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1 Introduction

1.1 The Stratford on Avon Playing Pitch Strategy

This Playing Pitch Strategy forms part of a wider Open Space, Sport and Recreational Assessment that has been commissioned by Stratford on Avon District Council as part of the evidence base for their Local Development Framework. The Assessment comprises a PPG17 compliant Open Space Audit and accompanying Playing Pitch Strategy. This Playing Pitch Strategy complements the PPG17 Audit by considering the supply and demand for outdoor sports facilities across the District in more detail. An assessment of the accessibility of outdoor sports facilities and the quality of these facilities has also been undertaken in line with PPG17 guidance. The objectives of this and the PPG17 Audit are to:

- Establish a vision for open space, sport and recreation across the District;
- Undertake a robust audit of open space, sport and recreation facilities across the District;
- Develop an understanding of residents' and stakeholder's perceptions and needs in relation to open space;
- Identify relative surpluses and deficiencies of recreational facilities in terms of the quantity, accessibility and distribution of existing facilities;
- Assess likely future requirements for open space and sporting facilities, based on likely population growth and trends in participation;
- Undertake an assessment of the quality of existing facilities, to identify priorities for improvement;
- Develop design guidelines, policy recommendations and local standards that will provide a framework for future development; and
- Establish a robust evidence base to inform decisions on future development, planning applications and funding allocations.

Sport England's guidance on Playing Pitch Strategies¹ identifies a number of benefits in maintaining an up to date assessment of outdoor sports facilities. Amongst other things, a robust Playing Pitch Strategy can help to maximise the value and use of existing facilities, whilst protecting them from the threat of new development. It can also assist in delivering sports development programmes and improvements to existing facilities whilst providing the evidence to justify new sports provision where necessary. Playing Pitch Strategies are also an important communication tool that can encourage partnership working to achieve mutual objectives, both within Council Departments, between Councils and key stakeholders such as National Governing Bodies (NGBs); and amongst local communities and other users.

¹ Sport England, 2006. Towards a Level Playing Field: A Guide to the Production of Playing Pitch Strategies

This Playing Pitch Strategy has considered a wide range of outdoor sports, including:

- Football
- Rugby Union
- Cricket
- Hockey
- Athletics
- Tennis
- Netball
- Bowls

Existing provision within Stratford District has been considered in terms of:

Accessibility: As well as maintaining a healthy balance between the supply of and demand for outdoor sports facilities, there is a need to ensure that sports facilities are accessible to local communities. Those wishing to participate in a particular sport should have access to suitable facilities within an acceptable travel distance from their home. Other barriers to access – such as the cost of participation also need to be considered. Assessment of the accessibility of outdoor sports facilities has been undertaken using the methodology outlined in the PPG17 Companion Guide², and findings from this assessment have been taken into consideration in the assessment of existing supply.

Quantity: an assessment of supply and demand has been undertaken on the basis of guidance set out in *Towards a Level Playing Field*, and Sport England's Playing Pitch Model has been used to identify temporal surpluses and deficiencies in sports pitches.

Quality: site audits of all sports pitches / courts and ancillary accommodation in the District have been undertaken, and findings have been assessed using Sport England's *Towards a Level Playing Field Toolkit*.

1.2 Structure of this Report

The report commences with an overview of the current legislation, policy and best practice guidance (Section 2), which has informed the undertaking of the playing pitch audit and the reporting of this Strategy. Following on, the report provides details of the Playing Pitch Strategy Methodology (Section 3) to provide an understanding of the approach taken, key parameters and how this lines with relevant best practice guidance.

The main body of this report is structured into themed chapters, by sport. For most sports the chapter is structured as follows, in accordance with the *Towards a Level Playing Field Guidance*:

- Quantity Assessment: Supply and Demand
 - Teams
 - Home games
 - Pitch supply

² ODPM, 2002 Assessing Needs and Opportunities: A Companion Guide to PPG17,

- Assessment of findings – Playing Pitch Model
- Future demand and supply – Playing Pitch Model
- Quality Assessment
 - Accommodation
 - Changing facilities
 - Pitch quality
 - Equipment
 - Overall quality assessment

Each of these chapters is completed with a summary of the key points, providing a useful overview of key issues and opportunities for each sport.

The Report is completed by a summary of key findings and recommendations, demonstrating how this important evidence base can be taken forward.

2 Legislation, Policy and Best Practice Review

As part of the PPG17 Audit and Playing Pitch Strategy for Stratford on Avon District Council, a comprehensive review of relevant legislation, planning policy and best practice guidance has been undertaken, the findings from which are summarised in this chapter.

2.1 Accessibility of Provision

Sport England encourages the wide distribution of outdoor sports facilities. *Towards a Level Playing Field*³ states that centralising several playing fields on a single site can have major detrimental effects on accessibility, particularly for young people and those without a car. As a result, it encourages the provision of local community pitches which are conveniently located to meet local community needs.

As well as proximity, the ownership of facilities and their availability to the community are also key factors in providing good quality, accessible sports pitches. *Planning Policies for Sport*⁴ encourages local authorities to provide accessible opportunities to everyone in terms of location, convenience, design, availability and cost. They should also focus on enabling greater community access to playing fields currently in private or educational use.

Any assessment of accessibility must also take into account the demand for facilities, both now and in the future. This might include addressing access issues through public transport improvements, or through new developments. The volume and significance of latent demand and its implications on accessibility must also be considered (see Section 2.2).

Clearly, facilitating equal access to sport is a challenge; there are marked differences in participation between men and women, ethnic groups, and particularly between different social classes. For example, professionals are more likely to take advantage of local authority sports halls than semi-skilled and unskilled groups, and are also more likely to be members of sports clubs. An understanding of these user groups, their needs and preferences is required when undertaking a qualitative assessment of access to sports facilities. Geographic considerations, including the settlement geographies of the area and differences in service provision between urban and rural locations also need to be taken into account.

It is important that the design, operation and maintenance of sports facilities meet the needs of the wide range of user groups by adopting the principles of inclusive design. This includes considering the needs of parents with young children, older people, disabled people – people with sensory, cognitive and mobility impairments including wheelchair users. Sport England has provided design guidance⁵ for accessible facilities, which aims to increase awareness of good design in sports facilities; help key building professions and stakeholders to

³ Sport England, 2006. *Towards a Level Playing Field: A Guide to the Production of Playing Pitch Strategies*

⁴ Sport England, 1999, *Planning Policies for Sport* A land use planning policy statement on behalf of Sport England.

⁵ Sport England, 2010. *Design Guidance Note: Accessible Sports Facilities*

follow best practice; and encourage well designed facilities that meet the needs of sports users and are a pleasure to use.

*A Sporting Future for All*⁶ identifies measures to try and increase participation among a wide range of social groups. These measures include investing in grass root facilities and making sure that everyone involved in sport tries to give opportunities to those who are currently excluded. Local authorities are once again encouraged to play a lead role in ensuring fair access to facilities. This includes setting targets such as; all pupils should have access to physical education and disability should not be a barrier to inclusion in sport programmes. The need to ensure that young people of all abilities have the opportunity to high quality physical education and sport provision outside school hours has been highlighted as a particular issue. Out of school hours clubs and activities offer great scope for schools to form partnerships which will broaden and strengthen the range of opportunities available to all young people.

The nature of sporting activities means that cross boundary considerations are important when devising any Sports Strategy. Sport England has provided guidance to local authorities on the consideration of planning across boundaries – including both physical and attitudinal boundaries. Local Sports Strategies need to take into account the impact on the local area of sports provision and programmes in neighbouring authorities. Local authorities are therefore encouraged to work with neighbouring councils to develop sport across the wider area, thereby maximising benefits in terms of health, social inclusion, community safety and other cross cutting issues.

2.1.1 Assessing Accessibility

Fields in Trust (FIT) recently undertook independent research including a survey of local planning authorities and consultation with key stakeholders around the United Kingdom to inform the development of accessibility, quantity and quality standards for outdoor sport and play, which are set out in *Planning and Design for Outdoor Sport and Play*⁷. FIT make the following recommendations for accessibility of playing pitches and other outdoor sports facilities:

Playing pitches - should be available within 1.2 kilometres of all dwellings in major residential areas.

Athletics – one synthetic athletics track with floodlighting per 250,000 people living within 30 minutes drive time (45 minutes in rural areas) of the proposed location.

Tennis - there should be community tennis courts within 20 minutes travel time (walking in urban areas, by car in rural areas).

Bowls - one bowling green within 20 minutes travel time (walking in urban areas, by car in rural areas).

The spread of sports provision (in both location and usage), the availability of facilities and opportunities to use them are key issues that also need to be considered.

⁶ DCMS, 2000, A Sporting Future for All

⁷ Fields in Trust, 2008. Planning and Design for Outdoor Sport and Play

Towards a Level Playing Field suggests that the following information should be assessed and forwarded to Sport England in terms of accessibility:

- Accessible pitches per 1,000 population
- Accessible pitches per study area
- Area of accessible pitches (hectares) per 1,000 population

In terms of delivering improvements to existing levels of accessibility, Sport England promotes the inclusion of policies within Development Plan Documents that encourage the provision of facilities which are accessible by public transport, bicycle and on foot and seek to maximise accessibility for all sections of the community. *Planning Policies for Sport* outlines the following aim for local policy to try and achieve:

“To ensure that all members of the community have equality of access to sports facilities and opportunities for participation and that the particular needs of different groups are incorporated into the planning, design and management of new facilities and access arrangements.”

2.2 Quantity of Provision

The adequacy of the current supply of outdoor sports facility provision in Stratford District must be assessed against existing and future demand. The assessment of current and future needs for playing pitches is encouraged in Sport England’s *Planning Bulletin 8*⁸, which encourages assessments to take account of such factors as forecast population changes, anticipated increases in sports participation due to sports development initiatives and the quality and availability of existing provision. In analysing the adequacy of current and future provision, latent demand must also be taken into account. Latent demand is demand that is not known because of current lack of access to pitches or other ancillary facilities. Factors that should be considered when assessing latent demand include:

- Current frustrated demand;
- Influence of sports development initiatives;
- Quality of pitches and ancillary facilities;
- National sporting success, and its influence on participation;
- Pricing policies;
- Sport in the school curriculum; and
- Lifestyle changes.

The *Playing Pitch Strategy - Fit for Purpose Assessment Framework*⁹ also requires a Playing Pitch Strategy to consider future sporting trends and new activities and how these may impact on demand.

2.2.1 Assessing Quantity

Both PPG17 and *Towards a Level Playing Field* identify the need to develop local standards of provision for playing pitches and other outdoor sports facilities.

⁸ Sport England, 2000, Planning Bulletin 8

⁹ Sport England, 2010, Playing Pitch Strategy - Fit for Purpose Assessment Framework

FIT have recommended the following benchmark standards for outdoor sports provision, which are recommended as a tool for assisting in the development of suitable local standards:

Table 2.1 Quantitative benchmark standards for outdoor sports facilities¹⁰

Quantity – Playing Pitches		Quantity – All Outdoor Sport	
Urban areas	1.15ha/ 1,000 population	Urban areas	1.60ha/ 1,000 population
Rural areas	1.72ha/ 1,000 population	Rural areas	1.76ha/ 1,000 population
Overall	1.20ha/ 1,000 population	Overall	1.60ha/ 1,000 population

The benchmark standard for rural areas is significantly higher than for urban areas, as *“this reflects the greater number of dispersed settlements, villages and small market towns, in rural areas and their separate needs for local facilities. It should not be taken to imply that each new settlement in a rural area requires a higher level of local provision than their urban counterparts. Each new settlement must be considered in the light of its own circumstances and its own locality”*. FIT also emphasise the need for quantity standards to be applied in consideration of standards for quality and accessibility. The suggested quantity benchmark standards are not intended as maximum or minimum standards, but rather median averages. However, FIT recommends that any moves to adopt standards below the appropriate ‘benchmark’ could only be justified where full public participation and support for such a move can be robustly evidenced.

Sport England recognise that whilst FIT’s standards provide a useful national benchmark and may be adopted as a local standard in the absence of a detailed local assessment, PPG17 requires local authorities to undertake detailed local assessments to provide evidence as a basis for developing a local standard. *Towards a Level Playing Field* states that the development of local standards will be an important outcome of a Playing Pitch Study and that such standards will:

- Underpin negotiations with developers over their contributions for new pitch provision to meet the needs of new residential developments;
- Provide an additional overview of the general supply of pitches/level of provision;
- Assist in protecting land in playing field use; and
- Assist in benchmarking with other areas/authorities.

The guidance states that it may be necessary to develop more than one standard to reflect sub-areas. Sport England also advises that a quantitative standard alone will not ensure the adequate supply of pitches of the right type. *“For example, the size and shape of a given playing field dictates the extent to which it can be used for different sports...Similarly, the quality of playing surface and drainage will also influence which teams and sports can use a given facility”* (Para 5.35).

In order to robustly assess the adequacy of the supply of outdoor sports facility provision against existing, future and latent demand, Sport England has developed

¹⁰ Fields in Trust, 2008. Planning and Design for Outdoor Sport and Play

the *Playing Pitch Model (PPM¹¹)*, which is an eight stage process for producing a Playing Pitch Strategy and assessing supply vs. demand. The model requires data on the number of teams, games played per week and pitch availability to assess the adequacy of the existing amount of pitch provision and future demand. It should be noted that *Towards a Level Playing Field* only deals with the assessment of playing pitch provision and does not cover assessment for other outdoor and indoor sports facilities. However, the principles and basic methodology coupled with the PPG17 methodology can be applied to the assessment of other sports.

Guidance on identifying and addressing quantitative deficiencies is provided in *Towards a Level Playing Field*, which states that “*quantitative deficiencies arise when there is an absolute shortage of pitches and/or when the existing pitch(es) cannot accommodate existing demand, particularly at peak periods.*” The guidance goes on to state that “*increases in demand can be estimated through reference to adopted sports development plans that contain clearly identified and justified targets from growth.*” Based on estimates from this information a ‘strategic reserve’ of pitches required for the area can then be calculated.

Where a deficiency in the number of playing pitches is found there are a number of solutions. These include; changing playing pitch use, dual-use facilities, enhancing carrying capacity, management options and developing new pitches.

2.3 Quality of Provision

Towards a Level Playing Field states that sports pitches should be acknowledged as a natural resource, and their capacity to accommodate games over the given period of time is determined by their quality. The quality of a particular pitch can affect the quality of the playing experience and determine the ability or capacity of a pitch to cater for play at certain crucial times.

The *Playing Pitch Strategy - Fit for Purpose Assessment Framework*, reports that the average age of facilities across England is 25 years, whilst their typical planned economic life is 25 years. An ageing stock can lead to poor quality, reductions in attendance and participation and higher maintenance costs. This can result in pressure on budgets and limit the ability to refresh facilities.

The importance and wide influence that pitches can have on the surrounding environment is highlighted by Sport England in *Planning Policies for Sport*. It states how sport has the capacity to regenerate communities and build civic pride. Sport can greatly enhance the quality of life of individuals and the community as a whole, whilst having direct benefits relating to health and fitness and indirect benefits through savings in the cost of health care as well as reductions in crime and vandalism. Sport can also offer a source of identity and well-being that can change the image of a city or a community and attract inward investment. However, this can only be achieved through the quality and appropriateness of sports facilities within the area.

The importance of good quality sports provision in rural areas is highlighted in Sport England’s *Guidance on Local Strategies for the Development of Sport*. Often, sport has been used to improve the quality of the landscape in these areas, particularly on under-used sites and sites reclaimed from mineral workings. It explains how sport has an important part to play in regenerating our most ‘run

¹¹ Sport England, 2003, *Playing Pitch Model and User Guidance*

down' neighbourhoods and improving the quality of life in these areas. *A Sporting Future for All* also emphasises the importance of easy access to high quality, affordable facilities in encouraging people to stay active as adults. The lack of high quality, affordable facilities in some areas has led to over-use of those facilities that remain, and as a result will reduce the quality of these facilities.

In terms of the design and quality of new sports facilities, the *Comparative Sizes Checklist*¹² provides details of minimum site size requirements for a range of indoor and outdoor sports. *Natural Turf for Sport*¹³ provides further detail the broad requirements for the successful design, development and aftercare of playing surfaces for the major natural turf sports. Sport England has also provided a comprehensive range of Design Guidance Notes, which provide generic best practice design advice and requirements for building types and sporting activities through their Facilities and Planning Centre of Excellence. These have been developed in partnership with National Governing Bodies for Sport to ensure that information is current, innovation is recognised and current trends incorporated.

2.3.1 Assessing Quality

An up to date assessment of the quality of existing sports pitches and facilities is a key aspect of improving the quality and value of local provision. *Planning Policies for Sport* identifies three areas where assessment can increase the quality of provision:

1. Identifying pitches that are being over-used
2. Explaining why some pitches are being under-used
3. Prioritising investment when developing an action plan

Good quality pitches are seen as particularly important features in the community, even if there is a large provision of facilities in the surrounding area. *A Sporting Future for the Playing Fields of England* states that Sport England “*may object to the loss of a site, which has special significance, such as one of exceptional quality or importance to the development of sport, even if it can be shown that there is an excess of provision within its catchment.*”

The methodology and accompanying Electronic Toolkit for producing a Playing Pitch Strategy includes an assessment framework for considering the quality of outdoor sports facilities. *Towards a Level Playing Field* considers quality under two categories. The first is the quality of pitch provision, including drainage, soil type, grass cover, wear and tear, slope, quality of maintenance and markings. The second is the quality of ancillary facilities which can include changing rooms, lighting, spectator facilities, parking and practice areas.

The Education (School Premises) Regulations 1999 set out the quality requirements for school playing fields that are laid out for team games. Grassed team game playing fields must be capable being used for team games by pupils at each school that use the pitch for 7 hours per week per school during term time. This means that where more than one school shares team game playing fields, any shared parts must be capable of sustaining the playing of team games by pupils of each of those schools for at least 7 hours during each week of the school term.

¹² Sport England, 2009 Update, Comparative Sizes of Sports Pitches and Courts.

¹³ Sport England, 2000, Natural Turf for Sport

This highlights not only the need for quality pitches in the first instance but also the need for active maintenance and management to conform to the regulations.

Sport England is actively seeking the inclusion of policies within development plans that encourage improvements to the overall quality of playing fields, for example through improved drainage or the provision of changing facilities – further guidance on which is provided in *Planning Policies for Sport*. Although Sport England is generally opposed to the loss of any playing field, they recognise that new development offers the opportunity to secure improvements to existing provision. In particular, Sport England “*would not oppose a planning application on a playing pitch site if the playing field which would be lost will be replaced by a playing field of an equivalent or better quality and of equivalent or greater quantity, in a suitable location and subject to equivalent or better management arrangements, prior to the commencement of the development.*”

2.4 Spatial Planning and Land Use Considerations

*A Sporting Future for the Playing Fields of England*¹⁴ sets out Sport England’s policy on the redevelopment of playing fields. It emphasises the importance of playing fields as one of the most important resources for sport in England, as well as their value in providing an attractive break from other forms of built development. As such, “*Sport England opposes such development in all but exceptional cases, whether the land is in private, public or educational use*”. National planning policy also recognises the value of sport and recreation to people’s quality of life and its contribution towards delivering broader government objectives. PPG17 consequently adopts a strong policy stance for the protection of sports and recreation buildings and land, asserting that they should not be built on unless an assessment has been undertaken which has clearly shown the open space or the buildings and land to be surplus to requirements. Where a robust assessment of need has not been undertaken, planning permission for such development should not be allowed unless it aligns with other policy criteria set out in the guidance.

*Spatial Planning for Sport and Active Recreation*¹⁵ builds on PPG17 by reiterating the use of Supplementary Planning Documents (SPD) as a tool to help clarify particular issues and promote the interests of sport and recreation. The document identifies three principal kinds of SPD within which sport and recreation is likely to, or could potentially, play a role:

- Expectations regarding developer contributions to community infrastructure;
- The protection and enhancement of facilities expressed through a sport and recreation strategy with potential to be adopted as an SPD; and
- The role of sport and recreation in helping to deliver other policy aspirations.

¹⁴ Sport England, *A Sporting Future for the Playing Fields of England*, Policy on planning applications for development on playing fields

¹⁵ Sport England, 2009, *Spatial Planning for Sport and Active Recreation* Sport and Recreation in Supplementary Planning Documents

2.5 National and Local Trends in Sport and Participation

The Sport England Playing Pitch Model has been used to collate important information and analyse this collectively to test the adequacy of the current number of pitches in the District in respect of the number of players. In addition, the model has also been used to forecast the likely future requirements for pitches. This forecast takes account of the existing participation rates and number of pitches and uses this to predict future requirements based on projected changes in population and taking account of planned new pitches. However, an important consideration in this forecast is changing trends in participation. It is not sufficient to assume that future participation rates will be the same as current levels, and this must be taken into account when forecasting future demand and participation in outdoor sport. Participation may be influenced by a range of factors including funding, active campaigns, school curriculums, Government targets and changes in population demographics. Key trends in participation have therefore been considered for each outdoor sport; an overview of key influences and overarching trends is provided below.

2.5.1 National Targets

There is a national drive to increase participation in sporting activities that is linked to the promotion of healthy lifestyles and the Olympic and Paralympics Games in 2012, which has helped raise the profile of sport and physical activity.

The Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) are responsible for Government policy on sport. The Department advise Ministers, drive forward sport sector programmes and projects, and work with the sports delivery non-departmental public bodies. This includes Sport England, which invests money in grassroots projects to increase and sustain participation in sport and UK Sport.

For the period 2005-06 to 2007-08 the Department had a target to increase participation in cultural and sporting opportunities by 3 per cent amongst 'priority groups' – women; people from black and minority ethnic communities; people with a limiting disability; and those in lower socio-economic groups. The Department did not meet its target and participation amongst priority groups increased by between 0.1 and 1.8 per cent. In 2008, Sport England set a new target to increase by one million the number of people doing moderate intensity sport for at least 30 minutes three times a week by March 2013. The Department also has a Public Service Agreement target to increase the number of adults who participate in two or more different cultural or sport sectors by 2 per cent by March 2011. It expects Sport England (through the one million target) to contribute to the Public Service Agreement target and to the Department's Olympic Legacy target to increase by two million the number of people taking part in sport and physical activity by 2013.

Sport England recently set out their primary objective in their Sport England Strategy¹⁶, which is to grow, sustain and excel participation in community sport. Its ambition is to get more people playing and enjoying sport and to help talented people progress. It seeks to achieve this through working closely with national

¹⁶ Sport England, 2008. Sport England Strategy 2008-2011.

governing bodies of sport and building strong partnerships with local authorities. The Strategy commits Sport England to deliver the following targets:

- One million people doing more sport;
- More children and young people taking part in five hours of PE and sport a week;
- A 25% reduction in the number of 16-18year olds who drop out of five key sports;
- Improved talent development systems in at least 25 sports;
- A measurable increase in people's satisfaction with their experience; and
- A major contribution to the delivery of the five hour sports offer for children and young people.

Sport England channel Government funding for sports in organisations and projects that work to increase and sustain participation in community sports. This includes five core funding programmes: Small Grants, Sportsmatch, Innovation Fund, Themed Funding Rounds and Iconic Facilities Fund.

In addition to the overarching national participation targets, the governing bodies of each of the major pitch sports each have their own strategies and development plans, which set out clear paths for investment and targets to increase players. These are explored separately under each sport section.

2.5.2 Local Initiatives

Whilst there is clearly a significant drive to increase physical activity and participation in sport at the national level, it is important to consider the extent to which this is reflected at the local level. Notably, there are a range of non-government bodies and partnerships that harness funding and govern objectives, plans and strategies.

The Coventry Solihull and Warwickshire Sport (CSW Sport) is an established sub regional agency, made up of key local bodies, who have formally committed to working together and contributing to developing sport and active recreation for people through the area. It is one of six sub regional County Sports Partnerships within the West Midlands and one of 49 across England. The work of the partnership is concentrated on 5 strategic themes, which will provide focus for intervention. One theme is:

“Increasing participation: developing pathways for young people, through supporting high quality clubs and other delivery agencies (i.e. schools, local authorities, and organisations delivering sport in the voluntary community of private sector, colleges, universities).”

The work of CSW Sport is instrumental in improving local participation rates. In their 2008-2008 annual review, the following resources were accessed by Stratford-on-Avon District:

- 6 heavily subsidised workshops from the Coach Education;
- Club Development Programme to help develop skills in clubs, coaches and volunteers;

- Get Active promotional material used for a week long campaign to increase participation across the Stratford area;
- £155,199 community investment; and
- Sport Unlimited funding accessed and one project delivered between September 2008 and 31st March 2009.

Other, more specifically targeted initiatives have also been established in the area. The Southern Warwickshire School Sport Partnerships are responsible for driving the school element of the '5 hour offer' – getting every your person to take part in 5 hours of PE and school/community sport each week. The West Midlands Moving Together and Coventry and Warwickshire 2012 Partnership are also working to host a range of sporting activities associated with the 2012 Olympic Games. Local initiatives such as these may have a particular impact on the number of people that play pitch sports in the future. The majority of them are aimed at children, so it can be expected that any increase in participation will be seen most strongly in this age group.

Results from Sport England's Active People Survey indicates that adult participation in sport is also increasing in Stratford on Avon District; the District's latest figure for the 2009-2010 period is higher than the national average of 16.5% (Table 2.2).

Table 2.2 Stratford on Avon District Overall Participation Rates

Survey Period	% adult population participating in 30 minutes of activity 3 times a week
Oct 2007 – Oct 2008	14.6%
Oct 2008 – Oct 2009	16.4%
Oct 2009 – Oct 2010	17.0%

3 Assessment Methodology

3.1 Site Identification

Identification of outdoor sports facilities was undertaken in partnership with the District Council. Existing GIS databases were used as a starting point for listing outdoor sports sites. All schools and colleges in the District were contacted and asked to provide details of their sports facilities and any Community Use Agreements. Parish Councils were also asked to provide details of any facilities within their area.

Site visits also provided a valuable means of verifying the sites database with regards to:

- Ensuring that an accurate record of sports facilities was maintained for each site;
- Cross checking site boundaries / pitch sizes;
- Identifying sites that are no longer in sporting use; and
- Identifying additional sites.

Further site information was also provided during the course of consultation with sports clubs, leagues, NGBs and local communities.

3.2 Site Assessments

Site audits of outdoor sports facilities were undertaken by a small team of Stratford District Council employees to ensure consistency of scoring. All sites with community access were visited, including educational sites. The site audits were based on the standard Pitch Quality Assessment Pro Forma provided by the Sport England Electronic Toolkit, which was amended to incorporate the requirements of the PPG17 Audit as well. The pro formas provided a reliable and consistent means of data collection that has formed the basis for quantitative analysis and comparison between sites. A copy of the outdoor sports pro forma is provided in Appendix A.

3.3 Consultation

Extensive consultation with key stakeholders and local communities was undertaken, both as part of the PPG17 Audit and specifically in connection to the Playing Pitch Strategy. Feedback and findings from the consultation exercises have been incorporated into the assessment as appropriate and full details of all consultation responses can be found in the Working Paper.

3.3.1 PPG17 Audit Consultation

Consultation exercises undertaken in connection to the wider PPG17 Audit are summarised in Table 3.1.

Table 3.1 Consultation undertaken in connection with PPG17 Audit

Raising Public Awareness
<p>Distribution of posters at key venues across the District</p> <p>Local press notice</p> <p>Email alerts to key organisations, such as Voluntary Action Stratford</p> <p>Twitter and Facebook posts</p> <p>Weekly Information Email, circulated to all District Council employees</p> <p>Parish Talk (2 issues)</p>
Online Questionnaire
<p>Ran from August 2010 – October 2010</p> <p>Publicised via the means outlined above, and made available for completion via the Council's website. Paper copies and a FREEPOST return address were also provided upon request and in the District Council's reception.</p> <p>Questionnaires were also distributed via other SDC initiatives and events, including GET SET GO, Streetscene recycling roadshow, District Council open day, Senior Citizen's Active Network and the Youth Panel.</p> <p>252 responses received.</p> <p>Feedback from the questionnaire is summarised in the Working Paper</p>
Parish Council Forum
<p>5th October 2010</p> <p>Purpose of the forum was to understand the Parish Council's opinions on the provision of open space, sport and recreation facilities in their area and to seek agreement on local priorities for protection, maintenance and improvement of facilities. Initial findings from the study were also shared in order to identify any issues that had not previously been raised or that were perceived to be under-represented.</p> <p>The Parish Council Forum also provided an opportunity to seek views on the creation of new local standards for quantity, quality and accessibility of open space and recreation facilities within the District.</p> <p>Feedback from the Forum is outlined in the Working Paper</p>
Community Forums
<p>The Audit was discussed at all six of the autumn Community Forums:</p> <p>Alcester / Bidford, 21st September 2010</p> <p>Studley/ Henley 7th October 2010</p> <p>Shipston/ Stour 7th September 2010</p> <p>Southam/ Feldon 6th October 2010</p> <p>Stratford 15th September 2010</p> <p>Wellesbourne/ Kineton 9th September 2010</p>
Other consultation inputs
<p>Feedback from other consultation events was also considered as part of the Audit, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Citizens Panel • Young People's Survey

- Customer Satisfaction Index
- Place Survey
- Parish Plans

Further details can be found in the Working Paper.

Key findings from consultation undertaken as part of the PPG17 Audit and Citizen's Panel relevant to outdoor sports provision are summarised in Boxes 3.1 and 3.2.

Box 3.1 Key findings from PPG17 Audit Consultation

- 56% respondents to the online questionnaire consider there to be enough or more than enough outdoor sports provision in the District;
- 50% respondents reported that they use the District's outdoor sports facilities rarely or never;
- 46% respondents currently travel to outdoor sports facilities by foot and 43% usually travel by car. 56% of residents reported that they would prefer to travel by foot in the future;
- 62% respondents currently travel between 5 and 10 minutes to access outdoor sport facilities;
- 52% respondents consider the current level of accessibility to outdoor sports facilities to be Very Good or Fairly Good;
- 47% respondents consider the overall quality of outdoor sports facilities to be Fairly Good or Average, only 13% of residents consider overall quality to be Very Good;
- 42% respondents consider the range of activities at outdoor sports facilities to be Fairly Good or Average, however, 19% of residents consider the range to be Fairly Poor or Very Poor;
- 44% respondents consider the management and maintenance of outdoor sports facilities to be Fairly Good or Average.

Box 3.2 Key Findings from Citizen's Panel

- 24% of those surveyed thought that the quality of outdoor sports facilities in the District was either very or fairly poor; 34% felt it was neither good nor poor;
- 35% respondents rated the range of facilities as either very or fairly poor;
- Residents generally consider outdoor facilities to have a high level of cleanliness, with 43% respondents scoring this as either very or fairly good;
- Information provision at outdoor sports facilities has been highlighted as a particular issue, with 42% of respondents claiming the amount of information available was either very or fairly poor;
- 53% respondents confirmed that parking at their nearest outdoor sports facilities was either very or fairly good, as opposed to 21%, who thought it was very or fairly poor;
- 55% respondents stated that accessibility was very or fairly good, in contrast to 14% who said it was very or fairly poor.

More qualitative feedback about specific facilities and provision within particular parts of the District is summarised in Table 3.2.

Table 3.2 Consultation Feedback

Accessibility
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a need to improve accessibility to the District's sports facilities by making them more widely available for public use – in particular private sports clubs & schools; • Sports development teams in the District should focus on sports that are played socially and arrange tournaments and events to encourage participation in these sports.
Quantity
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More facilities are required for outdoor sports for children; • Insufficient outdoor sport provision in Brailes; • Alcester needs more outdoor clubs; • Alcester Town Council currently lease the former golf centre for football, to meet local demand; • Alcester Town FC is a large club with 20 teams, and it is essential that they have a proper facility that meets their needs; • Alcester residents would like more activities and more facilities nearby; • Bidford has good sports facilities. There are plenty of football and cricket teams, tennis, bowls, a fishing club and canoe club. The village also benefits from a proactive Parish Council; • King Edward VI Grammar School pitches should be shared with other local schools when not in use; • General lack of facilities in Stratford on Avon; • Stratford Rugby Club is a valuable community asset with good community use and something which the District Council should support.
Quality
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alcester & Ragley cricket club have put in an application for new nets • Conway fields pavilion is in poor condition and needs improving. • Problems of litter and vandalism to facilities at Newbold on Stour sports facilities. • Stratford Leisure Centre 5 a side astro pitches need to be repaired • Harbury are currently preparing a bid to get funding to upgrade existing sports changing facilities • New facilities and improvements to existing ones are needed in Wellesbourne; local children currently have to go to Ettington/Ashorne/Stratford • A set of good goal posts are needed for the playing area at village hall in Wellesbourne.

3.3.2 Consultation with NGBs and the County Sports Partnership

Consultation via telephone interview has also been undertaken with National Governing Bodies (NGB) and the County Sports Partnership (Table 3.3), to gather information relating to the supply and demand for facilities. Additional desk based research was also undertaken for local sports associations and local leagues.

The purpose of the interviews was to get an understanding how sport is currently played in the District, future plans and priorities for sports development, local issues and predicted trends in participation. Full details of the interviews can be found in the Working Paper. Any comments raised by the NGBs have been duly addressed in the final version of the report.

Table 3.3 Consultation with NGBs and County Sports Partnership

Sport	NGB	Position
Cricket	Birmingham Sports Development	Cricket Development Manager
Football	Football Association (West Midlands)	Regional Facilities Manager (West Midlands)
Rugby Union	Warwickshire Rugby Football Union (RFU)	Funding and Facilities Manager (Midlands).
Netball	Warwickshire County Netball Association	Active Sports Netball Development Officer
Hockey	Warwickshire Hockey Association	Hockey Development Officer
Tennis	Warwickshire Lawn Tennis Association	Tennis Development Manager
Bowls	Warwickshire County Bowls Association	President
Multiple	Coventry, Warwickshire and Solihull Sports Partnership	Sports Development Manager

3.3.3 Schools and Clubs Consultation

As part of the preparation of Playing Pitch Strategies, Sport England's Electronic Toolkit provides sports club and schools questionnaires, which should be used as a basis for gathering baseline information to inform the early stages of the Playing Pitch Strategy (Stage 1: Identifying teams/team equivalents and Stage 2: Calculating home games per team per week).

The standard Sport England questionnaires were amended to reflect the specific aims and objectives of this particular study, and circulated to all Sports Clubs¹⁷ and schools (excluding Primary Schools known not to have sports facilities of their own) in the District. The database of Sports Clubs was compiled by

¹⁷ Football, Rugby Union, Netball, Tennis, Athletics, Hockey, Cricket and Bowls

Stratford District Council, with input from the relevant NGBs, Leagues and County Sports Partnership.

Wherever possible the questionnaire was sent to the club via e-mail together with a customised covering letter; where this was not possible a hard copy was sent to the club along with a stamped addressed return envelope. Following a period of time for clubs to return the questionnaire, chase up phone calls were made to clubs from whom a response had not yet been received.

In total, 142 sports clubs were contacted; of these follow up telephone conversations revealed that 23 clubs had either merged with another club or were no longer in existence.

In total 119 clubs returned the questionnaire. Overall response rates for each sport are set out in Table 3.4.

Table 3.4 Sports Club Response Rate

Sport	% questionnaires returned	Number of teams
Football	72%	222
Bowls	75%	37
Cricket	85%	92
Tennis	80%	NA
Netball	38% ¹⁸	15
Rugby	75%	57
Hockey	100%	14
Athletics	100%	NA

Where clubs did not return a questionnaire, supplementary information about the number of teams, location of main pitch / court and league competition was obtained from local league secretaries, club websites and the NGBs.

All schools in the District identified as having sports facilities were sent a questionnaire. 94% of all schools in the District which have sports facilities available for public use returned the schools questionnaire (including all secondary schools returned).

