saturdays and 13.5 on Sundays.
- ◀ There is no spare capacity on local authority pitches on Sundays which is where the majority of Sunday cricket takes place.

### *Training*

- ◀ Training provision is in an issue in Kirklees with 74% of clubs reporting that additional training facilities are required.

### **Rugby union summary**

#### *Supply*

- ◀ In total, there are eight senior pitches and one mini; all of which are available for community use and used.
- ◀ Of the senior pitches one is rated as good quality, five as standard and two as poor. The mini pitch is rated as poor. Poor quality is a combination of over use, poor weather and inadequate maintenance.

#### *Demand*

- ◀ There are three community clubs and one University club servicing Kirklees, consisting of 41 teams (12 senior, 12 junior and 17 minis).
- ◀ There is no spare capacity on any of the pitches within Kirklees and all are over played.

#### *Training*

- ◀ The main reason for over play is excessive training on the pitches. Only Cleckheaton RFC trains off site and this is due to having only one pitch at the home ground.
- ◀ Clubs choose to train at the home ground in order to avoid additional costs.
- ◀ A World Rugby compliant pitch could also offer an alternative training venue for teams in order to reduce over play. The pitch could also offer spare capacity for fixtures should demand increase as predicted.

### **Rugby league summary**

#### *Supply*

- ◀ There are 59 dedicated rugby league pitches in Kirklees (47 senior, 10 junior and two primaries) across 38 sites. All but five pitches are available for community use.
- ◀ The majority of clubs lease or rent the pitches from Kirklees Council
- ◀ Of the 59 pitches in Kirklees, most (30) are assessed as poor quality. There are 27 standard quality pitches and only two assessed as good quality
- ◀ Changing facilities where present are generally regarded as poor. 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

#### *Demand*

- ◀ There are a total of 134 rugby league teams competing in Kirklees, made up of 35 senior, 46 junior (U13-U18) and 53 primary (U7-U12) teams. There are three ladies teams, one Men's University team and three College teams



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- ◀ There is a need for 80.5 match equivalent sessions on senior pitches in Kirklees in order to accommodate overplay and future demand. The main issue is that over half of rugby league pitches are poor quality, limiting the recommended capacity. In addition, some pitches are played throughout the winter and summer season without time to rest
- ◀ There are not enough junior or primary pitches to accommodate current and future demand. There is the need for 27.5 and 7.5 match equivalent sessions on junior and primary pitches respectively

### *Training*

- ◀ Overplay can only be dealt with by improving pitch quality or providing access to more training pitches or areas, ideally with floodlights. There is not enough spare capacity expressed in the respective areas to meet this level of demand currently or in the future.

### **Hockey summary**

#### *Supply*

- ◀ There are five AGPs suitable for hockey within Kirklees; Heckmondwike Grammar School, Hyrstmount , Lockwood Park, Mirfield Free Grammar School and Storthes Hall Park;
- ◀ however, Heckmondwike Grammar School is not floodlit, Hyrstmount is unavailable during peak time and plans are in place to replace the sand based pitch at Storthes Hall Park with a 3G pitch.
- ◀ Mirfield Free Grammar School is assessed as good quality whilst Storthes Hall Park is deemed poor. The remaining pitches are rated standard.
- ◀ Plans to develop an additional hockey suitable AGP are underway at Royds Hall Community School.

#### *Demand*

- ◀ There are nine hockey clubs within Kirklees providing a total of 26 teams. In addition the University of Huddersfield also field two senior teams which currently play midweek.
- ◀ All junior teams play outside of Kirklees due to the nature of the Yorkshire Hockey Association.
- ◀ Consultation highlights a trend of decline within hockey clubs over recent years. Two clubs (Huddersfield Dragons HC and Cleckheaton Ladies HC) report a decrease in playing members whilst no clubs report an increase.
- ◀ Based on 18 senior teams playing within Kirklees there is a requirement for three full size AGPs, of which there are currently five. However, Hyrstmount is unavailable during peak time, Heckmondwike Grammar School is without floodlighting and Storthes Hall Park could soon become 3G, leaving a shortfall of two.
- ◀ Any current shortfall of pitches could be prevented by ensuring future use of Hyrstmount during peak time and/or the creation of an additional AGP at Royds Hall Community School.

### **3G AGP summary**

#### *Supply*

- ◀ There are five 3G pitches in Kirklees. One 3G pitch owned by Huddersfield Town FC has been discounted from the analysis as it is not available for community use.

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- ◀ There are no 60mm pile carpets compliant to World Rugby or Rugby League Community Standard.
- ◀ In the main, availability and access to current provision in the peak period is generally good. Where there is provision on education sites, this is generally made available after school and at weekends.
- ◀ Two of the five full size pitches in Kirklees are assessed as good quality. One pitch is assessed as poor quality, located at Batley Sports & Tennis Centre (however, the pitch is due to be resurfaced).

### *Demand*

- ◀ All full size 3G pitches are operating at capacity for midweek football training but there may be some spare capacity for matches at weekends (provided a test certificate is attained).
- ◀ The FA model estimates that one full size AGP can service 60 teams. On the basis there are 655 teams playing competitive football in Kirklees, there is a recommended need for 11 full size 3G pitches to cater for football demand, currently there are four.
- ◀ Current demand by analysis area equates to the need for a total of 13 pitches, one additional pitch in the Dewsbury & Mirfield and two additional pitches in the Batley & Spen, Rural East and Rural West and Huddersfield areas. The FPM also highlights short falls in the order of eight AGPs which is in line with the FA model.

### *Training*

- ◀ Over half of football clubs which submitted views express additional demand for training facilities and all specified 3G pitches as a requirement

## **Bowls summary**

### *Supply*

- ◀ There are 83 crown green bowling greens in Kirklees. Of these, 22 are maintained by the council. The majority are private sports or social club greens.
- ◀ In general the quality of bowling greens in Kirklees is considered good with nearly all sites being assessed as good quality. Only five sites rate as standard.
- ◀ Clubs using council greens rate quality as good (59%) or standard (41%). No clubs consider provision to be poor.
- ◀ A total of 59% of clubs using council sites report that the quality of their home green has improved from the previous season. Just over a third (35%) state there has been no change.
- ◀ Vandalism is highlighted at several sites; with incidents of ball games, bike use and fires being noted

### *Demand*

- ◀ Junior membership is more prevalent at private clubs compared to council based clubs.
- ◀ Analysis of club membership shows that demand has generally remained static over the previous three years. Nearly a third of clubs (29%) report increasing membership but none consider this to be restricting any further growth.
- ◀ No club (private or based at council sites) suggest additional bowling greens would lead to increases in membership levels. Therefore it would appear that there are enough greens available for community use to accommodate both the current and future demand.

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## Tennis Summary

### *Supply*

- ◀ There are a total of 102 tennis courts provided in Kirklees across 25 sites. Provision can be found on a range of sites including sports clubs and parks. There are 28 courts across council managed sites.
- ◀ In addition, there are 15 secondary schools providing 60 courts, all of which are available to the community. However, these tend to be multipurpose facilities which can act as a playground.
- ◀ Of provision, 89 courts (87%) are assessed as good quality and 12 courts (12%) assessed as average quality. The remaining court, located at Carr House Park, is assessed as poor quality.
- ◀ Nearly half of courts (42%) in Kirklees have floodlights. Floodlit courts are nearly all based at club sites.

### *Demand*

- ◀ There are 17 tennis clubs located in Kirklees. Of the 14 clubs which were consulted, 10 assess their courts as good with the other four viewing quality as standard.
- ◀ Nine clubs suggest they have development plans or aspirations to improve current facilities. However, only Oakfield Tennis Club and Shepley Tennis Club have funding secured.
- ◀ On the whole senior and junior membership at clubs has remained roughly the same; although some clubs do report fluctuations. Only three clubs identify membership for both seniors and juniors have increased; Marsden TC, Cleckheaton Lawn TC and Mirfield TC.
- ◀ Both Longley Community Sports Club and Grove Park TC identify a decrease in senior and junior membership levels. For juniors, both clubs cite a lack of coaches.
- ◀ All council courts at park sites are available for recreational play purposes. The level of usage is hard to determine but anecdotal evidence suggests these are well used but that there is plenty of spare capacity.
- ◀ A handful of clubs suggest that with better ancillary facilities and/or with greater availability of court time they could provide more teams/increase membership levels.
- ◀ It appears that any increases in future demand could be accommodated at existing sites.

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## PART 4: SPORT BY SPORT RECOMMENDATIONS & SCENARIOS

The following objectives and scenarios have been created through the use of the sport specific issues within the assessment report and in consultation with the NGBs:

### FOOTBALL RECOMMENDATION

Seek to focus future investment in key football hub sites, to include improvement of changing facilities and creation of new 3G AGPs to serve the game for training, affiliated match play and recreational football.

### Scenario testing

The alternative to grass pitches is the use of AGPs for competitive matches and this is something that the FA is supporting via the England Commission findings, particularly for mini football and 9v9. If we assume each format of football for 5v5, 7v7 and 9v9 has its own dedicated set of hub sites across the local authority boundary, a total of **16** full size 3G pitches would be required at peak time (Sun AM 9.30-1.30pm).

Format	Number of Full size 3G required
5v5	3
7v7	7
9v9	6

### FA modelling

Having dedicated 3G pitches for each format of football may not be the most appropriate provision in a large rural authority like Kirklees. The FA has developed its own model to highlight how many AGP's would be required to move current council pitch users from grass and onto 3G in each of the analysis areas. This approach differs from the above by allowing different formats to use the same pitch and potentially 'sweat the assets' further.

*Total number of teams playing on local authority pitches x 0.5 (to allow for home and away fixtures)*

Analysis area	Number of AGPs
Batley & Spen	2
Dewsbury & Mirfield	3
Huddersfield	4
Rural East	2
Rural West	2
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Both of these scenarios would allow the council to reduce their maintenance work (not remove entirely) carried out on mini football and 9v9 pitches and potentially move this budget onto youth 11v11 and adult 11v11 pitches to try and improve the pitch quality in line with the playing pitch strategy recommendations.

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The FA would recommend that rather than developing single 3G pitches in isolation, hub sites with two or three full size pitches should be explored alongside a new financially sustainable management and operational model for football.

### **Grass pitches**

- ◀ Work with WRCFA and SHFA to identify potential hub sites in each area of Kirklees that could become a focal point for football delivery and to inform site by site action plan.
- ◀ Where pitches are assessed as poor quality at key strategic sites, review maintenance regimes to ensure it is of an appropriate standard to sustain/improve pitch quality.
- ◀ Transfer play on sites which are played to capacity or overplayed to alternative venues which are not operating at capacity or are not currently available for community use.
- ◀ Work to accommodate displaced, latent and future demand on sites which are not operating at capacity or are not currently available for community use.
- ◀ Seek to improve changing provision on key strategic sites.
- ◀ Ensure that teams are playing on the correct sized pitches.
- ◀ Work with schools to maximise access to secondary schools and academies to address latent, displaced or future demand and to develop school-club links.
- ◀ Improve quality on adult pitches to provide additional capacity.
- ◀ Ensure all club sites have security of tenure.

### **3G pitches**

- ◀ Seek to provide new AGPs on key hub sites to reduce shortfalls and ensure that they are fully utilised and available for community use at peak times, including weekends. All new pitches should be FA tested.
- ◀ Ensure that sinking funds are in place to maintain 3G pitches in the long term and consider the operational and management model of future hub sites.
- ◀ Ensure that all current AGPs are FA tested and reviewed.
- ◀ Ensure that all new full size 3G pitches are built to correct size specifications.

### **CRICKET RECOMMENDATION**

Protect all current provision, including local authority pitches for Sunday cricket, and work to reduce over play on club sites.

- ◀ Protect current levels of provision and seek to provide new fine turf or non-turf wickets to accommodate over play.
- ◀ Support clubs to develop and improve 'off pitch' practice facilities or additional access to training provision elsewhere.
- ◀ Ensure all club sites have security of tenure.
- ◀ Improve maintenance of local authority sites.
- ◀ Ensure that any facilities developed support opportunities for women's and girl's competitive cricket.
- ◀ Greater use of artificial wickets could be one way to alleviate some of the over play.

### **Scenario testing**

*How many synthetic turf wickets would be required to accommodate over play?*

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There is over play of **235** matches per season in Kirklees. To accommodate these matches on synthetic wickets (60 matches per wicket, per season) there would be a requirement for a minimum of **four** synthetic wickets depending on match days/times.

### RUGBY UNION RECOMMENDATION

Work towards reducing over play at Club sites and increase the quality of pitches and ancillary facilities as required.

- ◀ Improve the quality and maintenance of pitches to help address overplay.
- ◀ Ensure all clubs have security of tenure.
- ◀ Ensure all clubs have access to additional training areas.
- ◀ Floodlighting would help to alleviate over play, however pitch improvements would also be required.
- ◀ Consider provision of additional pitches as a way to reduce over play.

### Scenario testing

*How is capacity affected if match equivalents for training are removed?*

Match equivalents for training specifically taking place on competitive pitches (i.e. not training on the side of the pitch or other grassed areas, etc.) at the home grounds, has been removed as follows:

- ◀ Cleckheaton RFC – one match equivalent
- ◀ Huddersfield YMCA – three match equivalents
- ◀ Lockwood Park – Two match equivalents

Site ID	Site name	Security of tenure	Pitch type	No. of pitches	Floodlit?	Match equivalent sessions (per week)	Site capacity (sessions per week)	Capacity rating
32	Cleckheaton Sports Club	Secured	Senior	1	Yes	2	2	0
115	Lockwood Park	Secured	Senior	1	Yes	1	2.5	-1.5
89	Huddersfield YMCA Sports & Social Club	Secured	Senior	1	Yes	4	3	+1

The table above shows that if training was removed from Cleckheaton the pitch would go from +1 to 0. At Lockwood Park the floodlit pitch could potentially have some spare capacity if training was removed, pitch capacity goes from +0.5 to -1.5 and at Huddersfield YMCA over play on the floodlit pitch reduces from +4 to +1.

*What is the impact on capacity for Cleckheaton RFC, if access to Whitcliffe Mount is lost?*

The Club currently has one senior pitch at the home ground and relies on offsite provision at Whitcliffe Mount Playing Fields where there are two senior pitches. These fields are not considered to have secured community use. Should access be lost the Club would require

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access to a further **five match equivalent sessions** in addition to access at the home ground which is already over played by **one match equivalent** per week.

*What is the impact of installing floodlighting on the second pitch at Huddersfield YMCA?*

The Club has two pitches at the home ground. One floodlit pitch is overplayed by four match equivalents (three of which are training equivalents) and the non floodlit pitch is over played by 0.5. Floodlighting the second pitch would mean that training could be spread across the two pitches, which would even out the balance of over play, as well as improving quality in the long term based on the ability to rotate pitches for training.

### **RUGBY LEAGUE RECOMMENDATION**

Protect current provision and work towards improving quality and reducing overplay.

- ◀ Ensure clubs have access to appropriate training facilities away from match pitches.
- ◀ Find ways to improve maintenance programmes and pitch quality at priority clubs.
- ◀ Explore options to add to pitch provision as a way to accommodate over play.
- ◀ Improve changing room provision.
- ◀ Consider asset transfer with larger, sustainable, development-minded clubs.

### **Scenario testing**

*What is the impact on capacity of improving poor quality over played pitches to standard quality?*

There are 22 poor quality pitches that are over played in Kirklees. If those pitches were increased to standard quality three senior pitches (Broadlands Rec, Staincliffe Playing Fields and Scisset Middle School) would then have some minimal spare capacity and one primary pitch at Crow Nest Park would be played to capacity. The remaining 18 pitches would remain over played albeit overplayed by one less match per pitch. See Appendix 1 for the full break down.

*What is the impact on capacity of removing training from match pitches?*

Senior rugby league pitches in Kirklees are currently over played by **81.5** match equivalent sessions. The assessment report highlighted that senior match pitches also accommodate **77.5** match equivalent sessions for training. Should training be removed from match pitches over play would be hugely reduced to only **four** match equivalent sessions.

Junior rugby league pitches in Kirklees are currently over played by **25.5** match equivalent sessions. The assessment report highlighted that junior match pitches also accommodate **15** match equivalent sessions for training. Should training be removed from match pitches over played would be reduced to **10.5** match equivalent sessions.

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### **HOCKEY RECOMMENDATION**

Protect current provision and improve pitch quality where possible and appropriate.

- ◀ Protect existing sand based pitches that have community use (Lockwood Park, Heckmondwike Grammar and Mirfield Free School).
- ◀ Work with schools to maximise access to education AGPs to accommodate both hockey training and competitive play, for example, at Hyrstmount Primary
- ◀ Improve pitch quality where possible
- ◀ Ensure that sinking funds are in place to maintain AGP quality in the long term.

### **BOWLS RECOMMENDATION**

Maximise access to existing provision.

- ◀ Investigate the possibility of transferring teams from single green sites to double green sites when supply exists in order to reduce potential maintenance and associated costs;
- ◀ Also consider reducing two green sites to one green sites based on analysis and where there is no evidence of demand from other greens.
- ◀ Where possible ensure clubs provide pay and play opportunities at greens located in public parks.
- ◀ Support and encourage junior bowls development in order to grow and sustain future participation levels in the sport.
- ◀ Consider asset transfer with larger, sustainable, development-minded clubs.
- ◀ Develop maintenance arrangements with clubs on council bowling greens.

### **TENNIS RECOMMENDATION**

Maximise access to existing provision and work towards improving the quality of provision.

- ◀ Improve court quality on key sites, including private sites.
- ◀ Ensure clubs can access the appropriate standard of courts to allow LTA competitions to be played.
- ◀ Where demand exists seek to increase court capacity though installation of floodlighting.
- ◀ Ensure that parks courts are of appropriate quality to accommodate recreational usage.



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## PART 5: OBJECTIVES

The Kirklees PPS is a strategy not just for the local authority, but holistically for sport across the Borough as a whole. Delivery of the Strategy is the responsibility of and relies on, *all* stakeholders.

The following overarching objectives are based on the three Sport England themes (see figure 1 below). It is recommended that the following are adopted by the Council and its partners to enable it to achieve the overall vision of the Strategy and Sport England planning objectives. Objective specifics and timescales are included within the action plan (Part 7). There is recognition and acknowledgement throughout the objectives and action plan that provision for disability sport should be considered in all decision making.

### AIM 1

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

### AIM 2

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

### AIM 3

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

Figure 1: Sport England themes



Source: Sport England 2015

## PART 6: STRATEGIC RECOMMENDATIONS

The recommendations for the Strategy have been developed via the combination of information gathered during consultation, site visits and analysis which culminated in the production of an assessment report, as well as key drivers identified for the Strategy.

Implementation must be considered in the context of financial implications and the need for some proposals to also meet planning considerations. Provision for disability sport should also be considered and acknowledged in the decision making process.

### OBJECTIVE 1

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

#### Recommendations:

- a. Ensure, through the use of the Playing Pitch Strategy, that sports facilities are protected through the implementation of policy.
- b. Secure tenure and access to sites through a range of solutions and partnership agreements.
- c. Maximise community use of outdoor sports facilities where there is a need to do so.

#### **Recommendation (a) – Ensure, through the use of the Playing Pitch Strategy, that sports facilities are protected through the implementation of policy.**

Based on the outcomes of the playing pitch strategy enhance local planning policy and emphasise the requirements of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF paragraph 73) and highlight Sport England’s statutory consultee role on planning applications that affect playing field land.

NPPF paragraph 74 states that existing open space, sports and recreational buildings and land, including playing fields, should not be built on unless:

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

Protect the existing supply of sports facilities where it is needed for meeting current or future needs. The majority of facilities from the assessment report justify protection. Local plan policies should protect facilities and the scope to legally safeguard long term use of strategically important sites to the community such as the strategic sites and key centres should be considered. For example, through the Fields in Trust programme ([www.fieldsintrust.org](http://www.fieldsintrust.org)).

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The following criteria should be established as the basis for negotiations to mitigate the loss of playing field provision:

- ◀ Ensure that where playing fields are lost through alternative development or closure, that the type of provision of the same or improved standard is provided to meet demand identified.
- ◀ Where pitches are lost due to redevelopment of the site, compensatory re-provision or an equivalent or better contribution for re-investment into new pitches will be sought as appropriate in an alternative accessible location.
- ◀ Where opportunities exist to additionally increase pitch quality (and therefore pitch capacity to accommodate more matches) this should be a priority (please refer to the action plan to identify quality deficiencies in the appropriate area).
- ◀ All negotiations and mitigation packages should be raised and discussed in partnership with the relevant NGB and Sport England through the Playing Pitch Strategy Steering Group.

For further information please refer to Sport England's Playing Fields Policy - 'A Sporting Future for the Playing Fields of England' Policy Exceptions E4 and E5 which can be found at:

<http://www.sportengland.org/media/123579/policy-exception-4.pdf>

<http://www.sportengland.org/media/123588/policy-exception-5.pdf>

In terms of mitigation it is important, where possible and appropriate for a particular sport, that this takes place in an area that is accessible to the playing field that is lost to avoid a scenario where a redundant playing field is lost in an area of the Borough which has deficiencies and is replaced on the other side of the Borough.

Furthermore, any potential school sites which become redundant over the lifetime of the Strategy may offer potential for meeting community needs on a localised basis. Where schools are closed their playing fields may be dedicated to community use to help address any unmet community needs. Closed school playing fields should be considered in the first instance for becoming community playing fields to meet the needs identified in the Strategy, before being considered for other uses.

The following should be considered when assessing the suitability of conversion of former school playing fields for community use:

- ◀ Location and willingness of the Council or a club (or other party) to take on ownership/lease/maintenance
- ◀ Size
- ◀ Quality
- ◀ Physical accessibility
- ◀ History of community access
- ◀ Availability of ancillary facilities

There are a number of dormant sites within Kirklees that have been identified through this study and can be seen in the table below. With large shortfalls across the Borough it is important therefore **to protect these sites in the short term until such a point when there is no evidence of unmet demand**. Furthermore, these sites can act as strategic reserve and provide additional spare capacity.

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KKP Ref	OIs Ref	OIs Class I.D.	Site	Address	Sport	Management	Current Status
<b>Rural West Area</b>							
360	396	2097	Carters Former Playing Fields	72 New Mill Road, HD9 6QQ	Football	Private	Lapsed youth 11v11. Not used for over ten years. Would require investment to be brought back in to use.
352	1167	1413	Playing Field	Sheffield Road, Spring Lane, Hole Bottom, Holmfirth.	Football		Lapsed youth 11v11 pitch, unused from 2002.
<b>Huddersfield Area</b>							
20	701	327	Botham Hall Recreation Ground	Rufford Road, Huddersfield, HD3 4RP	Football	Council	Lapsed youth 11v11 pitch.
237	309	653	Hillhouse & Birkby Bowls Club	King Cliffe Road, Huddersfield, HD2 2RR	Bowls		Lapsed Bowling Green. Unlikely that demand exists for pitch.
284	728	114	Hopkinson Recreation Ground	Halifax Road, Huddersfield	Football	Council	Lapsed 9v9 football pitch. One set of goalposts up but no line markings. Site likely to need some investment to be brought back in to use.
243	357	158	Lindley Working Men's Club Bowling Green	Brian Street, Lindley, Huddersfield, HD3 3EQ	Bowls	Club	Suspected lapsed bowling green.
193	130	300	Woodfield Park Police Sports Ground	Meltham Road, Huddersfield, HD4 7BG	Cricket/Rugby League	Huddersfield Giants	Lapsed site. Would require investment to bring one rugby league and one cricket pitch back into use.
193	130	299	Woodfield Park Police Sports Ground	Meltham Road, Huddersfield, HD4 7BG	Bowls		Lapsed Bowling Green. Unlikely that demand exists for pitch.
361	736	128	Former Britannia Works Sports Club	New Hey Road, HD3 4GL	Football/ Cricket	Private	'Swimnation' now on site in old clubhouse. Former cricket ground with 2x youth 11v11 marked on outfield.
361b	736	128	Salendine Nook University PF	Raw Nook Road, Salendine Nook	Football	Private	Site appears to be lapsed. Previously accommodated at least one adult pitch.

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KKP Ref	Ols Ref	Ols Class I.D.	Site	Address	Sport	Management	Current Status
<b>Dewsbury &amp; Mirfield</b>							
18	494	1532	Birkdale High School	Wheelwright Drive, Dewsbury, WF13 4JB	Football	Council	Lapsed youth 11v11 and 9v9 pitches.
255	521	1504	Former Cricket Ground	Lees Hall Road, Thornhill Lees, Dewsbury	Cricket	Council	Lapsed cricket square on site. Square has not been in existence for over ten years. Would need investment to be brought back in to use.
105	525	1685	Lees Holme Park	Brewery Lane, Thornhill Lees, Dewsbury, WF12 9DZ	Bowls	Council	Two, lapsed bowling greens. Unlikely that demand exists for greens.
198			Old Bank Recreation Ground	WF14 0NE	Football	Council	One lapsed adult football pitch.
353	516	1492	Savile Sports Ground		Bowls	Council (leased from Savills)	Lapsed Bowling Green. Unlikely that demand exists for green.
354	518	1499	Savile Town Bowling Green (Lapsed)	Pentland Road, Savile Town	Bowls	Council	Lapsed Bowling Green. Unlikely that demand exists for green.
			West Mills Football Club	Off Shillbank Lane, Mirfield	Football	Private	Small 5v5 pitch which appears unused.
<b>Batley &amp; Spen</b>							
359	1452	2682	Cleckheaton Bowling Club	Park View, Cleckheaton, BD19 3AP	Bowls	Club	Private site with two lapsed bowling greens. Clubhouse burnt down in March 2015. Unlikely to be demand for greens
351	552	56	Former Heckmondwike & Carlinghow CC	Chapel Lane, Heckmondwike	Cricket	-	Lapsed site for over 10 years. Former cricket ground. Club relocated and site became disused. Site potentially too small for full size cricket outfield but could accommodate other sports. Would require investment.

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KKP Ref	Ols Ref	Ols Class I.D.	Site	Address	Sport	Management	Current Status
90	483	1216	Hyrstlands Park	Hyrstlands Road	Bowls	Council	Lapsed Bowling Green. Unlikely that demand exists for green.
136	80	1260	Owler Lane Recreation Ground	Owler Lane, Birstall, WF17	Football	Council	One lapsed youth 11v11 pitch. Power lines overhead so not used.
270	917	783	Spensborough United Ex Servicemen's Club	Moorland House, Bradford Road, BD19 3SU	Bowls	Private	Lapsed site, one crown green previously in existence
188	489	1352	West End Park	Park View, Cleckheaton BD19 3AP	Football	Council	Lapsed adult pitch. Potential to be brought back in to use. Now has 9v9 and 2 x 7v7 and will be used.
364	85	1264	White Lee Football Ground	Smithies Moor Lane, Batley	Football	Trust	Lapsed youth 11v11 pitch which is being brought back in to use.
<b>Rural East</b>							
347	69	239	Bank Lane (Rear of Manor Farm)	Upper Denby	Football		Lapsed adult football pitch. Previously used by local team as part of the former Denby Sports & Social Club.
349	1205	1732	Grange Moor Recreation Ground	Briestfield Road, WF4 4DX	Football	Council	Lapsed youth 11v11 pitch
156	78	246	Shelley Lane	Westerley Way, Shelley, HD8 8HN	Football	Council	Two 7v7 poor quality, lapsed football pitches.
199	37	1843	Thurstonland Recreation Ground	Marsh Hall Lane, Thurstonland, HD4 6XD	Football	Council	Lapsed 9v9 football pitch.
212	567	1724	Millbridge Park	Sampson Street, Heckmondwike, WF15 6JP	Tennis	Council	One lapsed Council tennis court.