3.4 Assessment Methodology

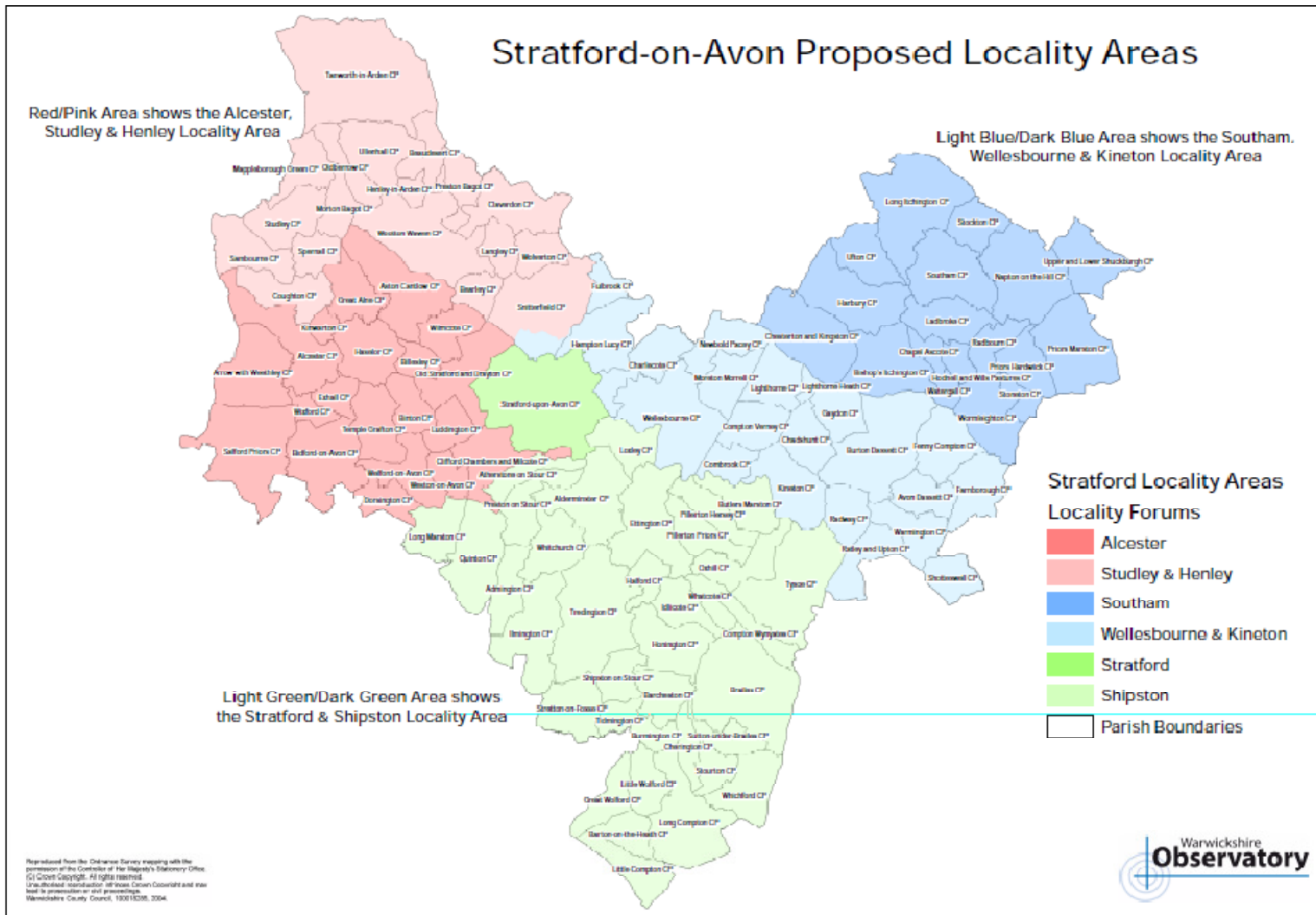
3.4.1 Sub Areas for Analysis

To ensure consistency with other policy documents and strategies, outdoor sports provision across District has been analysed on the basis of the six Community Forum Areas already used by Warwickshire County Council and Stratford District Council for administrative, community planning and strategy development (Figure 3.1):

¹⁸ Response rates from clubs have been supplemented with information from the Warwickshire County Netball Association and relevant Leagues; information has therefore been obtained for 100% clubs

1. Studley and Henley-in-Arden
2. Alcester and Bidford-on-Avon
3. Stratford on Avon
4. Wellesbourne and Kineton
5. Shipston-on-Sour
6. Southam

Figure 3.1 Community Forum Sub Areas



3.4.2 Settlement Hierarchy

The analysis of open space provision has taken into account the settlement hierarchy in the District, in recognition that the provision of open space and recreational facilities will and should reflect the relative size of towns and villages within the District.

The settlement hierarchy for this Audit contains four categories. The existing Local Plan Review settlement hierarchy has been used as a basis for the categories, which have been amended so that they are based primarily on relative settlement size and population:

- 1) Category One: Stratford on Avon town
- 2) Category Two: Main Rural Centres
- 3) Category Three: Local Service Villages
- 4) Category Four: Other villages, hamlets and rural areas

The town of Stratford on Avon is the largest settlement with 11,000 dwellings (approx 24,200¹⁹ population, excluding Tiddington). The town has a range of facilities which serve its own residents as well as a sizable catchment of smaller settlements. It also plays a role as a major tourist/visitor attraction.

There are also a number of important market towns and similar large rural settlements, classified as Main Rural Centres (MRC) in the Local Plan Review 1996 – 2011 for their role as rural centres for residential and employment development and service provision. The MRCs form the basis for the Category Two settlements, which also contains an additional four settlements which have been included on the basis of their containing a similar number of dwellings to the smallest MRC. All settlements listed in Category Two contain between 700 and 3,200 dwellings and between approximately 1,600 and 7,500 population.

¹⁹ Given the absence of up to date population statistics, population sizes for each of the settlements have been calculated using the average household size for each settlement, as derived from the 2001 ONS Census statistics, which were applied to 2009 numbers of dwellings in each settlement.

Category Two: Main Rural Centres		
Settlement name	No. dwellings	Population
Alcester*	3,200	7,360
Bidford on Avon*	1,900	4,750
Bishops Itchington	850	2,210
Harbury	950	2,280
Henley in Arden*	1,400	2,940
Kineton*	950	2,380
Long Itchington	700	1,820
Quinton	700	1,680
Shipston on Stour*	2,200	4,840
Southam*	2,500	6,250
Studley*	2,500	6,000
Wellesbourne*	2,400	5,520

*Designated as a Main Rural Centre in Local Plan Review

Category Three comprises smaller rural centres which have a good range of recreation facilities serving their own residents and, to some extent, smaller villages in the vicinity. These all have 250 to 600 dwellings, and between approximately 600 and 1,400 population.

Category Three: Local Villages		
Settlement name	No. dwellings	Population
Bearley	300	780
Brailes	445	1,020
Claverdon	335	840
Earlswood	415	1,000
Ettington	430	1,080
Fenny Compton	325	810
Ilmington	325	750
Lighthorne Heath	325	780
Long Compton	360	790
Napton on the Hill	390	980
Salford Priors	435	1,090
Snitterfield	430	1,080
Stockton	505	1,310
Temple Herdewycke	295	800

Tiddington	645	1,420
Tysoe	405	970
Welford on Avon	550	1,320
Wootton Wawen	510	1,020

The remainder of the District which does not fall into Categories One, Two or Three has been assigned to Category Four. All settlements contained within this category have populations of less than 550 residents (maximum 250 dwellings).

3.4.3 Accessibility Assessment and Effective Catchments

The PPG17 approach to defining Effective Catchments and identifying accessibility deficiencies has been used to assess the current accessibility of the District's outdoor sport provision – specifically grass pitches, bowling greens and tennis courts²⁰. Consideration of distance thresholds (defined as the maximum distance that users can reasonably expect to travel to access a particular type of provision) and establishment of typical catchments provides a robust means of identifying areas not currently served by existing facilities.

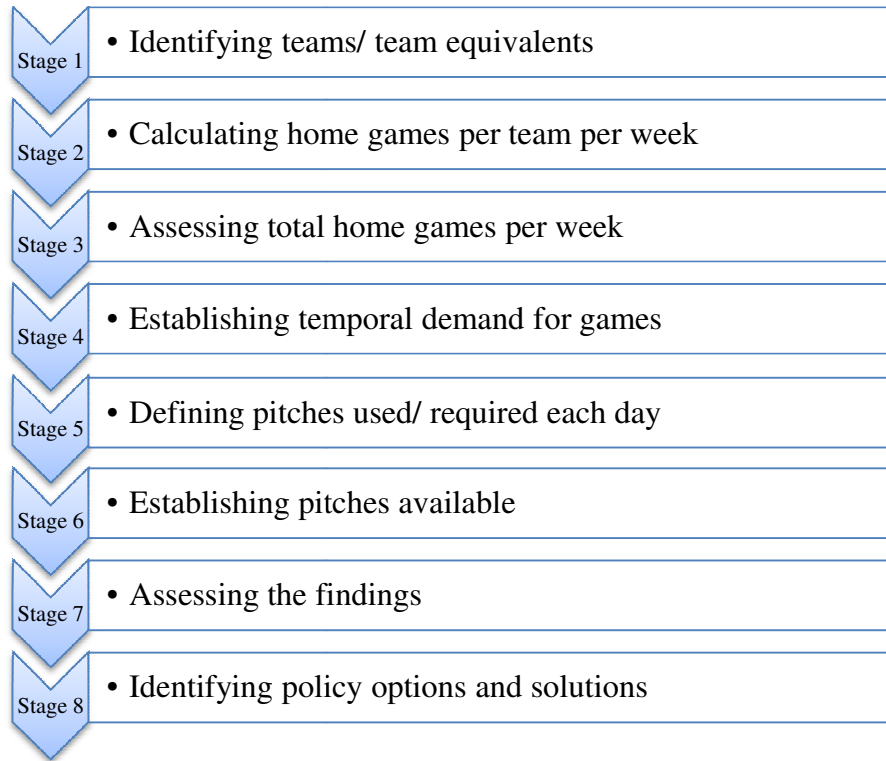
Other factors affecting accessibility – such as conditions of access (e.g. members only etc), severance lines, availability of public transport services and cost have also been examined.

3.4.4 Supply and Demand - The Playing Pitch Methodology

Assessment of the adequacy of the current supply of outdoor sports facilities has been undertaken using the methodology outlined in *Towards a Level Playing Field* and accompanying Playing Pitch Model (PPM). The PPM provides a mechanism for determining the number of pitches required for each sport based on demand in an actual predicted set of circumstances. The model measures demands at peak times and then compares this with the number of pitches available.

The Playing Pitch Strategy methodology comprises eight stages. Stages 1 to 6 involve numerical calculations, whilst Stages 7 and 8 develop issues and solutions (Figure 3.2). The methodology is employed to analyse the adequacy of current provision and to assess possible future situations, in order that latent and future demand (identified through Team Generation Rates), and the problems with quality, use and capacity of existing pitches can be taken into account.

²⁰ Given participation levels in hockey, netball and athletics, formal accessibility assessments were not undertaken.

Figure 3.2 Playing Pitch Methodology

Full assessments of supply and demand have been undertaken using the Playing Pitch Model for cricket, rugby and football. The PPM can be applied to the provision of hockey pitches; however given the very low participation in the District (there are only three clubs), the model was not applied, and a more qualitative analysis has been undertaken.

Analysis of some sports has also been subdivided to deal with specific sub-sectors of activity within them, e.g. junior play or adult play, in order that important aspects are not submerged in aggregated data.

The Playing Pitch Model itself does not make provision for tennis, netball or bowls, although the same principles apply. A similar assessment of supply and demand has therefore been undertaken for these sports.

The assessment has also incorporated feedback from local community consultation along with findings from the accessibility assessment.

Forecasting Future need

Estimates of future outdoor sport requirements have also been calculated for three population growth scenarios up 2023 (Table 3.5). Two of the scenarios are based upon housing led growth, and the third reflects demand led population growth²¹.

²¹ It should be noted however that these figures do not represent a commitment by the District Council to a specific level of housing growth in the District, and are solely to allow an assessment of the possible level of future provision.

Table 3.5 Population Growth Scenarios up to 2023

Growth Scenario	% growth 2009-2023	Total Population 2023	Additional Population
Policy constrained low growth (based on 280 new dwellings per annum)	6%	12,6200	7,334
Policy constrained medium growth (based on 375 new dwellings per annum)	8%	12,9000	10,134
Trend-based demand-led growth (based on ONS population projections):	12%	13,5800	16,934

3.4.5 Quality Assessment

An assessment of the quality of outdoor sports facilities in Stratford on Avon District has been undertaken in line with Sport England guidance and the Sport England Pitch Quality Assessment method. This method provides a standard approach to assessing the quality of pitches. It is a non-technical visual quality assessment, and is based predominately on the audit data gathered during the site visit surveys of each pitch. The pitch audits ranked each playing pitch according to a number of criterion under the following 4 key themes:

- **Accessibility**, including disabled access, car parking, cycle parking and public transport access.
- **Changing facilities**, including availability of changing accommodation, its overall quality, provision of showers, toilets, parking and segregated changing, security arrangements and evidence of vandalism.
- **Pitch quality** - including grass cover and length, quality of hard surface (where applicable), safety margins, pitch slope and evenness and evidence of damage and unofficial use.
- **Equipment** - quality of equipment, line markings and training areas.

As part of the assessment an overall quality score has been generated for each sports facility which combines pitch performance against a number of criteria into a single overall score. The points allocated to each pitch have been totalled and converted to a percentage, based on the maximum scores available for that pitch type. This percentage is then converted to an overall quality ranking in accordance with the Sport England overall pitch classifications. Table 3.6 sets out the percentage bands for each overall quality ranking.

Table 3.6 Overall Quality Rankings

Score	Ranking
90%+	An excellent pitch
64-90%	A good pitch
55-64%	An average pitch
30-54%	A below average pitch
Less than 30	A poor pitch

Further details of the overall quality assessment criteria can be found in Appendix B. Results of the quality assessment can be found in Appendix E.

4 Accessibility Assessment

4.1 Defining Effective Catchment Areas and Accessibility Standards

Fields In Trust (FIT) recommends that playing pitches should be available within 1.2 kilometres of all dwellings in major residential areas. FIT emphasise the importance of outdoor sports facilities being accessible on foot, bicycle or public transport in preference to the private car. However, they acknowledge that time travelled is more important to users than distance travelled which means that travel by motorised private transport will remain an important measure, particularly in more rural areas.

FIT also suggest that community tennis courts should be within 20 minutes travel time (walking in urban areas, by car in rural areas), and that there should be one bowling green within 20 minutes travel time (walking in urban areas, by car in rural areas). They also suggest an accessibility standard for synthetic athletics tracks of 30 minutes travel time, rising to 45 minutes in rural areas.

There are currently no local accessibility standards for outdoor sports. 82% respondents to the online questionnaire currently travel up to 15 minutes to access an outdoor sports facility. However, there is clearly some room for improvement in relation to current levels of accessibility to outdoor sports facilities in the District; only 52% online questionnaire respondents considered accessibility to be Good or Very Good, rising to 66% for Average or better. This is perhaps reflective of the fact that 44% respondents considered there to be less than enough provision of outdoor sports facilities in the District.

A review of comparable R-80 local authorities indicates that there is considerable variation in acceptable distance thresholds for outdoor sports pitches, which range from 8 to 15 minutes. Some authorities have adopted the FIT standard of 1.2km. Several of the standards are expressed in terms of walking and driving, in acknowledgement that people are more likely to drive to outdoor sports facilities than some other types of open space.

On the basis of national best practice and consultation feedback, it is suggested that two tiers of Effective Catchments are modelled for outdoor sports facilities, based upon a baseline and aspirational distance threshold. The baseline thresholds reflect national best practice and FIT recommendations. However, on the basis of consultation feedback, it is considered appropriate to adopt a more aspirational standard that aims to significantly improve existing levels of accessibility to outdoor sports facilities across the District. This is also important in terms of encouraging increased participation in sport and delivering the District's Vision for Open Space.

The Effective Catchments are based on travel times rather than travel mode. At the District wide level, they have been converted into driving distances to reflect the distribution of outdoor sports facilities across the District, and the fact that a significant proportion of residents likely to travel by car to access them. However, in line with FIT's recommendations, in urban areas (Category 1, 2 and 3 Settlements) the Effective Catchments (with the exception of athletics) have also been converted into walking distances, which should be the preferred mode of travel. Given the more strategic nature and general distribution of facilities, and

the fact that they often draw users from a much wider catchment, effective catchments for athletics are based on driving only.

Accessibility Standard		
Facility	Baseline Standard	Aspirational Standard
Grass pitches	15 minutes travel time Urban areas: 720m ²² walking District wide: 7.2km driving	10 minutes travel time Urban areas: 480m walking District wide: 4.8km driving
Bowls & Tennis	20 minutes travel time Urban areas: 960m walking District wide: 9.6km driving	15 minutes travel time Urban areas: 720m walking District wide: 7.2km driving
Athletics	45 minutes travel time District wide: 21.6km driving	30 minutes travel time District wide: 14.4km driving

4.2 Accessibility Assessment: Grass Pitches

Figures 16 and 17 show the Baseline and Aspirational Effective Catchments for grass football pitches. On the basis of the 7.2km Baseline Standard, every part of the District is within an Effective Catchment of a grass sports pitch (Table 4.1). Accessibility levels are also very high on the basis of the Aspirational Standard of 4.8km; 99% of the District is within a 10 minute driving distance of a grass pitch facility.

Table 4.1 Baseline Effective Catchment Coverage by Sub Area for grass pitches

Sub Area	% Sub Area	
	7.2km	4.8km
Alcester & Bidford	100%	100%
Shipston	100%	99.5%
Southam	100%	99.8%
Stratford on Avon	100%	100%
Studley & Henley	100%	100%
Wellesbourne & Kineton	100%	98.5%
District Wide	100%	99%

Table 4.2 sets out the combined percentage area of settlements with a population greater than 600 that are within the Baseline and Aspirational Effective Catchments based on walking distances for urban areas. On the basis of the Baseline Standard (720m/ 15 minutes walking distance), accessibility across largest settlements in the District is over 90%. The Wellesbourne & Kineton Sub Area has the lowest accessibility, although this is still relatively high at 86.5%. On the basis of the Aspirational Standard (480m/ 10 minutes walking distance),

²² Equivalent to 1.2km FIT standard when converted into a straight line distance.

District wide accessibility is 77%. The Southam Sub Area has the highest accessibility at 84.3%. Wellesbourne & Kineton again has the lowest, although this is still above 70%.

Table 4.2 Combined Effective Catchment coverage for settlements with a population over 600 for grass pitches

Sub Area	% combined settlement coverage	
	720m	480m
Alcester & Bidford	91%	76.4%
Shipston	93%	81%
Southam	94%	84.3%
Stratford on Avon	93%	71.8%
Studley & Henley	95.6%	77.2%
Wellesbourne & Kineton	86.5%	71.4%
District Wide	92%	77%

Table 4.3 details accessibility at the individual settlement level.

Table 4.3 Effective Catchment coverage at the individual settlement level for grass pitches

Settlement	% settlement coverage	
	720m	480m
Stratford on Avon	88.7%	66.6%
Alcester	97.1%	80.7%
Bidford on Avon	100%	98.2%
Bishops Itchington	100%	98.7%
Harbury	97.1%	83.9%
Henley	99.3%	75.4%
Kineton	99.4%	95%
Long Itchington	100%	100%
Quinton	86%	70.1%
Shipston on Stour	100%	96.3%
Southam	93.6%	82.8%
Studley	98%	91.8%
Wellesbourne	96.4%	72.6%
Brailes	71.2%	51.7%
Bearley	84%	41.8%

Claverdon	100%	100%
Earlswood	92.3%	62.4%
Ettington	100%	98.1%
Fenny Compton	100%	100%
Ilmington	100%	81.4%
Lighthorne Heath	100%	92.2%
Long Compton	84.3%	64.1%
Napton on the Hill	84.2%	64.5%
Salford Priors	94.1%	55.7%
Snitterfield	94%	82.6%
Stockton	100%	100%
Temple Herdewycke	0%	0%
Tiddington	100%	100%
Tysoe	99.8%	83.4%
Welford-on-Avon	89.3%	66.7%
Wootton Wawen	84.6%	54.1

On the basis of the 720m Baseline Standard, all settlements achieve over 70% accessibility. Accessibility is over 85% in all Category 1 and 2 Settlements (those with a population of 1,600 or more), the lowest being Quinton (86%) and Stratford on Avon (88.7%). In Quinton, the village's pitches are located to the north of the built up area and the majority of Lower Quinton is consequently outside the Effective Catchment. In Stratford on Avon the main residential area that falls outside the 720m Effective Catchment is in the north, around Bishopston. There are also some pockets of inaccessibility on the fringes of new developments such as Trinity Mead and Wetherby Way in the south and south western parts of the town.

The following settlements achieve 100% accessibility for the 720m Effective Catchment:

- Bidford on Avon
- Bishops Itchington
- Long Itchington
- Shipston

Accessibility amongst Category 3 Settlements (population 600-1,400) is similarly high, with the exception of Temple Herdewycke which has no sports pitches and a corresponding 0% accessibility. Brailes is the only other Category 3 Settlement to achieve less than 80% accessibility at 71.2%. There are several settlements that achieve 100% accessibility:

- Claverdon
- Ettington

- Fenny Compton
- Ilmington
- Lighthorne Heath
- Stockton
- Tiddington

On the basis of the Aspirational Effective Catchment (480m), accessibility levels are inevitably lower. Stratford on Avon achieves 66.6% accessibility (Figure 4.1). Areas of lowest accessibility include:

- Southern areas of Trinity Mead
- Area to the south of Evesham Road
- North western Stratford on Avon, between the Alcester Road and the Ridgeway
- Northern Stratford on Avon, between the railway line and Birmingham Road/A3400

For the most part, these areas comprise relatively new developments, which indicates that there has been little new provision of outdoor sports pitches to accompany these developments – largely because their size has not warranted it, and financial contributions have consequently been directed towards existing facilities instead.

Figure 4.1 480m Effective Catchment in Stratford on Avon



Amongst the Category 2 Settlements, accessibility ranges from 100% in Long Itchington to 70.1% in Quinton. Other Category 2 Settlements achieving less than 80% accessibility are Wellesbourne and Henley in Arden (Figure 4.2). In Wellesbourne, areas of lowest accessibility are on the fringes of the built up area. The main residential areas outside the Effective Catchment are west of Warwick Road and Hammond Green in the north west and Dovehouse Drive in the south. Sports pitch provision in Henley in Arden is concentrated on the edge of the built up area and largely to the south of the village. Residential areas with lowest accessibility are consequently located in the north of the town. There is a similar

situation in Quinton where the lack of pitches in Lower Quinton has limited accessibility.

There is considerable variation in accessibility on the basis of the 480m Aspirational Effective Catchment amongst the Category 3 Settlements. Fenny Compton, Claverdon, Stockton and Tiddington all achieve 100% accessibility. However, accessibility is less than 60% in several villages, including Brailes, Bearley, Salford Priors and Wootton Wawen.

Figure 4.2 480m Effective Catchments in Quinton, Wellesbourne and Henley in Arden



4.3 Accessibility Assessment: Bowling Greens

Figures 18 and 19 show the Baseline and Aspirational Effective Catchments for bowling greens. On the basis of the 9.6km Baseline Effective Catchment, 99.7% of the District is within the catchment of a bowling green (Table 4.4).

Accessibility is similarly high for the 4.8km Aspirational Catchment at 96%. Sub Areas failing with lowest accessibility are Shipston (96%) and Southam (87.7%). In Shipston, the most easterly parts of Brailes, Compton Wynyates, Tysoe and Whichford parishes fall outside the catchment area. In Southam, a small part of Chesterton and Kingston parish and significant proportions of Priors Marston and Upper and Lower Shuckborough parishes fall outside the catchment area.

Table 4.4 Baseline Effective Catchment Coverage by Sub Area for bowling greens

Sub Area	% Sub Area	
	9.6km	7.2km
Alcester & Bidford	100%	100%
Shipston	100%	96%
Southam	99.2%	87.7%
Stratford on Avon	100%	100%
Studley & Henley	100%	100%
Wellesbourne & Kineton	100%	99%
District Wide	99.7%	96%

Table 4.5 sets out the combined percentage area of settlements with a population greater than 600 that are within the Baseline and Aspirational Effective Catchments based on walking distances for urban areas at the Sub Area level. Accessibility is quite variable between Sub Areas. Wellesbourne & Kineton has the best accessibility, with 72% coverage for the Baseline Effective Catchment (960m) and 57.5% for the Aspirational Effective Catchment. Accessibility is similarly high in Alcester & Bidford. Southam has the lowest levels of accessibility with 20.3% accessibility for the Baseline Effective Catchment and just 15.1% for the Aspirational Catchment.

Table 4.5 Combined Effective Catchment coverage for settlements with a population over 600 bowling greens

Sub Area	% combined settlement coverage	
	960m	720m
Alcester & Bidford	70.7%	50.2%
Shipston	44.8%	39.5%
Southam	20.3%	15.1%
Stratford on Avon	39.1%	24.3%
Studley & Henley	49.6%	37%
Wellesbourne & Kineton	72%	57.5%
District wide	48%	35%

Table 4.6 details accessibility at the individual settlement level. Not all settlements have bowling greens, which means that accessibility to these facilities by foot is limited in a significant number of settlements. Whether or not there is scope to address these deficiencies will depend on the level of demand for bowling greens in villages that do not currently have one.

Settlements achieving the best levels of accessibility include:

- Kineton
- Shipston on Stour
- Fenny Compton
- Ilmington
- Snitterfield
- Tiddington
- Welford on Avon
- Wootton Wawen

Table 4.6 Effective Catchment coverage at the individual settlement level for bowling greens

Settlement	% settlement coverage	
	960m	720m
Stratford on Avon	33%	18.5%
Alcester	73.6%	47.8%
Bidford on Avon	74.7%	54.4%
Bishops Itchington	0%	0%
Harbury	0%	0%
Henley in Arden	37.5%	12.5%
Kineton	100%	80.3%
Long Itchington	0%	0%
Quinton	0%	0%
Shipston on Stour	97.4%	86.9%
Southam	50.6%	37.8%
Studley	83.8%	61.8%
Wellesbourne	81.7%	62.1%
Brailes	0%	0%
Bearley	0%	0%
Claverdon	0%	0%
Earlswood	0%	0%
Ettington	0%	0%
Fenny Compton	100%	100%
Ilmington	100%	85.5%
Lighthorne Heath	0%	0%
Long Compton	0%	0%
Napton on the Hill	0%	0%
Salford Priors	0%	0%
Snitterfield	98.4%	91.8%

Stockton	0%	0%
Temple Herdewycke	0%	0%
Tiddington	100%	91.7%
Tysoe	0%	0%
Welford-on-Avon	94.4%	75%
Wootton Wawen	100%	100%

4.4 Accessibility Assessment: Tennis Courts

Figures 20 and 21 show the Baseline and Aspirational Effective Catchments for tennis courts. On the basis of the 9.6km Baseline Effective Catchment, 99% of the District is within the catchment area of a tennis court. Accessibility is only marginally lower for the Aspirational Effective Catchment at 95% (Table 4.7).

Table 4.7 Baseline Effective Catchment Coverage by Sub Area for tennis courts

Sub Area	% Sub Area	
	9.6km	7.2km
Alcester & Bidford	100%	100%
Shipston	98.7%	90.2%
Southam	100%	100%
Stratford on Avon	100%	100%
Studley & Henley	100%	100%
Wellesbourne & Kineton	99.7%	88.8%
District Wide	99%	95%

Table 4.8 sets out the combined percentage area of settlements with a population greater than 600 that are within the Baseline and Aspirational Effective Catchments based on walking distances for urban areas at the Sub Area level. Settlements in Wellesbourne & Kineton have significantly lower accessibility, largely attributable to the fact that Wellesbourne does not have any tennis courts within an Effective Catchment of the built up area. On the basis of the 960m Baseline Effective Catchment, all other Sub Areas achieve over 60% combined accessibility amongst Category 1, 2 and 3 Settlements. Using the 720m Aspirational Catchment, accessibility is below 65% for all Sub Areas.

Table 4.8 Combined Effective Catchment coverage for settlements with a population over 600 for tennis courts

Sub Area	% combined settlement coverage	
	960m	720m
Alcester & Bidford	64.7%	55.7%
Shipston	63.9%	58.7%
Southam	72.9%	62.2%

Stratford on Avon	70.2%	46.9%
Studley & Henley	69.2%	61.4%
Wellesbourne & Kineton	15.2%	11.4%
District wide	62%	50%

Table 4.9 details accessibility at the individual settlement level. On the basis of FIT's recommended 20 minute catchment area (960m), accessibility amongst Category 1 and 2 Settlements is generally good. The main exceptions to this are Quinton and Wellesbourne, neither of which have any tennis courts. There are also several Category 3 Settlements which achieve 0% accessibility as follows:

- Brailes
- Bearley
- Earlswood
- Fenny Compton
- Long Compton
- Salford Priors
- Temple Herdewycke

On the basis of the Aspirational 720m Effective Catchment, accessibility is particularly limited in Stratford on Avon, Long Itchington, Southam and Tiddington, all of which achieve less than 50% accessibility.

Table 4.9 Effective Catchment coverage at the individual settlement level for tennis courts

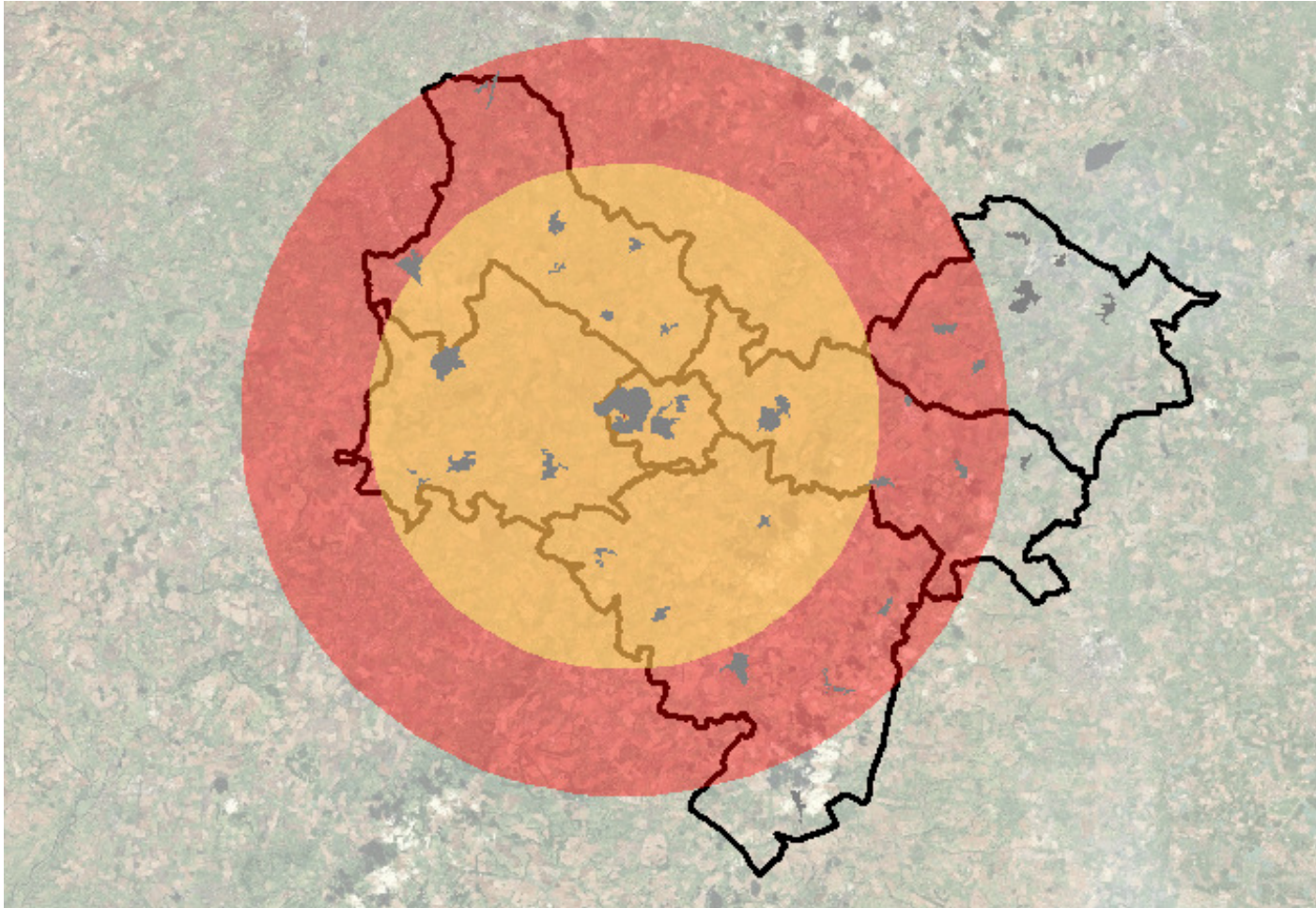
Settlement	% settlement coverage	
	960m	720m
Stratford on Avon	72.5%	48.9%
Alcester	98.7%	90.4%
Bidford on Avon	75.9%	55.7%
Bishops Itchington	100%	100%
Harbury	99.8%	89.3%
Henley	89%	73.6%
Kineton	89.4%	75.8%
Long Itchington	63.5%	46.3%
Quinton	0%	0%
Shipston on Stour	99.2%	92.6%
Southam	50.3%	38.7%
Studley	98.1%	90.2%
Wellesbourne	0%	0%
Brailes	0%	0%

Bearley	0%	0%
Claverdon	100%	99.3%
Earlswood	0%	0%
Ettington	100%	100%
Fenny Compton	0%	0%
Ilmington	100%	78.9%
Lighthorne Heath	28.5%	0%
Long Compton	0%	0%
Napton on the Hill	84.2%	69.4%
Salford Priors	0%	0%
Snitterfield	97.8%	90%
Stockton	100%	100%
Temple Herdewycke	0%	0%
Tiddington	30.8%	5.6%
Tysoe	100%	95.8%
Welford-on-Avon	0%	0%
Wootton Wawen	0%	0%

4.5 Accessibility Assessment: Athletics

There is only one synthetic athletics track in the District, which is located in Stratford on Avon town. Figure 4.3 shows the effective catchment of this facility on the basis of the baseline and aspirational catchments.

Figure 4.3 Effective Catchments for Synthetic Athletics Tracks



On the basis of the aspirational catchment, 52% of the District is within the effective catchment. This rises to 80% under the baseline catchment, which is more reflective of the rural nature of the District (Table 4.10). Given the location of the existing athletics track in the District, Sub Areas to the south and east have poorest accessibility - in particular Southam, which only achieves 29% accessibility under the baseline catchment.

Table 4.10 Effective Catchment coverage by Sub Area for athletics tracks

Sub Area	% Sub Area	
	21.6km	14.4km
Alcester & Bidford	100%	97%
Shipston	84%	47%
Southam	29%	0%
Stratford on Avon	100%	100%
Studley & Henley	100%	67%
Wellesbourne & Kineton	79%	43%
District wide	80%	52%

Table 4.11 sets out the combined percentage area of settlements with a population greater than 600 that are within the Baseline and Aspirational Effective Catchments at the Sub Area level. On the basis of the baseline catchment, there is good accessibility across the majority of settlements, with the exception of those in Southam where accessibility is only 24%.

Table 4.11 Combined Effective Catchment coverage for settlements with populations over 600 for athletics tracks

Sub Area	% combined settlement coverage	
	21.6km	14.4km
Alcester & Bidford	100%	100%
Shipston	86%	28%
Southam	24%	0%
Stratford on Avon	100%	100%
Studley & Henley	100%	61%
Wellesbourne & Kineton	91%	60%
District wide	85%	64%

Table 4.12 details accessibility at the individual settlement level. The majority of settlements are within the baseline effective catchment, with the exception of:

- Long Itchington
- Southam
- Fenny Compton
- Long Compton
- Napton on the Hill
- Southam

Table 4.12 Effective Catchment coverage at the individual settlement level for athletics tracks

Settlement	% settlement coverage	
	21.6km	14.4km
Stratford on Avon	100%	100%
Alcester	100%	100%
Bidford on Avon	100%	100%
Bishops Itchington	100%	0%
Harbury	100%	0%
Henley in Arden	100%	100%
Kineton	100%	6%
Long Itchington	0%	0%
Quinton	100%	100%
Shipston on Stour	100%	0%
Southam	0%	0%
Studley	100%	27%
Wellesbourne	100%	100%
Brailes	100%	0%
Bearley	100%	100%
Claverdon	100%	100%
Earlswood	100%	0%
Ettington	100%	100%
Fenny Compton	0%	0%
Ilmington	100%	100%
Lighthorne Heath	100%	0%
Long Compton	0%	0%
Napton on the Hill	0%	0%
Salford Priors	100%	100%
Snitterfield	100%	100%
Stockton	0%	0%
Temple Herdewycke	100%	0%
Tiddington	100%	100%
Tysoe	100%	0%
Welford-on-Avon	100%	100%
Wootton Wawen	100%	100%

Given the distance threshold for athletics, residents in the District can also take advantage of facilities in adjoining areas. Table 4.13 lists synthetic athletics tracks outside the District that are within a 45 minute travel distance of the District. Facilities in Banbury and Leamington Spa are particularly well positioned to compensate for the accessibility deficiencies identified within the District. However the Banbury Open Space, Sport and Recreation Facilities Strategy 2009 identifies an overall under provision of outdoor sports facilities of 13.70ha which is projected to rise to 20ha due to predicted population increases. Accessibility in the District is considered good but high levels of demand mean existing outdoor sports facilities are working to capacity.

Table 4.13 Out of District athletics tracks

Facility	Details	Location
University of Warwick Athletics Track	8 Lane Floodlit Mondo track Available for club & public hire	Westwood, Coventry
Edmonstone Athletics Track	8 lanes Available for public hire	River Close, Leamington Spa
Abbey Stadium Sports Centre	8 lanes Available for public hire	Birmingham Road, Redditch
Norman Green Athletics Centre	8 lanes Available for public hire	Blossomfield Road, Solihull
Drayton School Athletics Track	8 lanes Available for public hire	Drayton Road, Banbury

4.6 Other Factors Influencing Accessibility

Feedback from public consultation indicates that there is a general lack of publicly accessible sports facilities which are available on a pay per play or free basis – particularly the latter. The availability of sports pitches and tennis courts to members of the local community has been identified as particularly important in terms of improving provision and activities for young people. With regards to providing improved public facilities, Parish Councils have however highlighted the issue of the cost of maintaining (and providing) sports facilities.

Residents and Parish Councils have requested that school facilities should be made more available for public use. Tables 4.14 and 4.15 detail educational facilities at secondary schools, colleges and primary schools that are currently known to be available for public use/hire. It appears that a significant number of outdoor sports facilities are in fact available to the public, although very few of them currently have formal Community Use Agreements in place. Several schools who do not currently hire out their facilities have also indicated that they would consider doing so in the future.

Table 4.14 Public Access Arrangements at Secondary Schools and Colleges

School/ College	Facility access arrangements	Formal community use agreement
Henley High School	Senior football pitch hired to Aston Villa Soccer School; all facilities are available for hire	No
Kineton High School	Facilities available for hire	Yes
King Edward VI High School	Pitches available for hire subject to availability and CRB Facilities currently hired by Stratford Rugby Club and Stratford Cricket Club	No
St Benedicts Catholic High School, Alcester	All facilities available for hire	No
Stratford High School	All facilities available for hire	Yes
Studley High School	No public or club use (facilities subject to 7pm curfew)	No
Shipston High School	No facilities available for hire	No
Alcester High School	Football pitches hired out to Alcester Town FC at weekends	No
Alcester Grammar School	Sports hall & netball courts hired	No
Southam College	All facilities available for hire	Yes
Warwickshire College	All facilities available for hire	No, but facilities are available for public use as a matter of policy

Table 4.15 Primary Schools with public/ club access outdoor sports facilities

Dassett CofE Primary School, Fenny Compton *	Shipston on Stour Primary School
Harbury CofE Primary School*	Bishopton Primary School
Haselor Primary School	Bridgetown Primary School
Henley in Arden Community Primary School	The Croft Preparatory School, near Shotford
Long Itchington Primary School	Wellesbourne CofE Primary School
Welford on Avon Primary School*	St Lawrence CofE Primary School, Napton
Wootton Wawen Primary School*	
	*formal Community Use Agreement

Although there do appear to be a significant number of facilities in the District that are publicly accessible, the cost of hiring some of these facilities may be prohibitively expensive for some members of the community. There are no tennis courts in the District that can be played on free of charge. Access fees range from £3 in some of the smaller villages to £9.60 at Stratford Leisure Centre. Stratford Tennis Club has reported that over subscription at the club means that the facilities are not available for public hire at all.

Sports pitches located within public open spaces – such as Stratford Recreation Ground, Conway Fields (Alcester), The Big Meadow (Bidford) and Long Compton Recreation Ground can generally be used free of charge by the local community on an informal basis. Where these pitches are used regularly by a particular Club or team however, informal use by the community is often discouraged due to issues over pitch quality and maintenance.

FIT strongly recommends that every rural settlement should have its own area of open space, which should provide for the specific sport, recreation and play needs of its local community. Settlements without an outdoor sports pitch located within a freely accessible public open space are listed below:

- Bishops Itchington
- Bearley
- Henley in Arden
- Napton on the Hill
- Tysoe
- Wootton Wawen
- Tiddington
- Temple Herdewycke

Bearley, Tysoe and Bishop's Itchington each have sports pitches located on separate sites that are available for public use free of charge. Facilities at Henley in Arden Sports and Social Club are available for hire at a cost. Napton on the Hill also has a sports field, but this has been identified as being private and for club use only, with no hiring arrangements. Temple Herdewycke is the only settlement where there are no publicly accessible sports pitches – either within an open space or available to hire. Provision in Wootton Wawen and Tiddington is also limited as residents would have to hire Wootton Wawen primary school's junior football pitch or the Tiddington NFU sports facilities if they wanted to play outdoor sport.

5 Summary: Football

5.1 Introduction

Football has the highest participation rates of any team sport in Warwickshire; it is also the most frequently played sport in Stratford on Avon District. The Football Association (FA) has set ambitious targets for increasing participation; however there was a reported decrease in the number of registered teams in the District from the 2008/09 to 2009/10 season. Nevertheless, findings from this study indicate that there is still a large number of football clubs in the District fielding a significant number of mini, junior and senior teams. The District has also recently benefited from capital investment, including funding for Stratford Town FC to relocate; Alcester Town FC securing an alternative site; and Southam College obtaining funding and planning permission for a new 3rd Generation pitch (the third in the District).

The following chapter provides an overview of the situation in respect of football in the District. This includes an analysis of the supply and demand for pitches; an assessment of the current quality of pitches; and considerations for the future, including trends in participation, population growth and their implications for the provision of sufficient facilities.

5.2 Quantity Assessment: Supply and Demand

5.2.1 Teams

There are 34 football clubs in Stratford District, which field a total of 224 football teams. A significant number of these are junior male teams (74 teams); there are also 48 senior male teams and 72 mini teams (Table 5.1). The District is also home to a number of female and mixed teams, including 9 senior female teams (based at Southam United Football Club, Stratford Town Football Club, Tiddington Football Club, Hopwood Stars Ladies Football Club, Studley Women's Football Club and Warwickshire College). A full list of teams is provided in Appendix C.

Table 5.1 Football teams in Stratford District

Team Type	No. teams			
	Male	Female	Mixed	Total
Senior	48	9	0	57
Junior	74	9	10	93
Mini	46	7	19	72

There is considerable variation in the size and nature of football clubs based in Stratford on Avon District. There are a number of large clubs which have several teams - for example Alcester Town has 7 mini teams, 8 junior teams and 5 senior teams, whereas other clubs - such as Ilmington Revolution Football Club and Fenny Compton Football Club, comprise just one team. Given the largely rural nature of the District this is however to be expected.

The distribution of teams also varies across the District with a concentration of senior and junior teams in Stratford on Avon, Shipston and Studley & Henley Sub Areas (Table 5.2). Mini teams are more evenly distributed across the District.

Table 5.2 Number of football teams by Sub Area

Sub Area	No. teams		
	Senior	Junior	Mini
Alcester & Bidford	5	11	14
Shipston	7	14	11
Southam	9	7	12
Stratford on Avon	19	29	18
Studley & Henley	15	20	8
Wellesbourne & Kineton	4	12	9

Consultation with the FA has revealed that there has been a slight decline in the number of U11 teams in the District in recent years, as well as a general decline in the number of teams registered with the FA in the 2009/10 season. There has however been considerable growth in mini soccer, women's, girls, disability football and small sided teams (i.e. 5-a-side) over the same period.

The standard of play varies across the District, with adult teams competing in a number of Leagues, including the Midlands Combination League, Evesham Ambassador League, Redditch and South Warwickshire Combination, Stratford Alliance, Leamington & District Sunday Football League, Mid Warwickshire Football League, Bromsgrove & District Sunday League, Worcestershire Premier Cup and Aspire Midlands Alliance.

Displaced and Cross Boundary Demand

The sports club questionnaire has not revealed any evidence of teams that are forced to play their 'home' matches outside Stratford District due to lack of facilities in Stratford on Avon. The FA has however commented that football is nomadic in nature, and that whilst some clubs in the District will play matches on multiple venues, they would prefer to have their own facility.

Stratford attracts several players from outside the District who travel in to play for teams based in the District. For example, Quinton Football Club has players who reside in Warwick and Leamington Spa; players from Studley Sporting, Black Horse Football Club and Studley Women's Football Club reside in Redditch; and Earlswood Town Football Club's players mostly reside in Birmingham.

Some of the adjoining districts have pitch capacity in their own District, for example Redditch's Playing Pitch Model Strategy identified that the overall ratio of playing pitch provision to population is higher than the national average and there is a surplus of adult football pitches. This indicates that players are travelling into Stratford District for reasons other than a shortage of facilities in their own District. However Redditch has a shortfall of junior pitches, which may potentially result in some displaced demand in Stratford.

Interestingly, Chipping Norton also has been identified as having above the average provision of non-institution sports grounds in West Oxfordshire. Chipping Norton is located close to Moreton-in-Marsh and Shipston-on-Sour and could therefore potentially be used by residents of these settlements.

Team Generation Rates

Active People Survey 4: Detailed sport results indicate that in the West Midlands 5.02% of the population actively participate in football (at least once a week).

Team Generation Rates (TGR)²³ for Stratford District have been calculated on the basis of the current number of teams in the District and its current population. The District's TGR is slightly beneath the national average, although this is to be expected in a rural district.

Figure 5.3 Team Generation Rates for football

Team type	Age Group	Current population	Current no. of teams	Team Generation Rate
Mini-soccer - mixed	6-9yrs	5248	72	1:73
Junior football - boys	10-15yrs	4359	79	1:55
Junior football - girls	10-15yrs	4112	14	1:294
Men's football	16-45yrs	19314	50	1:386
Women's football	16-45yrs	19756	9	1:2195
Total for football (excluding mini)				1:313
Overall national average				1:239

Latent Demand

Comparison of Stratford District's TGR with the national average indicates that there is a moderate level of latent demand in the District²⁴.

Three clubs have reported that their 'home' pitch is not their preferred location to play 'home' matches; Snitterfield Sports Junior Football Club would prefer to have their own pitch rather than sharing with the adult football and cricket teams; Hopwood Star Ladies Football Club currently train at Studley Sports and Social Club but would prefer to play at Northfield Holloway Hall Pitch in Birmingham; and Shipston Excelsior Football Club has also indicated that their current 'home' match venue (Shipston Sports Club) is not their preferred location.

83% of clubs reported that they had at least one game cancelled last season due to the quality of the pitch. On average 1.4 games were cancelled per team over the season, indicating that the District does suffer from some pitch quality issues, which may be having an impact on team recruitment and retention (see Section 5.3 for a full assessment of pitch quality).

²³ Team generation rates (TGRs) indicate how many people in a specified age group are required to generate one team. TGRs are derived by dividing the appropriate population age band for the relevant sport by the number of teams playing that sport

²⁴ Latent demand is demand that cannot be expressed because of lack of access to pitches or other ancillary facilities.

Other factors that may be contributing towards latent demand include the growth in mini soccer, 5 a-side and junior teams which may contribute to the growth of senior football in the long term; and the FA's growth strategy. On the other hand however, the economic downturn is reported to have had an impact on team subscriptions where club members have decided that they can no longer afford the membership fees. Forecasted changes in participation rates are discussed in more detail below.

Future Demand

TGRs have been applied to population projections for 2023 to calculate the likely number of teams that will be generated over the next few years, if present participation rates are maintained. Forecasts for the number of football teams in 2023 have been calculated for three population growth scenarios up 2023, based on planning policy constrained population growth and trend based population growth (Table 5.4). These forecasts have been applied to the PPM to assess future demand and supply of football pitches (see Section 5.2.4).

Table 5.4 Forecasted football teams in 2023

Growth Scenario	Additional population growth 2009-2023	Total forecast number of teams in 2023	
		Mini Soccer	Football
Policy constrained low growth (280 new dwellings per annum)	7,334 (6%)	76	162
Policy constrained medium growth (375 new dwellings per annum)	10,134 (8%)	78	165
Trend-based demand-led growth (ONS population projections)	16,934 (12%)	81	171

Trends in Participation

The FA has set out its strategic approach to participation in their *National Game Strategy 2008-2012*²⁵, which sets out its plan for grassroots football growth between 2008 and 2012. The Strategy sets out a clear vision and targets to 2012, which include the following:

- Retain 125,000 existing teams and create 20,500 new teams;
- Increase the number of women's 11 a side teams by 15% from 1250 to 1437;
- Increase mini soccer teams by 10%;
- Increase boys' teams by 10% increasing the number from 34,300 to 37,730;
- Increase the number of girls' teams by 50% from 21,800 to 24,000;
- Support existing adult male small sided football teams and increase their number by 50% from 25,000 to 37,500;

²⁵ Football Association, 2008. National Game Strategy 2008-2012.

- Increase the number of male disability teams from 270 to 405 and
- Increase the number of male disability teams by 50% - from 270 to 405 – by promoting opportunities to play and supporting clubs to become more inclusive.

Annual financial reports show that the FA invests £60m into football each year, approximately £38m of which is allocated to grassroots football. In 2009, £15 million of funding was allocated to the Football Foundation and £18 million to County FAs. Some of these monies are invested through a range of outreach programmes including the FA Charity Programme, the FA Hat-Trick Programme and the Football Foundation²⁶.

Despite the efforts of the FA, Sport England's Active People Survey has reported that participation in football nationally has shown a decrease from 2,144,700 (5.18%) to 2,090,000 (4.96%) between October 07/08 to Oct 09/10. The national survey concludes that this decrease is seen mainly in the 16-34 males age group and in particular 16-19 years. At the regional level, there has been a similar decline in participation across the West Midlands (Table 5.5).

Table 5.5 Football participation rates for the West Midlands

Year	Actual Number	% West Midlands Population
Oct 05/06	201,900	5.02%
Oct 07/08	214,800	5.2%
Oct 08/09	226,800	4.96%
Oct 09/10	219,700	4.69%

At a local level, FA Local Area Data for Stratford District for the 2009/2010 indicates that there has been a decline in participation across senior and junior teams and mini soccer, and moderate growth in small sided adult football (Table 5.6). It should be recognised however that whilst this data is useful it does not provide an insight into longer term trends, since it only reports change over a single year.

Indeed, findings from the sports club questionnaire indicate that club membership in the District is relatively buoyant. Only 5 clubs (10%) reported that membership had declined, whilst 31% reported an increase. The FA regional officer has also commented that there has been considerable growth in women's, girls, disability and small sided (i.e. 5 a side) football.

²⁶ The Football Association Limited, December 2009. Report and Financial Statements.

Table 5.6 Proportion of population that participate in football

	% population				All teams
	Adult 11 a side	Youth 11 a side	Mini- Soccer	Adult Small Sided	
Stratford-on-Avon					
2008/09	5.8%	28.1%	5.8%	0.0%	4.9%
2009/10	1.2%	7%	2.5%	0.8%	1.5%
West Midlands					
2008/09	4.6%	25.7%	8.3%	1.6%	5.2%
2009/10	4%	24.6%	7.3%	1.1%	4.7%

Findings from the sports club questionnaire indicate that 5 clubs (10%) have experienced a decline in membership.

There has also been a significant amount of capital investment in Stratford District, which may also help to counter declining trends in participation in the future. The relocation of Stratford Town Football Club to Knights Lane was for example enabled through a £2 million investment from the Football Foundation. STFC's facilities are now ranked as some of the best local facilities in Britain, and used by the Foundation as a "show site".

Future trends in participation may also be influenced in the long term by other wider sports initiatives and events, such as the legacy of the London 2012 Olympics, and the efforts of Sport England, the Department for Culture, Media and Sport, UK Sport and Youth Sport Trust.

5.2.2 Home Games

Club Matches

The number of matches played each season varies considerably between clubs. In total, football clubs have reported that over 2,570 'home' games are played in Stratford District each season. The greatest proportion of these is junior football matches, although this is reflective of the higher number of junior teams in the District (Table 5.7).

Table 5.7 Number of 'Home' Games per football team

Team type	Total no. home games per season	Actual no. teams	Average no. home games per team per season ²⁷	Average no. home games per team per week ²⁸
Mini	773	72	10.7	0.28
Junior	999	93	10.7	0.3
Senior	793	59	13.4	0.4

The vast majority of football games are played at the weekend. For mini and junior football, Saturday mornings are the most popular time to play matches; for senior football the peak time is Sunday mornings (Table 5.8). Mini football has the most midweek games.

Table 5.8 Temporal demand for football pitches for matches

Time	Type	% of matches
Saturday AM	Mini	47.9%
	Junior	50.0%
	Senior	23.7%
Saturday PM	Mini	14.6%
	Junior	12.9%
	Senior	23.7%
Sunday AM	Mini	7.6%
	Junior	14.5%
	Senior	28.9%
Sunday PM	Mini	15.3%
	Junior	14.9%
	Senior	13.8%
Mid week	Mini	14.6%
	Junior	8.1%
	Senior	8.6%

Training

The amount of training undertaken by teams varies from club to club; over 71% of clubs that responded to the questionnaire also use their main pitch for training. In

²⁷ Although the length of the football season varies between leagues, it has been assumed to be approximately 38 weeks in total.

²⁸ This is based on the questionnaire findings; in reality the FA and Leagues have indicated that the number of matches is higher than this. In the PPM the ratio of 0.5 has been applied, meaning that clubs play a home game on average every other week.

total, the District's football clubs train for 53 units of play per week²⁹, which has been converted into Team Equivalents for the purpose of the PPM model. This comprises 28 for junior teams and 25 for senior teams (Table 5.9).

Table 5.9 Football training 'Units of Play'

Team type	Units of play per week
Junior	27.75
Senior	25.25

School Use

A number of schools in the District have sports facilities which are also used by the local community and various sports teams. Since schools use these facilities for their own PE lessons and school matches, the school's own use has also been converted into Team Equivalents for the purpose of the PPM. In total, football pitches on school sites with secured or unsecured community access are used for 69 units of play per week by the schools themselves. School use of sites with secured community access equates to 34 units and 35 units for school sites with unsecured access.

Overall Use

Overall pitch demand – including matches, training and school use is summarised in Table 5.10.

Table 5.10 Total demand for football pitches

Team type	Units of play per week		
	Home matches	Training	School use
Mini	20.3		13
Junior	26.3	37	30
Senior	20.9	28.5	26

The distribution of temporal demand for pitches for training, matches and school use over the week is summarised in Table 5.11; consultation with the FA has indicated that there are unlikely to be any significant changes in the structure of the football leagues in the District, or the days on which they play.

²⁹ One unit of play equates to two hours of training or one match. Information about training has been taken from the questionnaire returns, the three clubs that did not return the questionnaire have been assumed to have one two hour training session per team per week.

Table 5.11 Temporal demand for football pitches

Time	Type	% units of play
Saturday AM	Mini	41%
	Junior	26%
	Senior	10%
Saturday PM	Mini	12%
	Junior	7%
	Senior	10%
Sunday AM	Mini	6%
	Junior	9%
	Senior	13%
Sunday PM	Mini	13%
	Junior	8%
	Senior	7%
Mid week	Mini	28%
	Junior	51%
	Senior	60%

For the purpose of the PPM, school use and training has been converted into team equivalents. Table 5.12 summarises the total number of teams and Team Equivalents.

Table 5.12 Football team and team equivalents in Stratford District

Team	Actual Teams	Team Equivalents		Total
		Training	School use	
Mini-soccer - mixed	72	0	13 ³⁰	85
Junior football - boys	79*	23	60	162
Junior football - girls	14*	5	0	19
Men's football	50	21	52	123
Women's football	9	4.5	0	13.5
Total (excl mini)	224	53.5	125	402.5

* Mixed junior teams have been split equally between boys and girls teams.

³⁰ Unlike for junior and senior football, the mini units of play for school use have not been doubled in the PPM because the PPM uses a home game ratio of 1 for mini football (as oppose to 0.5 for junior and senior football) so the units of play do not need to be doubled to account for the fact that school use always takes place on the 'home' pitch.

5.2.3 Pitch Supply

Table 5.13 summarises the total number of grass football pitches across the District which are currently, or have previously (i.e. in the last 5 years) been in use for football. There are 104 sites in total, comprising 87 adult football pitches; 64 junior pitches; and 33 mini pitches. There is a fairly even distribution of pitches across the District's Sub Areas, with the exception of the following:

- Studley and Henley which has a particularly high number of senior football pitches;
- Southam which has a higher number of junior pitches;
- Alcester & Bidford which has a greater number of mini pitches (Dugdale Avenue in Bidford has 7); and
- Wellesbourne & Kineton, which has a lower number of junior and mini pitches.

A full inventory of football pitches is provided in Appendix D.

Table 5.13 Total number of grass football pitches

Sub Area	No. of sites	No. of pitches			
		Senior	Junior	Mini	Total
Alcester & Bidford	20	13	11	14	38
Shipston	17	13	12	2	27
Southam	17	13	17	4	34
Stratford on Avon	13	11	12	4	28
Studley & Henley	23	21	8	5	35
Wellesbourne & Kineton	14	16	4	4	24
District Wide	104	87	64	33	184

In terms of the quantity of pitches per 1,000 population, there are 1.6 pitches per 1,000 population across the District (Table 5.14). Shipston, Wellesbourne & Kineton and Stratford on Avon Sub Areas have below average provision for the District as a whole.

Table 5.14 Football pitch provision per 1,000 population

Sub Area	Population	Pitches per 1,000 population			
		Senior	Junior	Mini	Total
Alcester & Bidford	21,144	0.6	0.5	0.7	1.8
Shipston	18,770	0.7	0.6	0.1	1.4
Southam	17,484	0.7	1.0	0.2	1.9
Stratford on Avon	26,357	0.4	0.5	0.2	1.0
Studley & Henley	19,133	1.1	0.4	0.3	1.8
Wellesbourne & Kineton	15,978	1.0	0.3	0.3	1.5
District	118,866	0.7	0.5	0.3	1.5

The FA rules state that any competition (except the FA Cup) can be held on Artificial Turf Pitch (AGP), and it is for the local leagues to make the decision. Lots of leagues in Stratford allow matches to be played on AGP, and these are well used. There are four full size AGPs in Stratford District, two of which are 3rd Generation (3G) pitches (Table 5.15). A third 3G pitch is currently being constructed at Southam College, which will be a joint community and school facility. The AGP pitches are currently used by football teams largely for training; they are also popular resource for 5 a-side leagues – Studley Football Club’s 3G pitch currently hosts Azzuri Fives on both Monday and Thursday nights. As well as the full size pitches, there are several smaller 5 a-side facilities in the District; Stratford Leisure Centre has four 5 a-side pitches, which are in joint use for tennis. There are also several Multi Use Games Areas (MUGAs) in the District which provide opportunities for 5 a-side (where the surface permits), casual use and kickabout. For the purpose of modelling the supply of football pitches in the District, the four full size AGP pitches have been included in the PPM assessment as they provide a valuable training resource.

Table 5.15 Artificial Grass Pitches

Facility	Sub Area	Surface Type	Size	Floodlit (Y/N)
Warwickshire College	Studley & Henley	Sand	Full size	Y
Studley Football Club	Studley & Henley	Rubber crumb, long pile 3G	Full size	Y
Stratford High School AGP	Stratford on Avon	Sand based	Full size	Y
Stratford Town Football Club	Stratford on Avon	Rubber crumb, long pile 3G	Full size	Y
Southam High School	Southam	Rubber crumb long pile 3G pitch currently under construction	Full size	N/A
Stratford Leisure Centre	Stratford on Avon	Sand dressed	4 x 5 a side	Y
Greig Centre	Alcester & Bidford	Sand dressed	5 a side	Y
Napton on the Hill	Southam/Feldon	Sand dressed	5 a side	Y
NFU 5 a-side astro pitch	Stratford on Avon	Sand dressed	5 a side	Y
Welcombe Hills School	Stratford on Avon	Rubber crumb	5 a side	N

Assessing the adequacy of existing provision

For the purpose of the PPM, the quantitative assessment focuses on pitches that are secured for use by the community. This includes:

- All local authority facilities;
- School facilities where they are subject to formal community use agreements;
- Other institutional facilities that are available to the public as a result of formal community use agreements; and
- Any facilities that are owned, used or maintained by clubs / private individuals and which, as a matter of policy and practice, are available to large sections of the public through membership of a club or through an admission fee.

Table 5.16 categorises Stratford District's football pitches in terms of their availability for community use. Around 80% of all senior football pitches are secured for community use, rising to 84% if pitches that are not formally secured for community use but are nonetheless available are also included. There is a particularly high number of junior football pitches that are not available for public use, the majority of which are primary school facilities. With the exception of Claverdon Football Pitch, which is a privately owned facility, all the pitches not currently available for community use are school facilities. Although their facilities are not currently accessible to the public, several schools have however indicated that they might consider a Community Use Agreement in the future. Full details of pitch access and availability are provided in Appendix D.

Table 5.16 Accessibility and availability of football pitches

Category	Definition		No. of pitches		
			Senior	Junior	Mini
A(i)	Secured community pitches	Owned by local authority/ parish council	42	14	16
A(ii)		Voluntary/ private/ commercial sector	20	10	3
A(iii)		Education sites	14	2	7
B	Used by community, but not secured		4	7	4
C	Not open for community use		11	31	3

The following education sites, which have football pitches, have formal Community Use Agreements:

- Kineton High School
- Stratford High School
- Southam College
- Dassett C of E Primary School
- Harbury C of E Primary School
- Welford on Avon Primary School
- Wootten Wawen Primary School

Dual use of sports pitches can increase wear and tear and impact on their carrying capacity. Of the 144 football pitches in secured or unsecured community use, 37% are also public open spaces which are used for informal recreation by local communities. 53% of the pitches are also in dual use for another sport. In most cases, the pitches are in use for football in the winter season, and athletics tracks or cricket outfield in the summer season. In a limited number of cases, the pitches are used for both rugby and football. Groundsmen have commented in particular that the use of football pitches as cricket outfield is particularly problematical as there is little time for the pitch to recover between seasons. Cricket outfield typically have shorter grass, which can subsequently impact on the wear and tear of a football pitch over the season where the grass has not had the opportunity to lengthen prior to the season commencing.

Interviews with the FA and league secretaries did not reveal that there is any perceived shortfall of football pitches in the District. No clubs have reported that they are forced to use facilities outside the District due to lack of available pitches; although three clubs have indicated that their current home pitch is not their preferred location.

5.2.4 Assessment of findings

The supply of football pitches and associated demand for them has been modelled using the PPM. In order to analyse the relative influence of various factors affecting the supply and demand of pitches, two scenarios have been modelled:

Scenario A focuses on only modelling the supply of football pitches that are currently in secured community use.

Scenario B models the supply of football pitches that are in secured or unsecured community use. The use at the unsecured sites is also included in the PPM, this use is limited to school lessons and teams³¹

Those pitches that are not currently open for community use have not been included in the model, although their potential for improving the supply of pitches where there is an identified shortfall of community use pitches has been taken into consideration in analysis.

Within each of the Scenarios, the following have been modelled:

- **Current demand vs. supply**
- **Forecasted demand in 2023**, based on medium population growth scenario (8%) and including anticipated trends in participation (4% increase for senior & junior football and 5% for mini football, based on analysis of existing trends)

³¹ *Towards a Level Playing Field* recommends that an additional scenario is modelled removing all pitches assessed as being poor quality. In Stratford District only 4 pitches were assessed as having below average quality, and only 2 scored less than 50% (47%) in the overall quality assessment. It was not therefore considered necessary to model a third scenario, although findings from the quality assessment have been picked up in the supply and demand assessment.

Current Demand and Supply

Scenario A

Under Scenario A, existing demand for football pitches in the District is largely met by the current supply of pitches in secured community use (Table 5.17). However, on Saturday AM there is a shortfall of junior pitches in all Sub Areas with the exception of Alcester & Bidford and Southam. Significant deficiencies at the Sub Area level include:

- Stratford on Avon Sub Area: undersupply of junior pitches all day Saturday Sunday AM and during the Mid Week;
- Studley and Henley Sub Area: undersupply of junior pitches all day Saturday, all day Sunday and during the Mid Week;
- Shipston Sub Area: undersupply of junior pitches Saturday AM; and
- Wellesbourne and Kineton Sub Area: undersupply of junior pitches Saturday AM.

Table 5.17 Current supply/shortfall of junior/ senior pitches in secured community use

	Saturday AM (senior)	Saturday PM (senior)	Saturday AM (junior)	Saturday PM (junior)	Sunday AM (senior)	Sunday PM (senior)	Sunday AM (junior)	Sunday PM (junior)	Mid Week ³² (senior)	Mid Week (junior)
Alcester & Bidford	8.5	8.5	2.2	4.3	8.4	8.7	4.1	4.2	8.4	3.92
Shipston	8.8	8.8	-0.1	2.9	8.4	9.1	2.6	2.8	8.53	2.38
Southam	12.2	12.2	10.5	12.3	12.0	12.5	12.1	12.2	12.1	12
Stratford on Avon	11.7	11.7	-4.2	0.4	11.3	12.1	-0.1	0.1	11.4	-0.4
Studley & Henley	16.9	16.9	-2.9	-0.0	16.2	17.5	-0.3	-0.2	16.4	-0.5
Wellesbourne & Kineton	10.9	10.9	-1.3	0.4	10.6	11.2	0.2	0.3	10.7	0.08
District Wide	69.0	69.0	4.2	20.4	66.9	71.0	18.6	19.5	67.5	17.4

There is a significant undersupply of mini football pitches across the District on Saturday AM; an additional 6.5 mini pitches are required to ensure adequate supply at peak times (Table 5.18).

³²This represents a typical mid week day; since practices are spread out across the week

Table 5.18 Current supply/shortfall of mini football pitches with secured community use

	Saturday AM	Saturday PM	Sunday AM	Sunday PM	Mid Week ³³
Alcester & Bidford	4.3	8.3	9.1	8.2	9.2
Shipston	-2.5	0.6	1.3	0.6	1.4
Southam	-4.1	1.5	2.7	1.4	2.9
Stratford on Avon	-4.3	0.8	1.8	0.7	2.0
Studley & Henley	0.8	3.0	3.5	3.0	3.6
Wellesbourne & Kineton	-0.7	1.9	2.4	1.8	2.5
District wide	-6.5	16.1	20.8	15.6	21.6

It is notable that the only pitches to score below average in the overall pitch assessment were junior and mini football pitches (see Section 5.3), which suggests that they are experiencing overuse and operating above their carrying capacity – an issue that is likely to be being compounded by the undersupply of these pitches. Some of the deficit in the supply of mini and junior pitches could be accommodated on surplus senior pitches where they are available for use at convenient times and in appropriate locations, although associated impacts on the quality of the pitch and its carrying capacity would need to be considered. There are also a further 28 junior pitches and 4 mini pitches in the District that are not currently available for community use.

Scenario B

Under Scenario B, the PPM indicates that there remains an undersupply of junior pitches on Saturday AM in the Stratford on Avon and Studley & Henley Sub Areas, although there is a sufficient supply at the District wide level.

³³ The supply of mini football pitches has been recalculated taking into account that the midweek period comprises five days.

Table 5.19 Current supply/shortfall of pitches in secured and unsecured community use

	Saturday AM (senior)	Saturday PM (senior)	Saturday AM (junior)	Saturday PM (junior)	Sunday AM (senior)	Sunday PM (senior)	Sunday AM (junior)	Sunday PM (junior)	Mid Week (senior)	Mid Week (junior)
Alcester & Bidford	9.9	9.9	2.4	4.1	9.7	10.4	3.9	4.3	9.8	3.9
Shipston	8.7	8.7	0.1	2.7	8.4	9.3	2.4	2.9	8.5	2.4
Southam	12.2	12.2	10.4	12.8	12.0	12.6	12.5	13.0	12.1	12.5
Stratford on Avon	11.6	11.6	-3.2	1.6	11.3	12.2	1.1	2.1	11.4	1.1
Studley & Henley	17.1	17.1	-2.9	0.3	16.6	18.5	-0.0	0.7	16.8	0.0
Wellesbourne & Kineton	11.8	11.8	0.5	2.8	11.6	12.4	2.6	3.1	11.7	2.6
District wide	71.2	71.2	7.2	24.4	69.7	75.3	22.5	26.1	70.4	22.5

Under Scenario B, the shortfall of mini pitches on a Saturday AM is reduced to 4.5 pitches, although a shortfall is still experienced in four of the six Sub Areas (Table 5.20).

Table 5.20 Current supply/shortfall of mini pitches with secured and unsecured pitches

	Saturday AM	Saturday PM	Sunday AM	Sunday PM	Mid Week
Alcester & Bidford	6.3	11.7	12.8	11.5	12.9
Shipston	-2.5	0.6	1.3	0.6	1.4
Southam	-4.1	1.5	2.7	1.4	2.9
Stratford on Avon	-4.3	0.8	1.8	0.7	2.0
Studley & Henley	0.8	3.0	3.5	3.0	3.6
Wellesbourne & Kineton	-0.7	1.9	2.4	1.8	2.5
District wide	-4.5	19.5	24.5	19.0	25.3

Future Demand and Supply

Scenario A

By 2023, the surplus of junior pitches on Saturday AM will be reduced to just 0.2 pitches (Table 5.21). Three Sub Areas are expected to experience a shortfall; Stratford on Avon, Studley & Henley and Wellesbourne & Kineton. Studley &

Henley and Wellesbourne & Kineton will also experience a shortfall of junior pitches on Saturday PM, Sunday AM and Mid Week.

Table 5.21 Forecasted supply/shortfall of football pitches in secured community use in 2023

	Saturday AM (senior)	Saturday PM (senior)	Saturday AM (junior)	Saturday PM (junior)	Sunday AM (senior)	Sunday PM (senior)	Sunday AM (junior)	Sunday PM (junior)	Mid Week y (senior)	Mid Week (junior)
Alcester & Bidford	7.7	7.7	0.4	3.8	7.3	8.1	3.4	3.6	7.4	3.2
Shipston	8.9	8.9	0.1	3.0	8.5	9.2	2.7	2.8	8.6	2.4
Southam	11.8	11.8	9.0	12.0	11.5	12.2	11.6	11.8	11.6	11.4
Stratford on Avon	11.3	11.3	-3.8	0.5	10.8	11.8	0.0	0.3	11.0	-0.3
Studley & Henley	17.9	17.9	-2.9	-0.0	17.5	18.2	-0.3	-0.2	17.6	-0.5
Wellesbourne & Kineton	11.0	11.0	-2.5	0.1	10.7	11.3	-0.2	-0.1	10.8	-0.4
District wide	68.5	68.5	0.1	19.3	66.3	70.7	17.2	18.3	67.0	15.8

If the maximum forecast population growth of 12% is realised the shortfall of pitches will be exacerbated; an additional 0.8 junior pitches will be required on Saturday AM to meet demand. If the minimum forecast increase in population growth is realised (6%) there will be sufficient pitches to meet demand, although there will continue to be localised shortfalls.

If the number of mini football pitches remains the same in 2023 there will be a considerable undersupply on Saturday AM (Table 5.22). All Sub Areas are expected to have more teams than pitches, with the exception of Alcester & Bidford which has sufficient pitches to meet the demand of the mini football teams based in the Sub Area. In total an additional 10.9 pitches will be needed on Saturday AM to meet demand.

Table 5.22 Forecasted supply/shortfall of mini football pitches in secured community use in 2023

	Saturday AM	Saturday PM	Sunday AM	Sunday PM	Mid Week
Alcester & Bidford	3.4	8.0	9.0	7.9	9.1
Shipston	-3.6	0.3	1.1	0.2	1.2
Southam	-1.8	2.2	3.1	2.2	3.2
Stratford on Avon	-5.4	0.5	1.7	0.3	1.9
Studley & Henley	-1.6	2.3	3.1	2.2	3.2

Wellesbourne & Kineton	-2.1	1.5	2.2	1.4	2.3
District wide	-10.9	14.8	20.1	14.2	21.0

If the maximum population (12%) increase is realised the deficit will increase to 12.3 mini pitches whereas if the population growth is 6% the deficit will be reduced to 10.3 pitches on Saturday AM.

Scenario B

When pitches which also have unsecured community access are included, there are 2.8 surplus pitches across the District on Saturday PM (Table 5.23). However, at the Sub Area level, Southam is the only area to contain sufficient junior pitches to meet demand on Saturday AM.

Table 5.23 Forecasted supply/shortfall of football pitches in secured and unsecured community use in 2023

	Saturday AM (senior)	Saturday PM (senior)	Saturday AM (junior)	Saturday PM (junior)	Sunday AM (senior)	Sunday PM (senior)	Sunday AM (junior)	Sunday PM (junior)	Mid Week y (senior)	Mid Week (junior)
Alcester & Bidford	9.2	9.2	-0.4	3.2	8.9	10.1	2.8	3.6	9.0	2.8
Shipston	8.5	8.5	-0.6	2.5	8.2	9.2	2.1	2.8	8.3	2.1
Southam	11.4	11.4	9.3	12.4	11.2	12.2	12.1	12.7	11.3	12.1
Stratford on Avon	10.7	10.7	-2.8	1.7	10.3	11.8	1.2	2.2	10.5	1.2
Studley & Henley	18.5	18.5	-2.5	0.5	18.2	19.2	0.2	0.8	18.3	0.2
Wellesbourne & Kineton	11.6	11.6	-0.1	2.6	11.4	12.3	2.3	2.9	11.5	2.3
District wide	70.0	70.0	2.8	22.9	68.2	74.7	20.7	24.9	69.0	20.7

If the population only increases by 6% there will be a District wide surplus of 3.4 junior pitches on a Saturday morning; however a shortfall will exist in all Sub Areas with the exception of Southam. If the highest rate of population growth (12%) is realised, there will be a surplus of 1.7 junior pitches on Saturday AM.