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

Local sports clubs should be supported by partners including the Council, NGBs or the County Sports Partnership (CSP) to achieve sustainability across a range of areas including management, membership, funding, facilities, volunteers and partnership working. For example, support club development and encourage clubs to develop evidence of business and sports development plans to generate an income through their facilities. All clubs could be encouraged to look at different management models such as registering as Community Amateur Sports Clubs (CASC)<sup>1</sup>. Clubs should also be encouraged to work with partners locally, such as volunteer support agencies or linking with local businesses.

There are a number of sites in Kirklees where security of tenure for the club/user needs to be secured, including on education sites where formal community use agreements are not in place. NGBs can often help to negotiate and engage with schools, particularly academies where the local authority may not have direct influence. For further information on this, please refer to Recommendation (c) of Objective 1.

A minimum of 25 years is recommended by Sport England and NGBs to ensure security of a site and enable clubs to apply for external funding. There are three clubs that have been identified as having less than this term remaining on their leases and **it is recommended that agreements are in place to future proof the sustainability of these clubs:**

- ◀ Birstall CC (Site ID 19) – Ten years left on lease
- ◀ Upperthong CC (Site ID 185) – 15 years left on lease
- ◀ Cumberworth CC (Site ID 41) – Nine years left on 99 year lease from local farmer

In addition to the clubs highlighted above there is a need to ensure security of tenure at Whitcliffe Mount Playing Fields (adjacent to Whitcliffe Mount School). The three football and two rugby union pitches are well used within the Area but there is no formal community use agreement in place. The School is to be re-built and **it is recommended that agreements are in place to secure the future use of the pitches for football and rugby union.**

There is potential in the future for more sites in Kirklees to be leased to sports clubs. Each club should be required to meet service and/or strategic objectives. However, an additional set of criteria should be considered, which takes into account the quality of the club, aligned to its long term development objectives and sustainability.

In the context of public spending cuts it is increasingly important for the Council to work with voluntary sector organisations in order that they may be able to take greater levels of ownership and support the wider development and maintenance of facilities. To facilitate this, the Council should support and enable clubs to generate sufficient funds to allow this.

*Recommended criteria for lease of sport sites to clubs/organisations:*

Club	Site
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Clubs should have Clubmark/FA Charter Standard accreditation award.</li> <li>◀ Clubs commit to meeting demonstrable local demand and show pro-active commitment to developing school-club links.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Sites should be those identified as 'Club Sites' (see section 7.2) for new clubs (i.e. not those with a Borough wide significance) but which offer development potential. For established clubs which have proven</li> </ul>

<sup>1</sup> <http://www.cascinfo.co.uk/cascbenefits>

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Club	Site
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Clubs are sustainable, both in a financial sense and via their internal management structures in relation to recruitment and retention policy for both players and volunteers.</li> <li>◀ Ideally, clubs should have themselves already identified (and received an agreement in principle) any match funding required for initial capital investment identified.</li> <li>◀ Clubs have processes in place to ensure capacity to maintain sites to the existing, or better, standards.</li> </ul>	<p>success in terms of self-management 'Key Centres' (see section 7.2) are also appropriate.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ If required, sites should acquire capital investment via external funding and partnerships to improve quality.</li> <li>◀ Sites should be leased with the intention that investment can be sourced to contribute towards improvement of the site.</li> <li>◀ An NGB/Council representative should sit on a management committee for each site leased to a club.</li> </ul>

The Council can further recognise the value of Clubmark/Charter Standard by adopting a policy of prioritising the clubs that are to have access to these better quality facilities. This may be achieved by inviting clubs to apply for season long leases on a particular site as an initial trial.

Where clubs are unable to meet the required outcomes of the agreement the Council will consider the continued support and use of the site and an intervention may be required.

### ***Club outcomes for lease agreements***

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

- ◀ Increasing participation.
- ◀ Supporting the development of coaches and volunteers.
- ◀ Commitment to quality standards.
- ◀ Improvements (where required) to facilities, or as a minimum retaining existing standards.

In addition, clubs should be made fully aware of the associated responsibilities/liabilities when considering leases of public playing fields.



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### ***Community Asset Transfer Policy***

Kirklees Council already has an Asset Advancement Policy which supports community management of assets, to include local clubs, community groups and trusts. The policy presents sports clubs and national governing bodies with opportunities to take greater responsibility for their own facilities. The Council encourages the better and wider use of assets.

For any asset transfer that involves changing facilities and/or buildings, but not pitches, it is imperative that community use of the pitches continues; not only for the organisations taking on the asset transfer, but for other clubs as well.

The Council Asset Advancement Policy can be accessed via the following website link:

<http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/community/yourneighbourhood/pdf/communityAssetAdvancementPolicy.pdf>

The Sport England Community Sport Asset Transfer Toolkit is a generic, interactive web based tool that provides a step by step guide through each stage of the asset transfer process: [www.sportengland.org/support\\_advice/asset\\_transfer.aspx](http://www.sportengland.org/support_advice/asset_transfer.aspx) to be used by clubs as an information point for any club considering an asset transfer request. The Council policy and procedures set out the specific requirements for a Kirklees asset transfer.

### **Recommendation (c) Maximise community use of outdoor sports facilities**

#### ***Education sites***

In order to maximise community use of educational facilities it is recommended to establish a more coherent, structured relationship with schools, regardless of ownership, i.e. academies, independent schools, etc. The ability to access good facilities within the local community is vital to any sports organisation, yet many clubs struggle to find good quality places to play, but especially to train. In Kirklees, pricing policies at facilities can be a barrier to access at some of the education sites but physical access and resistance from schools, especially academies, to open up provision is also an issue for a number of reasons.

A large number of sporting facilities are located on education sites and making these available to sports clubs can offer significant benefits to both the school/college and the local clubs. The Council and other key partners must work with schools and colleges to develop an understanding of the issues that restrict or affect community access. Support should be provided, where appropriate, to address underlying problems and concerns that schools may have.

It is not uncommon for school pitch stock not to be fully maximised for community use. Even on established community use sites, access to outdoor sports facilities to the community is limited. Consultation identified several issues relating to the use of school facilities:

- ◀ Cost and insurance is the overarching problem for most schools.
- ◀ Many schools report that pitches cannot be accessed by the community due to being unable to staff the opening/closing of facilities both during and outside of the school day.
- ◀ Health and safety regulations/ child protection present barriers for opening schools out of hours.
- ◀ Community use is limited and often based on informal agreements between individual schools and clubs.

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- ◀ There is no strategic guidance as to which clubs are allocated the use of playing pitch facilities (i.e. in accordance with a strategic need).
- ◀ There are management issues inherent in developing, implementing and managing community use agreements. Advice and guidance can be obtained from Sport England's Schools toolkit and Sports organisations toolkit.  
([www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning](http://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning))

Where appropriate, it will be important for schools to negotiate and sign formal and long-term agreements that secure community use. This needs to be examined against the following:

- ◀ The analysis provides a clear indication of the future pitch requirements and provides a basis for partners to negotiate.
- ◀ Community use should not impact on the needs of schools to deliver curricular and extracurricular activities and;
- ◀ Community use must not impact on the school's educational budget.
- ◀ Community use should not impact on safeguarding during the school day.
- ◀ Consideration of "wear and tear" on school premises versus budget available for repairs and maintenance.
- ◀ The need for agreement by Governing Bodies responsible for the safe management of school premises.

'Use Our School' is a Sport England resource to support schools in opening their facilities to the community and keeping them open. It provides tried and tested solutions, real life practice, tips from people making it happen and a range of downloadable resources. The information can be accessed here:

<http://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/use-our-school/>

It is recommended that a working group, led by a partner from the education sector and supported by a range of other sectors including sport and leisure, is established to implement the strategic direction in relation to the increased/better use of school facilities. **In Kirklees it is recommended that the networks that are already in place such as the Heads of PE Network and Active Schools Network be used as a starting point for such a group.** Broadly speaking, its role should be to:

- ◀ Better understand current community use, practices and issues by 'auditing' schools.
- ◀ Ensure community use agreements are upheld
- ◀ Identify and pilot one school/club formal community use agreement with a view to rolling out the model across the area.
- ◀ Ensure that funding to improve the quality and maintenance of the facilities is identified and secured.
- ◀ As part of any agreement secure a management arrangement for community access, which does not rely on existing school staff structures.
- ◀ Ensure that pitch provision at schools is sufficient in quality and quantity to be able to deliver its curriculum. Once this has been achieved provision could contribute to overcoming deficiencies in the area.

Sport England reports that housing growth often leads to an increase in school places. S106 contributions are then secured to pay for these places which usually result in an extension to a school, sometimes on playing field. If applicable, this should be identified early in the process and embraced in policy that any replacement of playing fields i.e. compensatory provision, due to school expansion should be negotiated directly with the relevant developer.

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The following schools were reported as being **available for community use but currently unused**. It is recommended that these schools are prioritised in terms of further exploring the reason pitches are currently unused by the community:

Site ID	Site name	Available for community use?	Analysis area	Sport	Pitch type	Pitch size	No. of pitches
51	Earlsheaton Technology College (aka Manor Croft Academy)	Yes - unused	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Football	Mini	(5v5)	2
51	Earlsheaton Technology College (aka Manor Croft Academy)	Yes - unused	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Football	Youth	(11v11)	1
192	Whitechapel Church Of England Primary School	Yes - unused	Batley & Spen	Football	Adult	-	1
192	Whitechapel Church Of England Primary School	Yes - unused	Batley & Spen	Football	Mini	(7v7)	1
299	Golcar J I & N	Yes - unused	Huddersfield	Football	Adult	-	2
300	Gomersal Primary School	Yes - unused	Batley & Spen	Football	Youth	(9v9)	1
13	Batley Grammar School	Yes – unused	Batley & Spen	Cricket	-	-	8 wickets

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## OBJECTIVE 2

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

### Recommendations:

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

### Recommendation (d) – Improve pitch quality on poor quality sites.

There are a number of ways in which it is possible to increase pitch quality, including for example, addressing overplay and improving maintenance. Given that most councils are operating under reducing budgets it is currently advisable to look at improving only poor quality pitches as a priority. However, given such pressures on budgets any direct investment into pitch quality is unlikely and other options for improvements should be considered. This could be via asset transfer as highlighted in Objective 1, for example for cricket, the Club could maintain the square and the Council the outfield. Other options may include equipment banks and the pooling of resources for maintenance.

### Addressing quality issues

Pitch quality in Kirklees is variable but is generally poor, particularly on local authority sites catering for rugby league and football. Currently used sites that are of poor quality and require pitch improvements can be seen in the table below. Improving pitch quality increases the carrying capacity of pitches and can help to reduce overplay and/or shortfalls.

*Currently used sites with poor pitch quality and over played:*

Sport	KKP ref	Site <sup>2</sup>	Analysis area	Pitch type	Number of pitches
Rugby union	115	Lockwood Park	Huddersfield	Mini	1
	331	Whitcliffe Mount Playing Fields	Batley & Spen	Senior	2
Rugby league	170	Staincliffe Playing Fields & Cricket Ground	Batley & Spen	Senior	1
	175	Taylor Street	Batley & Spen	Junior	1
	39	Crow Nest Park	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Junior	2
	102	Bywell Playing Fields	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Senior	2
	56	Fartown Arena	Huddersfield	Junior	1

<sup>2</sup> For extended detail on the location of sites please refer to Kirklees Playing Pitch Assessment Report and Database.

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There are a number of poor quality football pitches that need improvements and these are highlighted within the action plan. Pitch improvements however need to be balanced alongside the recommendation that football should look to move towards a model of multi-pitch hub sites, particularly for mini and youth football. This means that improving poor quality, single pitch sites may not be appropriate and investment may be better used in creating hub sites.

For the purposes of the Quality Assessments, the Strategy will refer to pitches and ancillary facilities separately as Good, Standard or Poor quality. For example, some good quality sites have poor quality elements i.e. changing rooms or a specific pitch.

Good quality refers to pitches that have, for example, good grass cover, an even surface, are free from vandalism, litter etc. In terms of ancillary facilities, good quality refers to access for disabled people, sufficient provision for referees, juniors/women/girls and appropriate provision of showers, toilets and car parking.

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

Poor quality refers to pitches that have, for example, inadequate grass cover, uneven surface and damage. Please refer to the Sport England/NGB quality assessments. Sites played beyond capacity may require remedial action to help reduce this.

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

For improvement/replacement of AGPs refer to Sport England and the NGBs 'Selecting the Right Artificial Surface for Hockey, Football, Rugby League and Rugby Union' document for a guide as to suitable AGP surfaces:

[www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/tools-guidance/design-and-cost-guidance/artificial-sports-surfaces/](http://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/tools-guidance/design-and-cost-guidance/artificial-sports-surfaces/)

### **Addressing overplay**

In order to improve the overall quality of the playing pitches stock; it is necessary to ensure that pitches are not overplayed beyond recommended weekly carrying capacity. This is determined by assessing pitch quality (via a non-technical site assessment) and allocating a weekly match limit to each. Each NGB recommends a number of matches that a good quality pitch should take:

Sport	Pitch type	No. of matches
Football	Adult pitches	3 per week
	Youth pitches	4 per week
	Mini pitches	6 per week
Rugby union*	Pipe and Slit Drained and a good level of maintenance (D3/M2)	3.5 per week
	Pipe drained and a good level of maintenance (D2/M2)	3.25 per week
	Natural (adequate) drainage and a good level of maintenance (D1/M2)	3 per week
Rugby	Adult pitches	3 per week

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Sport	Pitch type	No. of matches
League		
Cricket	One grass wicket	5 per season
	One synthetic wicket	60 per season

\* Please note that the RFU believes that it is most appropriate to base the calculation of pitch capacity upon an assessment of the drainage system and maintenance programme afforded to a site.

There are also sites that are poor quality but are not overplayed. These sites should not be overlooked as often poor quality sites have less demand than other sites but demand could increase if the quality was to increase. Improving pitch quality should not be considered in isolation from maintenance regimes.

Whilst it works both ways, in so much as, poor pitch condition is a symptom of pitches being over played, potential improvements may make sites more attractive and, therefore, more popular; which in the long run can lead again to poor quality pitches if they are not maintained properly.

There is also a need to balance pitch improvements alongside the transfer of play to alternative pitch sites. Therefore, work with clubs to ensure that sites are not played beyond their capacity and encourage play, where possible, to be transferred to alternative venues which are not operating at capacity.

### ***Increasing pitch maintenance***

Standard or poor grass pitch quality may not just be a result of poor drainage. In some instances ensuring there is an appropriate maintenance for the level/standard of play can help to improve quality and therefore increase pitch capacity. Each NGB can provide assistance with reviewing pitch maintenance regimes.

For example, NGBs have introduced a Pitch Advisor Scheme and has been working in partnership with Institute of Groundsmanship (IOG). The key principles behind the scheme are to provide clubs with advice/practical solutions on a number of areas, with the simple aim of improving the club's playing surface.

In relation to cricket specifically, maintaining high pitch quality is the most important aspect of cricket. If the wicket is poor, it can affect the quality of the game and can, in some instances, become dangerous. The ECB recommends full technical assessments of wickets and pitches available through a Performance Quality Standard Assessment (PQS). The PQS assesses a cricket square to ascertain whether the pitch meets the Performance Quality Standards that are benchmarked by the Institute of Groundsmanship. Please note that PQS assessments are also available for other sports.

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

To allow for facility developments to be programmed within a phased approach the Council should adopt a tiered approach to the management and improvement of playing pitch sites and associated facilities. Please refer to Part 7: Action Plan for the proposed hierarchy.

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

Partners, led by the Council, should ensure that appropriate funding secured for improved sports provision are directed to areas of need, underpinned by a robust strategy for improvement in playing pitch facilities. Priorities should be identified from the NGBs that can also feed into the overall priorities of Kirklees.

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

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

Please refer to Appendix Two for further funding information which includes details of the current opportunities, likely funding requirements and indicative project costs. The West Yorkshire County Sports Partnership is also a source of advice, guidance and 'critical friend' for clubs and organisations seeking funding.

Sport and physical activity can have a profound effect on peoples' lives, and plays a crucial role in improving community cohesion, educational attainment and self-confidence.

However, one of sport's greatest contributions is its positive impact on public health. It is therefore important to lever in investment from other sectors such as health through, for example, the CCG.

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

It is important that this strategy informs policies and supplementary planning documents by setting out the approach to securing sport and recreational facilities through new housing development. As the Council has moved away from CIL, the Playing Pitch Assessment and Strategy should be used as the evidence base for securing and negotiating developer contributions.

The guidance should form the basis for negotiation with developers to secure contributions to include provision and/or enhancement of appropriate playing fields and its subsequent maintenance. Section 106 contributions could also be used to improve the condition and maintenance regimes of the pitches in order to increase pitch capacity to accommodate more matches. A number of planning policy objectives should be implemented to enable the above to be delivered:

- ◀ Planning consent should include appropriate conditions and/or be subject to specific planning obligations. Where developer contributions are applicable, a Section 106 Agreement or equivalent must be completed specifying the amount which will be linked to Sport England's Building Cost Information Service from the date of the Planning Committee, and timing of the Contribution(s) to be paid.
- ◀ Contributions should also be secured towards the first ten years of maintenance on new pitches. NGBs and Sport England can provide further and up to date information on the associated costs.

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- ◀ External funding should be sought/secured to achieve maximum benefit from the investment into appropriate playing pitch facility enhancement and its subsequent maintenance .
- ◀ Where new multiple pitches are provided, appropriate changing rooms and associated car parking should be located on site.
- ◀ All new or improved playing pitches on school sites should be subject to community use agreements. For further guidance please refer to Sport England:  
<http://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/planning-for-sport/planning-tools-and-guidance/community-use-agreements/>



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## OBJECTIVE 3

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

### Recommendations:

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

### Recommendation (h) - Rectify quantitative shortfalls through the current pitch stock

The Council and its partners should work to rectify identified inadequacies and meet identified shortfalls as outlined in the Assessment Report and the sport by sport specific recommendations (Part 4).

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

- ◀ Improving pitch quality in order to improve the capacity of pitches to accommodate more matches.
- ◀ The re-designation of pitches for which there is an oversupply.
- ◀ Securing long term community use at school sites.
- ◀ Working with commercial and private providers to increase usage.

Unmet demand, changes in sport participation and trends, and proposed housing growth should be recognised and factored into future facility planning. Assuming an increase in participation and housing growth occurs, it will impact on the future need for certain types of sports facilities. Sports development work also approximates unmet demand which cannot currently be quantified (i.e., it is not being suppressed by a lack of facilities) but is likely to occur. The following table highlights the main development trends in each sport and their likely impact on facilities. However, it is important to note that these may be subject to change.

Furthermore, retaining some spare capacity allows some pitches to be rested to protect overall pitch quality in the long term. Therefore, whilst in some instances it may be appropriate to re-designate a senior pitch where there is low demand identified a holistic approach should be taken to re-designation for the reasons cited.

#### *Likely future sport-by-sport demand trends*

Sport	Future sports development trend	Strategy impact
Football	Demand for adult football is likely to be sustained with the FA focusing on retention. There is also likely to be some continued movement towards small sided football for adults as well as mid-week 11 aside matches and hub sites for mini and youth football.	Additional need for 3G pitches.

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Sport	Future sports development trend	Strategy impact
	Demand for mini and youth football is likely to increase based on TGRs and The FA has a key objective to deliver 50% of mini and youth football on 3G AGP's.	Where possible utilise new or existing 3G pitches to accommodate this demand. There may also be a need for more mini and youth pitches in the Borough. This should be addressed through discussion with The FA.
	An increase in women and girls football following £2.4m investment over the next two years (2014-2016) from Sport England to increase the number of women and girls taking part in football sessions.	A need to provide segregated ancillary facilities and the potential need for more pitches. If hub sites are developed they could provide good quality ancillary facilities to support female usage,
Cricket	Women's and girls' cricket is a national priority and there is a target to establish two girls' and one women's team in every local authority over the next five years.	Support clubs to ensure access to segregated changing and toilet provision and access to good quality cricket pitches to support growth.
Rugby union	The Rugby World Cup (2015) is predicted to see a further increase in the demand for rugby provision. Continuation of strong junior sections and targeted growth.	Clubs are likely to field more teams in the future, and therefore have a demand for more pitches. It is important, therefore, to work with the clubs to maintain the current pitch stock and to support facility development where appropriate.
Rugby league	RFL is working towards growing rugby league participation in Kirklees, including through growth at junior clubs, Play Touch RL and 9 aside RL.	Sustain current levels of access to grass pitches and improve pitch quality/capacity to accommodate current and future growth. Seek 3G pitch venues for Play Touch and grass pitches for 9 aside.
AGPs	Demand for 3G pitches for football is high and will continue to increase as currently there is a shortfall of full size pitches in the Borough. It is likely that future demand for the use of 3G pitches, especially for training, will increase. Provision of 3G pitches which are World Rugby compliant (rugby union) and Community Standard, or Stadium Standard where appropriate (rugby league) could help to reduce overplay as a result of training on rugby pitches.	Requirement for new 3G pitches to be provided and a need for community use agreements to be in place for any new pitches as well as sinking funds. Utilise Sport England/NGB guidance on choosing the correct surface: <a href="http://www.sportengland.org/media/30651/Selecting-the-right-artificial-surface-Rev2-2010.pdf">http://www.sportengland.org/media/30651/Selecting-the-right-artificial-surface-Rev2-2010.pdf</a>
Hockey	Potential increase of adult and junior teams.	Resurface of current sand based AGP.
Bowls	No expected increase in memberships.	Likely that any future increase could be accommodated on existing greens.
Tennis	No clubs report latent demand for access to additional courts. Therefore, it is likely that any increase in participation will be accommodated at existing courts in the Borough.	Increases in participation can be achieved through floodlighting courts to provide additional hours and the re-surfacing of courts.

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

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

Based on the FA model for calculating AGP requirements the table below identifies the current number of 3G pitches across the Borough and the shortfalls based on the FA model:

Analysis area	Current number of teams	3G requirement	Current number of 3G pitches	Potential shortfall
Batley & Spen	138	3	1	2
Dewsbury & Mirfield	118	2	1	1
Huddersfield	202	4	2	2
Rural East*	104	2	-	2
Rural West	93	2	-	2
<b>KIRKLEES</b>	<b>655</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>9</b>

\*Once completed, the new 3G pitch at Storthes Hall will mean the potential shortfall in Rural East is reduced from two to one.

#### *Potential new developments*

Plans are in place to create a multi-sport hub at Dearne Valley Sports Village. The Parkgate Sport & Community Trust has signed a 35 year lease on a 23 acre site in Skelmanthorpe and has plans to develop the Site. Plans include 3 AGPs, a MUGA, athletics facilities, cycle paths and orienteering courses as well as sports hall and ancillary facilities. The Site has the potential to accommodate shortfalls identified in the Area, particularly for football and rugby league. Furthermore, in line with recommendations to provide football hub sites Dearne Valley Sports Village should be considered as a potential hub site.

#### *Football hub sites*

Further to the developments above and in line with recommendations to create a number of football hub sites within the Borough, the table below suggests potential sites within each analysis area that could be developed to create hub sites. The sites are not in priority order and recommendations are largely driven by size and a sites ability to accommodate several pitches, as well as ancillary facilities. **NB: it is recommended that further analysis is carried out, alongside the FA, on the exact number of hub sites that would be required to accommodate demand in an efficient and sustainable manner.**

#### *Management of hub sites*

It should be noted that for any local authorities to be part of the Parklife programme with the FA it would be expected that facilities would come under the management of an independent trust.

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Potential hub sites:

Analysis area	Potential Site	Potential Site	Potential Site	Potential Site	Potential Site
Batley & Spen	<b>Spenn Valley Sports College</b> – currently has two adult, one 7v7 and one 5v5 pitch and one RL pitch.	<b>Heckmond-wike Grammar</b> – currently has two adult, one 9v9 and two 5v5 pitches. One RL and one sand AGP.	<b>Batley Grammar</b> – currently has three adult and one 9v9 pitch and one cricket square.	<b>Batley Business College</b> – currently has three adult and two 7v7 pitches and one non-turf cricket wicket.	<b>Batley Sports Centre/Upper Batley Lane/ Batley Girls</b> – Potential joint hub – currently has one 3G, 2 adult, one youth 9v9, one youth 11v11.
Dewsbury & Mirfield	<b>Sands Lane</b> – currently has five adult football pitches and three cricket squares	<b>St John Fisher School</b> – currently has full size 3G, adult pitch and youth 11v11 pitch and mini RL pitch.	<b>Wakefield Road Rec</b> – currently has 2 adult, 3 9v9, 2 7v7 and 2 5v5 pitches.	<b>West Mills</b> – currently has one adult, 2 11v11, 2 9v9v, 3 7v7 and 2 5v5 pitches.	-
Huddersfield	<b>Bankfield Rec</b> – currently has 2 adult, one 9v9, one 7v7 and one 5v5 pitch.	<b>Leeds Road Sports Complex</b> – currently has 5 adult pitches, full size 3G and 3G barn, four cricket squares and one RL pitch.	<b>Deighton Centre</b> – currently has 3 adult and 2 mini 7v7 pitches.	<b>Huddersfield New College</b> – currently has 6 adult pitches and full size 3G and one RL pitch.	<b>Newsome High School</b> – currently has one adult, one 11v11, one 9v9 pitch, 2 sand based AGP and one RL.
	<b>Huddersfield YMCA</b> – currently has 3 adult, one 9v9, one 7v7, one adult football/rugby, one rugby union and one rugby league.	-	-	-	-
Rural East	<b>Deerne Valley Sports Village</b> – No current facilities. Potential for 3 AGPs, MUGA and ancillary.	<b>Kirkburton Middle School</b> – currently has two adult, two 9v9, one 7v7 and one 5v5 pitch as well as sand AGP (slightly smaller than full size)	<b>Storthes Hall</b> – currently has 5 adult, one 7v7 and one 5v5 pitches and one 3G.	-	-

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Analysis area	Potential Site	Potential Site	Potential Site	Potential Site	Potential Site
Rural West	<b>Colne Valley High</b> – currently has two youth 11v11 pitches, two senior RL and half size sand AGP.	<b>Holmfirth Sports Centre</b> – currently has one adult, one 9v9, one 5v5 and half size sand AGP.	-	-	-

### *Additional provision of AGPs*

Provision of additional AGPs within Kirklees is likely to be one of the solutions in reducing the shortfall of match equivalent sessions, not just for football (hub sites) but also for rugby union and rugby league, **it is therefore recommended that partnership working between the FA, RFU and RFL is essential in providing sustainable solutions for all the sports.**

## **PART 7: ACTION PLAN**

### **Introduction**

The site-by-site action plan seeks to address key issues identified in the accompanying Assessment Report. It provides recommendations based on current levels of usage, quality and future demand, as well as the potential of each site for enhancement.

It should be reviewed in the light of staff and financial resources in order to prioritise support for strategically significant provision and provision that other providers are less likely to make. Recommendation e below explains the hierarchy of priorities on the list. It is imperative that action plans for priority projects should be developed through the implementation of the strategy.

The Council should make it a high priority to work with NGBs and other partners to comprise a priority list of actions based on local priorities, NGB priorities and available funding.