On the basis of 8% population growth up to 2023, there will also be a predicted shortfall of 9.2 mini pitches on a Saturday AM (Table 5.24). All Sub Areas are expected to experience a deficit at this peak time, with the exception of Alcester & Bidford.

Table 5.24 Forecasted supply/shortfall of mini football pitches in secured and unsecured community use in 2023

	Saturday AM	Saturday PM	Sunday AM	Sunday PM	Mid Week
Alcester & Bidford	7.0	11.9	12.9	11.8	13.1
Shipston	-4.0	0.2	1.0	0.1	1.2
Southam	-2.1	2.1	3.0	2.0	3.2
Stratford on Avon	-5.9	0.3	1.6	0.2	1.8
Studley & Henley	-1.9	2.2	3.1	2.1	3.2
Wellesbourne & Kineton	-2.4	1.4	2.1	1.3	2.3
District wide	-9.2	18.1	23.7	17.5	24.7

If the maximum population growth (12%) is realised then the District wide deficit will increase to 10.7 mini pitches; with a 6% increase in population the deficit falls to 8.5.

In addition to those pitches with secured and unsecured community access, the District has 11 senior football pitches, 28 junior pitches and 4 mini pitches which are not open for community use. These are all located at school sites. In Scenario A there is forecast to be a District wide shortfall of 1.9 junior pitches and 10.9 mini pitches. In Scenario B whilst there is forecast to be a shortfall of 9.2 mini pitches and whilst there is not forecast to be a District wide shortfall of junior pitches, there will be localised shortfalls. Private pitches could therefore be used to eliminate the forecast deficit in junior pitches and relieve the mini pitch deficit. Table 5.25 details the District's private football pitches by Sub Area.

Table 5.25 Private football pitches

Sub Area	Junior Pitches	Senior Pitches	Mini Pitches
Alcester & Bidford	6	2	0
Shipston	8	3	0
Southam	3	0	0
Stratford on Avon	8	0	2
Studley & Henley	6	3	1
Wellesbourne & Kineton	0	3	1
District wide	31	11	4

5.3 Quality Assessment

5.3.1 Accessibility

Disabled Access

Table 5.26 summarises the disabled accessibility ratings for football pitches within each Sub Area. The majority of football pitches within the District scored average, although a high number scored poor, the majority of which are in Shipston Sub Area. Conversely, there are also no pitches with Shipston that scored good for disabled access provision. As football is the most popular sport within the District as well as a popular spectator sport it is important that more pitches are considered to have good provisions for the disabled and less mobile.

Table 5.26 Provision of disabled access at football pitches

Sub Area	Poor	Average	Good
Alcester & Bidford	3	30	5
Shipston	18	9	0
Southam	16	11	6
Stratford on Avon	4	16	6
Studley & Henley	14	12	7
Wellesbourne & Kineton	9	14	0
District wide	64	92	24

Car Parking

Table 5.27 provides a breakdown of the number of football pitches with a car park in each Sub Area. The majority of pitches within the District have a dedicated car park. Just two pitches within Wellesbourne & Kineton do not have a car park, these are the King George Playing Fields and the Dovehouse Sports Field. Alcester & Bidford has the highest number of pitches with no dedicated car park.

Table 5.27 Provision of car parks at football pitches

Sub Area	Car Park	No Car Park
Alcester & Bidford	30	8
Shipston	21	6
Southam	24	9
Stratford on Avon	19	6
Studley & Henley	31	4
Wellesbourne & Kineton	21	2
District wide	146	35

Whilst a high number of pitches have dedicated parking, some pitches are privileged with a high number of car parking spaces specifically for playing pitch uses and others car parks serve a range of pitches/courts and other facilities. Examples include the Henley Sports and Social Club, which is home to 4 football pitches, a bowls ground and 7 tennis courts. Clearly, parking here is would be constrained should there be a number of games being playing at the same time. This is particularly relevant for football as a popular spectator sport.

With regard to the overall quality of car park provision, the majority were deemed good or OK, with just 4 car parks considered poor. Car parks with over 20 spaces with high quality line markings and surfaces are considered to be good or OK. Those classified as poor are:

- Muntz Hall Playing Field
- Southam Football Club
- St Lawrence CofE; and
- Salford Priors Recreation Ground

This is a particular issue for Southam Football Club, which provides 6 football pitches.

Sustainable Transport Access

Table 5.28 summarises the provision for public transport access to football pitches within the District. Generally, there is a poor provision of sustainable transport provisions to the football pitches within the District. Just 17% of pitches were confirmed as having a cycle park, whilst only 9% are accessible by a signed cycling route. Access to football pitches by bus is also constrained; only 15% of pitches have a bus stop at the site entrance and 17% have a bus stop at the site perimeter. This is reflective of the rural nature of the District, where it is not always viable to provide extensive and frequent bus services. However, it could be expected that there would be a higher number of bus stops around the Stratford-upon Avon Sub Area, being the main urban centre of the District.

Table 5.28 Sustainable transport access to football pitches

Sub Area	Cycle Park		Signed Cycling		Signed Walking		Bus Stop Entrance		Bus Stop Perimeter	
	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
Alcester & Bidford	7	31	9	25	11	20	8	28	4	21
Shipston	3	24	7	20	3	24	1	26	8	19
Southam	2	31	0	29	0	29	4	26	6	21
Stratford on Avon	7	19	0	26	2	24	7	19	7	16
Studley & Henley	7	26	2	31	2	31	3	30	2	28
Wellesbourne & Kington	5	18	0	23	3	19	4	19	3	19
District wide	31	149	18	154	21	147	27	148	30	124

Sustainable transport access in Southam is particularly poor with no pitches recorded as having signed cycling or pedestrian access accessible routes to the football pitches. Football pitches within Studley and Henley are not very accessible by bus within only 5 of the 63 football pitches having a bus stop within

close proximity of the site. Those football pitches that scored highly, and have all those provisions listed in the table, are mostly commonly those pitches that are part of a school building, where it is more likely that additional access facilities will be provided.

5.3.2 Changing Facilities

Provision of changing facilities

Just over half of the District's football pitches (54%) were confirmed to have available changing facilities (Table 5.29). Alcester & Bidford has the majority of pitches with no available changing facilities.

The majority of football pitches with no changing facilities are mini or junior pitches including: the 7 mini pitches are Dugdale Avenue in Bidford on Avon; Kings Lane mini pitch in Bidford on Avon and Clifford Chambers junior pitch. The majority of these pitches (35) are however primary school facilities which do not typically have specific changing facilities. In addition the 3 mini and 1 senior pitches located at Alcester High School were recorded as having no access to changing facilities.

Table 5.29 Provision of changing facilities on football grounds

Sub Area	Changing Facilities Available	No Changing Facilities	Unknown
Alcester & Bidford	11	27	0
Shipston	19	8	0
Southam	19	14	1
Stratford on Avon	19	6	0
Studley & Henley	21	14	0
Wellesbourne & Kineton	10	9	4
District wide	99	78	5

Overall quality of changing facilities

Of the 99 football pitches with available changing facilities, an overall quality assessment was undertaken for 89 pitches (access was not possible at the remaining 10 pitches with changing facilities), the results of which are summarised in the Table 5.30.

Table 5.30 Overall quality of changing facilities³⁴

Sub Area	Excellent	Good	Average	Poor
Alcester & Bidford	2	6	2	0
Shipston	2	4	7	4
Southam	3	3	7	6
Stratford on Avon	2	11	0	0
Studley & Henley	6	2	10	5
Wellesbourne & Kineton	2	3	5	0
District wide	17	29	31	15

The majority of changing facilities were deemed to be of average quality, although a high number were considered good.

Those pitches with access to excellent changing facilities include:

- Alcester Grammar School football pitches;
- Shipston High School football pitches;
- Napton Playing Field football pitch;
- St Lawrence CofE VA Primary School junior and senior football pitch;
- Stratford High School football pitches;
- Bearley Playing Field football pitch;
- Studley Football Club mini and senior football pitches;
- Warwickshire College football pitches; and
- Kineton High School football pitches.

The changing facilities available to the following pitches was assessed as poor:

- Shipston Sports Club mini and senior pitches;
- Southam Football Club junior and senior pitches;
- Claverdon Recreation Ground football pitch;
- Snitterfield Sports Ground football pitches; and
- Studley Sports pitches.

In particular it was noted that Shipston Sports Club changing rooms are in need of a refurbishment. Whilst Southam Football Club changing facilities were recorded as particularly poor, it was noted that these facilities are in the process of being replaced by the construction of new purpose built facilities.

This overall quality assessment included a more specific regard to vandalism, showers, toilets, security and segregated changing facilities.

³⁴ It should be noted that the number of changing facilities does not equal the number of pitches, as facilities are shared across several pitches

Importantly, just 3 changing facilities shown evidence of some vandalism, these were:

- Henley in Arden High School;
- Snitterfield Sports Ground; and
- Mountford Sports Field.

Concerning, the security at Snitterfield Sports Ground was considered poor, and OK at the Henley in Arden High School and Mountford Sports field.

5.3.3 Pitch Quality

Grass Cover & Length

Of the 172 football pitches assessed for their grass cover, 62% have excellent grass cover (over 94% cover). No pitches were recorded as having less than 60% cover. However, 9 pitches were recorded as having grass cover of just 60-69%, 7 of which are in the Stratford on Avon Sub Area, whilst 2 of these pitches are in Shipston Sub Area. These pitches are listed below:

- Ilmington Primary School junior football pitch;
- Tredington Primary School junior football pitch;
- NFU Sports Ground senior and mini football pitches; and
- The Home Guard senior football and mini football pitches.

Of the 177 football pitches assessed for their length of grass, 132 were ranked 'good', 36 were ranked 'excellent' and 9 were ranked 'poor.' Those pitches with a poor grass length are listed below:

- Kings Lane mini football pitch in Bidford on Avon;
- Whichford Village Green;
- Brailes Playing Fields football pitch;
- Southam Primary School playing field football pitch;
- Alveston Primary School football pitch;
- NFU Sports Ground Senior football pitch in Stratford on Avon;
- The Home Guard Club mini football pitch in Stratford on Avon; and
- Studley senior football pitches.

Although most pitches were assessed prior to the start of the football season (Aug – Sept), several of them are in dual use for cricket and / or athletics. As a consequence, groundsmen have commented that the pitches have very little time to recover between seasons, which can lead to issues with the quality of grass cover, carrying capacity and increased wear and tear. This includes the Studley Sports pitches and the NFU Sports Ground in Stratford on Avon.

Adequate safety margins

The majority of pitches assessed have fully adequate safety margins. Just 6 of the 168 pitches assessed do not have adequate margins. These include: Clifford Chambers Junior football pitch; Kings Lane mini football pitch; Ploughman's Holt football pitch; Thomas Jolyffe Primary School junior pitch and Kings George V Playing Fields.

Evenness and slope of pitch

Of the football pitches assessed 103 were recorded as 'flat', 53 as 'slight', and 14 as 'general' and 9 as 'moderate' slope of pitch. There were no recordings of 'severe' slope of pitch. In terms of evenness, 34 were recorded as excellent and 14 were recorded as poor, with the remainder considered good or average.

Litter

Table 5.31 provides a summary of the recordings taking for evidence of dog fouling and more general incidences of litter. There was no evidence of 'lots' of litter or dog fouling on the football pitches within the District.

Table 5.31 Evidence of litter on football pitches

Sub Area	Dog Fouling			Glass/stones/litter		
	None	Some	Lots	None	Some	Lots
Alcester & Bidford	35	3	0	33	5	0
Shipston	26	1	0	20	6	0
Southam	30	2	0	29	3	0
Stratford on Avon	25	0	0	22	3	0
Studley & Henley	33	2	0	33	2	0
Wellesbourne & Kineton	22	0	0	22	0	0
District wide	171	8	0	159	19	0

Incidents of litter and dog fouling were more common on publically accessible sports grounds than private club grounds. As expected, the majority of those football pitches where litter was recorded were also recorded as having lots or some evidence of unofficial use. In particular Conway Fields football pitch in Alcester had evidence of dog fouling, general litter and high levels of unofficial use. This can also be linked more generally to overall surface damage and Conway Fields pitch was noted as having some surface damage. In addition, Studley High School football pitches showed evidence of litter, unofficial use and surface damage.

Just one pitch was considered to have lots of surface damage, this was Tredington Primary School football pitch.

5.3.4 Equipment

Goal Posts

Table 5.32 provides a summary of the rankings for each pitch in terms of the quality of their goal posts.

Table 5.32 Quality of Goal Posts

Sub Area	Excellent	Good	Poor
Alcester & Bidford	5	27	2
Shipston	1	6	13
Southam	0	22	7
Stratford on Avon	2	13	2
Studley & Henley	2	21	10
Wellesbourne & Kineton	0	18	3
District wide	10	107	37

Those that were ranked excellent are listed below:

- Bidford Primary School;
- Dunnington Primary School;
- Oversley Green Playing Fields;
- Stretton on Fosse Sports Pitches;
- Stratford Town Football Club;
- Wolverton Road Junior Football Pitches; and
- NFU Sports Ground.

Line Markings

An assessment of line markings was undertaken for 157 of the District's pitches. The majority of these scored good (74) and 4 scored excellent. Furthermore, 39 pitches scored poor and 40 scored average for line markings. It should however be noted that these assessments were undertaken out of season. Those that scored excellent are listed below:

- Ettington Recreation Ground;
- Stratford Town Football Club; and
- Warwickshire College Football Pitches 1 and 3.

Training Area

A training area separate to the football pitch was recorded at 78 pitches, whilst no training area was evidenced for 78 pitches, and for 26 pitches it was unknown.

Floodlighting

With the exception of the District's AGP pitches, and some of larger clubs – such as Stratford Town FC, very few of the District's football pitches are floodlit.

5.3.5 Overall Quality Assessment

An overall pitch quality scores has been concluded for each football pitch within the District, based on the collation of scores for each of the specific pitch quality indicator and the application of the Sport England methodology. This is useful in providing a general overview of the quality of football pitches within the District including those that are considered of excellent quality and those that should be prioritised for improvements and investment. Table 5.33 summarises the number of pitches considered excellent, good, average and below average.

Table 5.33 Overall quality scores for football pitches

Sub Area	Number of pitches			
	Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average
Alcester and Bidford	3	31	3	1
Shipston	0	23	3	1
Southam	12	18	2	2
Stratford on Avon	1	24	0	0
Studley and Henley	5	24	5	0
Wellesbourne and Kineton	7	16	0	0
District Wide	28	136	13	4

The majority of pitches have been ranked as either Excellent or Good; the following facilities pitches were ranked with the highest overall quality scores:

Facility	Pitch Number/Type	Sub Area	Score
Stratford Town Football Club Grass Pitch	Senior Pitch	Stratford on Avon	100%
Warwickshire College Football Pitch	Senior Pitch 3	Studley and Henley	98%
Kineton Sports and Social Club Football Pitches	Senior Pitches 1 and 2 and 1 Junior Pitch	Wellesbourne and Kineton	96%

Only 4 football pitches were ranked as below average, which are listed below:

Facility	Pitch Number/Type	Sub Area	Score
Kings Lane Football Pitch	Mini pitch	Bidford on Avon	51%
Whichford Football Pitch	Junior pitch	Shipston	53%
Ploughman's Holt Football Pitches	Junior pitches 1 and 2	Southam	47%

These pitches were scored below average mainly due to having no provision of available changing facilities and poor pitch equipment in terms of goal posts and line markings. More specifically; Kings Lane Football Pitch received a lower

score for having inadequate safety margins, Whichford Football Pitch had a poor grass length and evenness of pitch and Ploughman's Holt pitches also had inadequate safety margins and poor ground quality in terms of slope and evenness of pitch.

Pitch by pitch results are contained in Appendix E.

5.4 Summary

Key Points

A total of 224 football teams playing for 34 clubs are based in the District.

The District's Team Generation Rate is slightly below the national average, although this is to be expected in a rural District.

The audit identified 104 sites with football provision, providing a total of 87 senior, 64 junior and 33 mini pitches.

The majority of sites in the District have been assessed as being of good quality both in terms of pitch quality and ancillary facilities. There are however a number of sites whose ancillary facilities are in need of refurbishment.

The PPM highlights a significant deficit of mini pitches across the District which is forecast to increase in the future. The District currently has sufficient junior pitches to meet demand although there are localised shortfalls. The District has sufficient provision of adult pitches.

6 Summary: Cricket

6.1 Introduction

Cricket is a popular sport across Stratford on Avon District; the game is particularly prevalent in the more rural parts of the District which are home to a number of village cricket teams. Currently, the District's cricket pitches are well used, and there is evidence of overuse at some clubs. The sport's popularity has increased in recent years and Warwickshire County Cricket has recently established a number of new junior leagues.

6.2 Quantity Assessment: Supply and Demand

6.2.1 Teams

In total there are 25 cricket clubs in Stratford District, four of which are multi sports clubs. Together, these clubs field 113 teams. The majority of these are adult male teams (67 teams), but the District also has a considerable number of boys and mixed teams. Table 6.1 summarises the number of teams currently playing in the District; a full list of teams is provided in Appendix C.

Table 6.1 Cricket teams in Stratford District

Team Type	No. of teams			
	Male	Female	Mixed	Total
Senior	67	2	0	69
Junior	33	1	10	44

The largest club in the District is Exhall and Wixford Cricket Club, which has 15 teams. This club, along with Alcester & Ragley Cricket Club, is one of the English Cricket Board (ECB)'s focus clubs for Warwickshire County Cricket. The District is also home to a number of small village clubs which have one or two teams, such as Bearley Cricket Club, Fenny Compton Cricket Club and Ilmington Cricket Club.

The distribution of teams varies across the District; there is a comparatively low number of adult teams in the Shipston and Stratford on Avon Sub Areas, and a particular concentration of male junior teams in Wellesbourne & Kineton and mixed junior teams in Alcester & Bidford - owing largely to the presence of some of the larger clubs in these areas, including Exhall and Wixford Cricket Club, Alcester & Ragley Cricket Club and Leamington Khalsa Cricket Club (Table 6.2).

Table 6.2 Number of cricket teams by Sub Area

Sub Area	No. of senior teams			No. of junior teams		
	Male	Female	Mixed	Male	Female	Mixed
Alcester & Bidford	16	1	0	7	1	6
Shipston	4	0	0	1	0	0
Southam	10	1	0	9	0	0
Stratford on Avon	7	0	0	2	0	0
Studley & Henley	15	0	0	1	0	4
Wellesbourne & Kineton	15	0	0	13	0	0

Displaced and Cross Boundary Demand

No cricket clubs have reported a 'home' ground outside Stratford District. There is some evidence of players travelling into Stratford on Avon from the surrounding districts to play matches for teams based in Stratford. The main example is Leamington Khalsa Cricket Club, which plays its matches at Lighthorne Sports Club, although the majority of players reside in Leamington. The club is currently looking to buy a new ground, although the preferred location is not yet known.

A shortfall in cricket pitch provision has been identified in some of Stratford's adjoining Districts, including Warwick and Bromsgrove. Other Districts also identified a shortage of outdoor pitches, although not specifically cricket pitches.

Team Generation Rates

Active People Survey 4: Detailed sport results show that in the West Midlands 0.5% of the population actively participate in cricket (at least once a week).

TGRs for cricket are set out in Table 6.3. The District's TGR is higher than the national average, which indicates that it is a relatively popular sport in the District.

Table 6.3 Team Generation Rates for cricket

Team type	Age Group	Current population	Current no. of teams	Team Generation Rate
Junior cricket - boys	11-17yrs	5,009	38	1:132
Junior cricket - girls	11-17yrs	4,792	6	1:799
Men's cricket	18-55yrs	26,718	67	1:399
Women's cricket	18-55yrs	27,128	2	1:13,564
Total for cricket				1:563
Overall national average				1:761

Latent Demand

The current TGR for Stratford District is higher than the national average, indicating that there is limited latent demand. Indeed, all clubs responding to the questionnaire confirmed that their current home pitch is their preferred location to play their 'home' matches, with the exception of Welford on Avon Cricket Club which prefers to play 'away' fixtures as the club has received complaints about their ground at Synder Meadow. The Club is currently looking to buy a new ground.

75% clubs have however reported that they had matches cancelled last season due to the quality of the pitch (65 matches in total), indicating that the District does suffer from poor quality pitches which may constrain the number of home matches and act as a disincentive to potential new club members.

Recent increases in participation experienced by many local clubs has meant that several clubs have encountered capacity issues in connection to youth coaching and matches. As a consequence, during the course of 2009 the ECB ran a concerted campaign to attract greater numbers of volunteers to help out with the running of their local cricket club. The campaign has been significant in achieving its aims, with focus clubs since reporting a 13% increase in the number of club officials, youth team managers and ground staff. The Sky Sports Coach Education Programme has been particularly influential in delivering a 14% increase in qualified cricket coaches in 2009, with the number of sessions going up by 13% from 2008 levels.

Other issues impacting on team membership potential and participation are discussed further below.

Future Demand

Estimates of the future number of cricket teams have been calculated for the three population growth scenarios up 2023 (Table 6.4). The number of cricket teams is set to increase from 113 to between 120 and 127, dependent on population growth.

Table 6.4 Forecasted future number of cricket teams

Growth Scenario	Forecasted no. teams in 2023
6% population growth	120
8% population growth	122
12% population growth	127

The Cricket NGB is intending to secure funding for women and girls cricket in Warwickshire in order to encourage participation. It is not yet confirmed which clubs will benefit from this funding, however it may potentially increase participation in Stratford if one of the District's clubs is chosen.

Trends in Participation

The ECB's Strategic Plan for the period 2010-2013 *Grounds to Play* focuses on providing facilities to sustain current participation levels, rather than substantially increasing existing participation. However, there are several other initiatives that focus on increasing participation, including Sport England's support of cricket

through the Whole Sport Plan, which focuses on participation growth and funding of facilities. The Plan also sets a target to double the number of female players by 2013.

The ECB has recently undertaken research into participation in cricket based on their 1,079 focus clubs across the country. Findings released in November 2009 indicate that overall participation had risen by 15% in 2009; previous data shows a further increase of 24% in 2008 and 27% increase in 2007. A full breakdown of the increases in participation within focus clubs in 2009 was recorded as follows:

- Men - 5% growth
- Women - 11% growth
- Boys - 13% growth
- Girls - 27% growth

Some teams within Stratford District are benefitting directly from ECB's efforts to encourage participation. The Alcester & Ragley Cricket Club and Exhall & Wixford Cricket Club are two of the ECB's Focus Clubs, which have been identified as key deliverers within the County Cricket Board Strategic Development Plan. As such, they have received financial and resource support from the ECB to support the delivery of development programmes and development activities within specific target groups. Exhall & Wixford Cricket Club has just got three new outdoor practice nets, and a new pavilion is proposed at Alcester & Ragley Cricket Club. The Warwickshire Cricket Board are working with Alcester & Ragley Cricket Club to develop a new section for young people with Learning Disabilities. It is intended that this club will become the base for the County Disability Team and new Disability Club.

Findings from Sport England's Active People Survey (APS)³⁵ are not as positive as those of the ECB. The 2008/09 results identified a statistically significant decrease in national participation in cricket over the last 4 years. However, participation figures for the West Midlands show that there has been a less continual decline and a steadier rate of participation (Table 6.5).

Warwickshire County Cricket Club (WCC), who are the local branch of the ECB, recognise that District Cricket is an integral part of the development pathway for cricket, which offers opportunities for those cricketers who have not been selected for the county squad. WCC has commented that they do not foresee any significant changes in cricket participation in the District; demographic analysis indicates that there will not be a significant increase in the number of young people who are likely to take up the sport.

³⁵ Sport England, December 2010. Active Survey (APS) results for Cricket. Period: APS2 (Oct 07/Oct08) to APS4 (Oct 09/Oct 10).

Table 6.5 Participation in Cricket in the West Midlands

Year	Actual number	% total population
Oct 05/06	22,100	0.5
Oct 07/08	25,600	0.55
Oct 08/09	24,100	0.59
Oct 09/10	21,900	0.5

Findings from the sports club questionnaire paint a positive picture of club membership and participation at the local level; no clubs have reported a decline in membership, whilst 11 (33%) have reported an increase. The South Warwickshire School's Partnership is also working to encourage take up amongst the younger generation by establishing a new schools league, for years 8, 9 and 10, in summer 2011. Furthermore, some of the District's facilities are also due to benefit from investment which may contribute to increased participation. England's recent success in the Ashes and ECB's continued funding and support may also encourage further growth in the sport.

6.2.2 Home Games

Club Matches

The District's cricket teams compete in a variety of Leagues, the most popular of which is the Cotswold Hills League. Teams from the District also compete in the Warwickshire Cricket League, West Midlands League, South Northants Cricket League and Warwickshire Ladies Tip & Run League.

The cricket season runs from Mid April to Mid September and comprises approximately 22 weeks. The number of matches played by each club over the season varies considerably. In total, the District's cricket clubs have reported that over 850 'home' games are played in Stratford each season (Table 6.6).

Table 6.6 Number of home matches per cricket team

Team type	Total no. home matches per season	Average no. home matches per team per season	Average no. home matches per team per week
Junior	301	5.57	0.25
Senior	552	7.08	0.32

Cricket matches are typically played on Saturday afternoons and Mid Week evenings. The Cotswold Hills League, play matches on Saturday afternoons. Temporal demand for pitches for cricket matches is summarised in Table 6.7.

Table 6.7 Temporal demand for cricket pitches for home matches

Time	Team type	% matches
Saturday AM	Junior	1.5%
	Senior	8.3%
Saturday PM	Junior	31.7%
	Senior	39.3%
Sunday AM	Junior	14.1%
	Senior	6.8%
Sunday PM	Junior	31.7%
	Senior	26.0%
Midweek	Junior	20.6%
	Senior	19.5%

For the purposes of the PPM a home game ratio of 0.7 has been used. This is the ratio advised by Sport England and is also the value advocated by the Cricket Board. Consultation with local clubs also reveals this be the ratio in the District.

Training

91% of clubs have reported that they train on their main pitch. The amount of training undertaken by each teams varies from club to club. In total, cricket clubs train for around 122 units of play per week. This comprises 50 units of play for junior teams, 72 units of play senior teams. On average, every team in the District trains for two hours per week.

School Use

A number of schools in the District have cricket pitches which are also used by the local community and clubs. Since schools use the pitches for their own PE lessons and school matches, the school's own use has also been considered in the PPM. In total, cricket pitches on school sites with community access are used for 30 units of play per week.

Overall Use

When training, school use and match demands are taken into consideration, the greatest demand for cricket pitches is during the Mid Week (Table 6.8). Since junior and senior teams use the same pitch the overall temporal demand has been calculated together. It has been assumed that in clubs which have more than one team, two teams will train together, and this has been factored into the temporal demand calculations accordingly.

Table 6.8 Temporal demand for cricket pitches

Time	% units of play
Saturday AM	3.1%
Saturday PM	20.6%
Sunday AM	5.4%
Sunday PM	18.0%
Midweek	52.9%

For the purpose of the PPM, school use and training has been converted into Team Equivalents. Table 6.9 summarises the total number of teams and team equivalents for cricket.

Table 6.9 Cricket team and team equivalents in Stratford District

Team	Actual Teams	Team Equivalents		Total
		Training	School use	
Junior cricket - boys	38*	19	15	72
Junior cricket - girls	6*	3	0	9
Men's cricket	67	32.25	15	114
Women's cricket	2	1.5	0	3.5
Total	113	55.5	30	198.5

* Mixed junior teams have been split equally between boys and girls teams.

6.2.3 Pitch Supply

There are 46 cricket pitches across the District (Table 6.10). With the exception of the Croft Preparatory School and King Edward VI Grammar School (both in the Stratford on Avon Sub Area), all sites contain 1 pitch. There are 10 identified artificial wickets in the District, located at:

- Shipston High School (1 pitch with artificial wicket only)
- Studley High School (1 pitch with artificial wicket only)
- Alcester High School (1 pitch with artificial wicket only)
- St Benedict's Catholic High School, Alcester (1 pitch with artificial wicket only)
- Stratford High School (1 pitch with artificial wicket only)
- Croft Preparatory School (2 pitches; 1 artificial wicket, 1 grass)
- King Edward VI School (2 pitches; 1 artificial wicket, 1 grass)
- Kineton High School (1 pitch; 2 artificial wickets, 1 grass)
- Model Village Cricket Ground, Long Itchington (1 pitch with artificial wicket only)

Table 6.10 Total number of cricket pitches

Sub Area	No. of sites	No. of pitches
Alcester & Bidford	9	9
Shipston	4	4
Southam	9	9
Stratford on Avon	5	7
Studley & Henley	9	9
Wellesbourne & Kineton	8	8
District Wide	44	46

In terms of the quantity of pitches per 1,000 population, there are 0.4 cricket pitches per 1,000 population across the District (Table 6.11). Shipston Sub Area has the lowest level of provision (0.2 pitches per 1,000 population); provision in Stratford on Avon is also below average for the District. A full inventory of cricket pitches can be found in Appendix D.

Table 6.11 Cricket pitch provision per 1,000 population

Sub Area	Population	Pitches per 1,000 population
Alcester & Bidford	21,144	0.4
Shipston	18,770	0.2
Southam	17,484	0.5
Stratford on Avon	26,357	0.3
Studley & Henley	19,133	0.5
Wellesbourne & Kineton	15,978	0.5
District wide	118,866	0.4

Assessing the adequacy of existing provision

Table 6.12 categorises Stratford District's cricket pitches in terms of their availability for community use. The majority (82%) of pitches are secured for community use (rising to 91% if unsecured community use is included). The greatest proportion are available for use via membership of a club. There are also a significant number of publicly owned cricket pitches that are located within wider areas of public open space, particularly in smaller villages where a recreation ground performs a number of functions. Those facilities not currently available for community use are High School facilities. Full details of pitch access and availability are provided in Appendix D.

Table 6.12 Accessibility and availability of cricket pitches

Category	Definition		Number of pitches
A(i)	Secured community pitches	Owned by local authority/ parish council	14
A(ii)		Voluntary/ private/ commercial sector	19
A(iii)		Education sites	5
B	Used by community, but not secured		4
C	Not open for community use		4

Of the 42 cricket pitches in secured or unsecured community use, 9 (23%) are also used as public open spaces and 21 (50%) are in dual sporting use – largely where their outfields are used for cricket.

Of the education sites which have cricket pitches only Stratford High School and Southam College have formal Community Use Agreements.

Warwickshire County Cricket has indicated that the use of the District's facilities is high and as such there is some over use of pitches at some clubs. WCC has also indicated that it could not sustain any more leagues as there would not be a sufficient number of facilities to accommodate additional matches.

6.2.4 Assessment of findings

Assessment of supply and demand for cricket pitches in Stratford District has been undertaken on the basis of the same Scenarios as those for football.

Within each of the Scenarios, the following have been modelled:

- **Current demand vs. supply**
- **Forecasted demand in 2023**, based on medium population growth scenario (8%) and including anticipated trends in participation (6% increase).³⁶

Since both junior and senior teams play on the same pitch, both types of teams have been aggregated and modelled together in order to accurately reflect demand. Pitches will not be used exclusively by senior or junior teams, and both types of team will therefore be competing for pitch time which has been reflected in our modelling.

Current Demand and Supply

Scenario A

Table 6.13 illustrates that overall there are sufficient cricket pitches to meet the District's demand. However, at the Sub Area level there are shortages; Alcester &

³⁶ *Towards a Level Playing Field* recommends that an additional scenario is modelled removing all pitches assessed as being poor quality. In Stratford all the cricket pitches have been assessed as being of a high quality and it was therefore not necessary to model a third scenario.

Bidford and Wellesbourne & Kineton experience a shortage on Saturday PM, Wellesbourne & Kineton also experienced a shortfall on Sunday PM. Shortages are most severe in Wellesbourne & Kineton, where they range from 0.3 to 1.6 pitches.

Table 6.13 Current supply/shortfall of cricket pitches with secured pitches only

	Saturday AM	Saturday PM	Sunday AM	Sunday PM	Mid Week ³⁷
Alcester & Bidford	5.0	-0.6	4.2	0.2	2.6
Shipston	2.8	1.8	2.7	2.0	2.4
Southam	8.0	2.8	7.3	3.6	5.8
Stratford on Avon	4.6	2.7	4.4	3.0	3.8
Studley & Henley	6.3	2.5	5.8	3.0	4.7
Wellesbourne & Kineton	6.5	-1.6	5.5	-0.3	3.1
District Wide	33.3	7.6	29.9	11.4	22.4

Scenario B

Assessment of cricket pitch supply including those in unsecured community use reveals a similar supply and demand for pitches as Scenario A (Table 6.14). Those schools whose facilities have been included in this Scenario use the pitches for PE lessons themselves - and, as such, the additional supply is matched by additional demand and a subsequently negligible change in the availability / supply of pitches.

Under Scenario B there remains a shortage of pitches on Saturday PM in Alcester & Bidford and Wellesbourne & Kineton, and on Sunday PM in Wellesbourne & Kineton.

³⁷ This represents a typical mid week day; since practices and matches are spread out evenly across the week.

Table 6.14 Current supply/shortfall of cricket pitches with secured and unsecured pitches

	Saturday AM	Saturday PM	Sunday AM	Sunday PM	Mid Week
Alcester & Bidford	5.8	-0.7	5.0	0.3	3.1
Shipston	2.8	1.8	2.7	2.0	2.4
Southam	8.0	2.8	7.3	3.6	5.8
Stratford on Avon	6.4	3.0	5.9	3.5	5.0
Studley & Henley	7.1	2.4	6.5	3.1	5.1
Wellesbourne & Kineton	6.5	-1.6	5.5	-0.3	3.1
District Wide	36.7	7.9	32.9	12.2	24.5

Future Demand and Supply

Scenario A

In 2023 the surplus of pitches on Saturday PM will be reduced. Deficits in pitches on a Saturday and Sunday PM will be experienced in Shipston and Stratford on Avon, and Alcester & Bidford will experience a shortfall on a Saturday PM.

Table 6.15 Supply/shortfall of cricket pitches with secured pitches only in 2023³⁸

	Saturday AM	Saturday PM	Sunday AM	Sunday PM	Mid Week
Alcester & Bidford	5.0	-0.2	4.4	0.6	2.8
Shipston	2.2	-2.3	1.6	-1.6	0.3
Southam	8.2	3.6	7.6	4.3	6.2
Stratford on Avon	3.8	-2.9	2.9	-1.9	1.0
Studley & Henley	6.2	1.8	5.6	2.4	4.3
Wellesbourne & Kineton ³⁹	7.3	3.3	6.7	3.8	5.6
District Wide	32.6	3.3	28.8	7.6	20.2

³⁸ The PPM predicts the number of teams by dividing the forecast population by the TGR, the model does therefore not take into account the current number of teams in each Sub Area. The number of teams in Stratford on Avon is forecast to increase significantly, despite it currently having a low number of teams at present.

³⁹ It is likely that the PPM has underestimated the future number of teams in this Sub Area due to the way TGRs are applied.

If the higher population growth scenario of 12 % is realised the surplus of pitches will be reduced to 2 on a Saturday PM. There will be localised shortages in Alcester & Bidford, Shipston and Stratford on Avon. If the lowest forecast population growth is realised (6%) the District there will be a surplus of 3.9 pitches on Saturday PM, and there will continue to be shortfalls in Alcester & Bidford, Shipston and Stratford on Avon.

Scenario B

When pitches which also have unsecured community access are included in the PPM forecasts for 2023, the surplus of pitches will be reduced owing to the increased number of teams in this scenario (i.e. school use). Shipston will experience a deficit on Saturday PM, Sunday PM and Mid Week. Stratford on Avon will experience a shortfall on Saturday PM and Sunday PM.

Table 6.16 Supply/shortfall of cricket pitches with secured and unsecured pitches in 2023

	Saturday AM	Saturday PM	Sunday AM	Sunday PM	Mid Week
Alcester & Bidford	5.9	0.1	5.2	0.9	3.4
Shipston	2.1	-2.9	1.4	-2.2	-0.1
Southam	8.1	2.9	7.4	3.7	5.9
Stratford on Avon	5.6	-1.8	4.7	-0.7	2.5
Studley & Henley	7.1	2.1	6.4	2.9	5.0
Wellesbourne & Kineton	7.2	2.7	6.6	3.3	5.3
District Wide	35.9	3.0	31.6	7.9	22.0

If a higher population growth is realised (12%), the surplus will be reduced to 1.5 pitches and a new shortfall will be experienced in Alcester & Bidford. If the population increases by 6% across the District, there will be a surplus of 3.7 pitches District wide.

In addition to those pitches with secured and unsecured community access, the District has four cricket pitches which are not open for community use. These are located at Alcester Grammar School, Alcester High School, Shipston High School and Studley High School. Alcester & Bidford and Shipston Sub Areas are forecast to have a deficit of pitches in 2023 under Scenario A, and contain at least one private pitch; securing community access to these private pitches therefore eliminate the deficit in Alcester & Bidford, and reduce the forecast deficit in the case of Shipston.

6.3 Quality Assessment

6.3.1 Accessibility

Disabled Access

Of the 43 cricket pitches that were assessed for their disabled access provision, the majority were ranked as poor (21). Just 4 cricket pitches were scored as good. These are Synder Meadow Cricket Pitch, Stockton Sports Pitches, the NFU Sports Ground and Kineton Sports and Social Club. None of the crickets pitches assessed in Studley and Henley or Shipston Sub Areas were considered to have good disabled access.

Car Parking

The majority of cricket pitches in the District (36) have a dedicated car park, although this is proportionally less than other major pitch sports such as rugby and football. Shipston's cricket grounds all have a dedicated car park. There are 9 pitches across the District without a dedicated car park, these are:

- Chapel Street Playing Fields cricket pitch in Bishops Itchington;
- Model Village Cricket Ground in Long Itchington;
- Southam High School Sports Pitches in Southam;
- King Edward VI School cricket pitches;
- Claverdon Recreation Ground; and
- Radway Cricket Pitch.

Sport England provide guidance on the adequacy of car parking provision for pitch sports, and this was used to rank the quality of car parks. Adequate parking is usually 20 spaces or more and a good car park should be well marked, signed and surfaced. Just 2 of the dedicated car parks were considered to be poor, these are Long Itchington Cricket Club and Ashorne and Moreton Morrell Cricket Club.

Sustainable Transport Access

Cricket pitches within the District generally have poor accessibility by more sustainable transport modes, including bus and cycles. Few pitches have cycle parking, signed cycle routes, signed pedestrian walks or bus stops with close proximity to the site.

As would be expected, cricket grounds within Stratford on Avon are more accessible by bus, than those grounds in the wider District. However this is still a minority of grounds within the Stratford on Avon Sub Area, with just 6 of the 14 cricket pitches being easily accessible by bus.

Cricket pitches within Shipston are the least accessible by bus, with only the cricket pitch within Shipston High School being accessible by bus. Furthermore, the majority of those pitches recorded as having a bus stop within the perimeter of the site are those that located within school grounds, which would be expected to have enhanced public transport access. Just 4 cricket pitches that are not within a school have a nearby bus stop, these include Bearley Playing Field, Stratford Sports Club, Stockton Sports Pitches and NFU Sports Ground Pitches.

The Stratford Sports Club Cricket Pitch scored highest for its sustainable transport access. The club had a cycle park, signed cycling and pedestrian routes and a bus stop within the perimeter of the site.

6.3.2 Changing Facilities

Provision of Changing Facilities

Almost all of the cricket pitches within the District have access to changing facilities; only 3 pitches do not have access, and for another 3 pitches availability was not confirmed. Those pitches that were recorded as having no access to changing facilities are Alcester High School in Kinwarton, Chapel Street Playing Fields Cricket Pitch in Bishops Itchington and the Model Village Cricket Ground in Long Itchington.

Overall quality of changing facilities

An overall quality assessment of the changing facilities was undertaken based on a site visit to each facility. The changing facilities generally scored well; with 7 pitches ranked excellent; 11 ranked good; 17 ranked average and 5 as poor. Those cricket pitches with poor changing facilities are listed below:

- Shipston on Stour Sports Club
- Claverdon Recreation Ground
- Snitterfield Sports Ground
- Studley Sports Club
- Temple Grafton Cricket Club

Several of the facilities recorded as being poor have plans for refurbishment; a planning application has been submitted for new changing facilities at Claverdon Recreation Ground; Shipston Sports Club would also like to refurbish their facilities, although funding is a constraint. It has been recorded that the majority of those that were rated poor currently have proposals for refurbishment. Of those changing facilities that were classified as average, several would benefit greatly from refurbishment, including:

- Henley Memorial Playing Fields;
- Southam High School
- Synder Meadow, Welford on Avon
- Big Meadow, Bidford on Avon

The majority of changing facilities are considered to be secure. Evidence of vandalism was only recorded at four pitches:

- Synder Meadow Cricket Pitch, Welford on Avon;
- Snitterfield Sports Ground Cricket Pitch;
- Kinton Sports and Social Club Cricket Pitch; and
- Mountford Sports Field.

Snitterfield Sports Ground Cricket Pitch was also ranked as having poor security, whilst the other grounds listed above were recorded as having 'OK' security provisions.

6.3.3 Pitch Quality and Equipment

Grass cover

The quality of the wicket area was assessed for 33 of the 45 cricket pitches within the District with regard to the approximate percentage grass cover. The majority of the cricket pitches scored highly (over 94% cover), just 2 had between 60% and 69% cover. These include the Shipston on Stour Cricket Club and the NFU Sports Ground Cricket Pitches. The grass cover of the outfield is generally of a high standard, with only the NFU Sports Ground Cricket Pitch scoring 60 to 69% cover and the majority (25 pitches) having over 95% grass cover.

Length of grass

With regard to grass length of the cricket wicket, the majority of pitches scored excellent and good, with only 4 pitches scoring poor. These pitches include: Ilmington Playing Field Cricket Pitch, Chapel Street Playing Fields, Shipston on Stour Cricket Club and the Studley Sports Pitches Cricket Pitch. Cricket pitches generally scored higher with regard to the overall grass length of the outfield, with the majority scoring excellent and good, and just 2 pitches considered poor. One of these is the Chapel Street Playing Fields, suggesting that this pitch requires overall improvement; the pitch is also in dual use for football, which means that it is unlikely to have much time to recover between seasons and may be operating above its carrying capacity. The other pitch is The Croft Preparatory School Cricket Pitch near Stratford upon Avon.

Adequate safety margins

Importantly none of the cricket pitches were considered to have less than adequate safety margins, whilst 2 pitches were considered just adequate and 35 fully adequate.

Evenness and slope of pitch

Cricket pitches within the District are well high quality grounds, with the majority considered completely flat (29) and have a good (25) or excellent (9) evenness of pitch. Just 2 pitches were assessed as poor in terms of evenness of pitch, these were Alcot Park Cricket Pitch in Preston on Stour and Shipston High School Sports Pitch, which was also considered to have a 'gentle' slope, suggesting this pitch could be improved.

Wicket Protection & Training

Maintaining such high standards of the wicket area is important, and the assessment included records of wicket protection when not in use. Just 9 of the cricket grounds were reported as having wicket protection when the pitch is not in use, whilst 29 of the pitches were reported to have no wicket protection when not in use. 14 grounds were confirmed as having cricket nets.

General litter, unofficial use and surface damage

In terms of litter and pitch damage, there were just a few pitches that shown some evidence of dog fouling (3) or general litter (4), whilst only 7 pitches also showed evidence of unofficial use. However, 13 pitches showed evidence of general surface damage - although this is perhaps reflective of the fact that pitches were assessed at the end of the cricket season when signs of wear and tear are more likely to be evident. However, surface damage at Claverdon Recreation Ground Cricket Pitch in Studley and Henley was considered more evident than others, where there was some more minor incidents of surface damage, suggesting that improvements to this ground will be required.

6.3.4 Overall Quality Assessment

An overall quality assessment for cricket pitches has been undertaken by collating all relevant data of each specific quality indicator and applying the Sport England methodology. This is useful in providing an overview of those cricket pitches within the District that are considered to be of an exceptionally high quality and those that are considered poor, and should therefore be prioritised in terms of maintenance and investment.

Table 6.17 Overall quality scores for cricket pitches

Sub Area	Number of pitches			
	Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average
Alcester and Bidford	1	8	0	0
Shipston	0	4		0
Southam	3	6	0	0
Stratford on Avon	0	7	0	0
Studley and Henley	1	6	0	0
Wellesbourne and Kineton	1	5	0	0
District Wide	6	36	0	0

Clearly, the District has an excellent provision of high quality cricket grounds with no pitches considered to be average or below. Pitches that scored highest in terms of overall quality were:

- Big Meadow Cricket Pitch in Alcester and Bidford – 92%;
- Long Itchington Cricket Club in Southam – 92%
- Southam High School Cricket Pitch – 96%
- Stockton Sports Pitches Cricket Pitch in Southam – 98%

Those pitches that received the lowest scores, although still considered of good quality were:

- Alscot Park Cricket Pitch in Shipston – 69%;

- Ilmington Playing Field Cricket Pitch in Shipston – 69%;
- Shipston High School Cricket Pitch – 67%; and
- Chapel Street Playing Fields Cricket Pitch in Southam – 65%.

Pitch by pitch results are contained in Appendix E.

6.4 Summary

Key Points

A total of 25 cricket clubs, fielding 113 teams, are based in the District.

The District's Team Generation Rate is above the national average indicating that the game is relatively popular in the District. It is particularly prevalent in the more rural parts of the District.

The game's is expected to continue, with no clubs reporting that membership has decreased over the last 5 years.

The audit identified 42 cricket pitches available for community use. In addition, there are 4 pitches which are not currently accessible to the community.

The District has an exceptional provision of high quality cricket grounds.

The PPM highlights that there are sufficient pitches to meet demand across the District, although there are localised shortfalls on Saturday and Sunday afternoons.

7 Summary: Rugby Union

7.1 Introduction

Rugby union is actively played by a number of mini, junior and senior male teams in Stratford; however at present the District does not have any women's or girls teams. The Rugby Football Union (RFU) is looking to increase participation across the region in all sectors of the game.

Generally, the District has sufficient pitches which are of high quality; however ancillary facilities are often poor quality, in particular there are a number of pitches with very old changing rooms in need of refurbishment. The RFU do however have changing room and /or pitch upgrade and enhancement projects in progress at several of the District's largest rugby clubs, including Stratford on Avon, Harbury, Alcester and Southam.

The supply and demand for rugby has been analysed slightly differently to other pitch sports on the basis of guidance from the RFU, further details is provided in Section 7.2.4.

7.2 Quantity Assessment: Supply and Demand

7.2.1 Teams

In total there are eight rugby clubs in Stratford District comprising a total of 85 teams. There are 35 mini teams, 23 junior teams, 24 adult teams and two 18-19 year old teams. Table 7.1 summarises the number of teams currently playing in the District.

There are currently no women's or girls rugby teams based in the District. Women's rugby tends to have a large catchment area and as such players in Stratford are likely to play for clubs such as Old Leamingtonians Rugby Football Club, which is a large club based in Leamington. A full list of teams is provided in Appendix C.

Table 7.1 Rugby teams in Stratford District

	Number of teams			
	Mini/Midi	Junior	18-19yrs	Senior
Number of teams	35	23	3	24

The largest club in the District is Stratford upon Avon Rugby Football Club which has 27 teams in total; the smallest club is Shottery Rugby Football Club which has two adult teams.

The clubs compete in a variety of Leagues, including the RFU Senior Shield, Warwickshire Cup, Warwickshire League and Midlands League.

The District's eight clubs are well spread across the area, with every Sub Area containing the home pitch of one or two clubs (Table 7.2). However, the Wellesbourne & Kington Sub Area does not contain any mini teams and there are no 18-19 year teams in Southam, Studley & Henley and Wellesbourne & Kington.

Table 7.2 Number of rugby teams by Sub Area

Sub Area	Number of teams			
	Mini/Midi	Junior	18-19yrs	Senior
Alcester & Bidford	6	5	1	3
Shipston	6	6	1	4
Southam	6	2	0	7
Stratford on Avon	15	7	1	6
Studley & Henley	2	1	0	3
Wellesbourne & Kineton	0	2	0	1

Team Generation Rates

TGRs have been calculated for the Stratford District to indicate how many people in a specified age group are required to generate one team. Since there are currently no women's or girls teams in the District it is not possible to generate a TGR.

Table 7.3 Team Generation Rates for rugby

Team type	Age Group	Current population	Current number of teams	TGR
Mini-rugby - mixed	8-12yrs	6875	35	1:196
Junior rugby - boys	13-17yrs	3524	21	1:153
Junior rugby - girls	16-17yrs	1352	0	NA
Men's rugby	18-45yrs	17935	23	1:664
Women's rugby	18-45yrs	18404	0	NA
Overall District TGR				1:824
Overall national average				1:1,498

Cross Boundary / Displaced Demand

There is some evidence of players travelling into Stratford on Avon from the surrounding districts to play matches for teams based in Stratford. This is particularly the case at Harbury RFC, where the majority of players reside in Leamington.

Since there are no women's or girls teams in the District, residents wishing to play must travel into the adjoining districts; it is likely that players will particularly travel to the club in Leamington.

Latent Demand

Stratford has a relatively high TGR, meaning that there is a low latent demand for facilities.

All clubs responding to the questionnaire confirmed that their current home pitch is their preferred location to play their 'home' matches, with the exception of

Wellesbourne Sports Club who currently play at Wellesbourne Mountford Sports Field but would prefer to play at the Dovehouse Drive pitch. They are currently liaising with the RFU to try and secure an alternative home venue.

There is evidence to suggest that the quality of rugby changing facilities in the District is poor which may act as a slight disincentive to new members; many of the clubs changing facilities are 30/40 years old and in need of refurbishment. All clubs that responded to the questionnaire also reported that they had at least one match cancelled owing to the poor quality of their pitch. Issues of pitch quality are discussed in more detail in Section 7.3.

Future Demand

Estimates of future TGRs have been calculated up to 2023; Table 7.4 summarises the number of rugby teams in the District in 2023 based on the three population scenarios. The number of rugby teams in the District is set to increase from 85 to between 91 and 96.

This forecast assumes that participation rates remain static. However, the RFU are aiming to increase participation by 2% year on year which would equate to one more adult team per club by 2015 (see below).

Table 7.4 Forecast future number of rugby teams

Population Growth Scenario	No. teams in 2023
6% population growth	91
8% population growth	92
12% population growth	96

Trends in Participation

RFU's Strategic Plan for the period 2008/9-2015/16 emphasises the popularity of rugby in the UK, stating that "*England is the largest rugby-playing nation in the world. It has some 686,000 playing participants, accounting for 34.6% of the participants in the top ten rugby playing countries.*"⁴⁰ The Strategy notes that the game has grown by 4.4% from 2007 to 2008 in England. In terms of the age break down of participants in England, 74.2% of its participants are in the Junior/Mini category, whilst just 13.0% are in the youth category and 25.8% in the adult category.

Of particular relevance to a District such as Stratford is the growth of the community game since the Rugby World Cup in 2003 (until 2008), which has been significant. The number of adult players has grown by 12.1%, youth players by 27% and mini/junior players by 49.2%. The Go Play campaign was highly particularly successful in lifting participation levels.

The RFU's Strategy includes a range of targets for increasing participation in the sport:

- Increase adult participation in clubs by 37% over the Plan period;

⁴⁰ Rugby Football Union, 2008. The Strategic Plan 2008/9-2015/16.

- Increase the number of adult club teams by 1 new team for every Section 1 club, of which 120 are female, over the Plan period;
- Increase the number of U16-19 age group club and school players by 40,695, of which 2,330 are female; and
- Increase the number of players in the U13-16 age group in Schools by 185,000 over the plan period of which 25,000 are female.

Interestingly, and in contrast to the RFU's findings, Sport England's Active People Survey (APS) results⁴¹ report that there has been a decrease in participation from 230,000 to 194,000 between APS2 (2007/08) and APS4 (2009/10). This has been predominately attributable to the lower number of rugby players in the age ranges of 16-34 and 35-54 years. Table 7.5 summarises results from the Active People's Survey for the West Midlands over the last 5 year period; despite reported national trends, participation rates for Rugby Union have remained steady for the West Midlands. The survey found that in 2009/10 0.48% of the population in the West Midlands actively participate in rugby (at least once a week).

Table 7.5 West Midlands participants in Rugby Union

Year	Actual Number	% West Midlands Population
Oct 05/06	21,800	0.51%
Oct 07/08	30,700	0.71%
Oct 08/09	26,000	0.6%
Oct 09/10	20,900	0.48%

The Warwickshire RFU have been consulted as part of the Playing Pitch Strategy. Contrary to Sport England's findings, they report that demand and growth in the sport is strong across the County. Indeed, findings from the sports club questionnaire indicate that local club membership in Stratford District is either steady or increasing; no clubs have reported a decline in membership.

The RFU's overarching national objective is to increase adult player numbers by 2% year on year. This would equate to around one more adult team per club by 2015. All work undertaken by the RFU is structured around this strategic objective and the Warwickshire RFU is actively working to sustain and encourage participation. In Warwickshire, more facilities of better quality are required to meet a growing demand across the County. In particular, the County has a large number of changing rooms that are around 30/40 years old and no longer meet operational requirements. There is also a need for more floodlit pitches.

7.2.2 Home Games

Club Matches

The rugby playing season runs from 1 September through to the end of April; however, pitches are also used in July and August for pre-season training and

⁴¹ Sport England, December 2010. Active People Survey (APS) results for Rugby Union. Period: APS (Oct 07/Oct 08) to APS4 (Oct 09/ Oct 10).

warm up matches. As such, the pitches are generally used for 10 months every year.

Saturday afternoons are the most popular time for senior matches to be played. For junior matches the most popular time is Sunday mornings (Table 7.6).

Table 7.6 Temporal demand for rugby pitches for matches

Time	Type	% matches
Saturday AM	Junior	0%
	Senior	0%
Saturday PM	Junior	9%
	Senior	64%
Sunday AM	Junior	50%
	Senior	8%
Sunday PM	Junior	6%
	Senior	8%
Midweek	Junior	35%
	Senior	20%

Training

Rugby Union has a strong culture of training on floodlit grass pitches during the week which are also used for matches at the weekend.

The amount of training undertaken by teams varies from club to club. On average Stratford on Avon's pitches are used for a total of 31.5 training sessions (each lasting 2 hours) per week. Adult training sessions tend to be held on Tuesdays and Thursday evenings, and junior training generally takes place on Mondays and Wednesdays. The mini teams do not generally have any training sessions. Training team equivalents are summarised in Table 7.7.

Table 7.7 Training Team Equivalents for Rugby

Name of Club	Training Team Equivalents⁴²
Claverdon RFC	4
Harbury RFC	4
Shipston on Stour RFC	4
Shottery RFC	0
Stratford on Avon RFC	8
Alcester RFC	6
Wellesbourne Sports Association	3
Southam RFC	2.5

All clubs reported that they use their main pitch for training with the exception of Harbury RFU who use a floodlit training area and Shottery RFC who train on a neighbouring pitch.

School Use

A number of schools in the District have rugby pitches which are also used by the local community. Since schools use these facilities for their own PE lessons and school matches, the school's own use has also been considered in the PPM assessment. In total, these schools use their own senior rugby pitches for 30 units of play per week (each lasting 2 hours) and their junior rugby pitches for 7 units per week, equating to 37 units of play in total.

Overall Use

The distribution of temporal demand for pitches for training, matches and school use over the week is summarised in Table 7.8; consultation with the RFU has indicated that there are unlikely to be any significant changes in the structure of the rugby leagues in the District, or the days on which they play.

⁴² Training team equivalents have been provided by the RFU, they take into account the fact that two teams train together.

Table 7.8 Temporal demand for rugby pitches

Time	Type	% units of play
Saturday AM	Junior	0%
	Senior	0%
Saturday PM	Junior	5%
	Senior	31%
Sunday AM	Junior	26%
	Senior	4%
Sunday PM	Junior	3%
	Senior	4%
Mid week	Junior	66%
	Senior	61%

Predicting the future situation

The RFU have advised that the structure of leagues and cups in the District will remain the same, although it may be that there is an increase in local competitions to meet increased demand. For example, in Warwickshire there is the ‘Floodlit 40s’ competition which is for low level players who are unable to play on Saturday afternoons. Matches are held at various times, but are often on Monday and Friday evenings.

There are currently no women’s or girls rugby teams based in the District. However, the RFU is looking to increase participation in all sectors of the game, and as such it is possible that the District will host women’s or girls teams in the future. Women’s and girls’ rugby is mainly played on Sunday afternoons.

7.2.3 Pitch Supply

Table 7.9 summarises the total number of rugby pitches across the District which are currently, or have previously (i.e. in the last 5 years) been in use for rugby. There are 20 sites in total, comprising 35 adult rugby pitches and 5 junior pitches. Southam and Stratford on Avon Sub Areas have the largest number of adult pitches; neither Shipston nor Alcester & Bidford or Studley & Henley have any junior rugby pitches, although adult pitches can be used for the same purpose.

With the exception of Shottery Fields rugby pitch, all pitches are located at either club or school sites. Shottery Fields is the only local authority owned pitch in the District. Stratford District Council grounds maintenance team have reported that it is not currently in use as there has been little demand for it for the last few years.

A full inventory of rugby pitches can be found in Appendix D.

Table 7.9 Total number of rugby pitches

Sub Area	Number of sites	Number of Pitches		
		Senior	Junior	Total
Alcester & Bidford	4	5		5
Shipston	1	3		3
Southam	3	10	1	11
Stratford on Avon	6	10	2	12
Studley & Henley	3	4		4
Wellesbourne & Kineton	3	3	2	5
District Wide	20	35	5	40

In terms of the quantity of pitches per 1,000 population, there are 0.3 pitches per 1,000 population across the District (Table 7.10). The Shipston, Studley & Henley, Wellesbourne & Kineton and Alcester & Bidford Sub Areas all have below average provision.

Table 7.10 Rugby pitch provision per 1,000 population

Sub Area	Population	Pitches per 1,000 population		
		Senior	Junior	Total
Alcester & Bidford	21,144	0.24	0.00	0.24
Shipston	18,770	0.16	0.00	0.16
Southam	17,484	0.57	0.06	0.63
Stratford on Avon	26,357	0.38	0.08	0.46
Studley & Henley	19,133	0.21	0.00	0.21
Wellesbourne & Kineton	15,978	0.19	0.13	0.31
District wide	118,866	0.29	0.04	0.34

Assessing the adequacy of existing provision

Table 7.11 categorises Stratford's rugby pitches in terms of their availability for community use. 70% of the District's rugby pitches are secured for community use, the majority of which are club facilities. With the inclusion of sites that are used by the community but not secured for that use, 89% of all sites are accessible to the community. The sites that are not available for community use are school facilities.

Full details of pitch access and availability are provided in Appendix D.

Table 7.11 Accessibility and availability of rugby pitches

Category	Definition		Number of pitches	
			Senior	Junior
A(i)	Secured community pitches	Owned by local authority/ parish council	3	0
A(ii)		Voluntary/ private/ commercial sector	19	1
A(iii)		Education sites	7	2
B	Used by community, but not secured		6	2
C	Not open for community use		4	0

Of the 40 rugby pitches in secured or unsecured community use, only 3 sites are also in use as public open spaces. 41% (17) of the pitches are in dual use for another sport; 5 pitches are also used for football and 13 are used in the summer for cricket, rounders and/or athletics.

Stratford High School and Southam College are the only sites which have formal Community Use Agreements.

In terms of future supply, there are plans to increase the number of rugby pitches at Stratford on Avon Rugby Club. It should also be noted that Southam Rugby Football Club pitches are on the alignment of the HS2 rail link, which may cause issues relating to pitch supply and displaced demand in the future.

7.2.4 Assessment of findings

The RFU have provided guidelines on how the PPM should be applied to rugby, and what scenarios should be modelled. The format of this section therefore follows the RFU guidelines and differs slightly to the chapters for football and cricket.

The RFU suggests the following scenarios should be modelled:

Scenario A: Matches focuses on modelling the supply of all pitches, regardless of access arrangements, in the District in terms of use for home matches only;

Scenario B: Matches, Training and School Use at all sites models the supply of all pitches in the District in terms of use for matches, training and by schools;

Scenario C: Matches, Training and School Use at Secured pitches only focused on modelling the supply of pitches which have secured community use in terms of use for matches, training and by schools;

Scenario D: Pitch Quality and Capacity only models pitches which achieved above 50% overall score for quality. Since no pitches in the District scored below 50% it has not been necessary to model this scenario⁴³;

⁴³ In Stratford on Avon all pitches scored above 50% in the quality assessment and it has therefore not been necessary to model this scenario.

Scenario E: Site specific demand and supply considers key local club sites where demand outstrips supply. Consultation undertaken as part of this study has not identified any clubs where demand outstrips supply and as such this scenario has not been modelled⁴⁴.

Within each of Scenarios A, B and C, the following have been modelled:

- **Current demand vs. supply**
- **Forecasted demand in 2023**, based on medium population growth scenario (8%) and including anticipated trends in participation (2% increase, based on assessment of trends in participation).

Current Demand and Supply

Scenario A: Matches

For this scenario all pitches have been modelled, including four pitches which do not have community access. The PPM does not make provision for mini rugby teams, which have consequently been translated into senior Team Equivalents, in accordance with RFU guidance⁴⁵.

Table 7.12 illustrates that on the whole the District's demand for rugby pitches for matches is largely met, however there is a shortage of 0.8 junior pitches on Sunday AM. There are also some localised deficiencies as follows – although in all instances the deficiencies equate to 1.5 of a pitch or less:

- Shortfall of junior pitches on Saturday PM in Alcester & Bidford, Shipston and Studley & Henley;
- Shortfall of junior pitches on Sunday AM and PM in Alcester & Bidford, Shipston and Studley & Henley;
- Shortfall of junior pitches Mid Week in Alcester & Bidford, Shipston and Studley & Henley.

⁴⁴ This Study has not identified any instances where demand outstrips supply at specific clubs and as such this Scenario has not been modelled.

⁴⁵ On the basis that one match involves two teams using half one adult pitch, time equivalent of an adult senior Team Equivalent have been calculated at 0.5 per two mini team matches.

Table 7.12 Current supply/shortfall of pitches (Scenario A)

	Saturday AM (senior)	Saturday PM (senior)	Saturday AM (junior)	Saturday PM (junior)	Sunday AM (senior)	Sunday PM (senior)	Sunday AM (junior)	Sunday PM (junior)	Mid Week (senior) ⁴⁶	Mid Week (junior)
Alcester & Bidford	7.0	4.8	0.0	-0.2	6.7	6.7	-1.3	-0.2	6.9	-0.2
Shipston	3.0	0.4	0.0	-0.3	2.7	2.7	-1.5	-0.2	2.8	-0.2
Southam	10.0	6.8	1.0	0.9	9.6	9.6	0.5	0.9	9.8	0.9
Stratford on Avon	10.0	5.4	2.0	1.7	9.4	9.4	0.3	1.8	9.7	1.8
Studley & Henley	5.0	3.7	0.0	-0.0	4.8	4.8	-0.3	-0.0	4.9	0.0
Wellesbourne & Kineton	4.0	3.7	2.0	1.9	4.0	4.0	1.5	1.9	4.0	1.9
District Wide	39.0	24.8	5.0	4.0	37.2	37.2	-0.8	4.3	38.1	4.2

Scenario B: Matches, Training and School Use at all Sites

Scenario B considers training and school use in addition to matches. Since training and school use largely takes place Mid Week, the temporal demand for facilities differs to the demand for match use only. When training and school use is considered, 66% of all play on junior pitches and 61% of senior play occurs Mid Week.

The PPM reveals the same pattern of localised shortages of pitches as in Scenario A. There continues to be a shortfall of junior pitches on Sunday AM, despite the increased amount of use the shortfall is reduced because the number of pitches included in this scenario has increased.

⁴⁶The supply of rugby pitches has been recalculated taking into account that the midweek period comprises five days.

Table 7.14 Current supply/shortfall of pitches for matches, training and school use (Scenario B)

	Saturday AM (senior)	Saturday PM (senior)	Saturday AM (junior)	Saturday PM (junior)	Sunday AM (senior)	Sunday PM (senior)	Sunday AM (junior)	Sunday PM (junior)	Mid Week (senior)	Mid Week (junior)
Alcester & Bidford	7.0	3.4	0.0	-0.3	6.5	6.5	-1.4	-0.2	5.6	-0.7
Shipston	3.0	1.1	0.0	-0.3	2.8	2.8	-1.3	-0.2	2.3	-0.7
Southam	10.0	7.1	1.0	0.9	9.6	9.6	0.2	0.9	8.8	0.6
Stratford on Avon	10.0	4.0	2.0	1.5	9.2	9.2	-0.5	1.7	7.7	0.7
Studley & Henley	5.0	1.9	0.0	-0.1	4.6	4.6	-0.4	-0.0	3.8	-0.2
Wellesbourne & Kineton	4.0	1.4	2.0	1.9	3.7	3.7	1.2	1.9	3.0	1.6
District Wide	39.0	18.9	5.0	3.6	36.4	36.4	-2.2	4.2	31.1	1.4

Scenario C: Matches, Training and School Use at Secured community use pitches only

Scenario C only considers pitches which have secured community use (i.e. equivalent to Scenario A for football and cricket). Most of the District's pitches with secured community use are in club or school ownership and their continued use as rugby pitches is therefore reasonably secure. However, Shottery Fields (one adult pitch) has been removed from this Scenario since it is not currently in use and Stratford District Council has removed the goal posts; the pitch may therefore be considered at risk of closure⁴⁷.

In this Scenario the shortfall of pitches on Sunday AM is exacerbated to 4.2 junior pitches on Sunday AM and 0.6 pitches Mid Week. These shortfalls are experienced in four of the six Sub Areas. The following additional shortfalls also exist:

- Shortfall of senior pitches on Saturday PM in Studley & Henley;
- Shortfall of junior pitches on Saturday PM in Alcester & Bidford, Shipston, Stratford on Avon and Studley & Henley;
- Shortfall of junior pitches on Sunday AM and PM in Alcester & Bidford, Shipston, Stratford on Avon and Studley & Henley;
- Shortfall of junior pitches Mid Week in Alcester & Bidford, Shipston, Stratford on Avon and Studley & Henley.

⁴⁷ RFU guidance suggests that pitches that are at risk of closure be excluded from this scenario.

Table 7.13 Current supply/shortfall of pitches in secured community use (Scenario C)⁴⁸

	Saturday AM (senior)	Saturday PM (senior)	Saturday AM (junior)	Saturday PM (junior)	Sunday AM (senior)	Sunday PM (senior)	Sunday AM (junior)	Sunday PM (junior)	Mid Week (senior)	Mid Week (junior)
Alcester & Bidford	4.0	0.4	0.0	-0.3	3.5	3.5	-1.4	-0.2	2.6	-0.7
Shipston	3.0	1.1	0.0	-0.3	2.8	2.8	-1.3	-0.2	2.3	-0.7
Southam	10.0	7.1	1.0	0.9	9.6	9.6	0.2	0.9	8.8	0.6
Stratford on Avon	6.0	0.0	0.0	-0.5	5.2	5.2	-2.5	-0.3	3.7	-1.3
Studley & Henley	3.0	-0.1	0.0	-0.1	2.6	2.6	-0.4	-0.0	1.8	-0.2
Wellesbourne & Kineton	3.0	0.4	2.0	1.9	2.7	2.7	1.2	1.9	2.0	1.6
District Wide	29.0	8.9	3.0	1.6	26.4	26.4	-4.2	2.2	21.1	-0.6

Future Demand and Supply

Scenario A: Matches only

In 2023 it is forecast that there will be sufficient pitches to meet demand for matches across the District as a whole at all time with the exception of Sunday AM where there is a shortfall of 1.5 pitches. At other times the surplus of pitches will be reduced. Importantly, the localised shortfalls of pitches currently experienced in some Sub Areas will be exacerbated unless new pitches are provided.

⁴⁸ This scenario incorporates training and school use as for Scenario 2.

Table 7.15 Supply/shortfall of pitches in 2023 (Scenario A)

	Saturday AM (senior)	Saturday PM (senior)	Saturday AM (junior)	Saturday PM (junior)	Sunday AM (senior)	Sunday PM (senior)	Sunday AM (junior)	Sunday PM (junior)	Mid Week 1 (senior)	Mid Week 1 (junior)
Alcester & Bidford	7.0	4.2	0.0	-0.4	6.6	6.7	-2.2	-0.3	6.8	-0.3
Shipston	3.0	0.6	0.0	-0.3	2.7	2.7	-1.8	-0.2	2.9	-0.3
Southam	10.0	7.6	1.0	0.7	9.7	9.7	-0.9	0.8	9.8	0.7
Stratford on Avon	10.0	6.5	2.0	1.5	9.5	9.6	-0.7	1.7	9.8	1.6
Studley & Henley	5.0	2.7	0.0	-0.3	4.7	4.7	-1.8	-0.2	4.9	-0.3
Wellesbourne & Kineton	4.0	1.9	2.0	1.7	3.7	3.7	0.3	1.8	3.9	1.8
District Wide	39.0	23.5	5.0	3.8	37.0	37.1	-1.5	4.2	38.0	4.1

If the population grows by 12% the maximum shortfall increases slightly but is not forecast to change significantly. If the population only grows by 6% the same level of deficit will be experienced.

Scenario B: Matches, Training and School Use at all Sites

When training and school use of pitches are also considered it is forecast that there will be a more significant shortfall of junior pitches on Sunday AM. Localised deficits of junior pitches on Saturdays and Sundays are also exacerbated in the Alcester & Bidford, Shipston and Studley & Henley Sub Areas. Deficits in these Sub Areas range from 0.3 to 3.3 junior pitches.

Table 7.17 Supply/shortfall of pitches in 2023 for matches, training and school use (Scenario B)

	Saturday AM (senior)	Saturday PM (senior)	Saturday AM (junior)	Saturday PM (junior)	Sunday AM (senior)	Sunday PM (senior)	Sunday AM (junior)	Sunday PM (junior)	Mid Week (senior)	Mid Week (junior)
Alcester & Bidford	7.0	3.1	0.0	-0.6	6.5	6.5	-3.3	-0.4	5.5	-1.7
Shipston	3.0	-0.4	0.0	-0.5	2.6	2.6	-2.8	-0.3	1.7	-1.4
Southam	10.0	6.5	1.0	0.4	9.6	9.6	-1.9	0.7	8.6	-0.5
Stratford on Avon	10.0	5.0	2.0	1.2	9.4	9.4	-2.2	1.5	8.0	-0.1
Studley & Henley	5.0	1.7	0.0	-0.5	4.6	4.6	-2.8	-0.3	3.7	-1.4
Wellesbourne & Kineton	4.0	1.0	2.0	1.5	3.6	3.6	-0.5	1.7	2.8	0.7
District Wide	39.0	16.9	5.0	3.5	36.1	36.1	-3.0	4.1	30.3	1.0

If the population increases by 12% the deficit in pitches will be marginally increased; and if the population only grows by 6% the deficit will be marginally reduced.

Scenario C: Matches, Training and School Use at Secured community use pitches only

When only those pitches with secured use are considered it is forecast that there will be a District wide shortfall of 5.0 junior pitches on Sunday AM (Table 7.16), the shortfall is experienced in all Sub Areas. There will also be a District wide shortfall of 1 junior pitch Mid Week. In addition, the localised shortfalls that currently exist will be exacerbated. The following shortfalls will exist:

- Shortfall of senior pitches on Saturday AM in Shipston, Studley & Henley and Wellesbourne & Kineton;
- Shortfall of junior pitches on Saturday PM in Alcester & Bidford, Shipston, Stratford on Avon and Studley & Henley;
- Shortfall of junior pitches on Sunday PM in Alcester & Bidford, Shipston, Stratford on Avon and Studley & Henley; and
- Shortfall of junior pitches Mid Week in Alcester & Bidford, Shipston, Southam, Stratford on Avon and Studley & Henley.

Table 7.16 Supply/shortfall of pitches in community use 2023 (Scenario B)⁴⁹

	Saturday AM (senior)	Saturday PM (senior)	Saturday AM (junior)	Saturday PM (junior)	Sunday AM (senior)	Sunday PM (senior)	Sunday AM (junior)	Sunday PM (junior)	Mid Week (senior)	Mid Week (junior)
Alcester & Bidford	4.0	0.1	0.0	-0.6	3.5	3.5	-3.3	-0.4	2.5	-1.7
Shipston	3.0	-0.4	0.0	-0.5	2.6	2.6	-2.8	-0.3	1.7	-1.4
Southam	10.0	6.5	1.0	0.4	9.6	9.6	-1.9	0.7	8.6	-0.5
Stratford on Avon	6.0	1.0	0.0	-0.8	5.4	5.4	-4.2	-0.5	4.0	-2.1
Studley & Henley	3.0	-0.3	0.0	-0.5	2.6	2.6	-2.8	-0.3	1.7	-1.4
Wellesbourne & Kineton	3.0	-0.0	2.0	1.5	2.6	2.6	-0.5	1.7	1.8	0.7
District Wide	29.0	6.9	3.0	1.5	26.1	26.1	-5.0	2.1	20.3	-1.0

If the population increases by 12% there will be a District wide shortfall of 5.2 pitches on Saturday PM, and 1.2 in the Mid Week. If a lower population growth is realised the Sunday AM shortfall of junior pitches will be 4.8, and 1 in the Mid Week.

7.3 Quality Assessment

7.3.1 Accessibility

Disabled Access

Over half of the District's Rugby pitches are recorded as having poor disabled access (59%), whilst 41% of Rugby pitches scored average. Noticeably, there are not any rugby pitches in the District considered to have good disabled access. Large rugby grounds such as Stratford Rugby Club were considered poor in terms of disabled access. Clearly this is an issue, since rugby is a popular spectator sport, and participation of disabled and less mobile people in the sport is also a target for the RFU.