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

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

Kirklees has a number of 'key centres', which are sites that are considered to be the most popular and therefore need to be of a high standard in order that they can accommodate a sufficient number of matches per week. This applies mostly to football pitch hire. However, the Council should extend this provision model to recognise the supply and demand issues identified throughout the Assessment Report (i.e. current levels of overplay) and the investment necessary to improve sites based on current levels of usage. The identification of sites is based on their strategic importance in a Borough-wide context (i.e. they accommodate the majority of play). In addition to this, there are a number of sites which have been identified as accommodating both senior and junior matches, sometimes concurrently. Not only could such sites require a mixture of mini, youth and senior pitches, but they also require split-level ancillary facilities, in order to maximise their usage at all times.

In the context of developing a tiered model approach to the management of sports facilities Kirklees has a large number of multi-team junior clubs which place a great demand on the pitch stock. There are therefore a number of sites which are still owned and maintained by the local authority, but are actually booked by the clubs for the entire season. The sites are then recognised as the 'home ground' of the club. Such sites are fundamentally different from those which can be hired on a regular basis because they are in effect, 'allocated' to a certain club and management responsibility, in terms of allocating teams to pitches, is transferred to the individual club.

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## *Proposed tiered site criteria*

Criteria	Strategic sites	Key centres	Local club or education sites	Reserve sites
Site location	Strategically located in the Borough. Priority sites for NGB.	Strategically located within the analysis area.	Serves the local community.	Serves the local community.
Site layout	Accommodates three or more grass pitches, including provision of an AGP.	Accommodates two or more grass pitches.	Accommodates more than one pitch.	Likely to be single-pitch site.
Type of sport	Single or multi-sport provision. Could also operate as a central venue.	Single or multi-sport provision. Could also operate as a central venue.	Single or multi-sport provision.	Supports informal demand and/ or training etc.
Management	Management control remains within the local authority/other provider or with an appropriate lease arrangement through a committee or education owned.	Management control remains within the local authority or with an appropriate club on a lease arrangement.	Club either has long-term lease/hires the pitch for the entire season or owns the site. Management control remains within the local authority/other provider or with an appropriate lease arrangement through a committee or education owned.	Management control remains with the Council or existing management body.
Maintenance regime	Maintenance regime aligns with NGB guidelines.	Maintenance regime aligns with NGB guidelines.	Standard maintenance regime either by the club or in house maintenance contract.	Basic level of maintenance i.e. grass cutting and line marking as required.
Ancillary facilities	Good quality ancillary facility on site, with sufficient changing rooms and car parking to serve the number of pitches.	Good quality ancillary facility on site, with sufficient changing rooms and car parking to serve the number of pitches.	Appropriate access changing to accommodate both senior and junior use concurrently (if required).	No requirement for access changing to accommodation.

**Strategic sites** are of Borough wide importance where users are willing to travel to access the range and high quality of facilities offered and are likely to be multi sport. These have been identified on the basis of the impact that the site will have on addressing the issues identified in the assessment.

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The financial, social and sporting benefits which can be achieved through development of strategic sites (also known as hub sites) are significant. Sport England provides further guidance on the development of community sports hubs at:

[http://www.sportengland.org/facilities\\_planning/planning\\_tools\\_and\\_guidance/sports\\_hubs.aspx](http://www.sportengland.org/facilities_planning/planning_tools_and_guidance/sports_hubs.aspx)

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

From a football perspective, these sites already seek to accommodate the growing emphasis on football venues catering for youth football (especially mini-soccer) matches. The conditions recommended for mini and youth football are becoming more stringent. This should be reflected in the provision of a unique tier of pitches for mini and youth football solely that can ensure player safety, as well as being maintained more efficiently. It is anticipated that both youth and mini-football matches could be played on these sites. Initial investment could be required in the short term and identified in the Action Plan.

Additionally, it is considered that some financial investment will be necessary to improve the ancillary facilities at both Strategic sites and Key Centre sites to complement the pitches in terms of access, flexibility (i.e. single-sex changing if necessary), quality and that they meet the rules and regulations of local competitions.

**Local club/education sites** refer to those sites which are hired to clubs for a season, or are sites which have been leased on a long-term basis. Primarily they are sites with more than one pitch. The level of priority attached to them for Council-generated investment may be relatively low and consideration should be given, on a site-by-site basis, to the feasibility of a club taking a long-term lease on the site (if not already present), in order that external funding can be sought.

It is possible that sites could be included in this tier which are not currently hired or leased to a club, but have the potential to be leased to a suitable club. Such sites will require some level of investment, either to the pitches or ancillary facilities, and it is anticipated that one of the conditions of offering a hire/lease is that the club would be in a position to source external funding to improve the facilities.

**Reserve sites** could be used as overspill for neighbouring sites and/or for summer matches/competitions, training or informal play. They are most likely to be single-pitch sites with no ancillary facilities.



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### Management and development

The following issues should be considered when undertaking sports related site development or enhancement:

- ◀ Financial viability.
- ◀ Security of tenure.
- ◀ Planning permission requirements and any foreseen difficulties in securing permission.
- ◀ Adequacy of existing finances to maintain existing sites.
- ◀ Business Plan/Masterplan – including financial package for creation of new provision where need has been identified.
- ◀ Analysis of the possibility of shared site management opportunities.
- ◀ The availability of opportunities to lease sites to external organisations.
- ◀ Options to assist community groups to gain funding to enhance existing provision.
- ◀ Negotiation with landowners to increase access to private strategic sites.
- ◀ Football investment programme/3G pitches development with The FA.

### Action plan columns

#### *Partners*

The column indicating Partners refers to the main organisations that the Council would look to work with to support delivery of the actions. Given the extent of potential actions it is reasonable to assume that partners will not necessarily be able to support all of the actions identified but where the action is a priority and resource is available the partner will endeavour to provide support.

#### *Site hierarchy tier and priority level*

Strategic sites have a **high** priority level as they have Borough wide importance and have been identified on the basis of the impact that the site will have on addressing the key issues identified in the assessment.

Key centres are a **medium** priority and have analysis area importance and have been identified on the basis of the impact that the site will have on addressing the issues identified in the assessment.

**Low** priority sites are club or education sites with local specific importance and have been identified on a site by site basis as issues appertaining to individual sites but that may also contribute to addressing the issues identified in the assessment

#### **Costs**

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

(L) -Low - less than £50k; (M) -Medium - £50k-£250k; (H) -High £250k and above. These are based on Sport England's estimated facility costs which can be found at [www.sportengland.org/media/198443/facility-costs-4q13.pdf](http://www.sportengland.org/media/198443/facility-costs-4q13.pdf)

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## ***Timescales***

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

Timescales: (S) -Short (1-2 years); (M) - Medium (3-5 years); (L) - Long (6+ years).

## ***Site recommendation***

Each action seeks to meet at least one of the three aims of the Strategy; **Protect, Enhance, Provide.**

Due to the significant shortfalls in provision almost all sites are currently recommended to be protected. It is imperative therefore to **keep the action plan up to date and review regularly** as developments take place. With pitch improvements and/or facility developments the status of sites could therefore change, as could any site specific recommendations.

**BATLEY & SPEN AREA ACTION PLAN**

KKP Site ID	OLS Ref	OL Class ID	Site	Address	Sport	Management	Current status	Recommended actions	Partners	Site hierarchy tier	Timescales <sup>3</sup>	Site recommendation	Cost <sup>4</sup>
9	484	1212	Batley Bulldogs RLFC (Formerly Mount Pleasant Stadium)	Heritage Road, Batley, WF17 7NZ	Rugby League	Club	Semi-professional rugby league club. Potential opportunity to develop the Site further e.g. with an artificial pitch.	Investigate the potential of developing a Rugby League Stadium Standard 3G pitch on the site aligned to community use by identified community rugby league clubs	Batley Bulldogs RLFC RFL	Key Centre	M	<b>PROTECT</b> Key site for rugby league in the Area	H
10	465	1177	Batley Business & Enterprise College	Blenheim Drive, Batley, WF17 0BJ	Football	College	Three adult and two mini 7v7 pitches all standard quality except for one poor adult pitch. There are 1.5 7v7 match equivalents spare. Adult pitches are heavily overplayed. Site used by Batley Juniors FC.	Investigate options to improve quality in order to address overplay and build future site capacity. Carry out analysis of the site alongside The FA to determine the suitability to become a football hub site	College FA	Key Centre	S	<b>PROTECT ENHANCE</b> Club site for football, as well as being used by the College.	M
					Cricket		One standalone artificial wicket, mainly used by the college	Investigate the potential of community use of the site for LMS.	College ECB	Local	S	<b>PROTECT</b> Unused school site	L
11	484	1213	Batley Cricket Club	Purlwell Hall Road, Batley, WF17 7NL	Cricket	Club	Standard quality square with 12 wickets. Minimal spare capacity for one Sunday team. One artificial wicket	Improve quality and maximise use to accommodate shortfalls in the Area.	ECB	Local	S	<b>PROTECT</b> Well used club site.	M
12	463	1249	Batley Girls High School	Windmill Lane, Batley, WF17 0LD	Football	School	One youth 11v11 and one youth 9v9 pitch, both poor quality. Used by Howden Clough U11-14 teams. Overplayed by one and 1.5 matches respectively	Investigate options to improve quality in order to address overplay and build future site capacity. Carry out analysis of the site alongside The FA to determine the suitability to become a football hub site	School FA	School	S	<b>PROTECT ENHANCE</b> Well used by the Club but limited curriculum use	M
13	86	1564	Batley Grammar School	Carlinghow Hill, Batley, WF17 0AD	Football	School	Three adult pitches and one youth 9v9 pitch all good quality. Overplayed by 2.5 and two matches respectively when accounting for curriculum use	Seek options for access to additional pitches to accommodate overplay. Carry out analysis of the site alongside The FA to determine the suitability to become a football hub site	School FA	Key Centre	M	<b>PROTECT</b> Used as a club site as well as by the School.	H
					Cricket		One good quality square with eight wickets, available but currently unused	Investigate potential to accommodate shortfalls within the Area.	ECB	Education	S	<b>PROTECT</b> Unused school site	L

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14	463	1249	Batley Sports & Tennis Centre	Windmill Lane, Batley, WF17 0QD	AGP	Trust	Recently refurbished 3G pitch. Used by Howden Clough FC mini teams	Carry out analysis of the site alongside The FA to determine the suitability to become a football hub site	KAL	Key Centre	S	<b>PROTECT ENHANCE</b> Important site for football in the area	M
					Tennis		Four good quality polymeric courts with floodlights.	Ensure an appropriate maintenance regime is in place to retain the quality of the courts.					
15	539	1254	BBG Academy	Bradford Road, Gomersal, Cleckheaton, BD19 4BE	Football	School	One adult pitch unused by community clubs and one youth 11v11 pitch used by Gommersal & Cleckheaton FC. Both standard quality and overplayed when considering curriculum use	Investigate options to improve quality in order to address overplay and build future site capacity	FA	Education	M	<b>PROTECT</b> School site used for club matches	L
16	572	73	Beck Lane Football Ground	Beck Lane, Heckmondwike, WF16 0JZ	Football	Sports Club	Littletown FC club site with one good quality adult. Capacity available but not at peak time	Retain spare capacity in order to sustain / protect pitch quality	Club	Local	S	<b>PROTECT</b> Well used club site	L
221	538	1429	Birkenshaw BC	Bradford Road/Allen Croft, BD11 2DS	Bowls	Council	Council green likely to be able to accommodate additional demand	Sustain quality and maximise use to cater for potential future demand.	Club	Local	L	<b>PROTECT</b> Well used club site	L
19	461	1245	Birstall Cricket Club	Leeds Road, Birstall, Batley, WF17 0EJ	Cricket	Sports Club	14 wickets at the ground, potential spare capacity for 0.5 matches Sunday pm	Improve quality and maximise use to accommodate shortfalls in the Area.	ECB	Local	S	<b>PROTECT</b> Well used club site.	L
293	464	1381	Carlinghow Princess Royal Primary School	Ealand Road, Batley	Football	School	One standard quality mini 5v5 pitch unavailable for community use	Retain for school use, potential site for future community use if needed.	FA	Education	L	<b>PROTECT</b> Unavailable school site	L
27	466	1537	Carters Field	North Bank Road, Batley, WF17 8ES	Football	Council	Two poor quality adult pitches played to capacity. One poor quality youth 9v9 pitch overplayed by one match	Investigate options to improve quality in order to address overplay and build future site capacity	FA	Local	M	<b>PROTECT ENHANCE</b> Well used site for football	M
31	476	2615	Chestnut Avenue Playing Fields	Chestnut Avenue, Batley, WF17 7DH	Football	Council	Site being developed for use by Mount Pleasant Juniors FC.	Ensure maximum use of the site is achieved and pitch quality is maintained.	FA	Club	S	<b>PROTECT ENHANCE</b> Future sports club site	M
359	1452	2682	Cleckheaton Bowling Club	Park View, Cleckheaton, BD19 3AP	Bowls	Club	Private site with two lapsed bowling greens. Clubhouse burnt down in March 2015. Unlikely to be demand for greens	Unlikely to be required to service Bowls demand. Further investigate.	Council	-	M	Unlikely to be required to service Bowls demand. Further investigate.	-

<sup>5</sup> Timescales: (S) -Short (1-2 years); (M) - Medium (3-5 years); (L) - Long (6+ years).

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227	1001	975	Cleckheaton Moorend Working Men's Club	Victoria Street, Cleckheaton, BD19 3TF	Bowls	Private	Private bowls club likely to be able to accommodate future demand.	Sustain quality and maximise use to cater for potential future demand.	Club	Local	L	<b>PROTECT</b> Local club site	L
32	560	1363	Cleckheaton Sports Club	Bradford Road, Cleckheaton, BD19 3UD	Cricket	Sports Club	Nine wickets significantly overplayed by a total of 31 matches per season	Investigate potential to increase number of wickets on the square or seek access to additional pitch to accommodate overplay.	ECB	Local	S	<b>PROTECT</b> Well used club site	M
					Rugby Union		One standard quality senior pitch overplayed by one match session	Improve quality and maximise use to accommodate shortfalls in the Area.	RFU	Local	S	<b>PROTECT</b> Well used club site	L
					Bowls		Two good quality greens, well used by several teams.	Ensure good quality maintenance continues in order to sustain quality and usage.	Club Bowling Association	Local	L	<b>PROTECT</b> Well used club site	S-M
37	88	1566	Crossbank Methodists Cricket Club	The Rumbolds Lea Road, Batley, WF17 8BB	Cricket	Sports Club	Standard quality ten wicket square with two matches of capacity available	Improve quality and maximise use to accommodate shortfalls in the Area	ECB	Local	S	<b>PROTECT</b> Well used club site	L
232	480	1550	Dewsbury Gate Park	Dewsbury Gate, Staincliffe, Batley	Bowls	Council	Two council greens likely to be able to accommodate additional demand.	Sustain quality and maximise use to cater for potential future demand.	Council	Local	L	<b>PROTECT</b> Well used club site	L
52	535	1251	East Bierley Cricket Club	South View Road, Bradford, BD4 6PJ	Cricket	Sports Club	12 wickets at the ground, 12 matches available but none at weekends. One artificial wicket	Improve quality and maximise use to accommodate shortfalls in the Area	ECB	Local	S	<b>PROTECT</b> Local club site	L
53	102	1265	East Bierley Recreation Ground	Hunsworth Lane, Bradford, BD4 6PU	Football	Council	One good quality adult pitch with spare capacity for one match per week at peak time. Poor quality changing facilities.	Improve poor quality changing facilities. Retain spare capacity in order to sustain / protect pitch quality	FA	Local	S	<b>PROTECT</b> Local football site	M
					Rugby League		One poor quality pitch played to capacity by Birkenshaw RLFC. Poor quality changing facilities	Improve poor quality changing facilities on site Improve quality of pitch and maximise use to accommodate shortfalls in the Area	RFL	Local	S	<b>PROTECT ENHANCE</b> Well used club site	M
297	478	1189	Field Lane J & I School	Albion Street, Batley	Football	Council	One standard quality mini 5v5 pitch unavailable for community use	Retain for school use, potential site for future community use if needed.	FA	Education	L	<b>PROTECT</b> Used by school	L
203	553	57	Firth Park	Westgate, Flush, Heckmondwike, WF16 0HH	Tennis	Council	Three good quality macadam courts, no floodlighting. Often casual use during summer	Ensure court maintenance retains current quality.	LTA	Local	L	<b>PROTECT</b> Local site for casual use	L
		58			Bowls		Two greens with capacity for additional use and pay and play	Sustain quality and maximise use to cater for potential future demand.	Council	Local	L	<b>PROTECT</b> Local site for casual and club	L

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351	552	56	Former Heckmondwike & Carlinghow CC	Chapel Lane, Heckmondwike	Cricket	-	Lapsed site for over 10 years. Former cricket ground. Club relocated and site became disused. Site potentially too small for full size cricket outfield but could accommodate other sports. Would require investment.	Consider feasibility of bringing playing fields back in to use and further investigate demand for each sport.	Council	Local	L	<b>PROTECT</b> With investment site could potentially accommodate shortfalls in the Area.	M
234	479	1191	France Street	France Street, Batley, WF17 6NU	Bowls	Council	One green used by Soothill Park Vets BC with capacity for additional use and pay and play	Sustain quality and maximise use to cater for potential future demand.	Council	Local	L	<b>PROTECT</b> Local site for casual and club use	L
61	544	1643	Gomersal Cricket Club	Oxford Road, Gomersal, Cleckheaton, BD19 4HE	Cricket	Sports Club	12 wicket square overplayed by four matches	Improve quality and investigate potential to increase number of wickets on the square or seek access to additional pitch to accommodate overplay.	ECB	Local	S	<b>PROTECT</b> Important site for cricket in the Area	M
300	103	1662	Gomersal Primary School	Oxford Road, Gomersal, Cleckheaton	Football	School	One standard mini 7v7 pitch with capacity but unavailable at peak time. One youth 9v9 pitch current unused by community clubs	Consider community use agreement for the site to address shortfall in 9v9 provision.	FA	Local	S	<b>PROTECT</b> School site used for club matches	S
67	119	11	Hartshead Junior & Infant School	School Lane, Hartshead, Liversedge, WF15 8AW	Football	School	One standard quality mini 5v5 pitch unavailable for community use	Retain for school use, potential site for future community use if needed.	FA	Education	L	<b>PROTECT</b> Used by school	L
68	490	1360	Hartshead Moor Cricket Club	Highmoor Lane off Halifax Road, Liversedge, WF15 8DU	Cricket	Sports Club	Site has 14 wickets of standard quality, overplayed by six matches	Improve quality and investigate potential to increase number of wickets on the square or seek access to additional pitch to accommodate overplay.	ECB	Local	S	<b>PROTECT</b> Important site for cricket in the Area	M
69	574	76	Hartshead Rec	School Lane, Hartshead, Liversedge, WF15 8AW	Football	Council	One standard quality adult pitch used by Hartshead FC. 0.5 matches spare capacity available at peak time	Improve quality and retain spare capacity in order to sustain / protect pitch quality	FA	Local	S	<b>PROTECT</b> Local football site	M
73	557	64	Heckmondwike Grammar School	High Street, Heckmondwike, WF16 0AH	Football	School	Five good quality pitches, of which two adult pitches are overplayed by 1.5	Seek options for access to additional pitches to accommodate overplay.	FA	Key Centre	S	<b>PROTECT</b> School site used for club matches	L

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							matches when considering school use. Two mini 5v5 pitches and one youth 9v9 pitch have 1.5 and 0.5 matches spare capacity available at peak time respectively	Carry out analysis of the site alongside The FA to determine the suitability to become a football hub site					
	555				Rugby League		One poor quality pitch currently unused. Overplayed when considering school use	Improve quality of pitch and maximise use to accommodate shortfalls in the Area	RFL	Local	S	<b>PROTECT</b> Used by school	L
	555	62			AGP		One standard quality sand filled pitch used for matches by four different hockey clubs. Unavailable in the evenings due to lack of floodlighting	Identify funding for future replacement of carpet and identify feasibility of providing floodlighting to the pitch.	EH	Key Centre	S	<b>PROTECT</b> Key hockey venue for matches	H
74	551	55	Heckmondwike Sports Club	Cemetery Road, Heckmondwike, WF16 9ED	Football	Sports Club	One standard quality adult pitch with 0.5 matches spare capacity at peak time. One mini 5v5 and one 7v7 both good quality, each with one match available at peak time	Improve quality and retain spare capacity in order to sustain / protect pitch quality	FA	Local	S	<b>PROTECT</b> Well used club site	L
					Cricket		10 wickets with spare capacity of ten matches, available on Sunday pm	Improve quality and maximise use to accommodate shortfalls in the Area	ECB	Local	S	<b>PROTECT</b> Well used club site	L
					Bowls		Private bowls club with two greens, likely to be able to accommodate future demand.	Sustain quality and maximise use to cater for potential future demand.	Council	Local	L	<b>PROTECT</b> Local club site	L
206	1089	888	Hillside Tennis Club	Spens Lane, Gomersal, Liversedge, BD19 4AB	Tennis	Sports Club	Three good quality tarmac courts with no floodlighting	Ensure court maintenance retains current quality.	LTA	Local	L	<b>PROTECT</b> Important local tennis site	L
86	462	1246	Howden Clough Playing Fields	Leeds Road, Howden Clough, Batley, WF17 0JD	Football	Council	One good quality adult pitch used by Howden Clough FC. One match spare capacity available at peak time	Retain spare capacity in order to sustain / protect pitch quality	FA	Local	S	<b>PROTECT</b> Local site well used for football	L
90	483	1216	Hyrstlands Park	Hyrstlands Road, Batley, WF17 7JT	Football	Council	Two poor quality pitches of mini 5v5 and 7v7 sizes. Mini 7v7 spare capacity of 0.5 matches at peak time. Currently used by Mount Pleasant FC	Improve quality and retain spare capacity in order to sustain / protect pitch quality	FA	Local	S	<b>PROTECT</b> Local site well used for football	M
					Cricket		Ten wickets square with one artificial wicket. Previously used by Mount CC but currently unused	Consider feasibility of bringing playing fields back in to use and further investigate demand for each sport.	Council	Local	L	<b>PROTECT</b> Due to shortfalls in the area the pitch is required	M
					Bowls		Lapsed Bowling Green.	Unlikely to be required to	Council	-	M	Unlikely to be	-

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							Unlikely that demand exists for green.	service Bowls demand. Further investigate.				required to service Bowls demand. Further investigate.	



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91	484	1212	Hyrstmount STP	Heritage Road, Batley, WF17 7NZ	AGP	Council	Standard quality sand filled pitch used by rugby league teams for training	Investigate the potential of changing the surface to a Rugby League Community Standard 3G pitch	RFL Council Clubs FA	L	L	<b>PROTECT ENHANCE</b> Pitch required due to shortfalls	H
93	117	1667	King George V Playing Field	Halifax Road, Hightown, Liversedge, WF15 8DU	Football	Council	Two standard quality adult pitches used by five different teams. 0.5 matches available at peak time	Improve quality and retain spare capacity in order to sustain / protect pitch quality	FA	Local	S	<b>PROTECT</b> Local site well used for football	L
95	540	1255	Kingsley Rec	Kingsley Crescent, Birkenshaw, Bradford, BD11 2NL	Football	Council	One poor quality adult pitch played to capacity by Birkenshaw FC.	Improve quality and retain spare capacity in order to sustain / protect pitch quality	FA	Local	S	<b>PROTECT</b> Local site well used for football	L
101	546	37	Leeside School Fields	Leeds Old Road, Heckmondwike, WF16 9BB	Football	School	One poor quality adult pitch used by Six Lane Ends FC and overplayed when considering school use. Possible school rebuild could result in pitch converted to rugby league	Work with club to find a suitable alternative home pitch, should a school rebuild go ahead	FA	Local	S	<b>PROTECT PROVIDE</b> Used by school, replace provision if school rebuilt	L
					Rugby League		Two poor quality pitches, one senior and one junior size used by Birstall Victoria ARLFC. Possible school rebuild could threaten the loss of one pitch. No access to changing facilities onsite	Establish security of tenure for rugby league onsite and support the Club in securing access to changing or development of external changing facility	RFL	Local	S	<b>PROTECT PROVIDE</b> Used by school, replace provision if school rebuilt	M
113	112	9	Liversedge Cricket Club	Roberttown Lane, Liversedge, WF15 7NP	Cricket	Sports Club	12 grass wickets overplayed by four matches per season. One artificial wicket	Improve quality and investigate potential to increase number of wickets on the square or seek access to additional pitch to accommodate overplay.	ECB	Local	S	<b>PROTECT</b> Well used club site	M
114	118	1375	Liversedge Football Club	Quaker Lane, Cleckheaton, BD19 5JD	Football	Sports Club	One good quality adult pitch which meets the required Step 5 ground requirements. One match space capacity at peak time	Retain quality and spare capacity in order to protect pitch quality	FA	Local	S	<b>PROTECT</b> Key site for football the area	L
209	571	71	Liversedge Tennis Club	Richmond Park Avenue, Roberttown, WF15 7NZ	Tennis	Sports Club	Four good quality artificial courts, of which two are floodlit	Ensure court maintenance retains current quality.	LTA	Local	L	<b>PROTECT</b> Well used club site	L

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304	475	1185	Lydgate J & I School	Lydgate, Batley	Football	School	One standard quality adult pitch unavailable for use	Consider community use agreement for the site to address shortfall in adult provision.	FA	Local	S	<b>PROTECT</b> Used by school	L
335	1431	2642	Mill Street	Mill Street, Birstall	Football		One standard quality adult pitch used by Birstall St Patricks FC. Spare capacity of 0.5 matches available at peak time	Improve quality and retain spare capacity in order to sustain / protect pitch quality	FA	Local	S	<b>PROTECT</b> Local football site	L
337	550	46	Millbridge Junior & Infant School	Vernon Road, Liversedge	Football	School	One standard quality youth 9v9 pitch used by Cleckheaton Sporting FC. No spare capacity at peak time	Improve quality and retain spare capacity in order to sustain / protect pitch quality	Club	Local	S	<b>PROTECT</b> School site used for club matches	
212	567	1724	Millbridge Park	Sampson Street, Heckmondwike, WF15 6JP	Bowls	Council	One green used by Millbridge Park BC with capacity for additional use and pay and play	Sustain quality and maximise use to cater for potential future demand.	Council	Local	L	<b>PROTECT</b> Local site for casual and club use	L
					Tennis		One lapsed Council tennis court.	Other council courts available in the Area. Further investigate demand at this site. Investment for improvements likely to be required.					
129	487	1347	Moorend Recreation Ground	Hunsworth Lane, Cleckheaton, BD19 4EJ	Football	Council	One standard quality adult pitch available but currently unused	Improve quality and identify potential club(s) to use the site.	Council	Local	S	<b>PROTECT</b> Local football site. Retain to help address overplay	M
363	484	1214	Mount Pleasant Bowling Club	Purwell Hall Road, WF17 7NZ	Bowls	Club	Good quality bowling green.	Sustain quality and maximise use to cater for potential future demand.	Club	Local	L	<b>PROTECT</b> Local club site	L
132	104	1663	Nibshaw Rec	Nibshaw Lane, Gomersal, Cleckheaton, BD19 4PD	Football	Council	Two good quality pitches, one adult and one mini 7v7 used by Gommersal & Cleckheaton FC. Spare capacity for 1.5 and five matches respectively but neither available at peak time	Retain quality and spare capacity in order to protect pitch quality	FA	Local	S	<b>PROTECT</b> Local football site well used by club	L
357	573	74	Norristhorpe Junior & Infant School Playing Fields	School Street, Norristhorpe	Football	School	Mini 5v5 pitch on site. Does not currently have any community use.	Retain for school use, potential site for future community use if needed.	FA	Education	L	<b>PROTECT</b> Protect for school use.	L
133	113	10	Norristhorpe Recreation Ground	Norristhorpe Lane, Liversedge, WF15 7AA	Football	Council	Two standard quality mini 5v5 pitches, available for use but currently unused	Explore potential for remarking as youth 9v9 to accommodate existing overplay	FA	Council	L	<b>PROTECT</b> Local football site	L