Car Parking

Almost all of the rugby pitches in the District have good vehicular access with a dedicated car park. Only two of the pitches do not have a dedicated car park, these are the Shottery Fields Rugby Pitch and the Dovehouse Sports Field Rugby Pitch. Of those that do have a car park, the following were considered poor in terms of quality inadequate to serve the pitch usage:

- Salford Priors Recreation Ground Rugby Pitch;

⁴⁹ This scenario incorporates training and school use as for Scenario 2.

- King Edward VI Sports Rugby Pitches; and
- Stratford Rugby Club pitches.

Sustainable Transport Access

With regard to sustainable transport access, rugby pitches within the District are fairly well served by bus. A total of 30 rugby pitches within the District have a bus stop at the entrance or within the perimeter of the site. Rugby pitches within Alcester and Bidford are particular well served by bus, with 6 pitches having a bus stop at the entrance of the site. Rugby pitches in Wellesbourne and Kineton Sub Area also benefit from good access to bus services. However it is noted that all of those Rugby pitches with a bus stop at the entrance of the site are those that are part of a high school or college, where additional public transport provisions are expected. The Stratford Rugby Club and Home Guard Rugby Pitch are the only pitches with an accessible bus service, which are not part of a wider school/college facility.

It is recognised that many pitches that are not part of a wider used facility such as a school or social club are unlikely to be viable for a bus service due to the rural nature of the district. However, depending on the proximity to the pitch, locating a bus stop closer to the entrance would undoubtedly improve both sustainable and disabled access.

The 3 rugby pitches within Shipston and the 11 pitches within Southam are generally poorly served by sustainable transport access. Of the pitches in these two Sub Areas there are no cycle parks, signed cycling routes, signed pedestrian walkways or bus stops at the entrance of the site (4 pitches within Southam have a bus stop within the wider perimeter). However, all of these pitches have a dedicated car park highlighting the reliance on private transport modes to these pitches. Improving the sustainable access to the rugby pitches in these areas could be considered.

7.3.2 Changing Facilities

Access to available changing facilities

There are just 3 Rugby pitches within the District that do not have access to changing facilities, these are the Salford Priors Recreation Ground Rugby Pitch, the Shottery Fields Rugby Pitch in Stratford on Avon and the Dovehouse Sports Field in Wellesbourne.

Overall quality of changing facilities

Generally there is a high quality of changing facilities. Of the 44 rugby pitches, changing facilities were assessed for 34 pitches and none of these facilities were ranked as poor. However the majority of pitches (17) have access to changing facilities considered to be average, whilst 17 pitches are provided with excellent or good changing facilities. Those ranked excellent include the Birmingham Road Playing Fields (Alcester Grammar School), Stratford High School and Kineton High School rugby pitches.

It could be confirmed that a high number of pitches (38) have access to segregated changing facilities, which is highly important in light of the national drive to increase female participation in Rugby. The Harbury Rugby Football Club in

Southam was confirmed to have no segregated changing facilities to serve its 2 senior and 1 junior pitches. Increasing female membership at this club and enhancing its changing/pavilion facilities should be considered.

All of the changing facilities assessed provide showers and toilets and these facilities were all recorded as 'good' and 'OK.' Furthermore, there was only one incidence of vandalism recorded and this was at the changing facilities accessible to the Henley in Arden High School Rugby Pitch. This low level of vandalism is reflected in the data collated on security, which shows that 61% were consider to have 'good' security provisions, with the remaining classified as 'OK.'

The Warwickshire Rugby Football Union Plan identifies Stratford on Avon and Harbury Rugby Clubs as priorities for improvements to changing facilities.

7.3.3 Pitch Quality Assessment

Grass cover and length

A significant indicator of pitch quality is grass cover. Of the District's Rugby pitches 24 were reported to have a grass cover of over 94%. Of the remaining pitches, 12 pitches had 85% to 94% cover, 6 had 70% to 84% cover and just 2 pitches were recorded as having 60%-69% cover. Importantly, none of the pitches were ranked within the lowest category (under 60%). The 2 pitches that scored lowest were the Home Guard Club Senior Rugby Pitch and the Ossets Hole Lane Rugby Senior Pitch.

Rugby pitches scored well in terms of length of grass, with the majority scoring 'good' (26) and 'excellent' (13) and just 5 pitches scoring 'poor.' Pitches were however assessed prior to commencement of the rugby season, when wear and tear is likely to be at its lowest. Those pitches that were recorded as having a poor grass length were the 3 pitches at King Edward VI School and the 2 pitches at the Croft Preparatory School.

Evenness, slope of pitch and surface damage

The rugby pitches within the District are of a very high quality with regard to the pitch grounds, with just 13 pitches recorded as having a slight slope and not pitches considered to be poor with regard to evenness of pitch. Furthermore just 6 pitches shown evidence of some damage to the surface, whilst there were no recordings of "lots" of surface damage. These 6 pitches are the Salford Recreation Ground Rugby Pitch, the Stratford High School Senior Rugby Pitch, The 2 junior pitches at the Croft Preparatory School, the Home Guard Club Senior Pitch and the Studley High School Senior Rugby Pitch.

Adequate safety margins

Almost all of the pitches have fully adequate safety margins, with the exception of 1 which was classified as adequate.

Litter and unofficial use

The pitch audits revealed just one incident of dog fouling and 2 incidents of general litter. These were at the following pitches: the Salford Priors Recreation Ground, which shown evidence of dog fouling and more general litter and the Studley High School Rugby Pitch where some general litter was recorded.

Furthermore unofficial use and surface damage was concluded at both of these sites, suggesting that addition protection and monitoring of the pitches is required.

Improvements

Consultation with rugby clubs and the Warwickshire Rugby Football Union has confirmed that there are plans underway to improve the quality of several pitches in the District, which will enhance their carrying capacity. These include:

- Floodlights at Southam Rugby Club
- Pitch drainage for 2 pitches at Harbury Rugby Club
- Match floodlights and levelling of upper tier pitches at Claverdon Rugby Club
- Pitch drainage for 2 pitches and training floodlights at Alcester Rugby Club.

7.3.4 Equipment

Goal posts

Rugby pitches fared less well than other pitches on the quality of goal posts; 16 pitches were recorded as having poor goal post equipment. None of the rugby pitches assessed had excellent goal equipment, whilst the majority (24 pitches) were considered 'good' (4 pitches did not have their goal equipment out).

Line markings

Line markings were generally of a higher quality, with 3 pitches ranked as excellent. These pitches are located at the Stratford Rugby Club. Furthermore, 23 pitches were considered to have good markings, 11 pitches have average markings, whilst just 4 were recorded as poor. Of the latter pitches, 3 of these are located at the Shipston on Stour Rugby Club Pitch and the other is located at the Salford Priors Recreation Ground Rugby Pitch.

Floodlighting

Only three of the District's clubs (Claverdon, Stratford and Shipston) were confirmed as having floodlights. Southam rugby club is also scheduled to have floodlights provided.

7.3.5 Overall Quality Assessment

An overall quality assessment for Rugby pitches has been undertaken by collating all relevant data of each specific quality indicator and applying the Sport England methodology. This is useful in providing an overview of those Rugby pitches within the District that are considered to be of an exceptionally high or poor quality. This therefore highlights those pitches that should be prioritised in terms of improvement and investment, whilst the above overview specifies the results of the key quality indicators.

Table 7.17 provides a breakdown of the pitch rankings by Sub Area.

Table 7.17 Overall quality scores for rugby pitches

Sub Area	Number of pitches			
	Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average
Alcester and Bidford	5	1	1	0
Shipston	0	3	0	0
Southam	9	2	0	0
Stratford on Avon	0	12	0	0
Studley and Henley	0	4	0	0
Wellesbourne and Kineton	0	5	0	0
District Wide	14	27	1	0

Those pitches that scored excellent and received the highest scores are listed in the table below.

Facility	Pitch Number/Type	Sub Area	Score
Alcester Rugby Club Pitches	3	Alcester and Bidford	92%
Birmingham Road Playing Fields Rugby Pitches	2	Alcester and Bidford	96%
Harbury Rugby Football Club	3	Southam	92%
Southam College Sports Pitches	Pitch 1 and 2	Southam	92%
Southam Rugby Football Club	4	Southam	92%

The Salford Priors Recreation Ground Rugby Pitch was ranked average and scored 59%. This was mainly because the pitch does not have access to changing facilities and evidence of general litter, surface damage and poor goal equipment and line markings was recorded.

Pitch by pitch results are contained in Appendix E.

7.4 Summary

Key Points

A total of 8 rugby clubs, fielding 85 teams are based in the District. There are currently no womens or girls teams based in the District.

The District's Team Generation Rate is lower the national average, although this is to be expected in a rural District.

The audit identifies 20 sites containing 35 adult pitches and 5 junior pitches available for community use. Only one of these sites is owned by the Local Authority; this is Shottery Fields which is currently not in use. In addition, there are 4 adult pitches which are not currently accessible to the community.

Several of the District's sites have poor quality ancillary facilities, in particular many of them have poor quality changing facilities which are in need of refurbishment.

The PPM highlights that there are sufficient pitches to meet demand for adult teams, however there is a shortfall of junior pitches on Sunday mornings.

8 Summary: Hockey

8.1 Introduction

Overall participation in hockey in Stratford District is comparatively low. The District has only two hockey clubs, although this is perhaps reflective of the limited supply of Artificial Grass Pitches in the District.

8.2 Quantity Assessment: Supply and Demand

8.2.1 Teams

There are two hockey clubs in the District: Shipston Ladies Hockey Club and Stratford on Avon Hockey Club. In total, the clubs field 10 senior teams and 4 junior teams (Table 8.1). Stratford on Avon Hockey Club is a fairly large club, comprising 9 senior teams and all 4 of the District's junior. Shipston Ladies Hockey Club comprises just one senior female team.

A full list of teams is provided in Appendix C.

Table 8.1: Hockey teams in Stratford District

Team Type	No. teams			
	Male	Female	Mixed	Total
Senior	6	4	0	10
Junior	2	2	0	4

The standard of play varies amongst the teams. Both clubs compete in the Midlands League which is a large league accommodating all standards of play. Stratford Hockey Club also competes in the Birmingham Ladies Hockey League, West Midlands Premier League and The Mercian Summer League.

Latent & Displaced Demand

At a District level, the limited number of suitable match facilities in the District (see Section 8.2.3) may be constraining the number of teams in the District. Shipston Ladies Hockey Club is currently obliged to play its home matches outside of the District at St Nicholas Park, Warwick, due to a lack of Artificial Grass Pitches in the District.

There is also a lack of teams for juniors to play in. Shipston Ladies Hockey club does not have a junior section and Stratford Hockey Club has a junior section, but the club is not accredited by the Warwickshire Hockey Association.

Future Demand

Active People Survey 4: Detailed sport results show that in the West Midlands just 0.17% of the population actively participate in hockey (at least once a week). Given predicted population increase in Stratford on Avon District over the next 20 years, it is reasonable to expect that there will be some growth in hockey participation over that time; however given current low participation rates in the

sport it is difficult to quantify the increase⁵⁰. The Hockey Association are aiming to increase participation in the game nationally, and it can be expected that some of this growth will be accommodated in the District. Since there is a lack of clubs based in South Warwickshire it might be reasonable to expect that a new club could be accommodated in the District in the future.

8.2.2 Games

Club Matches

Matches are generally played on Saturdays and Sundays. The number of matches played per week/ season by each club/ team varies considerably, dependent on which Leagues they participate in.

Training

Hockey clubs have reported that, on average, each team trains for one to two hours per week. Shipston Ladies Hockey Club trains on grass pitches at Shipston Sports Club, as there are limited Artificial Grass Pitches available (see 8.2.3). Assuming that each team trains for two hours per week and that two teams train at the same time, in total, club training equates to 7 units of play per week, of these 2 are for junior training and 5 for senior training.

School Use

A number of schools in the District have sports facilities which are also used by the local community and various sports teams. Since schools use these facilities for their own PE lessons and school matches, the school's own use has also been incorporated into the assessment of supply and demand. In total, hockey pitches on school sites with secured/unsecured community access are used for 29 units of play per week.

Overall Use

Table 8,2 details the total number of hockey teams and team equivalents in the District.

Table 8.2: Hockey teams and team equivalents in Stratford District

Team	Actual Teams	Team equivalents	
		Training	Schools
Junior Hockey	4	2	29
Senior Hockey	10	5	0

Predicting the future situation

The Warwickshire Hockey Association does not foresee a significant change in the existing league structure. There is currently no junior league in Warwickshire however, and this is something that the Hockey Association would like to establish in the future.

⁵⁰ Given the low levels of participation in hockey, Team Generation Rates cannot be calculated with any accuracy.

8.2.3 Pitch Supply

There are 16 hockey pitches in Stratford District, which equates to 0.13 pitches per 1,000 population (Table 8.3). A full inventory of hockey pitches can be found in Appendix D. The greatest concentration of pitches is in Stratford on Avon Sub Area, where there are 5 pitches. Although grass pitches are suitable for school use and practices, they are not suitable for league matches. The Hockey Association have stated that they do not support the use of grass pitches and do not intend to encourage use of this type of pitch in the future. There are only 2 Artificial Grass Pitches (AGP) in the District - located at Warwickshire College, Henley in Arden and Stratford High School.

Table 8.3 Total number of hockey pitches

Sub Area	Number of sites	Number of pitches		
		Grass	AGP	Total
Alcester & Bidford	2	3	-	3
Shipston	-	2	-	-
Southam	1	3	-	3
Stratford on Avon	4	4	1	5
Studley & Henley	1	-	1	1
Wellesbourne & Kineton	2	2	-	2
District Wide	10	14	2	16

Assessing the adequacy of existing provision

Table 8.4 categorises Stratford District's hockey pitches in terms of their availability for community use. The majority of pitches are school facilities. Both AGP pitches are school facilities, although they both have formal community use agreements in place. Given the limited number of hockey pitches in the local area, it is significant in terms of accessibility that all of them are in dual use. Most significantly, the AGP pitches are also used by football clubs. Full details of pitch access and availability are provided in Appendix D.

Table 8.4 Accessibility and availability of hockey pitches

Category	Definition		Number of pitches
A(i)	Secured community pitches	Owned by local authority/ parish council	2
A(ii)		Voluntary/ private/ commercial sector	1
A(iii)		Education sites	6*
B	Used by community, but not secured		3
C	Not open for community use		4

*Includes both AGP pitches

None of the hockey facilities in the District have formal Community Use Agreements.

All hockey clubs have reported that the availability of suitable facilities is a particular issue. Shipston Ladies Club in particular has reported that they would like to find a match venue in the District. The Club would like to use Stratford High School, but existing demand and regular bookings prevents them (Stratford High School is also already used by Stratford on Avon Hockey Club for training and home matches). The Club currently has to play in Warwick, which is a significant distance away (17 miles), and well outside the recommended travel time / distance for outdoor sports facilities (see Section 5)⁵¹. Unfortunately, Shipston on Stour does not fall within the recommended effective catchment of any larger towns outside the District – such as Banbury, where suitable facilities could be provided closer to home. Astro turf facilities are however available for hire at Chipping Campden leisure centre (11km away), which might provide a closer option, although its location (west of the District) is not necessarily convenient when playing in the Warwickshire League.

It is understood however, that a planning application has recently been submitted for an extra care housing scheme and upgrades to existing sports facilities at King Edward VI Grammar School, Stratford on Avon. Plans include a multipurpose pitch for tennis and hockey, which will be available for use by local clubs through a formal Community Use Agreement. This may provide an opportunity for Shipston Ladies Hockey Club to secure a home match venue within the District.

8.3 Pitch Quality Assessment

8.3.1 Accessibility

With the exception of King Edward VI Grammar School, all the District's hockey pitches – both grass and AGP, have adequate car parking facilities. Provision of cycle parking is however rare, and limited to school and college sites such as Warwickshire College, Alcester Grammar School and St Benedict's Catholic High School. Public transport access is similarly poor, the exception again being schools and colleges in Henley in Arden, Alcester and Southam who benefit from a bus stop either at the site entrance or along the perimeter.

No sites were ranked above average for their disabled access. Southam High School, Stratford on Avon Grammar School, and King Edward VI Grammar School scored surprisingly poorly for disabled access, although in the majority of cases this was due to the location of hockey pitches within larger playing fields, which tended to be furthest from the car park or club buildings.

8.3.2 Changing Accommodation

Changing facilities are available at all the District's hockey pitches. The quality of changing facilities was generally good at all sites; Alcester Grammar School and Warwickshire College were ranked as 'Excellent'. A total of 6 hockey pitches have access to average changing facilities. However all of these pitches are in the process of planning a refurbishment of their changing facilities. Shipston Sports Club is seeking to secure funding to refurbish their existing facilities, whilst Southam College and Stratford High School AGP are also proposing to develop

⁵¹ Although there is another AGP facility in the District (Warwickshire College, Henley in Arden), this is actually further away than Warwick.

new changing facilities. Provision of these new facilities will mean that the District's Hockey Pitches have access to an exceptionally high quality of changing facilities.

Segregated changing facilities are available at all sites and provisions of toilet and showering facilities were all marked as good or OK. There was no reported evidence of vandalism at any of the changing pavilions and all were rated as 'Good' or 'OK' in terms of site security.

8.3.3 Pitch Quality and Equipment

Site visits revealed that grass cover across the majority of hockey pitches was good; 9 of the 16 pitches were reported to have grass cover of over 95%. The lowest scoring pitches were located at King Edward VI Grammar School and the Croft Preparatory school, where grass cover was 70-84%. Grass length was however either 'Excellent' or 'Good' at all sites.

All of the hockey pitches assessed (14) benefit from full safety margins. Furthermore all of the pitches assessed are provided on high quality grounds, with no or minimal sloping and excellent/good evenness of pitch. The King Edward VI School Sports Hockey pitch was an exception and scored average in terms of evenness.

Of the hockey pitches assessed there was no recordings of littering or dog fouling. Pitches at several of the secondary schools did however show some signs of unofficial use and surface damage, although this was not severe in any case.

Where goal posts were in evidence at the time of the site visits, these were generally of a good standard. Line markings were also generally acceptable, and all grass pitches benefit from an adjoining training area.

Both the District's AGP pitches are maintained to a high standard, and their overall quality has been rated as Excellent.

8.3.4 Overall Quality Assessment

An overall quality assessment for the District's hockey pitches has been undertaken by collating all relevant data of each specific quality indicator and using Sport England's methodology. This is useful in providing an overview of those hockey pitches within the District that are considered to be of an exceptionally high or poor quality. This therefore highlights those courts that should be prioritised in terms of improvement and investment, whilst the above overview specifies the results of the key quality indicators.

Table 8.5 provides a breakdown of the pitch rankings across the District.

Table 8.5 Overall quality scores for hockey pitches

Ranking	Number of pitches	
	Grass	AGP
Excellent	6	2
Good	8	
Average	0	
Below Average	0	
Total	14	2

Both of the District's AGP hockey pitches (Stratford High School and Warwickshire College) were ranked as excellent. Kineton Sports and Social Club hockey pitch and Alcester Grammar School hockey pitch also scored very highly.

8.4 Summary

Key Points

Overall participation in hockey is comparatively low in the District; there are just two clubs based in the District, fielding 10 senior and 4 junior teams.

The audit identified 16 hockey pitches, with a concentration of pitches in the Stratford on Avon Sub Area. There are however only 2 AGP pitches suitable for match use. Shipston Ladies Hockey Club currently have to travel to Warwick to play their matches due to the shortage of AGP pitches in the District.

The District's hockey pitches are generally good quality, with all sites receiving an overall quality assessment rating of either Good or Excellent.

9 Summary: Tennis

9.1 Introduction

Tennis is actively played by a number of Stratford's residents. Analysis suggests that the District has sufficient courts to meet current and future demand, with the exception of Wellesbourne & Kineton Sub Area, where there is an identified and significant deficiency in supply.

This section assesses outdoor tennis only. Although the supply of outdoor courts is largely adequate, the majority of the District's tennis facilities are at private clubs which do not offer the opportunity for non-members to turn up and play. Although the District offers ample tennis courts of a high quality for those wishing to play as a member of a club, wider access issues need to be addressed.

9.2 Quantity Assessment: Supply and Demand

9.2.1 Teams

In total there are 19 tennis clubs in the District (Table 9.1). The clubs reported that they have 13 mini, 21 junior and 63 senior teams, however in addition it is evident that clubs have a considerable number of members who play on a casual basis and are not part of a team.

Tennis clubs are fairly evenly distributed across the District with all clubs/venues containing at least two clubs. Studley & Henley has the highest concentration of clubs.

Table 9.1 Number of tennis clubs by Sub Area

Sub Area	Number of clubs
Alcester & Bidford	2
Shipston	2
Southam	3
Stratford on Avon	3
Studley & Henley	5
Wellesbourne & Kineton	4
District wide	19

The following clubs reported that they have a junior section:

- Bidford Tennis Club
- Shipston Tennis Club
- Harbury Tennis Club
- Snitterfield Tennis Club
- Claverdon Lawn Tennis Club

- Studley Tennis Club

Cross Boundary and Displaced Demand

All clubs that responded to the questionnaire reported that they currently play their matches on their preferred courts. All clubs have a home match venue within the District. They also all have their own facilities – with the exception of Long Itchington Tennis Courts Association, who play at Long Itchington Primary School.

Club players and members are also drawn from a relatively local catchment, and there is very little cross boundary movement of players from outside the District. The clubs themselves do however play outside the District as they participate in a number of Leagues.

Team Generation Rates

The PPM method to calculate TGRs has been applied to tennis teams as set out in Table 9.2.

Table 9.2 Team Generation Rates for tennis

Team type	Age Group	Current population	Current number of teams	Team Generation Rate
Junior tennis	11-15yrs	7,070	21	1:337
Senior tennis	16-45yrs	39,070	63	1:620
Overall District TGR				1:549

Latent Demand

The Warwickshire Lawn Tennis Association (LTA) reported that Stratford District does not have any particular issues that currently hinder participation. Consultation has however revealed that there is latent demand amongst casual tennis players who would like to play the occasional game, but do not necessarily want to become a member of a club. Restrictions on access to tennis courts and club membership fees in some parts of the District is hindering the realisation of this demand.

Future Demand

By applying the tennis TGR it is possible to estimate the future number of tennis teams in the District. If the population increases by 8% it is forecast that the District will contain 91 tennis teams, representing an increase of 8 teams from 2011. If a higher population growth (12%) is realised the number of teams could increase to 94 teams and if a lower growth is realised (6%) it is forecast that there will be 89 teams. In addition, it is likely that there will be an increase in the number of casual players.

Trends in Participation

The Lawn Tennis Association (LTA) had anticipated that there may be a decline in tennis club membership as a result of the recession. However, membership has remained fairly static. The LTA is currently working on improving the quality of coaching and visiting schools to encourage participation. Within Stratford District,

a third of clubs have reported an increase in club membership, whilst a similar number have reported a decline. The remainder's membership levels have remained fairly constant.

Active People Survey 4: Detailed sport results show that in the West Midlands 0.89% of the population actively participate in tennis (at least once a week).

The LTA has set a target to have 11,200 members of the British Tennis Membership Scheme in the wider Warwickshire area. It has not set specific priorities for future recruitment, although the Warwickshire LTA has noticed that membership tends to be low in the 20 to 40 year age group in the County. Some clubs in Warwickshire have sought to address this by offering reduced fees for this age bracket.

9.2.2 Games

Club Matches

The number of home matches played by each club varies considerably, depending on League membership, and the size and nature of the club.

In addition to club friendly matches, clubs play in a number of local and regional Leagues, including:

- South Warwickshire & District Summer Tennis League (known as the Prudden League);
- Ladies Evesham & District Summer League;
- Stratford & District Winter League;
- Leamington & District Sunday League;
- Banbury League; and
- Senior Coventry League.

Most clubs play tennis throughout the year. League matches are mostly played on Saturday and Sunday mornings, however a significant number of friendly matches are played throughout the week.

Training

Training comprises a significant proportion of the overall use of tennis courts, particularly for junior teams who tend to have tennis lessons but do not often compete in matches.

Many tennis clubs reported that their tennis courts are in use all day, every day.

All clubs reported that they use the same courts for training and matches.

School Use

There are 9 schools in the District that have at least one tennis court which is available for secured or unsecured community use. Use of these courts during school time for PE lessons and sports fixtures, equates to around 40 units of play per week.

9.2.3 Court Supply

There are 123 tennis courts in Stratford District spread across 46 sites, which equates to 1 court per 1,000 population (Table 9.3). All of the courts are hard courts with the exception of 3 grass courts at Studley Sports Club. 36 sites comprise more than one court.

There is a noticeable shortage of tennis courts in the Wellesbourne & Kineton Sub Area; most significantly, Wellesbourne, which is one of the largest settlements in the District, does not have any tennis courts. The greatest concentration is in Studley & Henley (34 courts), and Alcester & Bidford (23 courts).

A full inventory of tennis courts can be found in Appendix D.

Table 9.3 Total number of tennis courts

Sub Area	Number of sites	Number of courts
Alcester & Bidford	9	23
Shipston	9	18
Southam	6	15
Stratford on Avon	7	26
Studley & Henley	11	34
Wellesbourne & Kineton	4	7
District Wide	46	123

Assessing the adequacy of existing provision

Table 9.4 categorises Stratford District's tennis courts in terms of their availability for community use; 89% of courts in the District are available for community use. There are 90 courts with secured community use, and a further 19 courts with unsecured community use. Seven of the sites that are currently in community use are however not necessarily suitable for team or competition use, since they only comprise a single court. The largest District tennis facilities with secured community use are Stratford Tennis Club and Henley in Arden Tennis Club, which both have 7 courts. Those courts that are not currently in community use are mainly school facilities. There are also two hotels in the District that have a tennis court for use by guests only.

Although the majority of courts in the District do have community access, the LTA has reported that there are limited facilities in the District where non-members can book a court and play. This issue was also raised by the local community during consultation. Some private clubs do offer the opportunity for non-members to use their courts, however this is very limited. Local clubs have however commented that high levels of club members mean that there is simply insufficient court capacity to allow non members access.

52 of the District's courts also provide a dual use function. In the majority of cases, school courts are also used for netball. Two of the District's courts (the Greig Centre and Ettington Recreation Ground) also function as MUGAs.

Full details of court access and availability are provided in Appendix D.

Table 9.4: Accessibility and availability of tennis courts

Category	Definition		Number of courts
A(i)	Secured community pitches	Owned by local authority/ parish council	16
A(ii)		Voluntary/ private/ commercial sector	59
A(iii)		Education sites	15
B	Used by community, but not secured		19
C	Not open for community use		14

9.2.4 Assessment of Findings

Current supply and demand

The Lawn Tennis Association (LTA) provides a well established standard of 2% of the population participating in tennis, with a provision level of 1 court per 45 players. On the basis of Stratford District's current population of 118,866, this equates to approximately 2,377 people playing tennis. Table 9.5 summarises court provision across the District.

Tennis court provision across the District as a whole is above the LTA's recommended standard. However, there is a significant deficit of courts in the Wellesbourne & Kineton Sub Area. With the exception of Wellesbourne & Kineton where court provision needs to increase, the currently focus should be on improving community access to tennis courts for non-members, or providing club membership schemes that are suitably financially accessible to residents (e.g. off-peak discounted membership).

Table 9.5 Tennis court provision per 45 players

Sub Area	No. tennis players	Courts in secured community use		Courts in secured & unsecured community use	
		No. courts	per 45 players	No. courts	per 45 players
Alcester & Bidford	423	12	1.3	19	2.0
Shipston	375	9	1.1	16	1.9
Southam	350	15	1.9	15	1.9
Stratford on Avon	527	21	1.8	23	2.0
Studley & Henley	383	28	3.3	31	3.6
Wellesbourne & Kineton	320	5	0.7	5	0.7
District Wide	2,377	90	1.7	109	2.1

Future supply and demand

Table 9.6 compares the future supply of tennis courts in the District against the projected population in 2023 under the 8% growth scenario. The current supply of courts at the District wide level is sufficient to meet the increase in demand; there is also capacity to accommodate an increase in the level of participation on the sport. There is also sufficient supply of tennis courts at the Sub Area level, with the exception of Wellesbourne & Kineton.

Additionally, Shipston are planning for an indoor tennis centre.

Under a 12% population growth scenario, District wide court provision is also sufficient.

Table 9.6 Forecasted tennis court provision per 45 players in 2023

Sub Area	No. tennis players	Courts in secured community use		Courts in secured & unsecured community use	
		No. courts	per 45 players	No. courts	per 45 players
Alcester & Bidford	457	12	1.2	19	1.9
Shipston	405	9	1.0	16	1.8
Southam	378	15	1.8	15	1.8
Stratford on Avon	569	21	1.7	23	1.8
Studley & Henley	413	28	3.1	31	3.4
Wellesbourne & Kineton	345	5	0.7	5	0.7
District Wide	2,568	90	1.6	109	1.9

9.3 Quality Assessment

9.3.1 Accessibility

In terms of disabled access sites, 20 sites were considered to provide poor access provisions for the disabled. However 7 of the tennis sites were reported to have good disabled access, which is comparatively higher than other sports. These sites include Warwickshire College, Napton Tennis Club, Wildmoor Spa, Claverdon Lawn Tennis Club, Snitterfield Tennis Club, Studley High School and Stratford High School.

The majority of courts have a dedicated car park, with just 6 recorded as not having. A comparatively high number of sites (14) have cycle parking, the majority of which is provided at school sites, although cycle parking was also reported at Aston Cantlow tennis courts, Harbury Recreation Ground, Stratford Leisure Centre and some of the hotel facilities. A similar number (23) of sites have a bus stop at their entrance or around the perimeter, again largely at school sites and within the District's larger settlements. Just 13 of the 44 sites assessed are accessible by signed cycling or walking routes.

9.3.2 Changing Facilities

With the exception of 10 sites, the majority (34) of clubs provide changing facilities, most of which are considered to be of an excellent or good quality, with 5 ranked as poor. These latter facilities are Aston Cantlow Tennis Courts in Alcester and Bidford, Shipston Tennis Club, Studley Tennis Courts and the Ullenhall Tennis Club in Studley. In addition it was noted that the showering facilities at the Bidford Tennis Club were poor. Of those clubs with no changing facilities, some provide basic toilet facilities within the club pavilion, this includes Alcester Tennis Club, which was considered particularly poor with a small pavilion with poor toilets.

Of the changing facilities assessed, 29 were confirmed to have segregated changing. Those that were confirmed to have no segregated changing are: the Greig Centre Tennis Courts in Alcester; Aston Cantlow Tennis Courts; Bidford Tennis Club and Napton Tennis Club.

There were only two recordings of vandalism at the Greig Centre Tennis Courts and Henley High School. Security was ranked good or OK for the majority of courts, with just Ullenhall Tennis Club marked as poor.

It can be concluded that changing facilities are generally well equipped with a good standard of showers and toilets and most provide segregated changing facilities. Particular concerns with the changing accommodation were noted at Byfield Road Tennis Courts within the Alcester & Bidford Sub Area; there are no segregated changing facilities here and risk of vandalism is high with three thefts reported in the past 5 years. Refurbishment of the facilities at this club is required.

9.4 Court and Equipment Quality

Tennis courts were assessed for the general quality of the hard surface, and of the 44 assessed, 19 were ranked excellent, 20 as good and just 5 poor, 3 of which are in Southam. No of the courts were ranked as very poor. Those 5 that were considered to have a poor quality of hard surface are listed below:

- Greig Centre Tennis Court in Alcester;
- Norgren Social Club Tennis Court in Shipston on Stour;
- Southam High School Tennis Courts in Southam;
- Bishops Itchington Tennis Courts; and
- Harbury Tennis Courts.

All, with the exception of 2 clubs, have adequate safety margins. Those 2 facilities that do not have adequate margins are the Norgren Social Club Tennis Courts and the Shipston High School Tennis and Netball Courts in Shipston on Stour. With regard to the tennis court grounds, the majority of courts were recorded to be flat, whilst 4 have a slight slope. However, the courts fared less well in terms of the actual evenness of the surface; 25 clubs scored excellent, 13 scored good, 3 scored average, 1 scored poor and 1 was recorded as very poor. These latter 2 clubs are the Greig Centre Tennis Court and the Norgren Social Club Tennis Court, which was recorded as very poor. Clearly there is a need to improve these courts.

There was no report evidence of dog fouling and just 2 records of general littering. In addition just 3 clubs shown evidence of unofficial use, which were Alcester Grammar School Tennis and Netball Courts and St Benedict's. Surface damage was reported at the Norgren Social Tennis Club, Aston Tennis Courts, Ettington Chase Hotel Tennis Courts, Harbury Tennis Courts and the Croft Preparatory School Tennis and Netball courts. Of this damage, it was considered to be most significant at the Norgren Social Club Tennis Court. Furthermore, with regard to school sites is likely that some of these facilities double up as informal recreational spaces at break times adding to the wear and tyre of the facilities.

In terms of nets and line markings, a small number of courts require improvement of net quality (2 sites were ranked poor) and line markings (7 sites were ranked poor). This includes the Croft Preparatory School, where holes in the net were recorded, and Norgren Social Club, which appeared to be very poorly maintained and utilised. Studley Tennis Grass Courts had poor line markings, although the court was not in use at the time of assessment. The line markings at Henley in Arden High School and Southam College were also recorded as poor. 56 courts were confirmed as having flood lighting.

9.5 Overall Quality Assessment

An overall quality assessment for tennis courts has been undertaken by collating all relevant data of each specific quality indicator and applying the Sport England methodology. This is useful in providing an overview of those tennis courts within the District that are considered to be of an exceptionally high or poor quality. This therefore highlights those pitches that should be prioritised in terms of improvement and investment, whilst the above overview specifies the results of the key quality indicators.

Table 9.7 provides a breakdown of overall quality rankings for tennis courts by Sub Area.

Table 9.7 Overall quality scores for tennis courts

Sub Area	Number of courts			
	Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average
Alcester and Bidford	5	4	0	0
Shipston	3	6	0	1
Southam	2	4	1	0
Stratford on Avon	3	3	0	0
Studley and Henley	9	3	0	0
Wellesbourne and Kineton	1	2	0	0
District Wide	23	22	1	1

Overall, the District has an excellent provision of tennis courts, with just 1 facility classified as average and 1 below average.

Of those courts that were ranked as excellent the following received a score of 100% suggesting that these are exceptional facilities.

- Bidford Tennis Club

- Shipston High School Tennis Courts
- Shipston Tennis Club
- Napton Tennis Club
- Stratford High School Tennis Courts
- Tanworth in Arden Tennis Courts
- Henley in Arden Tennis Club
- Menzies Welcombe Hotel Tennis Court

Bishops Itchington Tennis Courts in Southam were ranked as average and this was mainly because the courts are not supported by available changing facilities and the quality of hard surface, tennis net and line markings did not score very well. The Norgren Social Club Tennis Club in Shipston was ranked as below average and is not currently in a usable state.

9.6 Summary

Key Points

Tennis is actively played by a number of Stratford's residents. The District is home to 19 tennis clubs which have a variety of casual and competitive members.

Although club membership is healthy across the District, local residents have reported that there is a lack of tennis facilities that are accessible to those who are not members of a tennis club.

The District has 46 sites containing 123 courts in total; of these 14 are not currently available for community use. All courts are hard courts, with the exception of three grass courts.

On the basis of the Lawn Tennis Association's provision standard, the District has sufficient courts to meet both current and future demand, with the exception of Wellesbourne & Kineton where there is a significant deficit in provision.

The quality of the District's tennis courts is very high, with the majority receiving an overall quality assessment score of excellent or good.

10 Summary: Netball

10.1 Introduction

There are a limited number of netball clubs in Stratford District, the majority of which compete in the Stratford League, which is hosted at Stratford High School. There are several issues impacting on current participation rates, including the availability of netball courts, coaches and voluntary assistance.

10.2 Quantity Assessment: Supply and Demand

10.2.1 Teams

In total there are 13 netball clubs in the District, comprising 6 junior and 24 senior ladies teams.

The majority of clubs comprise just one senior team, for example Alcester Town, All Stars and BDR Jets. Stratford Comets is the largest club in the District comprising two junior teams and four senior teams.

All but four of the clubs play in the Stratford District League. Harbury, Henley in Arden and Stockton Netball Clubs compete in the Coventry and Warwickshire League, whilst Napton Sports Association has a social team.

Team Generation Rates

The PPM method to calculate TGRs has been applied to netball teams as set out in table 10.1.

Table 10.1 Team Generation Rates for netball

Team type	Age Group	Current population	Current number of teams	Team Generation Rate
Netball - Girls	11-15yrs	3440	6	1:573
Netball Women	16-45yrs	19756	24	1:823
Overall District TGR				1:1538

Latent & Displaced Demand

There is considerable evidence of latent demand for netball. The Stratford League has reported that they would like to expand the League but there are not sufficient courts for them to play the matches on. The League would also like to establish a Junior League; currently all players need to be over 14 years of age to play in the Stratford League. In order to allow younger players to compete, a junior league would need to be established. However the lack of available courts has prevented this.