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136	80	1260	Owler Lane Recreation Ground	Owler Lane, Birstall, WF17	Football	Council	One lapsed youth 11v11 pitch.	Explore feasibility of bringing pitch back in to use.	FA	Council	M	<b>PROTECT ENHANCE</b> With improvements pitches could help to reduce current shortfalls.	L
139	124	1734	Princess Mary Rugby Field	Primrose Lane, off Bradford Road, Liversedge, WF15 6NW	Football	Council	One standard adult pitch played to capacity and two standard mini 5v5 pitches, the latter with 5.5 matches spare capacity but none available at peak time.	Improve quality and retain spare capacity in order to sustain / protect pitch quality	Council	Local	S	<b>PROTECT</b> Local football site well used by club	L
214	459	1235	Raikes Lane	Soothill Lane, Birstall, WF17 9QU	Bowls	Council	One standard quality green used by Birstall BC. Quality improved due to increased maintenance. Capacity for additional use and pay and play	Sustain quality and maximise use to cater for potential future demand.	Council	Local	L	<b>PROTECT</b> Local site for casual and club use	L
143	115	7	Roberttown Church Of England Voluntary Controlled Junior And Infant School	Church Road, Liversedge, WF15 8BE	Football	School	One standard quality mini 5v5 pitch unavailable for community use	Retain for school use, potential site for future community use if needed.	FA	Education	L	<b>PROTECT</b> Strategic reserve if demand increases in the Area.	L
215	92	1989	Royds Park	Rawfolds, Cleckheaton, BD19 3RW	Tennis	Council	One average quality macadam court	Retain for community use	Council	Local	L	<b>PROTECT</b> Local site.	L
267	92	1990	Royds Park (Liversedge)	Bradford Road, Liversedge, BD19 5LY	Bowls	Council	One green used by Royds Park BC. Club reports increase in membership and added one extra team. Capacity for further growth in membership and additional use	Sustain quality and maximise use to cater for potential future demand.	Council	Local	L	<b>PROTECT</b> Well used club site.	L
151	488	1350	Scholes Cricket Club	New Popplewell Lane, Scholes, Cleckheaton, BD19 6NN	Cricket	Sports Club	16 wickets with spare capacity for an additional 40 matches, available on Sundays. One artificial wicket	Improve quality and maximise use to accommodate shortfalls in the Area	ECB	Local	S	<b>PROTECT</b> Local club site.	L
					Football		One standard quality adult pitch with 0.5 matches available, though not at peak time	Improve quality and retain spare capacity in order to sustain / protect pitch quality	Club	Local	S	<b>PROTECT</b> Local club site.	L

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159	542	1610	Shirley Recreation Ground	Shirley Lane, Gomersal, Cleckheaton, BD19 4LX	Football	Council	One standard quality adult pitch used by Gomersal & Cleckheaton FC. 1.5 matches spare capacity with 0.5 matches available at peak time	Improve quality and retain spare capacity in order to sustain / protect pitch quality	Council	Local	S	<b>PROTECT</b> Local club site.	L
163	764	2265	Spennymoor Bottoms Recreation Ground/Cleckheaton Lawn Tennis Club	Church Street, Cleckheaton, BD19 3RG	Football	Council	One standard quality mini 5v5 pitch available but currently unused	Retain for community use if needed.	FA	Council	L	<b>PROTECT</b> Strategic reserve if demand increases in the Area.	L
					Tennis	Sports Club	Five good quality courts, none of which are floodlit, made up of one grass, two macadam and two clay courts. Aspiration to provide two new courts	Ensure court maintenance retains current quality. Investigate feasibility of adding new courts to the site.	LTA	Local	L	<b>PROTECT</b> Well used club site.	M
164	114	6	Spennymoor Valley Sports College	Roberttown Lane, Liversedge, WF15 7LX	Football	College	Four standard quality pitches mostly used by Littleton FC. One mini 5v5 played to capacity with two adult and one mini 7v7, overplayed when considering school use.	Improve quality and retain spare capacity in order to sustain / protect pitch quality. Carry out analysis of the site alongside The FA to determine the suitability to become a football hub site	FA	Education	S	<b>PROTECT</b> Well used College site with community use.	M
					Rugby League		One standard quality senior pitch unused by community clubs but overplayed when considering school use	Consider improvements to pitch to help reduce shortfalls in the area.	RFL	Education	S	<b>PROTECT ENHANCE</b> With improvements pitches could help to reduce current shortfalls.	L
165	105	1664	Spennymoor Victoria Cricket Bowling And Athletic Club	Spennymoor Lane, Gomersal, Cleckheaton, BD19 4PJ	Cricket	Sports Club	14 wickets with spare capacity for six more matches per season, though not available at peak time	Improve quality and maximise use to accommodate shortfalls in the Area	ECB	Local	S	<b>PROTECT</b> Well used club site.	L
					Bowls		One green with likely spare capacity for additional use. Second green disused.	Sustain quality and maximise use to cater for potential future demand. Unlikely to require a second green.	Club	Local	L	<b>PROTECT</b> Local club site.	L
166	123	1730	Spennymoor Pool & Fitness Complex	Bradford Road, Liversedge, WF15 6LW	Football	Trust	One standard quality adult pitch available for community use but currently unused	Assess potential of bringing pitch back in to use.	Council	Local	M	<b>PROTECT</b> Due to shortfalls in the area the pitch is required.	L
270	917	783	Spennymoor United Ex Servicemen's Club	Moorland House, Bradford Road, BD19 3SU	Bowls	Private	Lapsed site, one crown green previously in existence	Unlikely to be required to service Bowls demand. Further investigate.	Club	-	M	Unlikely to be required to service Bowls demand. Further	-

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317	476	1548	Staincliffe CE Junior	Staincliffe Hall Road, Batley	Football	School	Two standard quality mini 5v5 pitches currently unavailable for community use	Retain for school use, potential site for future community use if needed.	FA	Education	L	<b>PROTECT</b> Protect due to current shortfalls in the area.	L
170	481	1553	Staincliffe Playing Fields & Cricket Ground	Halifax Road, Staincliffe, Dewsbury, WF13 4BD	Rugby League	Council	One poor quality senior pitch used all year round and therefore has no capacity for additional use. Poor drainage causes pitch to become waterlogged in winter	Improve poor quality pitch on site.	RFL	Local	S	<b>PROTECT ENHANCE</b> Well used club site. With improvements pitches could help to reduce current shortfalls.	L
		Cricket			10 wickets overplayed by two matches per season by Mount CC. One artificial wicket		Improve quality and investigate potential to increase number of wickets on the square or seek access to additional pitch to accommodate overplay.	ECB	Local	S	<b>PROTECT</b> Well used club site.	L	
169	466	1538	St Mary's Primary	Upton Street, WF17 8PH	Football		Unused youth 9v9 pitch by community but school use.	Consider community use agreement for the site to address shortfall in 9v9 provision.	FA	Education	S	<b>PROTECT</b> Pitch could help to reduce current shortfalls.	L
175	477	1186	Taylor Street	Victoria Avenue, Batley, WF17 5BA	Rugby League	Council	One poor quality junior pitch used by Batley Boys ARLFC for matches and training. Overplayed with no capacity for further use	Improve poor quality pitch on site. Seek to remove or reduce training demand on pitch to alleviate overplay	RFL	Local	S	<b>PROTECT ENHANCE</b> Well used club site. With improvements pitches could help to reduce current shortfalls.	L
275	1074	861	Hightown Bowling Green	Halifax Road, Hightown, Liversedge, WF15 8JF	Bowls	Private	One crown green with likely capacity to accommodate future play	Sustain quality and maximise use to cater for potential future demand.	Club	Local	L	<b>PROTECT</b> Local club site	L
281	81	1261	Upper Batley Lane Fields	Upper Batley Lane, Batley	Football	Council	Two standard quality pitches played to capacity by Howden Clough FC	Improve quality and retain spare capacity in order to sustain / protect pitch quality. Carry out analysis of the site alongside The FA to determine the suitability to become a football hub site	FA	Local	S	<b>PROTECT</b> Well used club site	L
188	489	1352	West End Park	Park View, Cleckheaton BD19 3AP	Football	Council	Lapsed adult pitch. Potential to be brought back in to use.	Likely to need some investment in order to be brought back in to use but could help to reduce current shortfalls in the Area.	FA	Local	S	<b>PROTECT ENHANCE</b> With improvements pitches could help to reduce current shortfalls.	M

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331	91	1368	Whitcliffe Mount Playing Fields	Whitechapel Road, Scholes, Cleckheaton, BD19 6HW	Football	KAL	Three standard quality pitches of adult, youth 11v11 and 9v9 sizes. All pitches are overplayed when considering school use. Imported club demand from Wyke Wanderers FC	Improve the quality of pitches and identify options for access to additional pitches to accommodate overplay.	FA	Local	S	<b>PROTECT</b> Well used School site with community use.	M
					Rugby Union		Two poor quality pitches used by Cleckheaton RUFC as an additional venue for senior and juniors. Site is overplayed and has no capacity for additional use	Improve quality in order to address shortfall in match equivalents in the Area.	RFU	Local	S	<b>PROTECT ENHANCE</b> Very well used club site. With improvements pitches could help to reduce current shortfalls.	M
192	90	1367	Whitechapel Church Of England Primary School	Whitechapel Road, Cleckheaton, BD19 6HR	Football	School	Four poor quality pitches mainly used by Gommersal & Cleckheaton FC. One adult and one mini 7v7 pitch both currently available but unused. One youth 9v9 currently overplayed. One youth 11v11 with 0.5 matches spare capacity available at peak time	Improve quality in order to address shortfall in match equivalents in the Area (especially for adult, youth and 9v9 pitches).	FA	Local	S	<b>PROTECT ENHANCE</b> Used by school and club. With improvements pitches could help to reduce current shortfalls.	M
364	85	1264	White Lee Football Ground	Smithies Moor Lane, Batley	Football	Trust	Lapsed Youth 11v11 pitch.	Assess potential of bringing pitch back in to use.	Council	Local	S-M	<b>PROTECT</b> Due to shortfalls in the area the pitch is required.	L
218	83	1559	Wilton Park	Bradford Road, Batley WF17 0AS	Bowls	Council	Two greens used by Wilton Park Vets BC with capacity for additional use and pay and play. Club has decreasing membership and 21 active players. Subject to misuse and damage	Consider ways to maximise use of double green capacity, or viability of two greens in operation	Council	Local	S	<b>PROTECT</b> Local club site. Further investigate the demand for two greens.	L
278	83	1560	Wilton Park	Bradford Road, Dewsbury, WF17 8JH	Tennis	Council	Four good quality polymeric courts without floodlights.	Ensure court maintenance retains current quality.	LTA	Local	L	<b>PROTECT</b> Local site.	

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18	494	1532	Birkdale High School	Wheelwright Drive, Dewsbury, WF13 4JB	Football	Council	Lapsed youth 11v11 and 9v9 pitches.	Explore feasibility of bringing back in to use to accommodate shortfalls in the Area.	Council FA	Local	M	<b>PROTECT ENHANCE</b> With improvements pitches could potentially help to reduce current shortfalls	M-H
291	510	1587	Boothroyd Primary Academy	Temple Road, Dewsbury	Football	School	Standard mini 5v5 pitch not available for community use.	Retain for school use, potential site for future community use if needed.	School FA	Education	L	<b>PROTECT</b> Strategic reserve if demand increases in the Area	L
23	101	1652	Bridge Street Playing Fields	Dewsbury, WF13 3EN	Football	Council	Two good quality adult pitches currently unused.	Explore opportunity to reconfigure pitch for other formats and secure use for a local club.	FA	Key Centre	S	<b>PROTECT</b> Pitches could help to reduce current shortfalls	L
					Cricket		Standard quality with nine wickets on the square used for Sunday cricket. Potential spare capacity for one Sunday team.	Maximise use to accommodate shortfalls in the Area.	ECB		S	<b>PROTECT</b> Local club site	L
292	498	1295	Bywell CE Junior School	Bendigo Road, West Dewsbury	Football	School	Standard mini 5v5 pitch not available for community use.	Retain for school use, potential site for future community use if needed.	School FA	Education	L	<b>PROTECT</b> Strategic reserve if demand increases in the Area	L
102	498	2618	Bywell Playing Fields	Leeds Road, Dewsbury, WF12 7DR	Football	Council	Two adult standard pitches with spare capacity for two matches per week.	Improve quality and maximise use of the site to best effect to accommodate demand.	Council FA		M	<b>PROTECT</b> Local club site	M
					Rugby league		Two poor quality senior pitches overplayed by 9.5 matches.	Improve pitch quality and explore options for additional dedicated training space to address overplay.	Council RFL		S	<b>PROTECT ENHANCE</b> Heavily used. With improvements pitches could help to reduce current shortfalls	M
201	497	1293	Carr House Park	Rock House Drive, Dewsbury, WF13 2BU	Tennis	Council	One poor quality macadam court.	Improve quality and maximise use for pay and play opportunities.	Council	Local	M	<b>PROTECT</b> Local site	M
28	587	1460	Castle Hall Academy	Richard Thorpe Avenue, Mirfield, WF14 9PH	Football	School	Two adult, two 9v9 and one 7v7 all poor quality. Used by Norristhorpe FC and Hopton FC.	Explore options to improve quality.	FA	Education	S	<b>PROTECT ENHANCE</b> Used as a club site as well as by the School	M
					Cricket		School	Four outdoor nets of standard quality.	Allow clubs to make better use of nets for training.		ECB		S

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30	522	1505	Centenary Square Football Field	Centenary Square, Thornhill Lees, Dewsbury, WF12 9HJ	Football	Council	One standard quality adult pitch. No changing facilities. Used by Savile United FC. Spare capacity for one match at peak time.	Maximise use of the site and explore opportunities for funding for modular changing facility.	FA	Local	S	<b>PROTECT</b> Local club site	M-H
294	509	1315	Chickenley Community JI & N School	Princess Road, Dewsbury	Football	School	Standard mini 5v5 pitch not currently available for community use.	Retain for school use, potential site for future community use if needed.	School FA	Education	L	<b>PROTECT</b> Strategic reserve if demand increases in the Area	L
34	100	1647	Crawshaw Street Playing Fields	Tanhouse Street, Dewsbury, WF13 3ES	Football	Council	Three adult and one 5v5 standard quality pitches. 5v5 unused. Spare capacity on adult for 1.5 matches per week.	Retain spare capacity in order to help improve/sustain quality.	Council	Local	S	<b>PROTECT</b> Local club site	L
295	578	1445	Crossley Fields J & I School	Wellhouse Lane, Mirfield	Football	School	Two standard adult pitches. Spare capacity for 1.5 matches at peak time. Used by Old Bank WMC FC.	Retain spare capacity in order to help improve/sustain quality.	School	Education	S	<b>PROTECT</b> Used as a club site as well as by the School	L
39	504	1579	Crow Nest Park	Boothroyd Lane, Dewsbury, WF13 2LW	Rugby league	Council	One senior, one junior and one primary pitch, all poor quality and overplayed by 2.5 sessions. Used by Dewsbury Celtic RLFC.	Improve quality in order to address overplay.	Council RFL	Key Centre	M	<b>PROTECT ENHANCE</b> Well used club site	M
	504	1585			Bowls		Green likely to be able to accommodate future demand.	Sustain quality and maximise use to cater for potential future demand.	Council		L	<b>PROTECT</b> Local club site	L
	504	1581			Tennis		Four good macadam courts, not floodlit.	Sustain court quality/capacity as required in the future.	Council		L	<b>PROTECT</b> Local site	L
296	590	1465	Crowlees CE J & I School	Springfield Park, off Parker Lane, Mirfield	Football	School	One standard adult pitch not available for community use.	Retain for school use, potential site for future community use if needed.	FA	Education	L	<b>PROTECT</b> Pitch required due to shortfalls	L
46	499	1577	Dewsbury Moor ARLFC	Carr Lane, Dewsbury, WF13 3NU	Rugby league	Club	Club owned site with two standard quality junior pitches and one standard senior pitch. Site at capacity. Heavy Woollen Donkeys accessing pitch in Summer.	Improve pitch quality in order to build future capacity at the site.	Club	Local	M	<b>PROTECT</b> Well used club site	M
50	506	1308	Earlsheaton Park	Cross Park Street, Earlsheaton, Dewsbury, WF12 8AG	Bowls	Council	Two good quality greens, well used. Club is likely to be able to accommodate additional members.	Sustain quality and maximise use to cater for potential future demand.	Council	Local	L	<b>PROTECT</b> Local club site	L
		1305			Football		Disused youth 11v11 pitch.	Further investigate why pitch is not currently used. Potential to be brought back into use to meet shortfalls.			S	<b>PROTECT</b> Pitch required due to current shortfalls	L



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51	503	1301	Earlsheaton Technology College (aka Manor Croft Academy)	Old Bank Road, Dewsbury, WF12 7DW	Football	College	One adult, one 11v11 and two 5v5 pitches. Adult pitch is standard quality with some drainage issues. Other pitches are good quality. Used only by the College but potential for community use.	Investigate community use to help address local shortfalls.	College	Education	S	<b>PROTECT</b> Used by College and potential for community use that could reduce current shortfalls	L
					Rugby league		Standard quality senior pitch used only by school. Could offer community use if quality improved.	Retain for college use, potential site for future community use if needed.			L		L
280	492	1530	Ellis Playing Fields (Healds Road)	Healds Road, Dewsbury, WF13 4HY	Football	Council	Youth 9v9 standard quality used to capacity.	No further use to be considered. Ensure appropriate maintenance is applied to help improve/sustain quality.	Council	Local	S	<b>PROTECT</b> Well used local club site	L
					Cricket		Cricket square with two wickets used to capacity.	No further use to be considered. Ensure appropriate maintenance is applied to help improve/sustain quality.					
255	521	1504	Former Cricket Ground	Lees Hall Road, Thornhill Lees, Dewsbury	Cricket	Council	Lapsed cricket square on site. Square has not been in existence for over ten years. Would need investment to be brought back in to use.	Unlikely to be demand for the square in the immediate vicinity, however, any loss should be mitigated due to shortfalls in other parts of the Area.	Council ECB	-	S-M	<b>PROTECT</b> Due to shortfalls in the Area	M
66	485	1290	Hanging Heaton Cricket Club	Bennett Lane, Batley, WF17 6DB	Cricket	Club	Square with 10 wickets, potential capacity for one additional Sunday team.	Maximise use to accommodate shortfalls in the Area.	ECB	Local	S	<b>PROTECT</b> Well used club site	L
	485	2593			Bowls		Club is likely to be able to accommodate additional members.	Sustain quality and maximise use to cater for potential future demand.	Club		L		<b>PROTECT</b> Local club site
83	532	1636	Holroyd Park	Bradbury Street, Dewsbury, WF13 3AU	Football	Council	Two standard quality adult pitches with one match equivalent spare capacity each week.	Retain spare capacity in order to help improve/sustain quality.	Council	Local	S	<b>PROTECT</b> Local club site	L
	532	1640			Bowls		Some spare capacity for additional members. Green used regularly but some issues with unofficial use, e.g. football.	Improve quality through adding controls and maximise use to cater for potential future demand.			S		<b>PROTECT</b> Local club site
197	109	1484	Hopton Mills Cricket Ground	Woodbottom, Mirfield, WF14 8NG	Cricket	Club	Ten wickets used to capacity.	Investigate future potential to increase number of wickets if needed.	Club	Local	M	<b>PROTECT</b> Very well used club site	L
303	108	1483	Hopton Primary School	Woodend Road, Mirfield, WF14 8PR	Football	School	7v7 pitch not currently used by the community.	Retain for school use, potential site for future community use if needed.	School	Education	L	<b>PROTECT</b> Strategic reserve if demand increases in the Area	L

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334	583	1452	House of Resurrection	Stocksbank Road, Mirfield	Football	Private	Standard quality 7v7 pitch, used as a second site by Battyeford SC FC as home ground at capacity.	No further use to be considered. Ensure appropriate maintenance is applied to help improve/sustain quality.	Club	Local	S	<b>PROTECT</b> Provides important second site for the Club	L
99	588	1462	Knowl Park	Knowl Road, Mirfield, WF14 9UU	Football	Council	Former youth 11v11 pitch. No longer marked out. Pitch is uneven; requires investment to bring back in to use.	Explore feasibility of bringing back in to use to accommodate shortfalls in the Area.	Council FA	Local	S	<b>PROTECT</b> Site could help to reduce shortfalls in the Area	M-H
153	97	1321	Leeds Road Paul Hinchcliffe Ground	Leeds Road, Shaw Cross, Dewsbury, WF12 7HP	Rugby league	Club	Leased from the Council to Shaw Cross Sharks RLFC. Two senior and one junior pitch, all standard quality. Site overplayed by three matches. The Club is planning an extension to the Clubhouse.	Improve quality in order to address overplay and support the Club to achieve clubhouse extension.	RFL	Local	S-M	<b>PROTECT</b> Important local site for Rugby League	M-H
105	525	1668	Lees Holme Park	Brewery Lane, Thornhill Lees, Dewsbury, WF12 9DZ	Bowls	Council	Two, lapsed bowling greens. Unlikely that demand exists for greens.	Unlikely to be required to service bowls demand. Further investigate.	Council	-	M	Unlikely to be required to service Bowls demand. Further investigate	L
247	1080	854	Lower Hopton Working Men's Club	53 North Street, Hopton, Mirfield, WF14 8PN	Bowls	Private	Likely to have some spare capacity for additional members.	Sustain quality and maximise use to cater for potential future demand.	Club	Local	L	<b>PROTECT</b> Local club site	L
118	76	1050	Lower Hopton Football Club	Woodend Road, Mirfield, WF14 8PR	Football	Council	One adult pitch standard quality with spare capacity for one match per week.	Retain spare capacity in order to help improve/sustain quality.	Council	Local	S	<b>PROTECT</b> Local club site	L
123	580	1446	Mirfield Free Grammar School Sports Field	Kirson Hill Road, Mirfield, WF14 0HW	Football	School	Two good quality adult pitches. Not available for community use in order to protect for school use.	Retain for school use, potential site for future community use if needed.	School	Education	S	<b>PROTECT</b> Protect for school use	L
					AGP		Full sized sand based pitch well used by school and community teams. Two years old and therefore considered good quality.	Retain quality and usage. Ensure sinking fund is in place for future refurbishment.			L	<b>PROTECT</b> Well used by school and community	M
124	576	1441	Mirfield Free Grammar School Sports Field 2	Slipper Lane Mirfield, WF14	Rugby league	School	Two senior rugby league pitches currently not available for community use but rarely used by school. Also previously had two youth 11v11 football pitches.	Explore options to make available for community use.	School	Education	S	<b>PROTECT</b> If available for community use could help to reduce shortfalls	L

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125	591	1476	Mirfield Memorial Ground (Moorland CC)	Huddersfield Road, Mirfield, WF14 8AE	Football	Council	One standard quality adult pitch with spare capacity of 0.5 matches per week.	Retain spare capacity in order to help improve/sustain quality.	Council	Key Centre	S	<b>PROTECT</b> Local football site	L
					Cricket		Two squares with 14 wickets on each. Overplayed by 22 matches per season	Seek access to an additional pitch in order to accommodate overplay.	Council ECB		S	<b>PROTECT</b> Very well used club site	L
	Bowls	Likely to have some spare capacity for additional members.			Sustain quality and maximise use to cater for potential future demand.		Council	L	<b>PROTECT</b> Local club site		L		
	Tennis	Six good quality tarmac courts, two of which are floodlit.			Retain quality and maximise use.		Council	L	<b>PROTECT</b> Local club site		L		
126	586	1459	Mirfield Parish Cavaliers Cricket Club	Wellhouse Lane, Mirfield, WF14 0PN	Cricket	Club	Square with ten wickets played to capacity.	Investigate future potential to increase number of wickets if needed.	Club	Local	L	<b>PROTECT</b> Very well used club site	L
255	1023	928	Morton House Club & Institute	Lees Hall Road, Thornhill lees, WF12 9HB	Bowls	Club	Likely to have some spare capacity for additional members.	Sustain quality and maximise use to cater for potential future demand.	Club	Local	L	<b>PROTECT</b> Local club site	L
198			Old Bank Recreation Ground (Mirfield ARLFC)	Sunny Bank Avenue, Mirfield, WF14 0NE	Football	-	Lapsed adult football pitch.	Explore feasibility of bringing back in to use to accommodate shortfalls in the Area.	Council	Local	M	<b>PROTECT</b> Protect due to shortfalls in area	M-H
260	1257	2177	Old Bank Working Men's Club	89 Old Bank Road, Mirfield, WF14 0HY	Bowls	Club	Likely to have some spare capacity for additional members.	Sustain quality and maximise use to cater for potential future demand.	Club	Local	L	<b>PROTECT</b> Local club site	L
307	527	1519	Overthorpe J & I Academy	Edge Top Road, Dewsbury	Football	School	Standard quality 9v9 pitch used by school and community. Spare capacity for 0.5 matches a week.	Retain spare capacity in order to help improve/sustain quality.	School	Education	S	<b>PROTECT</b> Well used by school and community	L
135	528	1523	Overthorpe Park Playing Fields	Chapel Lane, Dewsbury, WF12 0DF	Football	Council	Standard quality adult pitch with minimal spare capacity.	Retain spare capacity in order to help improve/sustain quality.	Council	Key Centre	S	<b>PROTECT</b> Local club site	L
					Rugby league		Two poor quality senior pitches overplayed by five matches. Used by Thornhill Trojans RLFC.	Improve quality in order to address overplay.	Council Club		S	<b>PROTECT ENHANCE</b> Very well used club site. Improvements could help to reduce shortfalls	M
261	527	1518	Overthorpe Sports Club	Ings Lane, Thornhill, WF12 0DF	Football	Club	One good adult and one good 7v7 pitch. Mini has 0.5 matches spare capacity.	Retain spare capacity in order to help improve/sustain quality.	Club	Local	S	<b>PROTECT</b> Well used club site	L
	527	1520			Bowls		Likely to have some spare capacity for additional members.	Sustain quality and maximise use to cater for potential future demand.	Club		L	<b>PROTECT</b> Local club site	L