Henley in Arden Netball Club and Arden Ladies Netball Club have reported that they have matchday venues outside the District in Leamington Spa, Coventry and Redditch. However, they have not reported any issues with this arrangement or

indicated that they have any desire to relocate, since both clubs play in Leagues and field players from outside Stratford District.

Future Demand

Active People Survey 4: Detailed sport results show that currently in the West Midlands 0.27% of the population actively participate in netball (at least once a week). Stratford on Avon District is projected to experience substantial population growth over the next 20 years and it might reasonably be expected that the number of netball teams in the District will increase proportionally.

Warwickshire County Netball Association is also working to increase participation in the sport across the region. They are currently running a Back to Netball scheme in the District which is a 10 week course intended to provide an introduction to new players. Players are then put in contact with local clubs in order for them to continue playing.

When the TGR is applied to the future population, there is forecast to be 32.5 teams in 2023, assuming an 8% increase in population. If the population growth more significantly (12%) there will be 34 teams and if the growth is less significant (6% increase) there will be 32 teams.

10.2.2 Games

Club Matches

Netball clubs in Stratford District compete in one of two Leagues. The majority of teams compete in the Stratford Netball League, which comprises 16 adult teams and 2 junior teams; two of the adult teams are based outside of the District. The League operates two divisions, and all matches are played on a Sunday morning at Stratford High School. In total 144 league matches are played per season.

Some of the larger clubs – such as Harbury, Henley in Arden and Arden ladies compete in the Coventry & Warwickshire League, which is a much larger league with a premier division, 7 adult divisions and 4 junior divisions. Those teams from Stratford District that compete in the Coventry & Warwickshire League also play their matches on a Sunday morning.

The netball season runs from October through to the end of March.

Training

In addition to matches the majority of clubs in the District also hold one training session during the week. The majority of these sessions are held at Stratford High School, although facilities at Henley High School, Warwickshire College, and Alcester Grammar School are also used by local teams (see 10.2.3).

School Use

There are 10 schools in the District that have at least one netball which is available for secured or unsecured community use. Use of these courts during school time for PE lessons and sports fixtures, equates to around 65 units of play per week.

Predicting the future situation

Comet Netball Club is currently working towards the England Netball Club Mark. If they secure this award, it is possible that the size of the club and consequently number of games played will increase.

10.2.3 Court Supply

There are 65 tarmac netball courts in Stratford District spread across 31 sites, which equates to 0.50 courts per 1,000 population. 18 sites comprise more than one court. Noticeably, the Shipston and Wellesbourne & Kineton Sub Areas have a comparative lack of netball courts. The greatest concentration is in Alcester & Bidford (16 courts), and Southam (17 courts).

A full inventory of netball courts can be found in Appendix D.

Table 10.2 Total Number of netball courts

Sub Area	Number of sites	Number of courts
Alcester & Bidford	5	16
Shipston	2	4
Southam	9	17
Stratford on Avon	7	13
Studley & Henley	6	10
Wellesbourne & Kineton	2	5
District Wide	31	65

Assessing the adequacy of existing provision

Table 10.3 categorises Stratford District's netball courts in terms of their availability for community use. Significantly, only 54% of courts in the District are available for community use. There are 21 courts with secured community use, and a further 14 courts with unsecured community use. Six of the sites that are currently in community use are however not necessarily suitable for team or competition use since they only comprise a single court. The largest District netball facility with secured community use is Stratford High School, which has 4 netball courts. However, the Stratford Netball League have reported that two of the courts at Stratford High School which they use for league matches are very poor quality and are in need of resurfacing. Additionally, Alcester Grammar School has 7 courts, which are available for community use - although there is no formal community use agreement in place. A significant number of the District's netball courts (47) are in dual use for tennis, the majority of which are located at school sites

Very few netball clubs have their own facilities, the exceptions being Harbury Netball Club and Napton Sports Association. The majority of courts in the District are school facilities. Use of netball courts by the schools themselves is however unlikely to impact on the availability of courts for use by clubs significantly, since club training and matches generally take place in the evenings and at weekends.

Unlike grass pitches, hard courts can also be used more intensively since they do not experience the same constraints with regards to carrying capacity.

There are several indoor sports halls in the District of a sufficient size to accommodate a netball court. These are listed in Box 10.1

Box 10.1 Indoor sports halls with the capacity for netball

Greig Centre, Alcester
Alcester Grammar School
Alcester High School
St Benedict's Catholic High School, Alcester
Warwickshire College (Henley & Moreton Morrell Campuses)
Henley in Arden High School
Kineton High School
Southam College
Stratford on Avon High School/Community Sports Centre
Studley Leisure Centre

Full details of court access and availability are provided in Appendix D.

Table 10.3 Accessibility and availability of netball courts

Category	Definition		Number of courts
A(i)	Secured community pitches	Owned by local authority/ parish council	5
A(ii)		Voluntary/ private/ commercial sector	1
A(iii)		Education sites	15
B	Used by community, but not secured		14
C	Not open for community use		30

10.2.4 Assessment of Findings

The District's netball clubs have not reported any particular problems in terms of the current supply of netball courts. However, the availability of courts for competition use has been highlighted by the Stratford League as a key issue that is currently limiting expansion.

Although League expansion could potentially be accommodated by securing regular weekend access to other suitable venues in the District, Stratford League is also experiencing issues associated with availability of coaches, referees, voluntary support and funding, which would also need to be resolved before the League can successfully expand (particularly if they want to operate over two sites).

10.3 Quality Assessment

10.3.1 Accessibility

The District's netball courts were generally found to have good transport and access arrangements, largely because most the courts are collocated with schools. 29 (93%) of the sites that were visited have dedicated car parks, and a considerable number (21) also have cycle parking. Just under half (13) of the sites also benefit from a bus stop either at the entrance or around the site perimeter; however, in most instances this is a school bus stop which does not necessarily provide a service for local residents or outside of school hours. Disabled access was also found to be good or average at 22 of the sites, which is significantly better than many other sports, although again reflective of their location within school facilities, which are expected to comply with requirements associated with the Disability and Discrimination Act.

10.3.2 Changing Facilities

Of the netball courts, 21 of the sites (68%) have changing facilities available. With the exception of Harbury netball court and Bishop's Itchington netball courts, those courts without changing facilities are generally located at primary schools, which tend to use classrooms for changing. Of those sites with changing facilities, 33% of them were ranked as excellent (Table 10.4). Only 1 site – St Gregory's Primary School was ranked as 'Poor'. All sites with changing facilities also had segregated changing accommodation available, and only 5 (largely primary schools) did not have showers.

Table 10.4 Overall quality of netball changing facilities

Quality	No. sites	% sites
Excellent	7	33%
Good	4	19%
Average	7	33%
Poor	1	5%
No access	2	10%

Security at netball court sites was also found to be good; the only site reported to show any sign of vandalism was Henley in Arden High School.

10.3.3 Court Quality and Equipment

The majority of courts (44) had full safety margins. Of the remainder, all sites had adequate safety margins with the exception of St Mary's Catholic Primary School. In terms of the pitch surface, 46 courts were flat; however 17 were reported to have a slight or moderate slope – including Henley in Arden and Alcester High Schools. Courts generally scored well in terms of evenness, with the exception of Studley High School courts, which were reported to be poor. No courts were reported to have significant evidence of surface damage, unofficial use or littering, although there was some evidence of these issues at several facilities (summarised

in Box 10.2) – most notably at many of the District’s schools, where the courts are often used for informal recreation at break times.

Box 10.2 Evidence of court damage and unofficial use

Bishops Itchington netball courts (littering and surface damage)
 Alcester Grammar School (unofficial use)
 St Benedict’s High School (unofficial use)
 Alcester High School (unofficial use)
 Harbury netball court (surface damage)
 Southam College (littering and surface damage)
 Stratford on Avon Girls Grammar School (littering)
 Thomas Jolyffe Primary School (surface damage)
 Croft Preparatory School (surface damage)

In terms of equipment, 75% of courts (49) were reported to have Good or Excellent netball hoops. Only five courts were reported to be Poor, including Southam Primary School, Croft Preparatory School and St Marys Catholic Primary School. In the majority of cases this was due to the age of the equipment and associated wear and tear. Very few of the District’s netball courts are floodlit, and only 55% courts were however reported to have Excellent or Good line markings, although it must be borne in mind that site visits were undertaken out of season and during the school holidays.

10.3.4 Overall Court Quality

An overall quality assessment for netball courts has been undertaken by collating all relevant data of each specific quality indicator. This is useful in providing an overview of those netball courts within the District that are considered to be of an exceptionally high or poor quality. This therefore highlights those courts that should be prioritised in terms of improvement and investment, whilst the above overview specifies the results of the key quality indicators.

Table 10.5 provides a breakdown of the court rankings by Sub Area.

Table 10.5 Overall quality scores for netball courts

Ranking	Number of courts
Excellent	11
Good	19
Average	2
Below Average	0
Total	32

Those courts that have been ranked excellent and received the top five scores are listed below:

'Excellent Courts'	Score
Napton Tennis Club netball courts	100%
Warwickshire College netball courts	98%
Stratford High School tennis and netball court	93%
St Gregory's Primary School netball court	93%
Bidford Primary School netball courts	93%

Just 2 courts in the District were ranked average. This included Bishops Itchington netball courts, which scored 63%. This was mainly due to the courts having no available changing facilities, a poor quality of hard surface and some evidence of general litter and surface damage. St Marys Catholic Primary School in Studley and Henley was also ranked average and scored 59%. This was mainly due to the quality of netball hoops and line markings, and the lack of changing facilities.

10.4 Summary

Key Points

The District is home to 13 clubs which comprise 6 junior and 24 senior teams.

The majority of clubs compete in the Stratford League.

There is considerable evidence of latent demand in the District. Stratford League have indicated that they would like to expand in the future, but there are insufficient courts in the District to enable them to do this.

The District has 65 courts spread across 31 sites, however only 35 (54%) of these are available for community use.

The District's netball courts are generally of a high quality, with the majority receiving an overall quality assessment score of excellent or good. However some site experience specific problems which hinder play, for example inadequate safety margins.

11 Summary: Bowls

11.1 Introduction

Stratford District is home to a considerable number of outdoor bowling clubs, which is perhaps reflective of the District's population demographic. Clubs have reported that the District has a sufficient number of high quality outdoor bowling greens to meet demand. However, the majority of clubs have reported that membership has declined over the past five years, with some clubs expressing concern that the decline in membership may result in the loss of clubs.

11.2 Quantity Assessment: Supply and Demand

11.2.1 Teams

In total there are 20 outdoor bowls clubs in the District, comprising 8 male teams, 5 female teams and 29 mixed teams⁵². The District does not have any junior teams at present, although there are a number of players aged under 25 who compete in senior teams. Some of the under 25 players also compete in the Warwickshire County Under 25 League.

Cross Boundary and Displaced Demand

All clubs have a home venue in the District, which they have reported is their preferred location. Clubs draw their members from a fairly local catchment, the majority of whom live in the District. The only exception is Little Compton Bowls Club whose location on the District boundary means that it draws several players from Chipping Norton and other villages outside the District.

There is evidence of cross boundary travel to compete in bowling competitions; for example a considerable number of teams compete in the Courier League which is based in Leamington Spa.

Latent Demand

There is little evidence of latent demand for bowls facilities in the District. All clubs have reported that they play their matches at their preferred location.

In addition there is some evidence of players travelling into the District to play for Stratford clubs; in particular the majority of players at Little Compton Bowls Club reside outside of the District in Chipping Norton.

Future Demand and Trends in Participation

In Stratford on Avon there is a significant existing population of independent older people with relatively active lifestyles. Generally speaking, the type of physical activities that individuals are likely to want to engage in as they get older shifts from competitive contact and organised team sports to other forms of physical recreation activities such as bowls. As such it may be reasonable to expect an increase in participation. This certainly seems to be an aspiration of the District's clubs, 73% of whom reported that they would like to increase

⁵² Assumes that for the five clubs that did not return the questionnaire, each has one mixed team.

membership in the future. Clubs in the District have tried a variety of techniques to recruit members, including mail drops and open days.

Nevertheless, despite the aspiration to increase membership there is evidence to suggest that membership across the District is decreasing; 50% of clubs have experienced a decrease in membership over the last five years, with membership remaining static at a further 21% of clubs. Currently in the West Midlands just 0.49% of the population actively participate in bowls (at least once a week) (*Active People Survey 4: Detailed sport results*).

11.2.2 Games

Club Matches

The District's teams play in a number of Leagues, the most popular of which is the Kineton & District League. In addition clubs compete in the following Leagues:

- South Warwickshire League;
- Yardley Wood & District Mid-week;
- Heart of England League;
- Northfield & District League;
- Leamington Courier league;
- Stratford Herald Ladies ;
- Coventry Six;
- Carrington and District League;
- Ardley Wood and District mid-week; and
- Stratford League.

Matches are played throughout the week, both during the daytime and evenings. Matches for the Kineton & District League can be held on any day of the week. The Courier League holds matches on Wednesday PM; the South Warwickshire Ladies League holds matches on Fridays and the Men's League on Wednesdays.

Training

All clubs reported that they also train on their main green; however the nature of training varies considerably from week to week. Training tends to be on an informal basis with groups of players arranging ad hoc training sessions from time to time.

11.2.3 Supply and Demand

There are 21 bowling greens in the District (Table 11.1). There is a concentration of greens in Shipston, and a relative lack of greens in Wellesbourne & Kineton and Southam.

All bowling greens are associated with one of the 20 clubs based in the District, with the exception of Stratford Sports Club which does not have a home team.

All of the District's greens are flat bowling greens and are generally standard size, comprising 6 rinks.

Table 11.1 Total number of bowling greens

Sub Area	No. greens
Alcester & Bidford	4
Shipston	6
Southam	1
Stratford on Avon	3
Studley & Henley	5
Wellesbourne & Kineton	2
District Wide	21

Review of club questionnaires, community consultation feedback and interviews with the County Bowls Association indicates that the current supply of bowling greens is sufficient to meet current demand. The Warwickshire County Bowls Association has reported that there are three clubs in the District that are at risk of closure; Stratford on Avon Bowls Club, Shipston Sports Club and Halford Bowls Club. These clubs are based at facilities where the club's lease of the facility is due to expire, with no certainty that it will be renewed. Whilst there is clearly no need to increase the current supply of bowling greens in the District, it would be sensible to protect the existing facilities for future use as they are valuable community facilities.

11.3 Quality Assessment

11.3.1 Accessibility

Of the 21 bowling greens in the District, 13 have a dedicated car park. In some instances, such as Shipston Sports and Social Club and Henley Sports and Social Club, this is shared with other sports, which can put added pressure on a limited number of parking facilities. Parking was consequently ranked as 'Poor' for 9 of the Bowling greens. None of the bowling greens have cycle parking, and only 4 have a bus stop either at the entrance or along the perimeter of the site.

Disabled access to bowling greens was rated as particularly poor for over half of the sites (15, equivalent to 71%), the main problems being steps, narrow gates and a lack of hard surfacing.

11.3.2 Changing Facilities

Of the bowling greens, 13 were confirmed to have changing facilities available, although it is not such a necessity for bowls as for other sports. The majority of those with changing facilities could make arrangements for segregated changing where required. The majority of bowling greens do however have toilets. There is also generally little evidence of vandalism of facilities, the majority of which have

acceptable or good security arrangements. Importantly, 7 of the bowls clubs have indicated that they are planning to refurbish their facilities, which will further improve the quality standard.

11.3.3 Green Quality

The quality of bowling greens across the District was generally found to be good. Just 2 of the greens were found to have poor grass cover, which were the Henley Bowling Green and Langston Terrace Bowling Green. However, these greens were being rested and reseeded at the time of the site visits, this is therefore not considered an issue. As would be expected, the bowling greens are generally flat with even surfaces, although a slight slope was identified at Wellesbourne and Wootton Wawen bowling greens. Importantly, all greens were reported to be of a high quality with respect of the evenness of the lawn, with all scoring excellent or good.

The bowling greens are maintained to an exceptionally high standard; none of the greens were found to have any evidence of litter or of unofficial use. There was some limited evidence of damage to the surface of some of the greens, although this was generally reflective of their use and general wear and tear over the summer months, when they are in use most intensively. In particular, this was noted of Stratford on Avon Bowling Green and Langston Terrace Bowling Green in Little Compton, where wear and tear was more evident on the greens.

11.3.4 Overall Quality of Bowling Greens

The data collected on the quality of bowling greens throughout the District has been collated to provide an overall quality score, based on Sport England's methodology. This is useful in providing a general picture of the quality of provision. The results demonstrate that this is a very high quality of provision of bowling greens, with all greens scoring excellent or good. Whilst 11 of the bowling greens were ranked excellent, the following all received an overall score of 100%:

- Bidford Bowls Club;
- Norgren Social Club Bowling Green in Shipston;
- Shipston Bowls Club;
- Snitterfield Bowls Club;
- Southam United Bowls Club;
- Studley Bowling Green; and
- Tanworth in Arden Bowls Club.

Whilst none of the Bowling facilities were ranked as average or below, Wootton Wawen Bowling Green (68%) and Henley Bowling Green (65%) received a lower score although still classified overall as 'good.'

11.4 Summary

Key Points

Stratford is home to a considerable number of Bowling Clubs, which is perhaps reflective of the District's demographic. There are 20 clubs based in the District comprising 8 male teams, 5 female teams and 29 mixed teams. There are currently no junior teams based in the District. Membership has decreased recently, with most clubs reporting that membership has declined over the last five years. 73% of clubs would like to increase membership in the future.

The District has 21 bowling greens. These provide sufficient capacity to meet current demand in the District. Three clubs have been identified as being at risk of closure due the expiry of lease agreement, these are Stratford on Avon Bowls Club, Shipston Sports Club and Halford Bowls Club.

The quality of the District's bowling greens has been assessed as very high, with several clubs scoring maximum available points in the overall quality assessment.

12 Summary: Athletics

12.1 Quantity Assessment: Supply and Demand

Stratford Athletics Club is the only athletics club based in the District. There is also only one synthetic athletics track and facility in the District, which is located at the Community Sports Centre at Stratford High School. The facility includes a 400 metre, 6 lane track and two 100 metre straights, as well as facilities for other field events. Stratford Athletics Club considers that these facilities meet their needs at present.

Stratford Athletics Club runs a number of training sessions throughout the week; the junior club holds training sessions split by age group on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. The senior club have training sessions on Monday and Wednesday evenings and Sunday morning. The club races on the first Wednesday each month at different venues.

The club takes part in various track & field competitions, both for juniors and adults. The senior club competes in the Midland Track & Field League. The junior teams compete in the Heart of England League which caters for under 11, 13, 15 and 17 age groups. The clubs have also recently taken part in the newly formed Warwickshire U11 League. The club also host their own races, approximately once a month.

Both the junior and senior sections currently have approximately 150 members and membership in both sections has increased over the last 5 years. The club hopes to continue to increase membership in the future, and it is considered that their current facilities can accommodate a reasonable increase in membership.

Fields in Trust recommend that there should be one synthetic athletics track per 250,000 people. Stratford on Avon District has a population of 118,866 which means that existing provision is sufficient to serve the District's residents. However, the accessibility assessment for athletics tracks has identified that not all of the District is within the effective catchment of the District's only synthetic track (Section 4.5). This means that those living in these areas may find it harder to participate in athletics activities based within the District. However, there are several Athletics Clubs operating in adjoining local authority areas which are well located to cater for this demand (Table 12.1).

Table 12.1 Athletics Clubs and facilities in adjoining districts

Facility	Club	Location
University of Warwick Athletics Track	Coventry Godiva Harriers AC	Westwood, Coventry
Edmonstone Athletics Track	Leamington Cycling & Athletic Club	River Close, Leamington Spa
Abbey Stadium Sports Centre	Bromsgrove & Redditch AC	Birmingham Road, Redditch
Norman Green Athletics Centre	Solihull & Small Heath AC	Blossomfield Road, Solihull
Drayton School Athletics Track	Banbury Harriers AC Hook Norton Harriers AC	Drayton Road, Banbury

12.2 Quality Assessment

The Stratford Athletics Track is an excellent facility, which has been approved by UK Athletics. The site assessment and consultation feedback shows that the facility is of an excellent quality, as demonstrated by consistent scores of 'excellent' for pitch quality and equipment. In particular, track and field equipment, line markings, quality of hard surface and evenness were all scored as excellent. There was also no evidence of litter, surface damage or unofficial use at the facility.

Changing facilities are provided at Stratford High School, which also operates as a Community Sports Centre. These facilities are in excellent condition with no evidence of vandalism and full provision of showering, toilet and segregated changing facilities. The changing facilities have dedicated parking provision and are monitored by good security arrangements.

The Sports Centre also has good accessibility provisions, with a dedicated car park and a bus stop at the entrance. However, there is no cycle parking provision and no signed cycling and pedestrian routes to the ground. Disabled access provisions were scored as 'average', and could be improved.

13 Key Findings and Policy Recommendations

13.1 Introduction

This section provides an overview of key findings taken from the evidence presented in this report, and importantly links these to clear policy recommendations. In turn, this demonstrates the usefulness of this evidence base in providing a way forward through an informed policy approach.

13.2 Overview

Overall Stratford District has an adequate provision of high quality outdoor sports facilities to meet the needs of residents in respect of all sports with the exception of mini football and junior rugby where there is a relative lack of provision. As a whole the District's needs are met for adult rugby, adult and junior football and cricket, however there are localised shortfalls in provision of junior football pitches and cricket pitches. There is also an identified need for more Artificial Grass pitches and netball courts. In summary the key current deficits in provision are as follows:

- Lack of junior football pitches in Shipston, Stratford on Avon and Wellesbourne & Kineton;
- Lack of mini pitches across the District as a whole and in particular Shipston, Southam, Stratford on Avon and Wellesbourne & Kineton;
- Shortfall of junior rugby pitches in Alcester & Bidford, Shipston, Stratford upon Avon and Studley & Henley;
- Shortfall of cricket pitches in Alcester & Bidford, Shipston and Wellesbourne & Kineton;
- Shortfall of tennis courts in Wellesbourne and Kineton
- District wide shortfall of Artificial Grass pitches; and
- District wide shortfall of netball courts.

Detailed policy options will need to be developed to deal with the existing and forecast deficits in the District. The recommendations in this chapter have been based on the provision at Sub Area level, the sport in question and the issues identified through the PPM and consultation with clubs, Leagues and the NGBs.

The policy options fall under three main headings which are discussed in more detail below:

- Quantitative deficiencies
- Qualitative deficiencies
- Underused/unused provision

13.3 Quantitative Deficiencies

Quantitative deficiencies arise when there is an absolute shortage of pitches and / or when the existing pitches cannot accommodate existing demand, particularly at peak periods. Some degree of spare capacity is an integral part of playing pitch provision for the following reasons:

- to accommodate latent and future demand for existing pitch sport teams;
- for the development/expansion of new pitch sports (such as mini-soccer/‘tag’ rugby); and
- to accommodate backlogs (created as a result of poor weather/drainage) and for rest and recovery periods.

In order to relieve the deficit Stratford on Avon District Council firstly need to ensure the protection of existing provision. Secondly, the Council in association with their sports delivery partners need to consider options to change pitch use, develop new pitches and implement new management practices.

Protecting existing provision

The overall current and projected future deficiencies identified using the PPM emphasise the need to protect existing areas of playing pitch land in public, private and educational ownership located in areas with a current or projected shortfall in particular sports. Table 13.1 summarises the current and future surplus / deficit of pitches by Sub Area. This is based on only those pitches in secured community use.

Table 13.1 Summary of outdoor sports provision

Sub Area	Current Pitch Provision ⁵³	2023 Pitch Provision
Alcester & Bidford	<p>Oversupply of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • adult football pitches (8.4) • junior football pitches (2.2) • mini football pitches (4.3) • adult rugby pitches (0.4) • tennis courts <p>Undersupply of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • junior rugby (-1.4) • cricket (-0.6). 	<p>Oversupply of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • adult football pitches (7.3) • junior football pitches (0.4) • mini football pitches (3.4) • adult rugby pitches (0.1) • tennis courts <p>Undersupply of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • junior rugby (-3.3) • cricket (-0.2).
Shipston	<p>Oversupply of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • adult football pitches (8.4) • adult rugby pitches (1.1) • tennis courts <p>Undersupply of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • junior rugby (-1.3) • junior football pitches (-0.1) • mini football pitches (-2.5) • cricket (-1.8) • hockey pitches 	<p>Oversupply of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • adult football pitches (8.3) • junior football pitches (0.1) • tennis courts <p>Undersupply of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • junior rugby (-2.8) • mini football pitches (-3.6) • cricket (-2.3) • adult rugby pitches (-0.4) • hockey pitches
Southam	<p>Oversupply of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • junior football (10.5) • adult football (12.0) • senior rugby (7.1) • junior rugby (0.2) • cricket (2.8) • tennis courts <p>Undersupply of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • mini football (-4.1) 	<p>Oversupply of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • junior football (9.0) • adult football (11.6) • senior rugby (6.5) • cricket (3.6) • tennis courts <p>Undersupply of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • mini football (-1.8) • junior rugby (-1.9)
Stratford on Avon	<p>Oversupply of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • adult football (11.3) • cricket (2.7) 	<p>Oversupply of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • adult football (10.8) • senior rugby (1.0)

⁵³ This represents maximum temporal deficit and minimum temporal surplus.

Sub Area	Current Pitch Provision ⁵³	2023 Pitch Provision
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • tennis courts Undersupply of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • junior football pitches (-4.2) • mini football pitches (-4.3) • junior rugby (-2.5) • senior rugby (0.0) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • tennis courts Undersupply of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • junior football pitches (-3.8) • mini football pitches (-5.4) • junior rugby (-4.2) • cricket (-2.9)
Studley & Henley	Oversupply of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • adult football pitches (16.2) • mini football pitches (0.8) • cricket pitches (2.5) • tennis courts Undersupply <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • junior rugby (-0.4) • junior football pitches (-2.9) • senior rugby (-0.1) 	Oversupply of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • adult football pitches (17.5) • cricket pitches (1.8) • tennis courts Undersupply <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • adult rugby pitches (-0.3) • junior rugby (-2.8) • mini football pitches (-1.6) • junior football pitches (-2.9)
Wellesbourne & Kineton	Oversupply of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • adult football pitches (10.6) • adult rugby pitches (0.4) • junior rugby (1.2) Undersupply of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • junior football pitches (-1.3) • cricket (-1.6) • mini football pitches (-0.7) • Tennis courts (3) 	Oversupply of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • adult football pitches (10.7) • adult rugby pitches (0) • cricket (3.3) Undersupply of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • junior football pitches (-2.5) • mini football pitches (-2.1) • junior rugby (-0.5) • Tennis courts
District Wide	Oversupply of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • junior football (4.2) • adult football (66.9) • adult rugby (8.9) • cricket (7.6) Undersupply of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • junior rugby (-4.2) • mini football (-6.5) 	Oversupply of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • adult football (66.3) • junior football 0.1) • adult rugby (6.9) • cricket (3.3) Undersupply of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • junior rugby (-5.0) • mini football (-10.9)

Protection of unsecured sites

A significant proportion of the District's facilities are currently at unsecured sites without dual-use agreements; this is particularly the case for netball courts and rugby pitches (Table 13.2). These sites are valuable resources to Stratford's residents and consideration should be given to securing their future community use. This will enable Stratford District Council to plan for the future with a greater degree of certainty where shared provision is concerned.

Table 13.2 Unsecured pitches currently used by teams

Sport	Number of pitches/ courts	Sport	Number of pitches/ courts
Mini Football	4	Cricket	4
Junior Football	8	Tennis	15
Adult Football	4	Netball	14
Junior Rugby	2	Hockey	3
Senior Rugby	6		

All unsecured facilities are located at school sites. These sites hold considerable potential to meet the forecast growth in demand, particularly for mini and junior football teams. Table 13.3 sets out those schools without a formal Community Use Agreement (CUA), but who already allow some form community use. Agreement of formal CUAs should be pursued at these sites as a starting point.

Table 13.3 Schools with unsecured community access

Site
Alcester High School*
St Benedict's Catholic High School
Alcester Grammar School
Haselor Primary School
Henley in Arden High School
Henley in Arden Primary School
King Edward VI School
Long Itchington Primary School
St Lawrence CofE Primary School
The Croft Preparatory School
Wellesbourne CofE Primary School
Wootton Wawen Primary School*
*indicates that school has said it would consider a CUA in the future

Additionally, there are several schools which do not currently have any community access but have indicated that they would consider allowing access in the future (Table 13.4). These sites are primarily primary schools which offer small site facilities which can be used to provide additional mini and junior

facilities. Securing access to these sites will help to future proof pitch supply, whilst also helping to address existing deficiencies without having to build costly new facilities. Such use can also help to facilitate links between local clubs and schools.

Table 13.4 Schools that would consider a CUA

Site
Bishops Itchington Primary School
Bishopton Primary School
Harbury CofE Primary School
Ilmington CofE Primary School
Kineton High School
Snitterfield Primary School
Southam Primary School
St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Studley
Stratford Primary School
Studley High School
Welford on Avon Primary School

Provision of dual use often needs genuine financial commitment from local authorities to improving and maintaining pitch surfaces and capacity, providing or improving changing accommodation and possibly providing revenue subsidies to users.

There are a number of barriers hindering the use of facilities at some schools as follows:

- Need to ensure that pitches have sufficient capacity to support community use in addition to the school's own PE lessons;
- Lack of changing facilities, particularly at primary schools;
- Restrictions placed on access outside of school term times when there may not be a member of staff to open the school; and
- Some schools have a generic sports pitch which they use for summer and winter sports depending on the school term. This may not accord with the playing seasons of community clubs.

Securing formal community use requires detailed negotiations with the schools. Further advice and guidance on the management issues associated with facilities in dual use can be obtained from *Sport England's Planning Bulletin 16 – School Sites and Community Provision* (2004).

Recommendation

Stratford District Council should seek to ensure formal Community Use Agreements at all sports facilities which are currently used by the community in order to secure access in the medium to long term. Community use should not however compromise the school's own use.

This could be delivered as part of Warwickshire County Council's Extended Services Strategy which aims to create pyramid clusters of schools for the development and sustainable delivery of provision and access to extended services.

Protection of private / club sites

The District Council itself does not own or maintain many of the District's outdoor sports facilities, most of which are under the management and ownership of private clubs or Parish Councils. Club and private sports facilities represent a particularly significant proportion of the District's overall provision. However they are out of the Council's direct control.

There is evidence of some of the District's facilities being under threat from competing land use demands; this is particularly evident for bowling greens where the Warwickshire County Bowls Association identified three greens which they consider to be under threat.

In order to maintain adequate outdoor sports provision, club and privately owned sites should be afforded the same protection as the District's Council owned sites. Additionally, the Council should seek to forge and strengthen links to local teams in order to gain a greater understanding of issues that may be experienced by local clubs.

Local Development Framework Policies

Planning policy should seek to promote the overall value and benefits of outdoor sports provision and its contribution to open space and recreation in the District. Local planning policies should offer adequate protection to existing playing pitches and other outdoor sports facilities.

Recommendation

All known sports sites should be afforded protection with specific policies that benefit sport and physical activity.

Draft Core Strategy Policy CS.9 should be included in the adopted Core Strategy. The wording already proposed by Stratford District Council is as follows:

Development proposals that would result in the loss of:

(i) public or private open space; or

(ii) outdoor or indoor sport or recreation facilities

without suitable replacement being made, will be resisted unless it can be demonstrated by the applicant that there is an over-provision of that particular facility in the local area.

Overcoming sport specific deficiencies and issues

There are a number of solutions that can help relieve a deficit in provision, including:

- Changing pitch use
- Dual-use facilities
- Enhancing carrying capacity
- Management options
- Developing new pitches

Each of these solutions is considered on a sport by sport basis in the table below. With the exception of tennis and hockey, it appears that in most instances there is sufficient capacity within the District's outdoor sports facilities as whole to accommodate current and future demand.

Table 13.5 Sport Specific Issues and Recommendations

Issue ⁵⁴	Recommendation
Mini Football	
<p>Current district wide maximum shortfall of 6.5 mini pitches. Sub Area shortfalls experienced in Shipston, Southam, Stratford on Avon and Wellesbourne & Kineton.</p> <p>Deficit forecast to increase to 10.9 pitches in 2023, with a shortfall in all Sub Areas with the exception of Alcester & Bidford.</p>	<p>Opportunities to secure the use of additional mini pitches at school sites should be explored, and dual use agreements should be negotiated, particularly in Southam and Stratford on Avon which have the greatest shortfalls.</p> <p>Improve the pitch quality of existing mini pitches where quality has been found to be below average to improve their carrying capacity. Seek developer contributions to create new pitches, or encourage mini football pitches to be provided as an alternative to other forms of open space provision within a new development.</p> <p>Use senior pitches to accommodate more mini football matches, subject to availability at appropriate times, wear and tear and carrying capacity considerations.</p> <p>Strengthen links and communication between the Council and local clubs, in order that pitch availability and access issues can be resolved quickly and appropriately.</p>
Junior Football	
<p>Current district wide surplus of 1.4 pitches, but Sub Area deficiencies experienced in Shipston, Stratford on Avon, Studley & Henley and Wellesbourne & Kineton.</p> <p>Forecast deficit of 1.9 pitches in 2023, with a shortfall in all Sub Areas except Southam.</p>	<p>Opportunities to secure the use of additional junior pitches at school sites should be explored, and dual use agreements should be negotiated. There are 28 junior football pitches in the District that are not currently available for community use.</p> <p>Improve the pitch quality of existing junior pitches where quality has been found to be below average to improve their carrying capacity.</p> <p>If deficits remain, the possibility of bringing unused pitches back into service, marked out as junior pitches,</p>

⁵⁴ Only takes into account those pitches which are secured for community use (i.e. Scenario A for football and cricket and Scenario 3 for rugby).

Issue⁵⁴	Recommendation
	<p>should be investigated. Sites currently known to be out of use include Shottery Fields in Stratford on Avon, Bearley playing field and Wilmcote Recreation Ground.</p> <p>Consider the re-designation of surplus adult pitches into junior pitches, particularly at Shipston, Studley & Henley and Stratford on Avon where there is a particular shortfall of junior pitches and surplus of adult pitches.</p> <p>Alternatively, encourage the dual use of adult pitches for senior and junior team use, subject to availability and carrying capacity considerations.</p> <p>Improve the quality of existing pitches categorised as Average or Below Average in the quality assessment (8 pitches in total) in order to increase their carrying capacity and opportunities for junior football.</p> <p>Ensure appropriate ancillary facilities to encourage use by young people, women and other target groups.</p> <p>Improve communication between the Council and local clubs in order that appropriate solutions to pitch supply issues can be agreed.</p>
Adult Football	
<p>Current District wide surplus of 66.3 pitches with sufficient provision in all Sub Areas.</p> <p>Surplus forecast to reduce to 65.1 pitches in 2023.</p>	<p>Improvements should focus on improving the quality of existing provision rather than securing new provision.</p> <p>Improvements could be made to strategically important sites in the District in order to enhance supply.</p> <p>Floodlights should be provided at existing sites.</p> <p>Since there is a surplus of pitches, pitches should be rested at different times during the season in order to maintain their quality.</p> <p>The use of adult pitches for use by mini teams should be encouraged.</p> <p>Strengthen links between the Council and clubs and continue to monitor the situation.</p>
Cricket	
<p>Current surplus of 4.5 pitches. Small Sub Area shortfalls (of less than 1 pitch) experienced in Alcester & Bidford, Shipston and Wellesbourne & Kineton.</p> <p>Forecast shortfall of 0.3 pitches in 2023, with shortfalls in Alcester & Bidford, Shipston and Stratford on Avon.</p>	<p>Work with Warwickshire Cricket to provide more indoor cricket nets to relieve the pressure from training on outdoor pitches. Consider the provision of floodlights at suitable pitches.</p> <p>Opportunities to secure the use of pitches at school sites should be explored, and dual use agreements should be negotiated. There are 4 high school pitches that are not currently available for community use.</p> <p>Seek developer contributions to enhance/ supplement existing pitch provision.</p> <p>Consider the re-designation of surplus adult football provision, or the possibility of dual use at some sites.</p>

Issue ⁵⁴	Recommendation
Junior Rugby	
<p>Current District wide maximum shortfall of 0.2 junior pitches. Sub Area shortfalls experienced in Alcester & Bidford, Shipston, Stratford on Avon and Studley & Henley.</p> <p>Deficit forecast to increase to 0.7 junior pitches in 2023, with a shortfall experienced in all Sub Areas with the exception of Wellesbourne & Kineton.</p>	<p>Seek developer contributions to create new pitches, or encourage provision of junior pitches as part of onsite open space provision.</p> <p>The RFU have advised that it is not practical to redesignate adult pitches as junior pitches and it is therefore proposed to encourage junior teams to use adult pitches at certain times, for example for training. Consideration should be given to the re-designation of surplus adult football pitches as junior rugby pitches.</p> <p>Ensure appropriate ancillary facilities to encourage use by young people, women and other target groups.</p>
Adult Rugby	
<p>Current District wide surplus of 16 pitches, with sufficient provision in all Sub Areas. Surplus is forecast to decrease to 14.9 pitches in 2023; however there will still be sufficient pitches in all Sub Areas.</p>	<p>Ensure that the existing standard of provision is maintained.</p> <p>Consider the provision of floodlights at suitable pitches.</p> <p>Consider re-designating some pitches as junior pitches to ensure that there is sufficient junior provision.</p>
Hockey	
<p>There are only two clubs in the District and there is an identified need for more AGP hockey pitches in the District.</p>	<p>Consider the opportunities for the provision of an additional multi/ dual use AGP within the District (there is insufficient demand from hockey alone to justify provision of an additional AGP).</p>
Tennis	
<p>The District has sufficient courts to meet club demand, however there is limited opportunity for non-members to turn up and play. On the basis of LTA standards, there is a deficit of 3 tennis courts in Wellesbourne & Kineton Sub Area.</p>	<p>Identify opportunities to provide 3 new tennis courts in Wellesbourne & Kineton, perhaps through developer contributions or a joint venture with the Parish Council.</p> <p>Ensure that Council and Parish Council owned tennis courts are available for non-members to play tennis on a casual basis.</p> <p>Explore opportunities with private clubs to make their facilities more available for casual use.</p>
Netball	
<p>There are a limited number of netball clubs in Stratford District. The availability of netball court, particularly on</p>	<p>Opportunities to secure the use of courts at school sites should be explored, and dual use agreements should be negotiated.</p> <p>Improve the quality of two of the netball courts at</p>

Issue ⁵⁴	Recommendation
a Sunday morning, has been found to impact on current participation rates and League expansion.	Stratford High School to increase carrying capacity.
Bowls	
The District contains sufficient number of bowling greens to meet the current and forecast demand. The vast majority of clubs in the District have experienced a decline in membership over the last few years.	Seek to secure use at the three bowling greens currently considered to be under threat by the Warwickshire Bowling Association: Stratford on Avon Bowls Club, Shipston Sports Club and Halford Bowls Club.
Athletics	
There is one athletics club in the District who currently considers there to be sufficient facilities in the District to meet the club's needs.	No change required.