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308	524	1508	Ravenhall School	Ravensthorpe Road, Thornhill Lees	Football	School	One 9v9 pitch not available for community use.	Explore potential to open up for community use.	School FA	Education	S	<b>PROTECT</b> If available for community use could help to reduce shortfalls in the Area	L
309	532	1637	Ravensthorpe C of E Junior School	Myrtle Road, Dewsbury	Football	School	One adult and one mini 5v5 standard quality, no community use.	Explore potential to open up for community use.	School FA	Education	S	<b>PROTECT</b> If available for community use could help to reduce shortfalls in the Area	L
141	99	1808	Rectory Park	Church Lane, Thornhill, Dewsbury, WF12 0JZ	Football	Council	One 5v5 and one 7v7 pitch both poor quality. No spare capacity. Used by Thornhill United FC	Improve pitch quality in order to build future site capacity.	Council	Local	M	<b>PROTECT ENHANCE</b> Very well used club site. Pitch improvements required	M
266	497	1292	Rock House Park	Rockhouse Drive, Batley Carr, WF13 2BU	Bowls	Council	37 club members, but likely to have some spare capacity for additional members.	Sustain quality and maximise use to cater for potential future demand.	Council	Local	L	<b>PROTECT</b> Local club site	L
201	497	1293			Tennis	Council	One poor quality macadam court.	Improve quality and maximise use.			S	<b>PROTECT</b> Local site	L
147	95	1320	Sands Lane Playing Fields	Sands Lane, Dewsbury, WF12 8EH	Football	Council	Five standard quality adult pitches located next to the river. Pitches have poor drainage. Spare capacity for three matches per week.	Ensure pitches are rotated to preserve quality, therefore keep any spare capacity. Carry out analysis of the site alongside The FA to determine the suitability to become a football hub site	Council	Key Centre	S	<b>PROTECT</b> Well used local club site	L
					Cricket		Three squares with 16 wickets. No spare capacity on Sundays and quality not high enough for Saturday cricket.	Improve quality in order to increase capacity for a higher standard of play.			Council ECB	M	<b>PROTECT ENHANCE</b> Well used local club site
149	515	1491	Savile Playing Field	Park Road, Savile Town, Dewsbury, WF12 9LW	Football	Council	One standard quality adult, pitch overplayed by one session. Used by Savile Town FC that would like to take on a long term lease. Club also has aspirations to build a full size 3G surface AGP.	Improve quality in order to accommodate overplay and seek options for club to take on a long term lease. Potential site for 3G pitch.	Council FA Club	Local	S	<b>PROTECT</b> Well used club site	M
353	516	1492	Savile Sports Ground	Park Road, Savile Town, Dewsbury, WF12 9LW	Football	Council	One 9v9, one 7v7 and one 5v5 all standard quality. 5v5 and 7v7 at capacity, 9v9 appears unused. Also	Improve quality in order to build the future capacity of the site.	Council	Local	M	<b>PROTECT</b> Well used club site	M

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							used by Savile Town FC							
					Bowls		Lapsed bowling green. Unlikely that demand exists for green.	Unlikely to be required to service bowls demand. Further investigate.	Council		S	Unlikely to be required to service Bowls demand. Further investigate	L	
354	518	1499	Savile Town Bowling Green (Lapsed)	Pentland Road, Savile Town	Bowls	Council	Lapsed bowling green. Unlikely that demand exists for green.	Unlikely to be required to service bowls demand. Further investigate.	Council	-	S	Unlikely to be required to service Bowls demand. Further investigate	L	
167	501	1536	St John Fisher Catholic High School	Oxford Road, Dewsbury, WF13 4LL	Football	KAL	Adult and youth 11v11. Standard quality, overplayed by two and 2.5 respectively. Heavy school and community use.	Improve quality in order to help accommodate overplay. Carry out analysis of the site alongside The FA to determine the suitability to become a football hub site	School FA	Education	S	<b>PROTECT ENHANCE</b> Very well used club and school site. Pitch improvements required	M	
					Rugby league		Mini rugby league pitch. Currently only school use. Pitch is overplayed.	Retain for school use and improve quality in order to help accommodate overplay.	School					L
					AGP		Full size 3G used extensively by school and community. Worn in places and will require resurface in near future.	Ensure sinking fund is in place for refurbishment.	School FA					M
177	1032	934	The Tetleys Stadium	Owl Lane, Dewsbury, WF12 7RH	Rugby league	Club	Semi-professional club with one adult pitch good quality. No community use. There is potential for funding and new developments at the site.	Explore options for potential on site development.	Club	-	S-M	<b>PROTECT</b> Key site for rugby league	M-H	
181	526	1512	Thornhill Cricket & Bowling Club	Thornhill, Dewsbury, WF12 0QL	Football	Club	Three good quality adult football pitches with spare capacity for three matches per week.	Covert one adult pitch to youth 11v11 in order to meet shortfalls identified.	Club FA	Key Centre	S	<b>PROTECT</b> Local club site	L	
					Bowls		One good quality green on site.	Sustain quality and maximise use to cater for potential future demand.	Club					L
					Cricket		Disused cricket square since 2014 season due to teams folding.	Unlikely to be demand for the square in the immediate vicinity, consider use for other clubs due to shrtfalls in the Area.	Council ECB					M
					Tennis		Three floodlit tarmac all weather courts, good quality resurfaced in April 2014.	Sustain quality and maximise use.	Club					L

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182	529	1527	Thornhill Junior And Infant School	Edge Lane, Dewsbury, WF12 0QT	Football	School	One standard quality 9v9 pitch. At capacity used by Thornhill United FC	Improve quality in order to build future pitch capacity.	School Club	Education	M	<b>PROTECT</b> Well used school and club site	M
180	530	1528	Thornhill Sports Centre	Thornehill Valley Drive, Thornehill, Dewsbury, WF12 0HE	AGP	KAL	40x30m sand filled AGP standard quality.	Consider future change of carpet to 3G.	KAL	Local	M	<b>PROTECT</b> Pitch helps to support current shortfalls	M
289	1421	2588	Thornhill Street Recreation Ground	Thornhill St, Thornhill	Football	Council	Adult pitch currently unused. Standard quality.	Explore reconfiguration of pitch to provide for shortfalls in other pitch types.	Council	Local	S	<b>PROTECT</b> Pitch required due to current shortfalls	L
184	559	1436	Upper Hopton Cricket Club	Jackroyd Lane, Mirfield, WF14 8HU	Football	Club	Poor quality mini 7v7 pitch with no spare capacity at peak time.	Improve quality in order to build the future capacity of the site.	Club	Local	M	<b>PROTECT</b> Very well used club site	M
	559	1437			Cricket		Square with 12 wickets played to capacity.	Investigate future potential to increase number of wickets if needed.	Club		M		L-M
186	507	1310	Wakefield Road Recreation Ground	Wakefield Road, Dewsbury, WF12 8PX	Football	Council	Two adult, three 9v9, two 7v7 and two 5v5 pitches all poor quality. Only spare capacity is 0.5 matches on 9v9. Used exclusively by Battyeford SC FC.	Improve quality in order to build future site capacity. Carry out analysis of the site alongside The FA to determine the suitability to become a football hub site	Council	Key Centre	M	<b>PROTECT</b> Well used club site	M
343	1432	1432	Wellhouse Lane Football Ground	Wellhouse Lane, WF14 0PW	Football	Club	One standard 7v7 and one standard 5v5. No spare capacity at peak time. Used by Norristhorpe FC.	Improve quality in order to build future site capacity.	Club FA	Local	M	<b>PROTECT</b> Well used club site	M
189	582	1450	West Mills Playing Fields	Huddersfield Road, Mirfield, WF14 9PX	Football	Council	One adult, two 11v11, two 9v9, three 7v7 and two 5v5 pitches. All standard quality. Only spare capacity is for two matches on 5v5 pitches. Used by Battyeford SC FC.	Improve quality in order to build future site capacity. Carry out analysis of the site alongside The FA to determine the suitability to become a football hub site	Council	Key Centre	M	<b>PROTECT</b> Well used club site	M
190	501	1536	Westborough High School	Stockhill Street, Dewsbury, WF13 2JE	Football	School	Two poor quality adult pitches and two poor 5v5. Not available for community use due to poor drainage.	Improve pitch quality and investigate opportunities to establish community use.	School FA	Education	M	<b>PROTECT ENHANCE</b> With improvements pitches could help to reduce current shortfalls.	M
318	500	1535	Westmoor Junior School	Church Lane, Dewsbury Moor, Dewsbury	Football	School	Two 5v5 mini-pitches standard quality, not available for community use.	Retain for school use, potential site for future community use if needed	School	Education	L	<b>PROTECT</b> Strategic reserve if demand increases in the Area.	L

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1	632	1051	All Saints Catholic College	Bradley Road, HD2 2JT	Football	College	Two adult and two 9v9 pitches all good quality. Used by various primary schools but not currently by community.	Investigate possibility of community use to meet shortfalls identified. Ensure maintenance is appropriate to higher levels of use.	FA RFL	Education	S	<b>PROTECT</b> Pitches could help to reduce shortfalls in the area	L
		Rugby league			Senior rugby league pitch standard quality. Used by school but not currently by community.								
220	319	539	Almondbury BC	4 Thorpe Lane, HD5 8TA	Bowls	Club	One private green, likely to be able to accommodate additional members.	Sustain quality and maximise use to cater for potential future demand.	Club	Local	L	<b>PROTECT</b> Local club site	L
333	671	562	Almondbury CE Infant & Nursery School	Longcroft, Almondbury	Football	School	Used by Almondbury Lions JFC. Mini 5v5 of standard quality, played to capacity.	Sustain current levels of use and ensure maintenance is appropriate to levels of use.	FA	Education	S	<b>PROTECT</b> Well used club site as well as for school use	L
2	666	554	Almondbury Cricket Club	Fernside Avenue, HD5 8PQ	Cricket	Club	Good quality square with nine wickets overplayed by 19 matches per season.	Investigate potential to increase number of wickets on the square or seek access to additional pitch to accommodate overplay.	ECB	Local	S	<b>PROTECT</b> Very well used club site	M
3	668	556	Almondbury Junior School	Southfield Road, Almondbury, HD5 8TG	Football	School	Mini 5v5 standard quality pitch. Currently no community use.	Retain for school use, potential site for future community use if needed.	FA	Education	L	<b>PROTECT</b> Protect site for school use and strategic reserve	L
4	671	564	Almondbury Rec	Cemetery Drive, Almondbury, HD5 8XD	Football	Council	Standard adult pitch with spare capacity for one match at peak time.	Retain spare capacity in order to improve/protect quality.	Council	Local	L	<b>PROTECT</b> Local club site	L
		671			563	Bowls	Club	One private green, likely to be able to accommodate additional members.	Sustain quality and maximise use to cater for potential future demand.		Club	L	<b>PROTECT</b> Local club site
5	666	555	Almondbury Sports Centre	Fernside Avenue, Huddersfield, HD5 8PQ	Football	PFI	Two good quality adult pitches with spare capacity for two matches.	Covert one adult pitch to youth 11v11 in order to meet shortfalls identified.	FA	Local	S	<b>PROTECT</b> Used by school and also by community	L
6	1429	2640	Almondbury Wesleyans Cricket Club	Kaye Lane, HD5 8XT	Cricket	Club	Standard quality square with nine wickets with large amount of overplay (31 matches per season).	Improve quality and investigate potential to increase number of wickets on the square or seek access to additional pitch to accommodate overplay.	ECB	Local	M	<b>PROTECT</b> Very well used club site	M
7	129	600	Armitage Bridge Cricket Club	Dean Brook Road, Huddersfield, HD4 7PB	Football	Club	One standard quality 9v9 with minimal spare capacity.	Improve quality and maximise use to accommodate shortfalls.	FA	Local	S	<b>PROTECT</b> Well used club site	M
					Cricket		One standard quality square with 22 wickets. Potential capacity for two additional Sunday teams.	Improve quality and maximise use to accommodate shortfalls.	ECB				

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290	637	1066	Ashbrow Primary School	Ash Meadow Close, Huddersfield	Football	School	Mini 5v5 of standard quality, not available for community use.	Retain for school use, potential site for future community use if needed.	FA	Education	L	<b>PROTECT</b> Protect site for school use and strategic reserve	L		
8	75	1113	Bankfield Rec	Bankfield Lane, Huddersfield, HD5 0JE	Football	Council	Two poor quality adult pitches overplayed by 0.5, as well as, one 9v9, one 7v7 and one 5v5 all standard quality with no spare capacity. Used by Kirkheaton Youth FC.	Investigate options to improve quality in order to address overplay and build future site capacity for the Club to grow. Carry out analysis of the site alongside The FA to determine the suitability to become a football hub site	Council FA	Key Centre	S	<b>PROTECT</b> Well used club site, key for football in the Area	M		
17	131	432	Berry Brow Rec	Bridge Street, Huddersfield, HD4 7QD	Football	Council	One standard adult pitch with spare capacity for one match per week. Open access and dog foul an issue.	Retain spare capacity in order to improve/protect quality.	Council	Local	L	<b>PROTECT</b> Local club site	L		
286	722	96	Birchcliffe CC	Halifax Road, Birchcliffe, Huddersfield	Football	Club	Mini 5v5 and 7v7, both poor quality; marked on cricket outfield.	Consider pitches at capacity due to being marked on outfield.	FA	Key Centre	S	<b>PROTECT</b> Very well used multi-sport site, especially for cricket	L	M	
					Cricket		Good quality square with eight wickets which is at capacity.	Investigate future potential to increase number of wickets if needed.	Club						L
					Rugby league		One senior pitch of standard quality. At capacity due to being used all year round.	Improve quality in order to build future capacity.	Club						M
285	599	611	Birkby Rose Hill CC	Rose Hill, Birkby Hall Road, Birkby, Huddersfield	Cricket	Club	Standard quality square with six wickets, overplayed by 22 matches per year.	Improve quality and investigate potential to increase number of wickets on the square or seek access to additional pitch to accommodate overplay.	ECB	Local	S	<b>PROTECT</b> Well used club site	M		
20	701	327	Botham Hall Recreation Ground	Rufford Road, Huddersfield, HD3 4RP	Football	Council	Lapsed youth 11v11 pitch.	Explore feasibility of bringing the pitch back in to use to meet shortfalls in the Area.	Council FA	Local	S	<b>PROTECT ENHANCE</b> Pitch has potential to reduce current shortfalls of youth pitches	M-H		
21	641	1073	Bradley & Colneridge Cricket Club	Warrenside Keldregate, Huddersfield, HD2 1LJ	Cricket	Club	Standard quality square with ten wickets and spare capacity of 10 matches per season; potential for one additional Sunday team.	Improve quality and maximise use to accommodate shortfalls in the Area.	ECB	Local	S	<b>PROTECT</b> Well used local club site	M		
222	987	782	Bradley And Colne BC	19 Colne Bridge Road, Bradley, Huddersfield, HD5 0RH	Bowls	Club	One private green, likely to be able to accommodate additional members.	Sustain quality and maximise use to cater for potential future demand.	Club	Local	L	<b>PROTECT</b> Local club site	L		
223	596	1016	Bradley Mills Cricket & Bowling Club	Barr Street, Huddersfield, HD1 6PB	Football	Club	Standard quality adult pitch played to capacity. Cricket no longer at the site.	Retain spare capacity in order improve/protect quality.	Club	Local	L	<b>PROTECT</b> Local club site	L		



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					Bowls	Club	One private green, likely to be able to accommodate additional members.	Sustain quality and maximise use to cater for potential future demand.					
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22	633	1054	Bradley Park	Off Wilton Avenue, Huddersfield, HD2 1RS	Football	Council	One standard quality adult pitch currently unused.	Reconfigure pitch to accommodate other shortfalls, e.g. 9v9 or youth 11v11.	Council FA	Local	S	<b>PROTECT ENHANCE</b> Pitch has potential to reduce current shortfalls of youth pitches	L
26	631	1105	Canal Side Sports Complex	509 , Leeds Road, Huddersfield, HD2 1YJ	Football	Private	One youth 11v11 pitch not available for community use.	Work with the provider to allow formalised community use.	FA	Key Centre	S	<b>PROTECT</b> Well used club site	L
		AGP			Full size 3G AGP, good quality available for public hire.		Ensure sinking fund is in place.						
					Bowls		One private green, likely to be able to accommodate additional members.	Sustain quality and maximise use to cater for potential future demand.	Club				
26a		1106	Canal Side Sports Complex – pitches across the Canal.		Football		Split site with three adult pitches located across the canal. Youth pitches over marked on adult as and when required. No community use.	Work with the provider to allow formalised community use.	FA		S		
29	736	130	Celandine Avenue Recreation Ground	Celandine Avenue, Huddersfield, HD3 3US	Football	Council	One standard quality adult pitch. Spare capacity for 0.5 matches. Lots of casual use through summer as goal posts left up.	Improve quality and maximise use. Consider actions to reduce casual use.	Council	Local	M	<b>PROTECT</b> Local football site	M
282	144	486	Coronation Park	Park Road, Milnsbridge	Football	Council	Used only as a recreational/informal football area.	Protect for informal use.	Council	Reserve	L	<b>PROTECT</b> Protect for informal use	L
228	870	1117	Cowcliffe Lib	181 Netheroyd Hill Road, Cowcliffe, Huddersfield, HD2 2LZ	Bowls	Club	One private green, likely to be able to accommodate additional members.	Sustain quality and maximise use to cater for potential future demand.	Club	Local	L	<b>PROTECT</b> Local club site	L
229	345	401	Crosland Moor BC	Moorside Avenue, Crosland Moor, Huddersfield, HD4 5BH	Bowls	Club	One private green, likely to be able to accommodate additional members.	Sustain quality and maximise use to cater for potential future demand.	Club	Local	L	<b>PROTECT</b> Local club site	L
38	703	410	Crow Lane Rec	Crow Lane, Huddersfield, HD3 4QT	Football	Council	Poor quality adult pitch with spare capacity for one match per week.	Improve quality. Transfer play and reconfigure site to accommodate shortfalls, e.g. 9v9 or youth 11v11.	Council	Local	S	<b>PROTECT</b> Local site	M
230	597	2595	Dalton CBC	Dalton Fold Road, Off Coniston Avenue, Dalton,	Bowls	Club	One private green, likely to be able to accommodate additional members.	Sustain quality and maximise use to cater for potential future demand.	Club	Local	L	<b>PROTECT</b> Local club site	L

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				Huddersfield, HD5 9EW									
42	648	1165	Dalton School	Mayfield Avenue, Huddersfield, HD5 9HN	Football	School	Mini 5v5 not currently available for community use.	Retain for school use, potential site for future community use if needed.	FA	Education	L	<b>PROTECT</b> Protect site for school use and strategic reserve	L
43	632	1049	Deighton Centre	Deighton Road, Huddersfield, HD2 1JP	Football	Council	Three good adult and two good mini 7v7 pitches, adult spare capacity of 2.5 and mini 0.5. Well used by community including six Deighton Juniors teams.	Protect quality and maximise use. Carry out analysis of the site alongside The FA to determine the suitability to become a football hub site	Council	Key Centre	S	<b>PROTECT</b> Well used club site	L
47	609	712	Douglas Avenue	Douglas Avenue, Paddock, Huddersfield, HD3 4HD	Football	Council	Same site as the Royds Hall School Playing Fields, refer to site 145 for action.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	<b>PROTECT ENHANCE</b> Pitches required due to current shortfalls	N/A
48	645	1154	Dram Sports And Community Centre	Ridgeway, Huddersfield, HD5 9QJ	Football	Council	One standard adult pitch overplayed by 1.5 matches. Used heavily by Dalton Dynamos FC.	Seek options to improve quality or reduce play at the site and transfer elsewhere.	Council	Key Centre	M	<b>PROTECT</b> Multi-sport site very well used	M
					Rugby league		One senior and one junior pitch of standard quality. Overplayed due to year round use.	Improve quality in order to accommodate overplay.					
49	696	593	Dryclough Recreation Ground	Dryclough Avenue, Huddersfield, HD4 5JU	Football	Council	One adult pitch standard quality with minimal spare capacity.	Retain spare capacity in order to improve/protect quality.	Council	Local	L	<b>PROTECT</b> Local football site	L
54	597	1168	Edgerton & Dalton Cricket Club	Dalton Fold Road, Huddersfield, HD5 9NL	Cricket	Club	Standard quality square with 12 wickets and 28 matches spare capacity. Potential for additional Sunday team.	Improve quality and maximise use to accommodate shortfalls in the Area.	ECB	Local	S	<b>PROTECT</b> Well used club site	M
56	626	652	Fartown Arena	Spaines Road, Huddersfield, HD2 2SA	Rugby league	Council	One poor quality junior pitch and one standard senior pitch both overplayed by 3.5 and 0.5 respectively. Pitches used for both training and matches. Used by St Joseph's RLFC.	Improve quality in order to help accommodate overplay and explore options for a dedicated training area.	Council RFL	Local	M	<b>PROTECT ENHANCE</b> Well used club site	M
298	618	1084	Fixby J & I School	Lightridge Road, Fixby	Football	School	Mini 5v5 pitch standard quality. Not available for community use.	Retain for school use, potential site for future community use if needed.	FA	Education	L	<b>PROTECT</b> Protect site for school use and strategic reserve	L
361	736	128	Former Britannia Works Sports Club	New Hey Road, Huddersfield, HD3 4GL	Football /cricket	Private	'Swimnation' now on site in old clubhouse. Former cricket ground with 2x youth 11v11 marked on outfield.	Consider options to bring back into use or fully mitigate any loss.	Council FA ECB	Local	M	<b>PROTECT</b> Currently protect due to shortfalls in the Area	H
361b			Salendine Nook	Raw Nook Road,	Football	Private	Site appears to be lapsed.	Consider options to bring	Council	Local	M		H

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			University PF	Salendine Nook			Previously accommodated at least one adult pitch.	back into use or fully mitigate any loss.	FA				
60	709	447	Golcar Cricket Club	Swallow Lane, Golcar, Huddersfield, HD7 4NB	Cricket	Club	Good quality square with 12 wickets, overplayed by eight matches per year.	Seek access to an additional pitch in order to accommodate overplay.	ECB	Local	M	<b>PROTECT</b> Well used cricket site	L-M
					Bowls	Club	One private green, likely to be able to accommodate additional members.	Sustain quality and maximise use to cater for potential future demand.	Club		L	<b>PROTECT</b> Local club site	L
299	710	358	Golcar J I & N	Manor Road, Golcar	Football	School	Two adult and one 9v9 pitch, all standard quality. Pitches near capacity due to school use.	Seek options to improve quality.	FA	Education	M	<b>PROTECT</b> Club site for football, as well as being used by the School	M
235	351	416	Golcar Central Liberal Club	Church Street, Golcar, Huddersfield, HD7 4AH	Bowls	Club	One private green, likely to be able to accommodate additional members.	Sustain quality and maximise use to cater for potential future demand.	Club	Local	L	<b>PROTECT</b> Local club site	L
63	612	635	Greenhead College	Greenhead Road, Huddersfield, HD1 4ES	AGP	College	Standard quality sand filled AGP 60x 40m.	Ensure sinking fund is in place for future refurbishment and consider for 3G.	FA	Local	M	<b>PROTECT</b> Well used pitches, protect for College use	M-H
64	601	662	Greenhead College Sports Field	Highfields Road, Huddersfield, HD1 5NG	Football	College	Three standard quality adult pitches, well used by the College and therefore not available for community use.	Retain for College use and improve quality as required.	College	Education	L		L
					Rugby league		Standard pitch played to capacity and therefore not available for community use.						
204	608	627	Greenhead Park	Park Drive, Greenhead, Huddersfield, HD1 4HR	Bowls	Council	Two private greens, likely to be able to accommodate additional members.	Investigate demand to sustain two greens.	Council	Local	M	<b>PROTECT</b> Well used local park site	L
		608			626	Tennis		Nine good quality macadam courts, well used by the community.					
355	344	395	Griffin Lodge	Rear of Griffin Lodge, 273 Manchester Road	Bowls		Bowling green likely to be disused and unlikely to have local demand.	Further investigate local demand.	Council	-	M	Unlikely to be required to service Bowls demand. Further investigate	L
205	305	677	Grove Lawn Tennis Club	Heaton Road, Gledholt, HD1 4HX	Tennis	Club	Three good quality clay courts, well used.	Sustain quality and usage.	Club	Local	L	<b>PROTECT</b> Local club site	L
279	132	392	Hall Bower Cricket Ground	Hall Bower, Huddersfield, West Yorkshire HD4 6RN	Cricket	Club	Standard quality square with 13 wickets currently overplayed by 23 matches per season.	Seek access to an additional pitch in order to accommodate overplay.	ECB	Local	M	<b>PROTECT</b> Very well used club site	L-M
70	700	606	Hawkroyd Bank Rec	Hawkroyd Bank Road, Huddersfield,	Football	Council	One adult, one 9v9, one 7v7 and one 5v5 pitch all standard quality. 9v9 and 7v7 are over	Improve quality and maximise use of the site to best effect to accommodate	Council FA	Local	M	<b>PROTECT</b> Well used club	M

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				HD4 7JP			marked. 5v5 currently unused, adult pitch overplayed. Sole use by Netherton FC.	demand.				site	
72	721	95	Heather Leigh Recreation Ground	Lindley Moor Road, Mount, Huddersfield, HD3 3TD	Football	Council	One standard adult pitch, minimal spare capacity.	Retain spare capacity to retain/improve quality.	Council	Local	L	<b>PROTECT</b> Local club site	L
					Rugby league		Poor quality senior pitch at capacity, used by Swifts ARLFC.	Improve quality in order to build future capacity at the site.			M		M
237	309	653	Hillhouse & Birkby Bowls Club	King Cliffe Road, Huddersfield, HD2 2RR	Bowls	Private	Lapsed Bowling Green. Unlikely that demand exists for pitch.	Unlikely to be required to service Bowls demand. Further investigate.	Council	-	M	Unlikely to be required to service Bowls demand. Further investigate	L
77	679	481	Hillside Primary School	Headfield Road, Newsome, Huddersfield, HD4 6LU	Football	School	One standard quality adult pitch not available for community use.	Investigate potential to reconfigure pitch to meet shortfalls and allow community use.	FA	Education	M	<b>PROTECT</b> Protect for school use. Investigate community use to help reduce pitch shortfalls	L
332	636	1063	Northfield Hall (also known as Holt Avenue)	Oxley Road, Huddersfield, HD2 1NX	Football	Northfield Hall	One adult, one 9v9 pitch. Spare capacity on adult pitch.	Transfer play and reconfigure adult pitch to accommodate shortfalls, e.g. 9v9 or youth 11v11. Improve quality.	FA	Local	M	<b>PROTECT</b> Local site	M
284	728	114	Hopkinson Recreation Ground	Halifax Road, Huddersfield	Football	Council	Lapsed 9v9 football pitch. One set of goalposts up but no line markings. Site likely to need some investment to be brought back in to use.	Explore feasibility of bringing the pitch back in to use.	Council FA	Local	S	<b>PROTECT ENHANCE</b> Pitch has potential to reduce current shortfalls of youth pitches	H
87	609	2236	Huddersfield Grammar School	Luck Lane, Marsh, Huddersfield, HD1 4QX	Football	School	Mini 5v5 not available for community use.	Retain for school use. Use as strategic reserve if demand increases.	FA	Education	L	<b>PROTECT</b> Protect for School use	L
88	736	2263	Huddersfield New College	New Hey Road, Huddersfield, HD3 4GL	Football	College	Five poor adult and one standard adult pitch. Overplayed by two matches per week.	Improve pitch quality. Carry out analysis of the site alongside The FA to determine the suitability to become a football hub site	FA	Education	M	<b>PROTECT ENHANCE</b> Well used site, multi-sport and with College and community use. Some quality improvements required	M
					Rugby league		One standard senior pitch with spare capacity.	Seek options to maximise community use.	RFL		S		L
					AGP		Full size 3G pitch with good community use.	Sustain quality and usage.	FA		L		L
208			Huddersfield Tennis Club	Highfields, Huddersfield, HD1 5NF	Tennis	Club	Large tennis club with six artificial (four floodlit), one macadam and one polymeric, good/average quality.	Improve court quality/capacity as required in the future.	LTA	Local	M	<b>PROTECT</b> Local club site	M
238	339	586	Hudds RUFC BC	Brewery Drive, Lockwood, Huddersfield,	Bowls	Club	Two private greens, likely to be able to accommodate additional members.	Sustain quality and maximise use to cater for potential future demand.	Club	Local	L	<b>PROTECT</b> Local club site	L

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				HD4 6EN										
89	725	105	Huddersfield YMCA Sports & Social Club	New Hey Road, Salendine Nook, HD3 3XG	Football	Club	Four adult, one 9v9, one 7v7 and one 9v9 pitch (over marked on adult). One adult pitch over marked on to rugby union. No spare capacity at peak time.	Ensure quality of the maintenance is sustained in order that pitches remain as good standard. Carry out analysis of the site alongside The FA to determine the suitability to become a football hub site	Club FA	Key Centre	S	<b>PROTECT</b> Very well used club site. Key multi-sport venue	L	
					Rugby union		Two senior rugby union pitches. One has adult football pitch over marked. One pitch is good quality, over marked pitch is standard. Pitches overplayed due to draining and match demand. Third pitch currently unused.	Explore options to bring third pitch back in to use and consider additional floodlighting in order to reduce overplay and alleviate pressure from training.	Club RFU		S		M	
					Rugby league		One standard senior pitch over marked with rugby union. No spare capacity as pitches used all year round.	Explore options to improve pitch capacity through pitch improvements/maintenance.	Club RFL		S		M	
94	127	601	King James' School	St. Helens Gate, Huddersfield, HD4 6SG	Football	School	Poor quality adult and poor quality 9v9 pitch. School use only.	Retain for school use and improve pitch quality.	School	Education	L	<b>PROTECT ENHANCE</b> Protect for school use	L	
					Cricket		Good quality square with 12 wickets. Used by Old Almondburians CC. Potential capacity for two Sunday teams.	Maximise use to accommodate shortfalls in the Area.	School ECB		S		<b>PROTECT</b> Local club site	L
					Rugby league		Poor senior pitch, only used by the School.	Retain for school use and improve pitch quality.	School		L		<b>PROTECT ENHANCE</b> Protect for school use	L
240	75	1116	Kirkheaton CBC	Bankfield Lane, Kirkheaton, Huddersfield, HD5 0JL	Bowls	Club	One private green, likely to be able to accommodate additional members.	Sustain quality and maximise use to cater for potential future demand.	Club	Local	L	<b>PROTECT</b> Local club site	L	
241	451	1045	Kirkheaton Conservation Club	10 Town Road, Kirkheaton, Huddersfield, HD5 0HW	Bowls	Club	One private green, likely to be able to accommodate additional members.	Sustain quality and maximise use to cater for potential future demand.	Club	Local	L	<b>PROTECT</b> Local club site	L	
98	75	1113	Kirkheaton Cricket Club	Bankfield Lane, Huddersfield, HD5 0JE	Cricket	Club	Standard quality square with 16 wickets, minimal (four matches) spare capacity at peak time.	Retain spare capacity in order to sustain/improve quality.	ECB	Local	L	<b>PROTECT</b> Well used club site	L	
100	45	572	Lascelles Hall	Highfield Lane,	Cricket	Club	Standard quality square with	Maximise use to	ECB	Local	S	<b>PROTECT</b>	L	

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			Cricket Club	Huddersfield, HD5 0BB			16 wickets. Potential capacity for one Sunday team.	accommodate shortfalls in the Area.				Local club site	
104	595	1150	Leeds Road Sports Complex	Leeds Road, Deighton, Huddersfield, HD2 1YY	Football	KAL	Five good quality pitches with 2.5 matches of spare capacity. Cricket outfields overlap football pitches.	Retain spare capacity in order to help protect pitch quality given over marking.	KAL	Strategic	L	<b>PROTECT</b> Strategic site for sport in Kirklees	L
					Cricket		Four cricket squares, each with 10 wickets. Spare capacity on Saturdays but quality not to standard.	Improve quality in order to increase capacity.	KAL ECB		M		M
					AGP		Full size 3G pitch outside and indoor barn 3G pitch 60x40m.	Retain quality and usage.	KAL		L		L
					Rugby league		One senior pitch used by Huddersfield Giants for training and Kirklees College.	Retain quality and usage.	KAL		L		L
106	407	604	Lepton C E (VC) Junior Infant & Nursery School	Station Road, Lepton, Huddersfield, HD8 0DE	Football	School	Two 5v5 mini pitches not available for community use.	Retain for school use. Use as strategic reserve if demand increases.	FA	Education	L	<b>PROTECT</b> Protect site for school use and strategic reserve	L
108	708	597	Leymoor Cricket Club	Leymoor Road, Golcar, Huddersfield, HD7 4QP	Cricket	Club	Standard quality square with eight wickets played to capacity.	Improve quality in order to build future capacity.	Club ECB	Local	M	<b>PROTECT</b> Well used club site	M
109	698	607	Lightenfield Lane Recreation Ground	Lightenfield Lane, Netherton, Huddersfield, HD4 7WJ	Football	Council	One adult standard pitch. Spare capacity for one match per week.	Seek options to maximise use.	Council	Local	S	<b>PROTECT</b> Local club site	L
355	209	146	Lindley Bowling Club	Daisy Lea Lane, HD3 3LP	Bowls	Club	One private green, likely to be able to accommodate additional members.	Sustain quality and maximise use to cater for potential future demand.	Club	Local	L	<b>PROTECT</b> Local club site	L
242	356	157	Lindley Liberal Club	36 Occupation Road, Lindley, Huddersfield, HD3 3EQ	Bowls	Club	One private green, likely to be able to accommodate additional members.	Sustain quality and maximise use to cater for potential future demand.	Club	Local	L	<b>PROTECT</b> Local club site	L
110	731	119	Lindley Recreation Ground	Daisy Lea Lane, Huddersfield, HD3 3LP	Football	Council	Two poor quality adult pitches, played to capacity.	Improve quality/capacity and reconfigure one adult pitch to accommodate shortfalls, e.g. 9v9 or youth 11v11.	Council FA	Local	M	<b>PROTECT</b> Local club site	M
243	357	158	Lindley Working Men's Club Bowling Green	Brian Street, Lindley, Huddersfield, HD3 3EQ	Bowls	Club	Suspected lapsed bowling green.	Unlikely to be required to service Bowls demand. Further investigate.	Council	-	M	<b>PROTECT</b> Protect until no evidence of demand	L
245	1423	2591	Lockwood Conservative Club	246 Lockwood Road, Lockwood, Huddersfield,	Bowls	Club	One private green, likely to be able to accommodate additional members.	Sustain quality and maximise use to cater for potential future demand.	Club	Local	L	<b>PROTECT</b> Local club site	L

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				HD1 3TG									
115	133 200	365 440	Lockwood Park	Brewery Drive Lockwood Park, Lockwood, Huddersfield, HD4 6EN	Rugby union	Club	Three standard quality senior pitches and one poor quality mini. Pitches overplayed due to training and match play.	Improve pitch quality and seek options for additional pitches to cater for training.	RFU	Key Centre	M	<b>PROTECT</b> Key site for rugby union	M
					AGP	Club	Full size sand based AGP, at capacity for hockey. Will need resurfacing in near future.	Protect site for hockey and ensure sinking found is in place for carpe refurbishment.	EH		M	<b>PROTECT</b> Key site for hockey	M-H
116	711	452	Longfield Avenue Recreation Ground	Longfield Avenue, Golcar, Huddersfield, HD7 4AZ	Football	Council	Two adult and one youth 9v9 standard quality. Spare capacity due to poor quality changing facilities.	Maximise use of the site and seek options to improve changing facilities.	Council FA	Local	M	<b>PROTECT ENHANCE</b> Club site in need of improvement	M-H
210	682	438 & 437	Longley Community Sports Club	Longley Road, Lowerhouses Lane, Huddersfield, HD5 8JN	Tennis	Club	Large tennis club. Three artificial and three macadam courts, half are floodlit.	Sustain court quality and increase capacity (through additional floodlighting) as required in the future.	LTA	Local	M	<b>PROTECT</b> Well used tennis club site	L-M
246	353	446	Longwood Bowling Club	Dodlee Lane, Longwood, Huddersfield, HD3 4TZ	Bowls	Club	One private green, likely to be able to accommodate additional members.	Sustain quality and maximise use to cater for potential future demand.	Club	Local	L	<b>PROTECT</b> Local club site	L
248	329	499	Lowerhouses Bowling Club	Lowerhouses Lane, Lowerhouses, Huddersfield, HD5 8JZ	Bowls	Club	One private green, likely to be able to accommodate additional members.	Sustain quality and maximise use to cater for potential future demand.	Club	Local	L	<b>PROTECT</b> Local club site	L
249	296	734	Marsh Lib	31 New Hey Road, Marsh, Huddersfield, HD3 4AL	Bowls	Club	One private green, likely to be able to accommodate additional members.	Sustain quality and maximise use to cater for potential future demand.	Club	Local	L	<b>PROTECT</b> Local club site	L
250	306	675	Marsh Utd BC	Eldon Road, Marsh, Huddersfield, HD1 4ND	Bowls	Club	One private green, likely to be able to accommodate additional members.	Sustain quality and maximise use to cater for potential future demand.	Club	Local	L	<b>PROTECT</b> Local club site	L
252	349	735	Milnsbridge Bowling Club	Bowling Street, Milnsbridge, Huddersfield, HD4 5TF	Bowls	Club	One private green, likely to be able to accommodate additional members.	Sustain quality and maximise use to cater for potential future demand.	Club	Local	L	<b>PROTECT</b> Local club site	L
253	348	394	Milnsbridge Liberal Club	54 George Street, Milnsbridge, Huddersfield, HD3 4JD	Bowls	Club	One private green, likely to be able to accommodate additional members.	Sustain quality and maximise use to cater for potential future demand.	Club	Local	L	<b>PROTECT</b> Local club site	L
254	659	546	Moldgreen Con	Almondbury Bank (next to	Bowls	Club	One private green, likely to be able to accommodate	Sustain quality and maximise use to cater for potential	Club	Local	L	<b>PROTECT</b>	L

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				allotments), Moldgreen, Huddersfield, HD5 8HG			additional members.	future demand.				Local club site	
128	697	420	Moorend Academy	Dryclough Road, Huddersfield, HD4 5JA	Football	Academy	Two good quality adult pitches, currently unused.	Explore potential to accommodate community shortfalls.	FA	Education	S	<b>PROTECT</b> School use. Potential to accommodate community shortfalls	L
345			Moorend Phoenix CC	off Walpole Road. HD4 5EZ	Cricket	Club	Standard quality square with eight wickets, played to capacity.	Improve quality in order to build future capacity.	Club ECB	Local	M	<b>PROTECT</b> Well used club site	M
306	725	104	Moorlands Primary	Moorlands Road, Huddersfield	Football	School	One 5v5 mini pitches not available for community use.	Retain for school use. Use as strategic reserve if demand increases.	FA	Education	L	<b>PROTECT</b> Protect site for school use and strategic reserve	L
9914	644	1036	Nether Hall High School	Nether Hall Avenue	Football	School	Three poor adult and one poor 11v11 pitch. Overplayed.	Improve pitch quality in order to accommodate overplay.	FA	Education	M	<b>PROTECT</b> Protect site for school use and community use	M
256	343	441	Netherton and South Crosland Conservative Club	4 Lightenfield Lane, Netherton, Huddersfield, HD4 7WJ	Bowls	Club	Likely to be disused bowling green.	Unlikely to be required to service Bowls demand. Further investigate.	Council	-	M	Unlikely to be required to service Bowls demand. Further investigate	L
131	688	454	Newsome High School And Sports College	Castle Avenue, Newsome, Huddersfield, HD4 6JN	Football	College	One adult, one youth 11v11 and one 9v9, all standard quality. Heavily used by community and overplayed.	Seek options to improve quality/capacity. Carry out analysis of the site alongside The FA to determine the suitability to become a football hub site	FA	Education	S	<b>PROTECT</b> Well used site. Protect for school use and community use	M
					Rugby league		One poor quality senior pitch overplayed with school use.	Seek options to improve quality/capacity.	Club				
					AGP		Two sand filled AGPs. One almost full size (but too narrow) and one 60x30m.	Ensure sinking fund is in place for future refurbishment and consider for 3G.	FA				
9902	132	392	Newsome Panthers JARLFC	Hall Bower	Rugby league	Club	Three standard senior pitches overplayed due to training and match play.	Improve pitch quality and seek options for additional pitch access to cater for training.	Club RFL	Local	M	<b>PROTECT</b> Well used club site	M
258	332	501	Newsome WMC	St John's Avenue, Newsome, Huddersfield, HD4 6JP	Bowls	Club	One private green, likely to be able to accommodate additional members.	Sustain quality and maximise use to cater for potential future demand.	Club	Local	L	<b>PROTECT</b> Local club site	L
9913	642	1077	North Huddersfield Trust		Football	Trust	One adult pitch, standard quality and unused.	Explore opportunity to reconfigure pitch for other formats and secure use for a	FA	Local	S	<b>PROTECT</b> Local site	L



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					Tennis/netball		Three courts overmarked for tennis and netball.	local club. Improve court quality/capacity as required in the future.	LTA		M		L-M
213	310	671 & 2206	Oakfield Tennis Club	Beechfield Road, Birkby, HD2 2XQ	Tennis	Club	Two macadam and two artificial pitches, not floodlit. Over 10 years old.	Improve court quality/capacity as required in the future.	LTA	Local	S	<b>PROTECT</b> Important tennis site	L-M
	310	673			Bowls		One private green, likely to be able to accommodate additional members.	Sustain quality and maximise use to cater for potential future demand.	Club		L	<b>PROTECT</b> Local site	L
137	614	639	Paddock Cricket Club	West View Rise, Huddersfield, HD1 4UR	Cricket	Club	Standard quality square with 10 wickets played to capacity.	Improve quality in order to build future capacity.	Club ECB	Local	M	<b>PROTECT</b> Well used club site	M
	614	638			Bowls		One private green, likely to be able to accommodate additional members.	Sustain quality and maximise use to cater for potential future demand.	Club		L		L
262	304	680	Paddock Institute & Conservative Club	Raven Street, Paddock, Huddersfield, HD1 4TY	Bowls	Club	One private green, likely to be able to accommodate additional members.	Sustain quality and maximise use to cater for potential future demand.	Club	Local	L	<b>PROTECT</b> Local club site	L
283	678	322	Primrose Hill Cricket Club	Cross Lane, Primrose Hill, Huddersfield	Football	Club	One adult standard pitch, spare capacity for one match.	Retain spare capacity in order to help sustain/improve quality.	FA	Education	L	<b>PROTECT</b> Local club site	L
263	194	407	Primrose Hill Liberal Club	29 Stile Common Road, Primrose Hill, Huddersfield, HD4 6DE	Bowls	Club	One private green, likely to be able to accommodate additional members.	Sustain quality and maximise use to cater for potential future demand.	Club	Local	L	<b>PROTECT</b> Local club site	L
264	655	2247	Ravensknowle Park	Wakefield Road, Moldgreen, Huddersfield, HD5 8DJ	Bowls	Council	There are two greens, likely to be able to accommodate additional members.	Sustain quality and maximise use to cater for potential future demand.	Club	Local	L	<b>PROTECT</b> Local club site	L
142	603	89	Reinwood Rec	New Hey Road, Huddersfield, HD3 4DD	Football	Council	Two standard quality adult pitches with one match spare capacity.	Retain spare capacity in order to help sustain/improve quality.	Council	Local	L	<b>PROTECT</b> Local club site	L
144	411	494	Rowley Lane Junior Infants & Nursery School	Rowley Lane, Lepton, Huddersfield, HD8 0JD	Football	School	One adult and one youth 9v9 standard pitch. No spare capacity.	Ensure maintenance is appropriate for levels of use.	FA	Education	S	<b>PROTECT</b> School use and local club site	L
145	609	710	Royds Hall High School	Victory Avenue, Paddock, Huddersfield, HD3 4HA	Football	PFI	Site totals four adult, one 9v9, one 7v7 and one 5v5 pitch. Three adult, one 9v9, one 7v7 and one 5v5 pitch located at the back of the School as well as an additional adult pitch at the front of the School. Standard quality and overplayed. Used by Linthwaite JFC	Reduce play and improve pitch quality to accommodate overplay.	School FA	Education	S	<b>PROTECT</b> Protect for school and community use	M
					AGP		Plans to develop a hockey suitable AGP are underway.	Further explore local demand and sustainability of business case.	EH		M		H

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146	736	128	Salendine Nook High School	New Hey Road, Huddersfield, HD3 4GN	Football	PFI	Two poor adult and one poor 9v9 pitch. Overplayed by 9.5 matches.	Reduce play and improve pitch quality to accommodate overplay.	School FA	Education	M	<b>PROTECT ENHANCE</b> Well used site for school and community. Quality improvements required	M
					Rugby league		One senior poor quality pitch overplayed by three matches.	Improve pitch quality to accommodate overplay.	School Club		M		M
312	698	607	South Crosland CE Junior School	Moor Lane, Huddersfield	Football	School	Two adult pitches of standard quality, not available for community use.	Retain for school use. Use as strategic reserve if demand increases.	FA	Education	L	<b>PROTECT</b> Protect site for school use and strategic reserve	L
313	1422	2589	Spring Grove JI & N School	Water Street, Huddersfield	Football	School	5v5 mini not available for community use.	Retain for school use. Use as strategic reserve if demand increases.	FA	Education	L	<b>PROTECT</b> Protect site for school use and strategic reserve	L
271	303	516	Springwood Bowling Club	Springwood Avenue, Springwood, Huddersfield, HD1 4BH	Bowls	Club	One private green, likely to be able to accommodate additional members.	Sustain quality and maximise use to cater for potential future demand.	Club	Local	L	<b>PROTECT</b> Local club site	L
314	648	1165	St Joseph's Catholic Primary School (Hudds)	Grosvenor Road, Huddersfield, HD5 9UA	Football	School	Standard quality mini 7v7 used by Dalton Dynamos. Minimal spare capacity available at peak time.	Retain spare capacity in order to help sustain/improve quality.	Club	Education	L	<b>PROTECT</b> Protect for school and community use	L
315	599	614	St Patricks Catholic Primary School	George Avenue, Huddersfield	Football	School	5v5 mini not available for community use.	Retain for school use. Use as strategic reserve if demand increases.	FA	Education	L	<b>PROTECT</b> Protect site for school use and strategic reserve	L
316	633	1055	St Thomas CE Primary School	Sherwood Avenue, Huddersfield	Football	School	5v5 mini not available for community use.	Retain for school use. Use as strategic reserve if demand increases.	FA	Education	L	<b>PROTECT</b> Protect site for school use and strategic reserve	L
171	647	1037	Standiforth Recreation Ground (Dalton Playing Fields)	Grosvenor Road, Huddersfield, HD5 9UA	Football	Council	Three poor quality adult pitches with 1.5 matches spare capacity.	Improve quality/capacity and reconfigure two adult pitches to accommodate shortfalls, e.g. 9v9 or youth 11v11.	Council FA	Key Centre	M	<b>PROTECT</b> Local club site	M
					Rugby league		Standard quality senior pitch used in summer by Moldgreen Juniors, spare capacity.	Maximise use of the site to meet local demand.	Council		S		L
342	77	1072	Stoney Ford	Bar Croft, Kirkheaton	Football	Council	One standard adult pitch. One match of spare capacity.	Retain spare capacity in order to help sustain/improve quality.	Council	Local	L	<b>PROTECT</b> Local site	L
276	352	406	Thorpe Green Bowling & Social Club	227 Leymoor Road, Golcar, Huddersfield, HD7 4QP	Bowls	Club	One private green, likely to be able to accommodate additional members.	Sustain quality and maximise use to cater for potential future demand.	Club	Local	L	<b>PROTECT</b> Local club site	L

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187	641	1073	Warrenside Football Club	Warrenside, Huddersfield, HD2 1LG	Football	Club	One good adult, one standard adult and one good 5v5 pitch. Some spare capacity.	Maximise use to accommodate local shortfalls.	FA	Local	S	<b>PROTECT</b> Local club site	L
277	1424	2592	Waterloo Bowling Club	Wakefield Road, Waterloo, Huddersfield, HD5 9XP	Bowls	Club	One private green, likely to be able to accommodate additional members.	Sustain quality and maximise use to cater for potential future demand.	Club	Local	L	<b>PROTECT</b> Local club site	L
193	130	300	Woodfield Park Police Sports Ground	Meltham Road, Huddersfield, HD4 7BG	Cricket/ rugby league	Huddersfield Giants	Lapsed site. Would require investment to bring one rugby league and one cricket pitch back into use.	Engage with club to further determine the feasibility of bringing this site back into use.	RFL ECB	Local	S	<b>PROTECT ENHANCE</b> With investment site could help to accommodate some current shortfalls	H
	130	299			Bowls		Lapsed Bowling Green. Unlikely that demand exists for pitch.	Unlikely to be required to service Bowls demand. Further investigate.	Council	-	M	Unlikely to be required to service Bowls demand. Further investigate	L
219	981	781	Woodland Glade Leisure Centre	The Green, Bradley, Huddersfield, HD2 1QB	AGP	Private	3G 5v5 pitch, mostly used for recreational and casual use.	Investigate suitability for accommodating training and competitive matches.	FA	Local	S	<b>PROTECT</b> Protect for casual use	L

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New Site			Dearne Valley Sports Village	Standback Way, Skelmanthorpe, HD8 9GA	Multi - Sport	Parkgate Sports & Community Trust	The Trust has signed a 35 year lease on a 23 acre site in Skelmanthorpe and has plans to create a multi-sport community hub site. Plans include 3 AGPs, a MUGA, athletics facilities, cycle paths and orienteering courses as well as sports hall and ancillary facilities.	The Site has the potential to accommodate shortfalls identified in the Area, particularly for football and rugby league. Carry out analysis of the site alongside The FA to determine the suitability to become a football hub site	Trust Council KAL FA RFL Clubs	Strategic	M-L	<b>PROVIDE</b> Potential to provide significant facilities and reduce shortfalls in a number of sports in the Area.	H
347	69	239	Bank Lane (Rear of Manor Farm)	Upper Denby	Football	Private	Lapsed adult football pitch, previously used by local team as part of the former Denby Sports & Social Club.	Explore feasibility to bring back in to use due to shortfalls in the Area. Remark as youth 9v9 or 7v7 pitches.	Council FA	Local	M	<b>PROTECT</b> Due to shortfalls in the Area the pitch is required	M-H
338	55	219	Birdsedge First School	Birdsedge Lane, Birdsedge	Football	School	Standard quality 5v5 pitch used by Cumberworth FC. Spare capacity for one match at peak time.	Ensure maintenance is appropriate for levels of use.	School FA	Education	S	<b>PROTECT</b> Used as a club site as well as by the School	L
339	55	221	Birdsedge Recreation Ground	Birdsedge Lane, Birdsedge	Football	Council	Standard quality 7v7 pitch used by Cumberworth FC. Spare capacity for one match at peak time.	Maximise use to cater for future demand. Ensure maintenance is appropriate for levels of use.	Council FA	Local	S	<b>PROTECT</b> Important club site in the Area	L
226	65	233	Clayton West Bowling Club	Cliff Woods Park, Cliffe Street, HD8 9NR	Bowls	Club	Good quality green. Private bowls club likely to be able to accommodate future demand.	Sustain quality and maximise use to cater for potential future demand.	Club	Local	L	<b>PROTECT</b> Local club site	L
9905	428	167	Clayton West Cricket Club	Back Lane, Clayton West	Cricket	Club	12 wickets at club site, square at capacity, standard quality.	Improve quality in order to build future capacity.	Club ECB	Local	M	<b>PROTECT</b> Well used club site	M
36	47	209	Cross Lane Recreation Ground, Skelmanthorpe	Cross Lane, Skelmanthorpe, HD8 9BR	Football	Club	Two standard quality adult pitches leased to Skelmanthorpe United and over played by one match per week.	Improve pitch quality in order to cater for overplay.	Club FA	Local	S	<b>PROTECT</b> Well used club site	M
40	67	237	Crown Fields	Park Lane, Birdsedge, HD8 8XW	Football	Council	Two adult, one 5v5, one 7v7 and one 9v9 pitch, all poor quality. 7v7 and 9v9 over marked on one adult pitch. Site at capacity. Pitches leased to Cumberworth FC.	Reconfigure pitch layout in order to maximise use of the site. Improve pitch quality.	Club FA	Key Centre	S	<b>PROTECT ENHANCE</b> Very well used club site requiring additional capacity	H
41	49	212	Cumberworth United Cricket Club	Cumberworth Lane, Lower Cumberworth,	Cricket	Club	One cricket pitch with 12 wickets used to capacity. Only nine years remain of 99 year lease with local	Ensure pitch quality is sustained and support club to negotiate long lease.	ECB	Local	S	<b>PROTECT</b> Important club site for cricket in the Area	L

<sup>21</sup> Timescales: (S) -Short (1-2 years); (M) - Medium (3-5 years); (L) - Long (6+ years)

<sup>22</sup> (L) -Low - less than £50k; (M) -Medium - £50k-£250k; (H) -High £250k and above

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44	50	213	Denby Cricket Club (Formerly Denby Sports & Social Club)	Denby Lane, Upper Denby, HD8 8UN	Cricket	Club	Nine wickets at club site, played to capacity. Standard quality.	Improve quality in order to build future capacity.	Club ECB	Local	M	<b>PROTECT</b> Well used club site	M
45	442	189	Denby Dale Cricket Club	Wakefield Road, Denby Dale, HD8 8RX	Cricket	Club	12 wickets at club site, played to capacity. Standard quality.	Improve quality in order to build future capacity.	Club ECB	Local	M	<b>PROTECT</b> Well used club site	M
					Bowls	Club	Private bowls club likely to be able to accommodate future demand.	Sustain quality and maximise use to cater for potential future demand.	Club		L	<b>PROTECT</b> Local club site	L
202	257	279	Denby Dale Tennis Club	Bank Lane, Denby Dale, HD8 8QP	Tennis	Club	Two well used, floodlit, good quality tennis courts and clubhouse. Received match funding for court and clubhouse redevelopment in 2013.	Sustain quality and usage.	Club	Local	L	<b>PROTECT</b> Well used club site	L
233	419	1775	Farnley Tyas BC	Woodsome Road, Farnley Tyas, HD4 6UE	Bowls	Club	Private bowls club likely to be able to accommodate future demand.	Sustain quality and maximise use to cater for potential future demand.	Club	Local	L	<b>PROTECT</b> Local club site	L
55	33	1977	Farnley Tyas Recreation Ground	Butts Road, Farnley Tyas, HD4 6TZ	Football	Council	Standard quality adult pitch played to capacity.	Ensure maintenance is appropriate for levels of use.	Council	Local	L	<b>PROTECT</b> Local site well used for football	L
59	43	1853	Flockton Cricket Club	Lockout Park, Flockton, WF4 4AF	Cricket	Club	Nine wickets (standard quality) with spare capacity for 0.5 match sessions at peak time (Saturday pm). Club wishes to add a second team.	Improve quality in order to maximise use and cater for future growth.	Club ECB	Local	M	<b>PROTECT</b> Well used club site	M
62	1183	1598	Grange Moor Football Ground	Liley Lane, Grange Moor, WF4 4DT	Football	Club	Two good quality adult pitches with spare capacity for two matches at peak time.	Remark one adult pitch to cater for shortfall in youth pitches.	Club FA	Local	S	<b>PROTECT</b> Good quality club site	L
349	1205	1732	Grange Moor Recreation Ground	Briestfield Road, WF4 4DX	Football	Council	Lapsed youth 11v11 pitch.	Explore feasibility to bring back into use due to shortfalls in the Area.	Council FA	Local	M	<b>PROTECT</b> Due to shortfalls in the Area the pitch is required.	M
		Bowls			Club	Green used by Grange Moor Bowling Club.	Sustain quality and maximise use to cater for potential future demand.	Club	L		<b>PROTECT</b> Local club site	L	
200	413	1761	Gregory Fields Tennis Club	Burton Acres Lane, Kirkburton, HD8 0QR	Football	Club	One standard quality adult pitch with one match equivalent spare capacity at peak time.	Explore options to maximise use of the site to accommodate shortfalls.	FA	Key Centre	S	<b>PROTECT</b> Could accommodate shortfalls in the Area	L

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		2586			Tennis		Three standard quality floodlit courts.	Improve quality and seek options for funding to resurface in next 2-3 years.	Club LTA		M	<b>PROTECT ENHANCE</b> Popular club site needing improvements in the future	M-H
76	405	1744	Hill Top (Flockton Recreation Ground)	Park View, Flockton, WF4 4AF	Football	Club	Adult football pitch, poor quality, overplayed by two matches per week.	Increase to good quality in order to accommodate overplay.	Club FA	Local	S	<b>ENHANCE</b> Well used site for football	M
96	420	1776	Kirkburton Cricket Club	Riley Park, Kirkburton, HD8 0SA	Cricket	Club	Standard quality pitch with 12 wickets which is overplayed by four sessions per season.	Improve quality and ensure appropriate pitch maintenance in order to cater for overplay.	Club ECB	Local	S	<b>PROTECT</b> Well used club site	M
97	414	1764	Kirkburton Middle School	Turnshaw Avenue, Kirkburton, HD8 0TJ	Football	School	Two adult, two 9v9, one 5v5 and one 7v7 standard quality pitches. Overplayed due to school and community use by Kirkburton FC.	Improve pitch quality and/or consider transfer of some 9v9 play to alternative sites. Carry out analysis of the site alongside The FA to determine the suitability to become a football hub site	Club FA	Education	S-M	<b>PROTECT</b> Used as a club site as well as by the School	L-H
					Sand AGP		Half sized sand based pitch built in 2006. Used as a playground.	Consider value of pitch in current state and explore options to improve given local shortfalls of AGPs.	Council FA	S	<b>PROTECT ENHANCE</b> Pitch required due to shortfalls	M-H	
107	42	2105	Lepton Highlanders Sports & Social Club	Wakefield Road, Lepton, HD8 0LX	Football	Club	Two adult pitches, one 5v5 and one 7v7 all of standard quality. Spare capacity at peak time on adult pitches.	Maximise use to cater for future demand. Ensure maintenance is appropriate for levels of use.	Club FA	Key Centre	S	<b>PROTECT</b> Well used club site	L
					Cricket		Standard quality pitch with 13 wickets and spare capacity for nine matches per season (i.e. additional ad hoc usage).	Improve quality in order to maximise use and cater for potential future growth.	Club ECB		M	<b>PROTECT</b> Well used club site	M
134	48	211	Nortonthorpe Sports Club	Springfield Avenue, Clayton West, HD8 9HJ	Football	Club	One standard quality adult pitch with spare capacity for one match per week at peak time.	Explore options to maximise use of the site to accommodate shortfalls.	Club FA	Key Centre	S	<b>PROTECT</b> Well used club site	L
					Cricket		Standard quality pitch with eight wickets and potential spare capacity for one Sunday team.	Improve quality in order to maximise use and cater for potential future growth.	Club ECB		M	<b>PROTECT</b> Well used club site	M
9915	434	177	Scisset Middle School	Wakefield Road	Rugby league	School	One poor senior rugby league pitch overplayed. Used by Emley Moor ARLFC. Club leases an old classroom which it has converted to changing facilities and added a porta cabin extension.	Explore funding opportunities with the Club to improve pitch quality in order to accommodate overplay.	School Club	Education	S	<b>PROTECT ENHANCE</b> Used as a club site as well as by the School	M

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154	455	205	Shelley College	Huddersfield Road, Shelley, HD8 8NL	Rugby league	School	Two poor quality senior pitches, used only by the School but overplayed.	Where possible improve pitch quality.	School	Education	M	<b>PROTECT ENHANCE</b> With improvements pitches could help to reduce current shortfalls	M
155	78	1857	Shelley Cricket Club	Westerley Way, Shelley, HD8 8HN	Cricket	Club	Standard quality pitch with 12 wickets and played to capacity.	Improve quality in order to build future capacity.	Club	Local	M	<b>PROTECT</b> Well used club site	M
156	78	246	Shelley Lane	Westerley Way, Shelley, HD8 8HN	Football	Council	Two 7v7 poor quality, lapsed football pitches.	Explore feasibility of bringing back in to use to accommodate large shortfalls in the Area. Any loss should be mitigated.	Council FA	Local	M	<b>PROTECT ENHANCE</b> With improvements pitches could help to reduce current shortfalls	H
348		1659	Shepley Bowls Club	Lea Head	Bowls	Club	One good quality green on site.	Sustain quality and maximise use to cater for potential future demand.	Club	Local	L	<b>PROTECT</b> Local club site	L
157	40	1852	Shepley Cricket Club	Marsh Lane, Shepley, HD8 8AS	Cricket	Club	Standard quality pitch with 14 wickets with potential spare capacity for 0.5 matches Sunday pm.	Improve quality in order to maximise use and cater for potential future growth.	Club ECB	Local	M	<b>PROTECT</b> Well used club site	M
158	34	1840	Shepley Recreation Ground	Firth Street, Shepley, HD8 8DD	Football	Council	One standard quality adult pitch with spare capacity for one match per week.	Explore options to maximise use of the site to accommodate shortfalls.	Club FA	Local	S	<b>PROTECT</b> Local club site	L
	1206	1771	Shepley Tennis Club	Lea Head	Tennis	Club	Two artificial floodlit courts of good quality. Club cites plans for a third court.	Support the Club to create additional courts in order to unmet/future demand expressed.	Club LTA	Local	M	<b>PROTECT</b> Important tennis site in the area	M-H
268	264	290	Skelmanthorpe Central Bowling Club	Rear Direct House, New Street, Skelmanthorpe, HD8 9BL	Bowls	Club	Private bowls club likely to be able to accommodate future demand.	Sustain quality and maximise use to cater for potential future demand.	Club	Local	L	<b>PROTECT</b> Local club site	L
160	437	182	Skelmanthorpe Cricket Club	Lidgett Lane, Skelmanthorpe, HD8 9AQ	Cricket	Club	Standard quality pitch with 12 wickets and played to capacity.	Improve quality in order to build future capacity.	Club	Local	M	<b>PROTECT</b> Well used club site	M
269	71	241	Skelmanthorpe Windmill	2 Busker Lane, Skelmanthorpe, HD8 9EW	Bowls	Club	Private bowls club likely to be able to accommodate future demand.	Sustain quality and maximise use to cater for potential future demand.	Club	Local	L	<b>PROTECT</b> Local club site	L
172	35	1869	Storthes Hall Park	Storthes Hall Lane, Kirkburton, HD8 0WA	AGP	Club	Used extensively by Shelley FC and due to be converted to 3G. One hockey club currently access.	Accommodate hockey team elsewhere and resurface to 3G. Carry out analysis of the site alongside The FA to determine the suitability to become a football hub site	University Club FA	Strategic	M	<b>PROTECT ENHANCE</b> With improvements pitch will help to reduce current shortfalls of 3G	H
					Football	Club	Five good quality adult	Develop as a football hub				<b>PROTECT</b>	

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							pitches, one 5v5 and one 7v7 pitch. Site owned by University and leased long-term to Shelley FC with agreed University use for Step 7 football. One match equivalent available at peak time on adult pitch.	site. Retain spare capacity on grass pitches in order to protect quality.				Well used club site	
173	430	171	Sunnymead Recreation Ground	Sunnymead, Scissett, HD8 9JA	Football	Council	One standard quality adult pitch with one match equivalent available at peak time. Used by Scissett FC.	Explore options to maximise use of the site to accommodate shortfalls.	Club FA	Local	S	<b>PROTECT</b> Local club site	L
178	427	164	The Welfare Ground	Upper Lane, Emley, HD8 9RE	Football	Council	One good quality adult football pitch used by Emley FC (Step 6). Pitch partially overlaps the cricket outfield.	Retain spare capacity in order to protect quality particularly given over marking.	Council Clubs	Key Centre	L	<b>PROVIDE</b> Key site for football in the Area	L
					Cricket		Pitch with 10 wickets. Limited spare capacity used by Emley Clarence CC, standard quality.	Retain spare capacity in order to protect quality particularly given over marking.				<b>PROTECT</b> Well used club site	
183	38	1847	Thurstonland Cricket Club	Marsh Hall Lane, Thurstonland, HD4 6XD	Cricket	Club	Standard quality pitch with 12 wickets and played to capacity.	Improve quality in order to build future capacity.	Club	Local	M	<b>PROTECT</b> Well used club site	M
199	37	1843	Thurstonland Recreation Ground	Marsh Hall Lane, Thurstonland, HD4 6XD	Football	Council	Lapsed 9v9 football pitch.	Explore feasibility of bringing back in to use to accommodate large shortfalls in the Area. Any loss should be mitigated.	Council FA	Local	M-L	<b>PROTECT ENHANCE</b> With improvements pitches could help to reduce current shortfalls	H



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224	1136	1021	Broad Oak BC	Cowlersley Lane, Linthwaite, Huddersfield, HD7 5TE	Bowls	Club	Private bowls club likely to be able to accommodate future demand. Assessed as good quality.	Sustain quality and maximise use to cater for potential future demand.	Club	Local	L	<b>PROTECT</b> Local club site	L
24	8	1897	Broad Oak Cricket Club	Gillroyd Lane, Broad Oak, Huddersfield, HD7 5SH	Cricket	Club	Well used standard quality cricket ground with 16 wickets. Potential spare capacity for one Sunday team.	Improve quality in order to maximise use.	Club ECB	Local	M	<b>PROTECT</b> Well used club site	M
25	370	1702	Broadlands Recreation Ground	Broadlands, Meltham, Holmfirth, HD9 5QX	Football	Council	One good quality and one standard quality adult pitch. Spare capacity for 1.5 match sessions at peak time.	Explore options to maximise use of the site to accommodate shortfalls.	Council FA	Key Centre	S	<b>PROTECT ENHANCE</b> Due to other shortfalls in the Area pitches require protection	L
					Rugby League	Council	One poor junior pitch and one poor senior pitch over played by 1.75 and 0.5 respectively.	Improve pitch quality where possible in order to alleviate overplay.	Council RFL		S	<b>PROTECT</b> Well used club site	M
225	1195	1672	Brockholes BC	New Mill Road (A616), Brockholes	Bowls	Club	Good quality green. Private bowls club likely to be able to accommodate future demand.	Sustain quality and maximise use to cater for potential future demand.	Club	Local	L	<b>PROTECT</b> Local club site	L
360	396	2097	Carters Former Playing Fields	72 New Mill Road, HD9 6QQ	Football	Private	Lapsed youth 11v11. Not used for over ten years. Would require investment to be brought back in to use.	Consider feasibility of bringing back in to use due to shortfalls in the Area.	Council FA	Local	M	<b>PROTECT ENHANCE</b> With improvements pitches could help to reduce current shortfalls	M
336	20	1842	Cartworth Moor	Cartworth Moor Road, Holmfirth	Football	Club	Standard quality adult pitch with spare capacity for one match per week.	Explore options to maximise use of the site to accommodate shortfalls.	Club FA	Key Centre	S	<b>PROTECT ENHANCE</b> Local club site with capacity to reduce shortfalls	L
194	18	1841	Cartworth Moor Cricket Ground	Gill Lane, Holmfirth, HD9 2TU	Cricket	Club	Standard quality square with ten wickets. Potential spare capacity for one Sunday team.	Improve quality in order to maximise use.	Club ECB		M	<b>PROTECT</b> Well used club site	M

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33	1	1759	Colne Valley High School	Gillroyd Lane, Linthwaite, HD7 5SP	Football	School	Two poor quality 11v11 pitches. Overplayed and hired to Linthwaite FC which further exacerbates poor quality.	Improve pitch quality where possible. Carry out analysis of the site alongside The FA to determine the suitability to become a football hub site	Education FA	Education	M	<b>PROTECT ENHANCE</b> With improvements pitches could help to reduce current shortfalls	M
					Rugby League		Two poor quality senior pitches not used for community use due to quality.	Improve pitch quality where possible.	Education RFL	M	<b>PROTECT ENHANCE</b> With improvements pitches could help to reduce current shortfalls	M	
					AGP	School	Half size sand AGP, standard quality. Used for football.	Consider value of pitch in current state and explore options to improve given local shortfalls of AGPs.	Education	M	<b>PROTECT ENHANCE</b> Pitch required due to shortfalls	M	
340	24	1870	Flowery Fields	Snittle Road, Hade Edge	Football	Parish Council	Adult standard pitch over played by three matches per week. Used by Hade Edge AFC	Consider transfer of teams to pitches with capacity.	Parish Club FA	Local	S	<b>PROTECT</b> Well used club site	L
236	10	1916	Hemplow BC	Adj Marsden CC, Mount Road, Hemplow, HD7 6NN	Bowls	Club	Private bowls club likely to be able to accommodate future demand.	Sustain quality and maximise use to cater for potential future demand.	Club	Local	L	<b>PROTECT</b> Local club site	L
75	1173	1419	Hepworth United FC	Far Lane, Hepworth, Holmfirth, HD9 1RN	Football	Club	Two poor adult pitches. One adult pitch has two 7v7 over marked. Over played by 0.5. Club has planning application to build a clubhouse.	Improve pitch quality to alleviate overplay. Ensure clubhouse building goes ahead.	Club FA	Local	M	<b>PROTECT ENHANCE</b> Important football club site in the Area	H
78	2	1884	Hollins Glen Recreation Ground	Commerical Street, Slaithwaite, HD7 5JZ	Rugby League	Council	One senior poor quality pitch. Used by Slaithwaite Saracens ARLFC.	Improve pitch quality.	Council Club RFL	Local	S	<b>PROTECT</b> Well used club site	M
196	390	1815	Holmbridge Cricket Ground	Woodhead Road, Holmbridge, HD9 2NQ	Cricket	Club	Standard quality cricket square with 10 wickets, played to capacity. Poor quality clubhouse	Explore opportunities to improve clubhouse.	Club ECB	Local	S	<b>PROTECT ENHANCE</b> Well used club site	M
79	391		Holmbridge Recreation Ground	Woodhead Road, Holmbridge, Holmfirth, HD9 2NW	Football	Council	One standard quality adult pitch with spare capacity for one match per week.	Explore options to maximise use of the site to accommodate shortfalls.	Council FA	Local	S	<b>PROTECT</b> Due to other shortfalls in the Area pitch requires protection	L

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80	377	1783	Holmfirth Cricket Club	Bridge Lane, Holmfirth, HD9 7AN	Cricket	Club	Standard quality square with 12 wickets played to capacity.	Improve quality and ensure appropriate pitch maintenance in order to cater for current usage and future demand.	Club ECB	Local	M	<b>PROTECT</b> Well used club site	M
					Bowls	Club	Private bowls club likely to be able to accommodate future demand. Green assessed as good quality.	Sustain quality and maximise use to cater for potential future demand.	Club		L	<b>PROTECT</b> Local club site	L
81	378	1789	Holmfirth High School Sports Field	Springwood Road, Thongsbridge, HD9 7SJ	Football	PFI	Offsite pitches. Adult, youth 11v11 and 5v5 all poor quality. All over played due to school and community use.	Improve pitch quality to alleviate overplay.	Education FA	Education	S	<b>PROTECT ENHANCE</b> With improvements pitches could help to reduce current shortfalls	M
					Rugby League	PFI	Poor quality senior pitch, used only by the School but would be available if quality improved. Overplayed.	Improve pitch quality to alleviate overplay.	Education RFL		S	<b>PROTECT ENHANCE</b> With improvements pitches could help to reduce current shortfalls.	M
301	15	1832	Holmfirth J I & N School	Cartworth Road, Holmfirth	Football	School	Standard quality 7v7 pitch not currently available for community use.	Explore community use options with the school in attempt to reduce shortfalls.	Education FA	Education	S	<b>PROTECT</b> Due to other shortfalls in the Area pitch requires protection.	L
207	1201	1680	Holmfirth Parish Church Tennis Club	New Mill Road, Thongsbridge, HD9 1HG	Tennis	Club	Three good quality floodlit macadam courts. Membership of 100.	Sustain quality and usage.	Club LTA	Local	L	<b>PROTECT</b> Well used club site.	L
82	378	1998	Holmfirth Sports Centre	Heys Road, Thongsbridge, Holmfirth, HD9 7SE	Football	PFI	One adult, one 9v9 and one 5v5 pitch of standard quality. 9v9 over played. Adult and 5v5 unused.	Reconfigure pitch layout in order to maximise use of the site. Carry out analysis of the site alongside The FA to determine the suitability to become a football hub site	PFI Education FA	Education	S	<b>PROTECT</b> Due to other shortfalls in the Area pitches require protection	L
					AGP	PFI	Half size sand based AGP, poor quality.	Consider value of pitch in current state and explore options to improve given local shortfalls of AGPs.	PFI Education		M	<b>PROTECT</b> Pitch required due to shortfalls	M
302	394	1902	Honley CE Junior School	Jaggar Lane, Honley, Holmfirth, HD9 6BT	Football	School	One 5v5 and one 7v7 on site. Standard quality with spare capacity for one 5v5 and one 7v7 match each week. Used by Honley FC.	Explore options to maximise use of the site to accommodate shortfalls.	Education FA	Education	S	<b>PROTECT</b> School site with community use	L
341	394	1901	Honley Cricket Club	Jaggar Lane, Honley, Holmfirth, HD9 6BT	Football	Club	Mini 7v7 pitch marked on outfield, standard quality at capacity.	Sustain pitch usage.	Club FA	Local	L	<b>PROTECT</b> Very well used club site	L
					Cricket		Standard square with 10 wickets over played by 14 matches per season.	Improve pitch quality to sustain overplay. Ensure appropriate maintenance.	Club ECB		M	<b>PROTECT</b> Very well used club site	M

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85	32	2101	Honley High School	Station Road, Honley, Holmfirth, HD9 6QJ	Tennis	PFI (SPIE)	Five tarmac tennis courts. Currently not used by the community.	No local demand. Sustain for school use.	PFI Education	Education	L	<b>PROTECT</b> Strategic reserve if demand increases in the Area	L
239	1161	1407	Jackson Bridge	Chapel Bank, Off Sheffield Road, Scholes, HD9 1HR	Bowls	Club	Private bowls club likely to be able to accommodate future demand. Good quality green.	Sustain quality and maximise use to cater for potential future demand.	Club	Local	L	<b>PROTECT</b> Local club site	L
92	394	1900	Jagger Lane Recreation Ground	Jagger Lane, Honley, Holmfirth, HD9 6NS	Football	Council	Two poor quality adult pitches, over played by two matches per week. No changing rooms.	Improve pitch quality to alleviate overplay. Explore options regarding ancillary facilities.	Council FA	Local	S-M	<b>PROTECT ENHANCE</b> Well used club site	M
111	6	1994	Linthwaite Cricket & Bowling Club	Manchester Road, Linthwaite, HD7 5QH	Cricket	Club	Standard quality square with 12 wickets. Potential spare capacity for two Sunday teams.	Improve quality in order to maximise use and cater for future growth.	Club ECB	Local	M	<b>PROTECT</b> Local club site	M
					Bowls		Private bowls club likely to be able to accommodate future demand. Good quality green.	Sustain quality and maximise use to cater for potential future demand.	Club		L		
244	363	1698	Linthwaite Hall	Linfit Lane, Linthwaite, HD7 5LQ	Bowls	Club	Private bowls club likely to be able to accommodate future demand. Good quality green.	Sustain quality and maximise use to cater for potential future demand.	Club	Local	L	<b>PROTECT</b> Local club site	L
216	364	1708	Linthwaite Methodist Sports Club	Linthwaite Methodist Church, Stones Lane, HD7 5PD	Tennis	Club	Three good quality macadam courts. Funding received for floodlights and court renovation. Poor clubhouse.	Sustain court quality. Ensure funding for floodlight and court renovation is used. Improve clubhouse.	Club LTA	Local	M	<b>PROTECT ENHANCE</b> Local club site	M
112	3	1997	Linthwaite Recreational Ground	Manchester Road, Linthwaite, HD7 5NE	Football	Council	Two standard quality adult pitches. Spare capacity for two matches per week.	Consider transfer of teams from overplayed sites in order to maximise usage.	Council FA	Local	S	<b>PROTECT</b> Local club site	L
119	10	1915	Marsden Cricket & Bowling Club	Mount Road, Marsden, HD7 6NN	Cricket	Club	Good quality square with 16 wickets. No spare capacity at peak time.	Sustain quality. Ensure appropriate maintenance levels in order to sustain and maximise usage.	Club ECB	Local	L	<b>PROTECT</b> Well used club site	L
					Tennis		Three average quality macadam courts and one is floodlit.	Improve quality and seek options for funding to resurface the courts.	Club LTA		M		
344	367	1864	Marsden Football Club	Fall Lane, Marsden	Football	Club	Poor quality adult pitch over played by two matches per week. Club has aspirations to grow.	Improve pitch quality to alleviate overplay and accommodate future demand.	Club FA	Local	S	<b>PROTECT ENHANCE</b> Well used club site	M
350	368	2072	Marsden Park	Manchester Road	Bowls	Club	Council green assessed as good quality. Club likely to be able to accommodate future demand.	Sustain quality and maximise use to cater for potential future demand.	Club Council	Local	L	<b>PROTECT</b> Local club site	L

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305	373	1811	Meltham C of E Primary School	Holfirth Road, Holmfirth	Football	School	Standard quality 7v7 pitch with no spare capacity at peak time. Used by Meltham Athletic FC.	Sustain quality and usage.	Education FA	Education	L	<b>PROTECT</b> School site with community use	L
120	370	1872	Meltham Cricket Club	Mean Lane, Meltham, Holmfirth, HD9 5QT	Cricket	Club	Standard quality square with 18 wickets. Potential spare capacity for additional Sunday team.	Improve quality in order to maximise use and cater for future growth.	Club ECB	Local	M	<b>PROTECT</b> Well used club site	M
251	370	1704	Meltham No 1	Mean Lane (Past Cricket Club), Meltham, HD9 5QT	Bowls	Club	Private bowls club likely to be able to accommodate future demand. Good quality green.	Sustain quality and maximise use to cater for potential future demand.	Club	Local	L	<b>PROTECT</b> Local club site	L
358	372	1873	Meltham Park (Robert Ashton Memorial Park)	Huddersfield Road, Meltham	Football	Council	Unused mini 7v7 pitch.	Explore reasons for unused pitch and feasibility to bring back in to use.	Council FA	Local	S	<b>PROTECT</b> Protect currently due to shortfalls of mini 7v7 pitches in the Area	L
					Tennis		Two macadam courts, not floodlit. Average quality.	Improve quality to maximise usage.			Council LTA		M
121	30	2009	Meltham Road Recreation Ground	Meltham Road, Honley, Holmfirth, HD9 6HL	Football	Council	One standard adult pitch played to capacity.	Sustain pitch for continued usage. Improve pitch to create additional capacity.	Council FA	Local	M	<b>PROTECT</b> Well used club site	M
130	395	2036	Neilley Pavilion	New Mill Road, Honley, Holmfirth, HD9 6QT	Football	PFI	Standard quality adult and 9v9 pitches. Over played by three matches per week.	Improve quality to alleviate overplay. Consider transfer of play to alternative sites.	PFI Education FA	Education	S	<b>PROTECT</b> School site with community use	M
257	1156	1400	New Mill Club	Sheffield Road, New Mill, HD9 7JT	Bowls	Club	Private bowls club likely to be able to accommodate future demand. Green assessed as good quality.	Sustain quality and maximise use to cater for potential future demand.	Club	Local	L	<b>PROTECT</b> Local club site	L
352	1167	1413	Playing Field	Sheffield Road, Spring Lane, Hole Bottom, Holmfirth.	Football		Lapsed youth 11v11 pitch, unused from 2002.	Explore feasibility to bring back in to use due to shortfalls in the Area	Council FA	Local	M	<b>PROTECT</b> Protect currently due to shortfalls of youth 11v11 pitches in the Area	M
148	377	2001	Sands Recreation Ground	Huddersfield Road, Holmfirth, HD9 3TS	Football	Council	Two poor quality adult pitches over played by 3.5 matches per week.	Improve pitch quality to alleviate overplay.	Council FA	Local	M	<b>PROTECT</b> Well used council site	M
310	146	2114	Scapegoat Hill J & I School	School Road, Golcar, Huddersfield	Football	School	Standard quality 5v5 not available for community use.	Explore community use options with the School in attempt to reduce shortfalls.	Education FA	Education	S	<b>PROTECT</b> Pitch could help to reduce shortfalls	L
150	16	1834	Scholes Cricket Club	Chapelgate, Scholes, Holmfirth, HD9 1SX	Cricket	Club	Standard quality square with ten wickets over played by 30 matches per season.	Improve pitch quality to sustain overplay. Ensure appropriate maintenance. Consider transfer of teams.	Club ECB	Local	M	<b>PROTECT</b> Very well used club site	M
311	362	1696	Slaithwaite CE J & I School	Holme Lane, Slaithwaite,	Football	School	One adult and one 5v5 standard quality not available for community use.	Explore community use options with the School in attempt to reduce shortfalls.	Education FA	Education	S	<b>PROTECT</b> Pitches could help to reduce shortfalls	L

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161	359	1694	Slaithwaite Cricket & Bowling Club	Racton Street, Slaithwaite, HD7 5DQ	Cricket	Club	Standard quality square with 14 wickets played to capacity.	Improve quality and ensure appropriate pitch maintenance in order to cater for current usage and future demand.	Club ECB	Local	M	<b>PROTECT</b> Very well used club site	M
					Bowls		Private bowls club likely to be able to accommodate future demand. Green assessed as good quality.	Sustain quality and maximise use to cater for potential future demand.	Club		L	<b>PROTECT</b> Local club site	L
162	5	2004	Slaithwaite Spa	Spa Lane, Linthwaite, HD7 5QB	Rugby League	Council/Club	Two poor quality senior pitches. Pitches considered to be at capacity due to year round usage. No changing facilities. Used by Slaithwaite Saracens.	Improve pitch quality to maximise use and cater for demand. Explore ancillary facility options.	Club Council RFL	Local	M	<b>PROTECT ENHANCE</b> Very well used club site	M
174	379	1792	Sycamore Recreation Ground	Stoney Bank Lane, New Mill, Holmfirth, HD9 7LZ	Football	Council	Two adult and one 7v7 pitch, standard quality currently unused.	Determine why pitches are currently unused. Seek transfer of teams from overplayed sites. Consider reconfiguration of pitches to suit demand.	Council FA	Local	S	<b>PROTECT</b> Pitches could help to reduce current shortfalls	L
176	23	1850	The Cross Grounds	Dunford Road, Holmfirth, HD9 2RR	Rugby League	Club	One poor quality senior pitch. Over played by 9.25. Used all year round.	Improve pitch quality to alleviate overplay.	Club RFL	Local	M	<b>PROTECT</b> Very well used club site	M
346	17	1838	Thongsbridge Cricket Club	Miry Lane	Cricket	Club	Standard quality square with 12 wickets played to capacity.	Improve quality and ensure appropriate pitch maintenance in order to cater for current usage and future demand.	Club ECB	Local	M	<b>PROTECT</b> Well used club site	M
179	14	1831	Thongsbridge Recreation Ground	Miry Lane, Thongsbridge, Holmfirth, HD9 7SA	Football	Council	Standard quality 9v9 pitch. No spare capacity at peak time.	Ensure maintenance is appropriate for levels of use.	Council FA	Local	S	<b>PROTECT</b> Local club site	L
					Bowls		Bowls club likely to be able to accommodate future demand. Good quality green.	Sustain quality and maximise use to cater for potential future demand.	Club		L		L
179	17	1837 & 2504	Thongsbridge Tennis Club	Miry Lane, Holmfirth, Yorkshire, HD9 7RY	Tennis	Club	Seven artificial, four polymeric and two macadam courts all assessed as good quality and well used by the Club.	Sustain court quality.	Club LTA	Local	L	<b>PROTECT</b> Well used club site	L
185	1430	2641	Upperthong Cricket Club	Dean Road, Holmfirth, HD9 3XB	Cricket	Club	Standard quality square with 12 wickets over played by 40 matches per season. Poor clubhouse and only 15 years remaining on lease.	Prioritise lease renewal. Improve pitch quality and ensure appropriate pitch maintenance in order to better accommodate usage. Explore transfer of teams. Improve clubhouse.	Club ECB	Local	M	<b>PROTECT Enhance</b> Very well used club site	H

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362	1436	2655	West Fields Park	Winney Bank Lane, Holmfirth HD9 1US	Football	Club	Private one pitch site (adult). Included as standard quality as currently no pitch assessment. Used by local club Wooldale Wanderers.	Ensure maintenance is appropriate for levels of use. Seek further pitch assessment.	Club FA	Local	S	<b>PROTECT</b> Local club site	L

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

### ***Delivery***

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

It is important that this document is used in a practical manner, is engaged with partners and encourages partnerships to be developed, to ensure that outdoor sports facilities are regarded as a vital aspect of community life and which contribute to the achievement of Council priorities.

The production of this Strategy should be regarded as the beginning of the planning process. The success of this Strategy and the benefits that are gained are dependent upon regular engagement between all partners involved and the adoption of a strategic approach.

Each member of the steering group should take the lead to ensure the PPS is used and applied appropriately within their area of work and influence. The role of the steering group should not end with the completion of the PPS document

To help ensure the PPS is well used it should be regarded as the key document within the study area guiding the improvement and protection of playing pitch provision. It needs to be the document people regularly turn to for information on how the current demand is met and what actions are required to improve the situation and meet future demand. In order for this to be achieved the steering group need to have a clear understanding of how the PPS can be applied and therefore delivered. Key uses for the PPS include evidence for supporting funding bids, guidance to inform planning decisions and planning applications and decision making for capital investment.

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

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

It is important that there is regular annual monitoring and review against the actions identified in the Strategy. This monitoring should be led by the local authority and supported by all members of, and reported back to, the steering group. The Kirklees Sport and Physical Activity Group will monitor and review both the Playing Pitch Strategy and Indoor Built Facilities Strategy and check progress on actions. Understanding and learning lessons from how the PPS has been applied should also form a key component of monitoring its delivery. This should form an on-going role of the group. It is possible that in the interim between



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annual reviews the steering group could operate as a 'virtual' group; prepared to comment on suggestions and updates electronically when relevant.

As a guide, if no review and subsequent update has been carried out within three years of the PPS being signed off by the steering group, then Sport England and the NGBs would consider the PPS and the information on which it is based to be out of date. If the PPS is used as a 'live' document, and kept up to date, the time frame can be extended to five years.

Furthermore, the process of refreshing the PPS would be much less resource intensive if changes and updates have been made throughout the five years. If there are no updates to the document within the period the nature of the supply and in particular the demand for playing pitches is likely to have changed. Therefore, without any form of review and update within this time period it would be difficult to make the case that the supply and demand information and assessment work is sufficiently robust.

Ideally the PPS should be reviewed on an annual basis from the date it is formally signed off by the steering group. This will help to maintain the momentum and commitment that would have been built up when developing the PPS. Taking into account the time to develop the PPS this should also help to ensure that the original supply and demand information is no more than two years old without being reviewed.

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

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

Once the PPS is complete the role of the steering group should evolve so that it:

- ◀ Acts as a focal point for promoting the value and importance of the PPS and playing pitch provision in the area
- ◀ Monitors, evaluates and reviews progress with the delivery of the recommendations and action plan
- ◀ Shares lessons learnt from how the PPS has been used and how it has been applied to a variety of circumstances
- ◀ Ensures the PPS is used effectively to input into any new opportunities to secure improved provision and influence relevant programmes and initiatives
- ◀ Maintains links between all relevant parties with an interest in playing pitch provision in the area;
- ◀ Reviews the need to update the PPS along with the supply and demand information and assessment work on which it is based. Further to review the group should either:

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- ◀ Provide a short annual progress and update paper;
- ◀ Provide a partial review focussing on particular sport, pitch type and/or sub area; or
- ◀ Lead a full review and update of the PPS document (including the supply and demand information and assessment details).

Alongside the regular steering group meetings it is recommended that Kirklees Council holds annual sport specific meetings with the pitch sport NGBs and other relevant organisations. These meetings should look to update the key supply and demand information, if necessary amend the assessment work, track progress with implementing the recommendations and action plan and highlight any new issues and opportunities. Things to consider include formation of new teams or loss of teams, any new formats of the sports that would impact on facilities, changes in quality or creation of new facilities.

These meetings could be timed to fit with the annual affiliation process undertaken by the NGBs which would help to capture any changes in the number and nature of sports clubs in the area. Other information that is already collected on a regular basis such as pitch booking records for local authority and other sites could be fed into these meetings. The NGBs will also be able to indicate any further performance quality assessments that have been undertaken within the study area. Discussion with the league secretaries may also indicate annual league meetings which it may be useful to attend to pick up any specific issues and/or enable a review of the relevant club details to be undertaken.

The steering group should regularly review and refresh area by area plans taking account of any improvements in pitch quality (and hence increases in pitch capacity) and also any new negotiations for community use of education or other private sites in the future. Updating the action plans will make the task of updating the PPS much easier.


It is important that the Council maintains the data contained with the accompanying Playing Pitch Database. This will enable it to refresh and update area by area plans on a regular basis. The accompanying databases are intended to be refreshed on a season by season basis and it is important that there is cross-departmental working, including for example, grounds maintenance and sports, to ensure that this is achieved and that results are used to inform subsequent annual sports facility development plans. Results should be shared with partners via a consultative mechanism.

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## Checklist

To help ensure the PPS is delivered and is kept robust and up to date, the steering group can refer to the new methodology Stage E Checklist: Deliver the strategy and keep it robust and up to date:

<http://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/planning-for-sport/planning-tools-and-guidance/playing-pitch-strategy-guidance/>

Stage E: Deliver the strategy and keep it robust and up to date	Tick 	
	Yes	Requires Attention
<b>Step 9: Apply &amp; deliver the strategy</b>		
1. Are steering group members clear on how the PPS can be applied across a range of relevant areas?		
2. Is each member of the steering group committed to taking the lead to help ensure the PPS is used and applied appropriately within their area of work and influence?		
3. Has a process been put in place to ensure regular monitoring of how the recommendations and action plan are being delivered and the PPS is being applied?		
<b>Step 10: Keep the strategy robust &amp; up to date</b>		
1. Has a process been put in place to ensure the PPS is kept robust and up to date?		
2. Does the process involve an annual update of the PPS?		
3. Is the steering group to be maintained and is it clear of its on-going role?		
4. Is regular liaison with the NGBs and other parties planned?		
5. Has all the supply and demand information been collated and presented in a format (i.e. single document that can be filtered accordingly) that will help people to review it and highlight any changes?		
6. Have any changes made to the Active Places Power data been fed back to Sport England?		

## APPENDIX ONE: STRATEGIC CONTEXT

The recommendations within this Strategy have been developed via the combination of information gathered during consultation, site visits and analysis. They reflect key areas to be addressed over its lifetime. However, implementation must be considered in the context of financial implications and the need for some proposals to also meet planning considerations.

### National context

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

### *Sport England: A Sporting Habit for Life (2012-2017)*

In 2017, five years after the Olympic Games, Sport England aspires to transforming sport in England so that it is a habit for life for more people and a regular choice for the majority. Launched in January 2012 the strategy sets out how Sport England will invest over one billion pounds of National Lottery and Exchequer funding during the five year plan period. The investment will be used to create a lasting community sport legacy by growing sports participation at the grassroots level following the 2012 London Olympics. The strategy will:

- ◀ See more people starting and keeping a sporting habit for life
- ◀ Create more opportunities for young people
- ◀ Nurture and develop talent
- ◀ Provide the right facilities in the right places
- ◀ Support local authorities and unlock local funding
- ◀ Ensure real opportunities for communities

The vision is for England to be a world leading sporting nation where many more people choose to play sport. There are five strategic themes including:

- ◀ Maximise value from current NGB investment
- ◀ Places, People, Play
- ◀ Strategic direction and market intelligence
- ◀ Set criteria and support system for NGB 2013-17 investment
- ◀ Market development

The aim by 2017 is to ensure that playing sport is a lifelong habit for more people and a regular choice for the majority. A specific target is to increase the number of 14 to 25 year olds playing sport. To accomplish these aims the strategy sets out a number of outcomes:

- ◀ 4,000 secondary schools in England will be offered a community sport club on its site with a direct link to one or more NGBs, depending on the local clubs in a school's area.
- ◀ County sports partnerships will be given new resources to create effective links locally between schools and sport in the community.
- ◀ All secondary schools that wish to do so, will be supported to open up, or keep open, their sports facilities for local community use and at least a third of these will receive additional funding to make this happen.

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- ◀ At least 150 further educational colleagues will benefit from a full time sports professional who will act as a College Sport Maker.
- ◀ Three quarters of university students aged 18-24 will get the chance to take up a new sport or continue playing a sport they played at school or college.
- ◀ A thousand of our most disadvantaged local communities will get a Door Step Club.
- ◀ Two thousand young people on the margins of society will be supported by the Dame Kelly Holmes Legacy Trust into sport and to gain new life skills.
- ◀ Building on the success of the Places People Play, a further £100 million will be invested in facilities for the most popular sports.
- ◀ A minimum of 30 sports will have enhanced England Talent Pathways to ensure young people and others fulfil their potential.

### ***National Planning Policy Framework***

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

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

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

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

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

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

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### ***The FA National Game Strategy (2015 – 2019)***

The main aims of the National Game Strategy are summarised below:

- ◀ Sustain and Increase Participation
- ◀ Ensure access to education sites to accommodate the game.
- ◀ Help players to be the best that they can be and provide opportunities for them to progress from grassroots to elite
- ◀ Recruit, retain and develop a network of qualified referees
- ◀ Support clubs, leagues and other competition providers to develop a safe, inclusive and positive football experience for everyone.
- ◀ Support Clubs and Leagues to become sustainable businesses, understanding and serving the needs of players and customers.
- ◀ Improve grass pitches through the pitch improvement programme to improve existing facilities and changing rooms
- ◀ Deliver new and improved facilities including new Football Turf Pitches.
- ◀ Work with priority Local Authorities enabling 50% of mini-soccer and youth matched to be played on high quality artificial grass pitches

### ***England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) Champion Counties Strategic Plan 2014 – 2017***

The England and Wales Cricket Board unveiled a new strategic plan in 2013 which seeks to deliver successful England teams at all levels, to produce a vibrant domestic game as well as increasing participation during the period 2014-17. It builds on the 2005 plan, Building Partnerships and the subsequent 2009 initiative, Grounds to Play.

The plan will take advantage of local partnerships developed in earlier plans and support local delivery of priorities through the County network. It targets operational excellence to make maximum use of scarce resources and facilities during a time of economic austerity.

Among the targets set under the four pillars of Effective Governance, Vibrant Domestic Game, Enthusiating Participation and Successful England teams, which are relevant to the playing pitch strategy, are:

- ◀ An increase in participation as measured by Sport England's Active People Survey from 183,400 to 197,500
- ◀ Expand the number of clubs participating in NatWest CricketForce from 2,000 to 2,200
- ◀ Increase the number of cricket's volunteers to 80,000 by 2017
- ◀ Expand the number of participants in women's and disabilities cricket by 10% by 2017
- ◀ To increase the number of TwelfthMan members from 220,000 to 250,000 by 2017
- ◀ Complete an approved Community Engagement programme with all 18 First Class Counties and MCC
- ◀ For each £1 provided in facility grants through the 'Sport England Whole Sport Plan Grant Programme' ensure a multiplier of three with other funding partners
- ◀ Provide a fund of £8.1m of capital investment to enhance floodlights, sightscreens, replay screens, power sub-stations and broadcasting facilities at First Class County venues
- ◀ Provide an interest-free loan fund to community clubs of £10 million
- ◀ Qualify and engage 50 Level 4 coaches to support the development of professional cricketers

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- ◀ Expand the number of coaches who have received teacher level 1, 2 or 3 qualifications to 50,000
- ◀ Provide a fund of £2 million for community clubs to combat the impact of climate change
- ◀ Introduce a youth T20 competition engaging 500 teams by 2017

The following actions executed during the duration of Building Partnerships provide a strong base for this plan. Actions include:

- ◀ Streamlining ECB governance
- ◀ Building participation by more than 20% per annum (as measured through ECB focus clubs and County Cricket Boards)
- ◀ Developing women's cricket
- ◀ Attracting volunteers
- ◀ Expanding cricket's spectator base
- ◀ Introducing grants and loans to clubs
- ◀ Developing disabilities cricket

This plan therefore influences 'Grounds to Play' in the areas of facilities and coaches, which is where ECB investment will be focussed. Partnership funding and support will play a key role in the delivery of actions and maintaining the strength of the pillars.

### ***The Rugby Football Union National Facilities Strategy (2013-2017)***

The RFU National Facility Strategy 2013-2017 provides a framework for development of high-quality, well-managed facilities that will help to strengthen member clubs and grow the game in communities around them. In conjunction with partners, this strategy will assist and support clubs and other organisations, so that they can continue to provide quality opportunities for all sections of the community to enjoy the game. It sets out the broad facility needs of the sport and identifies investment priorities to the game and its key partners. It identifies that with 1.5 million players there is a continuing need to invest in community club facilities in order to:

- ◀ Create a platform for growth in club rugby participation and membership, especially with a view to exploiting the opportunities afforded by RWC 2015.
- ◀ Ensure the effectiveness and efficiency of rugby clubs, through supporting not only their playing activity but also their capacity to generate revenue through a diverse range of activities and partnerships.

In summary the priorities for investment which have met the needs of the game for the Previous period remain valid:

- ◀ Increase the provision of changing rooms and clubhouses that can sustain concurrent adult and junior male and female activity at clubs
- ◀ Improve the quality and quantity of natural turf pitches and floodlighting
- ◀ Increase the provision of artificial grass pitches that deliver wider game development

It is also a high priority for the RFU to target investment in the following:

- ◀ Upgrade and transform social, community and catering facilities, which can support the generation of additional revenues

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- ◀ Facility upgrades, which result in an increase in energy-efficiency, in order to reduce the running costs of clubs
- ◀ Pitch furniture, including rugby posts and pads, pitch side spectator rails and grounds maintenance equipment

### **England Hockey (EH) - A Nation Where Hockey Matters (2013-2017)**

EH have a clear vision, a powerful philosophy and five core objectives that all those who have a role in advancing Hockey can unite behind. With UK Sport and Sport England's investment, and growing commercial revenues, EH are ambitious about how they can take the sport forward in Olympic cycles and beyond.

*"The vision is for England to be a 'Nation Where Hockey Matters'. A nation where hockey is talked about at dinner tables, playgrounds and public houses, up and down the country. A nation where the sport is on the back pages of our newspapers, where children dream of scoring a goal for England's senior hockey team, and where the performance stirs up emotion amongst the many, not the few"*

England Hockey aspires to deepen the passion of those who play, deliver and follow sport by providing the best possible environments and the best possible experiences. Whilst reaching out to new audiences by making the sport more visible, available and relevant and through the many advocates of hockey.

Underpinning all this is the infrastructure which makes the sport function. EH understand the importance of volunteers, coaches, officials, clubs and facilities. The more inspirational people can be, the more progressive Hockey can be and the more befitting the facilities can be, the more EH will achieve. The core objectives are as follows:

- ◀ Grow our Participation
- ◀ Deliver International Success
- ◀ Increase our Visibility
- ◀ Enhance our Infrastructure
- ◀ Be a strong and respected Governing Body

England Hockey has a Capital Investment Programme (CIP) that is planned to lever £5.6 million investment into hockey facilities over the next four years, underpinned by £2m million from the National Governing Body. With over 500 pitches due for refurbishment in the next 4-8 years, there will be a large focus placed on these projects through this funding stream. The current level of pitches available for hockey is believed to be sufficient for the medium term needs, however in some areas, pitches may not be in the right places in order to maximise playing opportunities



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### ***'The right pitches in the right places'<sup>23</sup>***

In 2012, EH released its facility guidance which is intended to assist organisations wishing to build or protect hockey pitches for hockey. It identifies that many existing hockey AGPs are nearing the end of their useful life as a result of the installation boom of the 90's. Significant investment is needed to update the playing stock and protect the sport against inappropriate surfaces for hockey as a result of the rising popularity of AGPs for a number of sports. EH is seeking to invest in, and endorse clubs and hockey providers which have a sound understanding of the following:

- ◀ Single System – clubs and providers which have a good understanding of the Single System and its principles and are appropriately places to support the delivery.
- ◀ ClubsFirst accreditation – clubs with the accreditation are recognised as producing a safe effective and child friendly hockey environment
- ◀ Sustainability – hockey providers and clubs will have an approved development plan in place showing their commitment to developing hockey, retaining members and providing an insight into longer term goals. They will also need to have secured appropriate tenure.

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## APPENDIX TWO: FUNDING PLAN

### Funding opportunities

In order to deliver much of the Action Plan it is recognised that external partner funding will need to be sought. Although seeking developer contributions in applicable situations and other local funding/community schemes could go some way towards meeting deficiencies and/or improving provision, other potential/match sources of funding should be investigated. Below is a list of current funding sources that are relevant for community improvement projects involving sports facilities.

Awarding body	Description
Big Lottery Fund <a href="http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/">http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/</a>	Big invests in community groups and to projects that improve health, education and the environment
Sport England : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improvement Fund</li> <li>• Sportsmatch</li> <li>• Small Grants</li> <li>• Protecting Playing Fields</li> <li>• Inspired Facilities</li> <li>• Strategic Facilities Fund</li> </ul> <a href="http://www.sportengland.org/funding.aspx">http://www.sportengland.org/funding.aspx</a> <a href="http://www.sportengland.org/funding/our-different-funds/strategic-facilities/">http://www.sportengland.org/funding/our-different-funds/strategic-facilities/</a>	Sport England is keen to marry funding with other organisations that provide financial support to create and strengthen the best sports projects. Applicants are encouraged to maximise the levels of other sources of funding, and projects that secure higher levels of partnership funding are more likely to be successful.
Football Foundation <a href="http://www.footballfoundation.org.uk/">http://www.footballfoundation.org.uk/</a>	This trust provides financial help for football at all levels, from national stadia and FA Premier League clubs down to grass-roots local development.
Rugby Football Foundation - The Grant Match Scheme <a href="http://www.rugbyfootballfoundation.org">www.rugbyfootballfoundation.org</a>	The Grant Match Scheme provides easy-to-access grant funding for playing projects that contribute to the recruitment and retention of community rugby players. Grants are available on a 'match funding' 50:50 basis to support a proposed project. Projects eligible for funding include: 1. Pitch Facilities – Playing surface improvement, pitch improvement, rugby posts, floodlights. 2. Club House Facilities – Changing rooms, shower facilities, washroom/lavatory, and measures to facilitate segregation (e.g. women, juniors). 3. Equipment – Large capital equipment, pitch maintenance capital equipment (e.g. mowers).
EU Life Fund <a href="http://ec.europa.eu/environment/funding/intro_en.htm">http://ec.europa.eu/environment/funding/intro_en.htm</a>	LIFE is the EU's financial instrument supporting environmental and nature conservation projects throughout the EU.
EH Capital Investment Programme (CIP)	The CIP fund is for the provision of new pitches and re-surfacing of old AGPs. It forms part of EH's 4 year Whole Sport's Plan.
National Hockey Foundation <a href="http://www.thenationalhockeyfoundation.com/">http://www.thenationalhockeyfoundation.com/</a>	The Foundation primarily makes grants to a wide range of organisations that meet one of our chosen areas of focus: Young people and hockey.

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Awarding body	Description
	Enabling the development of hockey at youth or community level.

### ***Protecting Playing Fields***

SE launched a funding programme; Protecting Playing Fields (PPF) as part of its Places People Play Olympic legacy mass participation programme. The programme is being delivered via funding rounds with approximately £4 million being awarded to projects in each round.

Its focus is on protecting and improving playing fields and developing community sport. It will fund capital projects that create, develop and improve playing fields for sporting and community use and offer long term protection of the site for sport. Projects are likely to involve the construction of new pitches or improvement of existing ones that need levelling or drainage works.

Sport England's 'Inspired Facilities' funding programme is an open programme where clubs, community and voluntary sector groups and local authorities can apply for grants of between £25k and £150k where there is a proven local need for a facility to be modernised, extended or modified to open up new sporting opportunities.

The programmes three priorities are:

- ◀ Organisations that haven't previously received a Sport England Lottery grant of over £10k.
- ◀ Projects that are the only public sports facility in the local community.
- ◀ Projects that offer local opportunities to people who do not currently play sport.

Besides this scheme providing an important source of funding for potential voluntary and community sector sites, it may also providing opportunities for Council to access this funding particularly in relation to resurfacing the artificial sports surfaces

### ***Strategic Facilities Fund***

Facilities are fundamental in providing more people with the opportunity to play sport. The supply of the right facilities in the right areas is key to getting more people to play sport. Sport England recognises the considerable financial pressures that local authorities are currently under and the need to strategically review and rationalise leisure stock so that cost effective and financially sustainable provision is available in the long-term. Sport England has a key role to play in the sector, from influencing the local strategic planning and review of sports facility provision to investing in major capital projects of strategic importance.

The Strategic Facilities Fund will direct capital investment into a number of key local authority projects that are identified through a strategic needs assessment and that have maximum impact on growing and sustaining community sport participation. These projects will be promoted as best practice in the delivery of quality and affordable facilities, whilst demonstrating long-term operational efficiencies. The fund will support projects that bring together multiple partners, including input from the public and private sectors and national governing bodies of sport (NGBs). The fund is also designed to encourage applicants and their partners to invest further capital and revenue funding to ensure sustainability. Sport

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England has allocated a budget of circa £30m of Lottery funding to award through this fund (2013-17).

Key features which applications must demonstrate are:

- ◀ A robust needs and evidence base which illustrates the need for the project and the proposed facility mix
- ◀ Strong partnerships which will last beyond the initial development of the project and underpin the long-term sustainability of the facility
- ◀ Multi-sport provision and activity that demonstrates delivery against NGB local priorities
- ◀ A robust project plan from inception to completion with achievable milestones and timescales.

Lottery applications will be invited on a solicited-only basis and grants of between £500,000 and £2,000,000 will be considered.

The Strategic Facilities Fund will prioritise projects that:

- ◀ Are large-scale capital developments identified as part of a local authority sports facility strategic needs assessment/rationalisation programme and that will drive a significant increase in community sports participation
- ◀ Demonstrate consultation/support from two or more NGBs and delivery against their local priorities
- ◀ Are multi-sport facilities providing opportunities to drive high participant numbers
- ◀ Are a mix of facility provision (indoor and/or outdoor) to encourage regular & sustained use by a large number of people
- ◀ Offer an enhancement, through modernisation, to existing provision and/or new build facilities
- ◀ Have a long-term sustainable business plan attracting public and private investment
- ◀ Show quality in design, but are fit for purpose to serve the community need
- ◀ Have effective and efficient operating models, combined with a commitment to development programmes which will increase participation and provide talent pathways.

Projects will need to demonstrate how the grant will deliver against Sport England's strategic priorities. The funding available is for the development of the capital infrastructure, which can contribute to the costs of new build, modernisation or refurbishment and purchasing of major fixed equipment as part of the facility development.

### **Funder's requirements**

Below is a list of funding requirements that can typically be expected to be provided as part of a funding bid, some of which will fall directly out of the Playing Pitch Strategy:

- ◀ Identify need (i.e., why the Project is needed) and how the Project will address it.
- ◀ Articulate what difference the Project will make.
- ◀ Identify benefits, value for money and/or added value.
- ◀ Provide baseline information (i.e., the current situation).
- ◀ Articulate how the Project is consistent with local, regional and national policy.
- ◀ Financial need and project cost.
- ◀ Funding profile (i.e., Who's providing what? Unit and overall costs).
- ◀ Technical information and requirements (e.g., planning permission).

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- ◀ Targets, outputs and/or outcomes (i.e., the situation after the Project/what the Project will achieve)
- ◀ Evidence of support from partners and stakeholders.
- ◀ Background/essential documentation (e.g., community use agreement).
- ◀ Assessment of risk.

### **Indicative costs**

The indicative costs of implementing key elements of the Action Plan can be found on the Sport England website:

<http://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/tools-guidance/design-and-cost-guidance/cost-guidance/>

There are two sets of costs that are highlighted here; facility capital costs and lifecycle costs.

#### *Facility capital costs*

- ◀ Facility capital costs are calculated using estimates of what it typically costs to build modern sports facilities, including fees and external work, naturally taking into account varying conditions, inflation and regional adjustments.
- ◀ Costs are updated regularly in conjunction with information provided by the BCIS (Building Cost Information Service) and other Quantity Surveyors.
- ◀ The document is often referred to as the Planning Kitbag costs as the figures are often used by planners and developers when reviewing potential planning contributions to site developments.

#### *Lifecycle costs*

- ◀ Life cycle costs are how much its costs to keep a facility open and fit-for-purpose during its lifetime.
- ◀ It includes costs for major replacement and planned preventative maintenance (PPM) – day to day repairs. The costs are expressed as a percentage of the capital cost.
- ◀ You should not underestimate the importance of regular maintenance and the expense in maintaining a facility throughout its life.

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## APPENDIX THREE: TERMS OF REFERENCE

### *Pitch quality*

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

- ◀ Good
- ◀ Standard
- ◀ Poor

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 take into account the user quality ratings gathered from consultation.

Criteria for pitch quality, and examples of non-technical assessment forms, can be accessed on the Sport England website:

<https://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/planning-for-sport/planning-tools-and-guidance/playing-pitch-strategy-guidance/>

### *Unmet demand*

See page 21 of the Sport England methodology:

<http://www.sportengland.org/media/217868/pps-guidance-october-2013-updated.pdf>

*“Current **unmet demand** could be in the form of a team that has currently got access to a pitch for its matches but nowhere to train or vice versa. It could also be from an educational establishment that is currently using an indoor facility because of the lack of access to outdoor pitch provision. Along with a lack of pitches of a particular type being available to the community unmet demand may be due to the poor quality and therefore limited capacity of pitches in the area and/or a lack of provision and ancillary facilities which meet a certain standard of play/league requirement.”*