In addition to those solutions set out in the table above there are management and operational changes that could be implemented in order to meet demand at peak periods as follows:

- Extending the playing season by two weeks. However, where pitches are used by different sports in the summer and winter, the extension of one sport may have implications on another sport whose access to the pitch may be delayed. For Leagues that have a wide catchment introducing such a change may also be particularly difficult.
- Introducing differential pricing in favour of less popular days; however, this will often need to be organised on a League basis and may interfere with the expressed wishes of players.

Figure 13.1 below illustrates the process recommended to address deficiencies.

Figure 13.1 Process to address deficiencies

13.4 Qualitative Deficiencies

Even though the PPM indicates that for the majority of sports in the majority of Sub Areas there is a sufficient quantum of pitches to meet demand, there is evidence that the quality of pitches and ancillary facilities gives rise to dissatisfaction amongst players. Improvement of existing provision and sites will contribute significantly towards improving overall pitch provision within the District.

All pitches which host league matches should meet the minimum quality standards for facilities set out by the relevant governing body and/or Sport England.

In addition, it is important that the design, operation and maintenance of sports facilities meet the needs of the wide range of user groups by adopting the principles of inclusive design. This includes considering the needs of parents with young children, older people, disabled people – people with sensory, cognitive and mobility impairments including wheelchair users. The Disability and Discrimination Act 1995 (as amended in 2005) places a duty on employers and service providers to prevent discrimination against people on the grounds of their disability. This includes a requirement to make reasonable adjustments to policies, practices and procedures and to remove physical barriers to accessing services. In addition, Building Regulations set minimum functional access standards for buildings, and Sport England have also provided design guidance⁵⁵ for accessible facilities which should be considered.

Table 13.6 presents a site specific list of pitches which scored the poorest in their respective sports in the overall quality assessment and should be considered for upgrading/improvement. Additionally, the site specific quality scores should be

⁵⁵ Sport England, 2010. Design Guidance Note: Accessible Sports Facilities.

considered to identify specific improvements at pitches which, although they have not scored poorly overall, do have some aspects in need of improvement. There is a particular need to address the quality of junior and mini football pitches, where issues of undersupply are leading to over use and a decline in pitch quality. Improving the quality of these pitches will help to improve their carrying capacity.

Table 13.6 Pitch specific improvements

Site Name	Sub Area	Area in need of improvement
Kings Lane Mini Football Pitch	Alcester & Bidford	Safety margins. Improve the quality of equipment including goal posts and line markings.
Whichford Junior Football Pitch	Shipston	Provide changing facilities. Improve the slope and evenness of the pitch. Improve the quality of equipment including goal posts and line markings.
Ploughham's Holt junior football pitches	Southam	Provide changing facilities and improve safety margins. Improve the slope and evenness of the pitch. Improve the quality of equipment including goal posts and line markings. Provide dog bins in order to reduce dog fouling on the pitch.
Claverdon Rugby Club Pitch 2	Studley & Henley	Improve goal posts and line markings. Provide dog bins and general litter bins in order to reduce dog fouling and litter on the pitch.
Moreton Morrell College Playing Fields rugby pitch	Wellesbourne & Kineton	Provide changing facilities. Improve goal posts and line markings.
Stratford High School netball courts	Stratford on Avon	Consider resurfacing some of the courts and providing adequate run offs.
Bishops Itchington netball courts	Southam	Improve quality of the hard surface and equipment including goal posts and line markings.
Wolverton Primary School netball court	Studley & Henley	Improve quality of the hard surface and equipment including goal posts and line markings.
Norgren Social Club tennis court	Shipston	Consider complete refurbishment.
Bishops Itchington Tennis Courts	Southam	Consider resurfacing. Improve quality of equipment including line markings and net.

Site Name	Sub Area	Area in need of improvement
Alscot Park Cricket Pitch	Shipston	Implement wicket protection. Improve the quality of the surface and line markings. Provide dog bins in order to reduce dog fouling on the pitch.

In summary, priorities for enhancing provision should include:

- Seek to improve the quality of ancillary facilities and provide segregated changing with ensuite shower facilities (as oppose to communal) where possible, with a particular emphasis on the need to provide adequately for juniors, women and disabled users
- Seek to provide floodlighting at football pitches
- Seek to improve disabled access to both pitches and ancillary facilities
- Improve goal post equipment, particularly at rugby pitches
- Ensure sites have adequate provision of dog bins and general litter bins to reduce dog fouling and littering on the pitch
- Resurfacing of tennis and netball courts identified as being of particularly poor quality

Maintenance regimes

Maintenance is a very important factor in the quality of pitch provision in the District. It is important that all parties involved in the maintenance of pitches review their practices on a regular basis to ensure that they are maintaining facilities to the highest possible quality. The maintenance of sports sites should take into account the standard of play at the site, frequency of use and specifications from National Governing Bodies.

The underutilised pitches should be used to assist with retaining the quality of other pitches by rotating games and resting pitches in the high season.

Recommendation

Stratford District Council, together with local clubs and Parish Councils, should seek to improve the quality of the poorest outdoor sports facilities in the District, taking into account the location of existing deficits in provision where improvements to pitch carrying capacity would be most beneficial.

13.5 Underused / Unused Provision

Underused or unused provision is when the number of pitches available exceeds the current and projected demand, both through the week and, more particularly at peak times. True excess only occurs when laid out pitches are unused by any team, even on an occasional basis.

Within Stratford, all sports with the exception of adult football, either already experiences a deficit; are forecast to experience a deficit in the future; or do not have a surplus of sites sufficient to warrant the consideration of options in respect of overprovision. The District does however currently have a considerable over

supply of adult football pitches. This surplus is experienced in all Sub Areas – and, whilst the surplus is forecast to decrease in 2023, it is expected that there will still be a considerable oversupply of pitches. There are a number of reasons why the adult pitches are currently underused; firstly there has been a decline in the number of adult teams and a converse increase in participation in small sided football. Secondly, there is evidence of mini and junior teams using mini and junior pitches as opposed to adult pitches, and finally, there is a comparatively high proportion of adult football pitches in the District.

Although the District has an evidenced over supply of adult football pitches, these should be protected from other forms of development and, in the first instance, redeployed to meet other sporting needs. There is also evidence from the FA to suggest that the number of football clubs in the District tends to fluctuate on an annual basis. It is important that a sufficient supply of adult football pitches is maintained within the District to respond to these fluctuations.

The following options could be considered in respect of the current overprovision of adult football pitches:

- Further promotion of football in consultation with the FA to ensure that latent demand has been genuinely accommodated;
- Taking a long term view beyond the 2023 forecasts and retaining the provision to accommodate any future longer term change in demographics or participation;
- At larger sites, reducing the number of pitches to enable the improvement of other pitches, for example increasing run off areas or realigning to improve drainage or landscaping;
- Change the use of pitches from adult football to junior football, mini football or junior rugby; and
- Encourage junior and mini teams to use adult pitches for training and matches.

Recommendation

Stratford District Council should seek to establish an outdoor sports forum that meets regularly to discuss issues relating to pitch/ court availability and access, this could link to an existing forum such as Parish forums. The aim of the forum should be to manage and coordinate the District's pitch/ court supply to best meet demand.

13.6 Funding

13.6.1 Cost Components

Sport England's publication *Natural Turf for Sport*⁵⁶ provides some cost indications for constructing and maintaining hockey, rugby and football pitches (Table 13.7). The figures are however from 1999 and are likely to have risen in the interim, although they still provide a good indication of the scale of the cost.

Table 13.7 Construction and Maintenance Costs for Turf Sports Pitches

⁵⁶ Sport England, 1999. *Natural Turf for Sport*

Pitch Type	Adult weekly use	Construction cost per pitch	Annual maintenance costs
Undrained	Under 2	Under £5,000	£5-7,000
Pipe drained	2-3	£5-10,000	£5-7,000
Pipe and silt drained	3-6	£20-30,000	£7-10,000
Suspended water table	4-6	£10-15,000	£10-15,000

In terms of developer contributions towards new and existing sports facilities, Sport England has developed a Planning Contributions Kitbag which defines the scope of planning obligations and how they link with the Governments policies for sport and recreation and sustainable communities. The Kitbag includes Good Practice and local authority examples, including pooled contributions, rural service centres and villages, small and medium sized sites and gains through non residential development. Further information can be found at http://www.sportengland.org/facilities_planning/planning_tools_and_guidance/planning_kitbag.aspx

13.6.2 Funding Sources

There is already considerable evidence of local clubs working with the Council and relevant NGBs in order to secure funding for new facilities and improvements. All NGBs reported that they are currently working on projects which have either secured funding or are in the process of obtaining funding.

Funding for facilities and clubs can also be obtained through the following sources:

- Andy Fanshaw Memorial Trust – trust allowing disadvantaged children to experience the great outdoors;
- Cash4Clubs – provides grants for community sports clubs;
- The Dickie Bird Foundation – provides grants for the cost of children’s clothing and equipment for a variety of sports;
- The Football Foundation – delivers a programme of new and improved community sports facilities and funds projects that increase participation in football and other sports;
- The Hockey Foundation - encourages the development and growth of hockey by providing capital and operational funding to the sport through clubs and educational establishments;
- UK Sport - supports the UK’s top sportsmen and women to train and compete against the best athletes in the world;
- Government Physical Education and Sport Strategy for Young People, Youth Sport Trust - improves the PE experience in schools to engage those not currently engaged; supports sports colleges and academies, widen the opportunity for young people to compete within, and between, schools; and

work with schools and National Governing Bodies of Sport to establish new clubs on schools sites;

- Sport England Lottery Fund
- Rugby Football Foundation
- National Lottery Funding
- Coventry, Solihull and Warwickshire Sport CAP Funding

Both Clubs and Parish Councils have however indicated that they are experiencing issues relating to funding, particularly in terms of the ongoing cost of maintaining outdoor sports facilities in the District and the availability of money for general management and upkeep.

In addition to sports grants, developer contributions via S106 Agreements/ CIL are a vital source of funding. New residential developments should be expected to contribute towards the provision of new facilities and the upkeep of existing ones, particularly where new development will exacerbate demand and pressure on existing local facilities. Contributions from new development should seek to prioritise facility development and future provision in line with the priorities identified in this Strategy. Given the typical size of new developments in Stratford District, it may be necessary to pool developer contributions towards the provision of new facilities.

Recommendation

Stratford District Council should seek contributions from developers for the provision of appropriate outdoor sports facilities under Section 106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, Community Infrastructure Levy or successive procedures. Provision should also be made for subsequent maintenance and ultimate refurbishment costs.

Appendix A

Site Assessment Pro Forma

OUTDOOR SPORT										
OVERALL ID:		Assessor:		Date:						
Site Name										
1. Physical Attributes	Description									
2. Number of pitches/courts	Football			Rugby		Athletics	Netball	Hockey	Bowls	
	Mini	Junior	Adult	Junior	Adult					
	Tennis	Cricket	Multi use	Other, please state:						
As well as its 'formal sport' role, does this site have any value for the local community in terms of informal recreation? e.g do they use it as their local park or open space? Do they use it for events, walking the dog etc?				Yes	No			Don't know		
3. Access	Access arrangements	Open access to public		Limited access to public		Private/ School/ Club/ Members only		Notes		
	Points of access	Open access		Limited access		No. of access points				
	Disabled Accessibility	Good		Average		Poor				
	Dedicated car park									

OUTDOOR SPORT										
4. Transport	Cycle Parking			On a signed cycle route?		On a signed walking route?				
	At Entrance			Around site perimeter						
5. Charges	Bus stop									
	Adults		Juniors		Concession		Club	School	No charge	
	Peak	Off-peak	Peak	Off-peak	Peak	Off-peak				
6. Changing Accommodation										
Changing accommodation available	Yes		No							
Overall Quality	Excellent		Good		Average		Poor		No changing	Perceived quality of changing accommodation Does it look well maintained, clean, safe etc
Evidence of vandalism	None		Yes - some				Yes - lots			Damage to pavillion, graffiti, broken glass etc
Showers	Yes - Good		Yes - OK			Yes -poor			No	Are there showers facilities, what is their quality (if known)
Toilets	Yes - Good		Yes - OK			Yes -poor			No	Are there toilets - what is their condition (if known)
Parking			Good				OK		Poor	Is there enough for circa 20 cars, bays marked out etc
Security			Good				OK		Poor	Does the accomodation look secure - secure doors/windows, evidence of breakins (may get info from User Surveys)
Segregated changing	Yes				No					Are there separate changing rooms for each team - can accomodation be used by both male and female teams at same time
Additional Comments on Changing Facilities										

OUTDOOR SPORT										
7. Pitch / Court Assessment										
Grass/surface cover - entire pitch	>94%		85-94%		70-84%		60-69%		<60%	Where, 90%+ grass cover should be given 'Excellent'; less than 60% should be considered 'very poor'
Quality of hard surface	Excellent		Good		Poor				Very Poor	
Length of grass	Excellent		Good		Poor				Very Poor	The ideal length of grass will vary between sports
Adequate safety margins	Yes - fully				No - but adequate				No - not adequate	Use 3m as rough rule of thumb - if over 3m = adequate, if under then use your judgement If pitches side by side should be 6m between
Slope of pitch (gradient and cross fall)	Flat		Slight		Gentle		Moderate		Severe	Cricket wickets should be flat.
Evenness of pitch	Excellent		Good		Average		Poor		Very Poor	Where field is completely level = 'Excellent'
Problem Areas: Evidence of Dog fouling	None				Yes - some				Yes - lots	If no evidence, assume none. May wish to refer to user survey
Problem Areas: Evidence of Glass/ stones/ litter	None				Yes - some				Yes - lots	If no evidence, assume none. May wish to refer to user survey
Problem Areas: Evidence of Unofficial use	None				Yes - some				Yes - lots	eg informal, casual use, unbooked use, kids kickabout etc. If no evidence, assume none .May wish to refer to user survey
Problem Areas: Evidence of Damage to surface	None				Yes - some				Yes - lots	eg. golf divots, car-parking on field etc. If no evidence, assume none.May wish to refer to user survey
8. About the equipment (e.g. wicket, goal posts, netball hoop)										
Quality of goal posts, nets, hoops etc	Excellent		Good		Poor		None - out of season			Upright, straight, painted , for football, goals are there safe net hooks at both ends. If posts are dismantled after game, or are removable goals, assume Excellent. Score only for winter pitches.if not applicable do not score.
Cricket Only - Is the wicket protected when not used	Yes					No				Is the wicket protected when not in use - can be roped off or covered. Score only for Cricket, if not applicable do not score
Line markings - quality	Excellent				Good		Average/ acceptable		Poor	e.g. Have they been painted recently; are lines straight and clear etc
Training area	Yes					No				eg nets/ goals/ grids off main body of pitch
Additional Comments on Pitch Quality										

Appendix B

Overall Quality Assessment Criteria

Criteria	Description	Assessment Rankings	Points
Grass cover	A percentage of grass cover for the pitch has been allocated by the surveyor. The grass coverage is for the whole of the pitch/field area. Weed cover is counted as bare patches of grass. Bare goal mouths are counted a 5% deduction each.	>94%	5
		85-94%	4
		70-84%	3
		60-69%	2
		<60%	0
Length of grass	The length of grass has been assessed with regard to the sport played (e.g. rugby requires slightly longer grass than football).	Excellent	5
		Good	4
		Poor	2
		Very Poor	0
Safety margins	Whether safety margins meet the NGB dimensions. Where they do not meet the NGB dimensions they may be adequate if there is sufficient run-off onto other pitches.	Yes fully	3
		No, but adequate	2
		No, not adequate	0
Slope of pitch	The overall gradient and cross fall of the pitch.	Flat	5
		Slight	4
		Gentle	3
		Moderate	2
		Severe	0
Evenness of Pitch	Whether the pitch is 'bumpy', rutted or uneven?	Excellent	5
		Good	4
		Poor	2
		Very poor	0
Dog fouling	Any evidence of dog fouling.	None	3
		Yes some	2
		Yes lots	0
Evidence of unofficial use	Such as informal 'kickabouts' or unbooked use.	None	3
		Yes some	2
		Yes lots	0
Evidence of glass/stones/litter		None	3
		Yes some	2
		Yes lots	0
Damage to surface	Evidence of problems such as golf divots, motorbike/car tracks	None	3
		Yes some	2
		Yes lots	0

Changing accommodation (whether the pitch has changing facilities or not ⁵⁷)	Is the pitch served by changing accommodation	Yes	5
		No	0
Quality of posts/goals (Does not apply to bowls or cricket)	The quality of posts/nets/hoops. Are posts upright, straight, painted, not damaged? For football, are the net hooks on both sets of posts? Are posts removable?	Excellent	3
		Good	2
		Poor	0
Cricket only – wicket protection	Protection of the cricket wicket when not in use (e.g. roped off, moveable covers etc).	Yes	3
		No	0
Line markings (Does not apply to Bowls)	During the season are the line markings clear and straight?	Excellent	3
		Good	2
		Poor	0
Training area (Does not apply to netball, tennis and bowls)	Are there any training areas that are separate from the main pitch, such as marked grids, separate goals?	Yes	3
		No	0

⁵⁷ A separate overall assessment of changing facilities has been carried out, as included in the Stratford-on-Avon District Playing Pitch Strategy.

Appendix C

Sports Clubs in Stratford on Avon

Football Clubs

Name of Club	Number of Teams								
	Mini			Junior (u16)			Senior		
	M	F	Mxd	M	F	Mxd	M	F	Mxd
Alcester & Bidford									
Alcester Town Football Club	6		1	7	1		5		
Bidford Juniors Football Club	7			3					
Shipston									
Ilmington Revolution Football Club							1		
Ilmington Junior FC	3			3					
Honington Football Club							1		
Ilmington Tennis and Multi Sports Club	2	2		2	2	1			
Shipston Excelsior Football Club			4			6	5		
Southam									
Harbury Albion Football Club							1		
Long Itchington F.C /Wulfstan Dynamos	1			1			1		
Napton Sports Association - Napton Football				1			1		
Southam United Football Club	8	1	2	4	1		1	1	
Bishops Itchington Football club							3		
Fenny Compton Football Club							1		
Stratford on Avon									
Alveston Football Club, Est 1924	4			9	1		5		
Welford Juniors Football Club	4			2					
Welford Sports Club				1		3	2		
Quinton Football Club							2		
Snitterfield Sports Junior Football Club			2	4					
Stratford Town Football Club	4	4		4	4		4	4	
Tiddington Football Club								1	
Red Alert*							1		
Stratford Wanderers*				1					
Studley & Henley									
Henley Forest of Arden Football Club	1			3			4		

Name of Club	Number of Teams								
	Mini			Junior (u16)			Senior		
	M	F	Mxd	M	F	Mxd	M	F	Mxd
Henley in Arden Sports Club				6			3		
Hopwood Star Ladies Football Club								1	
Norton Lindsey Football Club			7	10					
Studley Sporting							1		
Earlswood Town Football Club				1			3		
Black Horse Football Club							1		
Studley Football Club							1		
Studley Women's Football Club								1	
Wellesbourne & Kineton									
Wellesbourne Sports Association	4			6			3		
Wellesbourne Wanderers	2		3	6					
Warwickshire College*								1	

* Clubs that did not return the questionnaire.

Cricket Clubs

Name of Club	Number of Teams					
	Junior (u16)			Senior		
	Male	Female	Mixed	Male	Female	Mixed
Alcester & Bidford						
Exhall and Wixford Cricket Club	3		6	5	1	
Great Alne Cricket Club				3		
Temple Grafton Cricket Club				2		
Alcester & Ragley Park Cricket Club	4	1		4		
Bidford Cricket Club*				2		
Shipston						
Ilmington Cricket Club	1			1		
Shipston Cricket Club				3		
Southam						
Napton Sports Association - Cricket	1			1		

Long Itchington Cricket Club	5			3		
Harbury Cricket Club				1		
Southam Cricket Club	2			4	1	
Fenny Compton Cricket Club	1			1		
Stratford on Avon						
Bearley Cricket club				1		
Welford on Avon Cricket Club				2		
Welford Sports Club - Cricket	1			2		
Snitterfield Cricket Club	1			2		
Studley & Henley						
Henley in Arden Sports Club				2		
Tanworth and Camp Hill Cricket Club			4	4		
Studley Cricket Club				5		
Studley Entaco Cricket Club*				2		
Claverdon Cricket Club*	1			2		
Wellesbourne & Kineton						
Radway Cricket Club	5			3		
Wellesbourne Sports Association - Cricket	2			2		
Leamington Khalsa Cricket Club	3			5		
Ashorne and Moreton Morrell Cricket Club				2		
Kineton Sports and Social Cricket Club*	3			3		

* Clubs that did not return the questionnaire.

Rugby Clubs

Club	Number of teams			
	Mini/Midi teams	Junior Teams	18-19Y Teams	Adult Teams
Alcester & Bidford				
Alcester RFC	6	5	1	3
Shipston				
Shipston on Stour RFC	6	6	1	4
Southam				
Harbury RFC	6	2	0	4
Southam RFC				3
Stratford on Avon				
Stratford on Avon RFC	15	7	1	4
Shottery RFC	0	0	0	2
Studley and Henley				
Claverdon RFC	2	1	0	3
Wellesbourne & Kineton				
Wellesbourne Sports Association		2		1

Hockey Clubs

Name of Club	Number of Teams					
	Junior (u16)			Senior		
	Male	Female	Mixed	Male	Female	Mixed
Shipston Ladies Hockey Club					1	
Stratford on Avon Hockey Club	2	2		6	3	

Tennis Clubs

Name of Club
Alcester & Bidford
Bidford Tennis Club
Alcester Tennis Club
Shipston
Shipston on Stour Lawn Tennis Club
Ilmington Tennis and Multi Sports Club
Southam
Napton Sports Association
Harbury Tennis Club
Long Itchington Tennis Courts Association
Stratford on Avon
Aston Cantlow Tennis Club
Stratford Lawn Tennis Club
Snitterfield Tennis Club
Studley & Henley
Henley in Arden Sports Club
Claverdon Lawn Tennis Club
Studley Tennis Club
Tanworth in Arden Tennis Club
Ullenhall Tennis Club
Wellesbourne & Kineton
Tysoe Tennis Club
Lighthorne Tennis Association
Loxley Tennis club
Moreton Morrell Tennis Court Club

Netball Clubs

Name of Club	Number of Teams	
	Junior	Senior
Alcester & Bidford		
Alcester Town		1
BDR Jets		1
Southam		
Greaves Ladies Netball Club		1
Harbury Netball Club	2	2
Napton Sports Association	1	2
Stockton Netball Club		2
Stratford on Avon		
All Stars		1
Pink Ladies		1
Stratford Comets	2	4
Stratford Ladies		3
Trust Netball Teams		1
Studley & Henley		
Arden Ladies Netball	1	2
Henley in Arden Netball Club		3

Bowling Clubs

Name of Club	Number of teams		
	Male	Female	Mixed
Alcester & Bidford			
Alcester Bowling Club	0	0	7
Bidford on Avon Bowling Club	1	1	1
Shipston			
Little Compton Bowls Club	0	0	1
Shipston Sport Bowls Club	1	1	1
Halford Bowls Club	1	1	1
Shipston Sports Club / Norgren Social Club	0	0	1
Newbold on Stour Bowls Club*	0	0	1
Ilmington Bowls Club*	0	0	1
Southam			
Southam United Bowls Club	2	1	1
Fenny Compton Bowls Club	0	0	1
Stratford on Avon			
Welford on Avon Bowls Club	1	0	0
Snitterfield Bowls Club	0	0	0
Stratford-upon-Avon Bowls Club	1	1	1
NFU Bowls Club*	0	0	1
Studley & Henley			
Henley in Arden Sports Club	0	0	3
Entaco Bowls Club	0	0	1
Wootton Wawen Bowls Club	0	0	4
Tanworth in Arden Bowling Club*	0	0	1
Wellesbourne & Kineton			
Wellesbourne Bowls Club	1	0	1
Kineton Bowls Club*	0	0	1

*Assumed to have one mixed team per club

Appendix D

Inventory of Outdoor Sports Facilities

Cricket Pitches

GIS Code	Site name	Settlement	Settlement Category	Community Forum Area	No. Pitches	SE Category	Sports dual use	Open Space	Cricket Nets
ALC_MSa	St Benedicts Catholic High School	Alcester		2 Alcester & Bidford	2	1 B	Yes	No	
ALC_MSb	Alcester Grammar School	Alcester		2 Alcester & Bidford	2	1 C	Yes	No	
BID_6	Big Meadow	Bidford on Avon		2 Alcester & Bidford	2	1 Ai	No	No	
EXHALL_6	Exhall Cricket Ground	Exhall		4 Alcester & Bidford	4	1 Aii	No	No	Yes
GTALNE_6	Great Alne Cricket Ground	Great Alne		4 Alcester & Bidford	4	1 Aii	No	No	Yes
KIN_MS	Alcester High School	Kinwarton		4 Alcester & Bidford	4	1 C	Yes	No	
TEMPLE_6	Temple Grafton Cricket Club	Temple Grafton		4 Alcester & Bidford	4	1 Aii	No	No	
WELF_6cf	Synder Meadow	Welford on Avon		3 Alcester & Bidford	3	1 Ai	Yes	Yes	Yes
ARROW_6	Alcester & Ragley Cricket Club	Arrow		4 Alcester & Bidford	4	1 Aii	No	No	
ILM_6cf	Ilmington Playing Fields	Ilmington		3 Shipston	3	1 Ai	Yes	Yes	
PRESTS_6	Alscot Park Cricket Ground	Preston on Stour		4 Shipston	4	1 Aii	No	No	
SHIP_6	Shipston on Stour Cricket Club	Shipston on Stour		2 Shipston	2	1 Aii	No	No	Yes
SHIP_MS	Shipston High School	Shipston on Stour		2 Shipston	2	1 C	Yes	No	
BISHOP_6cf	Chapel Street Playing Fields	Bishops Itchington		2 Southam	2	1 Ai	Yes	No	
LONGIT_6a	Model Village Cricket Ground	Long Itchington		2 Southam	2	1 Ai	No	Yes	
LONGIT_6b	Long Itchington Cricket Club	Long Itchington		2 Southam	2	1 Aii	No	No	Yes
NAPTON_6cf	Napton Playing Field cricket pitch	Napton on the Hill		3 Southam	3	1 Ai	Yes	No	Yes
PRIORM_6cf	Byfield Road Sports and Social Club	Priors Marston		4 Southam	4	1 Aii	Yes	No	
SOUTH_6	Southam Cricket Club	Southam		2 Southam	2	1 Aii	No	Yes	Yes
SOUTH_MSa	Southam College	Southam		2 Southam	2	1 Aiii	No	No	
STOCK_6cf	Stockton Sports Pitches	Stockton		3 Southam	3	1 Ai	Yes	No	Yes
HARB_6	Harbury Cricket Ground	Harbury		2 Southam	2	1 Aii	No	No	
STRAT_GMSa	Stratford High School	Stratford upon Avon		1 Stratford upon Avon	1	1 Aiii	Yes	No	
STRAT_T6	Stratford Cricket Club	Stratford upon Avon		1 Stratford upon Avon	1	1 Aii	No	No	Yes
STRAT_TMSa2	NFU Sports Ground Sports pitches	Tiddington		3 Stratford upon Avon	3	1 Aii	Yes	No	
STRAT_TMSb	King Edward VI School	Stratford upon Avon		1 Stratford upon Avon	1	2 Aiii	Yes	No	Yes
STRAT_TMSc	The Croft Preparatory School	Stratford upon Avon		4 Stratford upon Avon	4	2 B	Yes	No	Yes
CLAVER_6cf	Claverdon Recreation Ground	Claverdon		3 Studley & Henley	3	1 Ai	Yes	Yes	
BEAR_6cf	Bearley Playing Field	Bearley		3 Studley & Henley	3	1 Ai	Yes	No	
HENLEY_6cf	Henley Memorial Playing Fields	Henley in Arden		2 Studley & Henley	2	1 Ai	Yes	No	
MAPPLE_6	Studley Cricket Club	Mappleborough Green		4 Studley & Henley	4	1 Aii	No	No	Yes
SNITT_6cf	Snitterfield Sports Ground	Snitterfield		3 Studley & Henley	3	1 Ai	Yes	Yes	
STUD_MSa	Studley High School	Studley		2 Studley & Henley	2	1 C	Yes	No	
TANW_6	Tanworth and Camp Hill Cricket Club	Tanworth in Arden		4 Studley & Henley	4	1 Aii	No	No	
HENLEY_MSb	Henley in Arden High School	Henley in Arden		2 Studley & Henley	2	1 B	Yes	No	
STUD_6cf	Studley Sports Club	Studley		2 Studley & Henley	2	1 Aii	Yes	No	
NEWPAC_6	Ashorne and Moreton Morrell Cricket Club	Newbold Pacey		4 Wellesbourne & Kineton	4	1 Aii	No	No	
KINETO_MS	Kineton High School	Kineton		2 Wellesbourne & Kineton	2	1 Aiii	No	No	
RADWAY_6	Radway Cricket Ground	Radway		4 Wellesbourne & Kineton	4	1 Aii	No	No	
RATLEY_U_6	Upton Cricket Ground	Upton		4 Wellesbourne & Kineton	4	1 Aii	No	No	
WELLES_6cf	Mountford Sports Field	Wellesbourne		2 Wellesbourne & Kineton	2	1 Ai	Yes	No	Yes
FENNYC_6cf	Fenny Compton Playing Fields	Fenny Compton		3 Wellesbourne & Kineton	3	1 Ai	Yes	Yes	
LIGHT_6cf	Lighthorne Sports Ground	Lighthorne		4 Wellesbourne & Kineton	4	1 Ai	No	Yes	Yes
KINETO_6	Kineton Sports and Social Club	Kineton		2 Wellesbourne & Kineton	2	1 Aii	No	Yes	

Football Pitches

GIS Code	Site name	Settlement	Settlement Category	Community Forum Area	No. Senior Pitches	No. Junior Pitches	No. Mini Pitches	Sports dual use	Open Space	SE Category
ALC_7a	Oversley Green Playing Fields	Alcester	2	Alcester & Bidford	1	1		No	No	Aii
ALC_7b	Conway Fields	Alcester	2	Alcester & Bidford	1	1		No	Yes	Ai
ALC_MSa	St Benedicts Catholic High School	Alcester	2	Alcester & Bidford	1		1	Yes	No	B
ALC_MSb	Alcester Grammar School	Alcester	2	Alcester & Bidford	2			Yes	No	C
ALC_MSc	St Nicholas CofE Primary School	Alcester	2	Alcester & Bidford			1	Yes	No	C
BID_7a	Big Meadow	Bidford on Avon	2	Alcester & Bidford	3			1	No	Ai
BID_7b	Dugdale Avenue Pitches	Bidford on Avon	2	Alcester & Bidford			7	No	Yes	Ai
BID_7m	The Leys/ Hill View Road Mini Football pitch	Bidford on Avon	2	Alcester & Bidford			1	No	No	Aii
BID_BROOM_SP	Kings Lane	Bidford on Avon	2	Alcester & Bidford			1	No	No	Ai
BID_MS	Bidford Primary School	Bidford on Avon	2	Alcester & Bidford		2		Yes	No	C
CLIFF_7	Clifford Chambers Football Pitch	Clifford Chambers	4	Alcester & Bidford			1	No	No	Ai
GTALNE_MSa	Great Alne Primary School	Great Alne	4	Alcester & Bidford			1	Yes	No	C
HASEL_MS	Haselor Primary School	Haselor	4	Alcester & Bidford	1			Yes	No	Aiii
KIN_MS	Alcester High School	Kinwarton	4	Alcester & Bidford	1		3	Yes	No	B
SALF_7a	Salford Priors Recreation Ground	Salford Priors	3	Alcester & Bidford	1			Yes	No	Ai
SALF_7b	Dunnington Primary School	Salford Priors	3	Alcester & Bidford		1		Yes	No	C
TEMPLE_MS	Temple Grafton Primary School	Temple Grafton	4	Alcester & Bidford		1		Yes	No	C
WELF_6cf	Synder Meadow	Welford on Avon	3	Alcester & Bidford	1			Yes	No	Ai
WELF_7	Welford on Avon Primary School	Welford on Avon	3	Alcester & Bidford		2		Yes	No	Aiii
WILM_RECb	Wilmcote Recreation Ground	Wilmcote	4	Alcester & Bidford	1			No	Yes	Ai
BRAIL_6cf	Brailes Playing Fields	Brailes	3	Shipston	1			Yes	Yes	Ai
ETT_7	Ettington Recreation Ground	Ettington	3	Shipston	1			Yes	Yes	Ai
ETT_MSa	Ettington Primary School	Ettington	3	Shipston		3		Yes	No	C
SHIP_7	Shipston on Stour Sports & Social Club	Shipston on Stour	2	Shipston	2		2	Yes	Yes	Ai
SHIP_MSa	Norgren Social Club	Shipston on Stour	2	Shipston	1			No	No	Aii
SHIP_MSb	Shipston High School	Shipston on Stour	2	Shipston	2			Yes	No	C
SHIP_MSd	Shipston on Stour Primary School	Shipston on Stour	2	Shipston	1			Yes	No	C
STRETT_7	Stretton on Fosse Sports Pitches	Stretton-on-fosse	4	Shipston	1			No	Yes	Ai
TRED_7	Tredington Primary School	Tredington	4	Shipston		1		Yes	No	C
TYSOE_7	Tysoe Sports Pitch	Tysoe	3	Shipston	1			No	No	Ai
TYSOE_MSa	Tysoe CofE Primary School	Tysoe	3	Shipston		1		Yes	No	C
LONGCO_7	Aunt Phoebe's Recreation Ground	Long Compton	3	Shipston	1			Yes	Yes	Ai
ILM_6cf	Ilmington Playing field	Ilmington	3	Shipston	1	3		Yes	Yes	Ai
ILM_MS	Ilmington Primary School	Ilmington	3	Shipston		1		Yes	No	C
QUIN_7	Quinton Playing Fields	Quinton	2	Shipston	1			No	Yes	Ai
QUIN_MS	Quinton Primary School	Quinton	2	Shipston		2		Yes	No	C
WHICH_15a	Whichford Village Green	Whichford	4	Shipston		1		No	Yes	Ai
BISHOP_6cf	Chapel Street Playing Fields	Bishops Itchington	2	Southam	2			Yes	No	Aii
BISHOP_MS	Bishops Itchington Primary School	Bishops Itchington	2	Southam		1		Yes	No	C
HARB_7	Harbury Recreation Ground	Harbury	2	Southam	1	1		Yes	Yes	Ai
HARB_DEPP_FP1	Deppers Bridge Recreation Ground	Deppers Bridge	4	Southam		1		No	Yes	Ai
HARB_MS	Harbury CofE Primary School	Harbury	2	Southam		1	1	Yes	Yes	Aiii
LONGIT_7	Long Itchington Recreation Ground	Long Itchington	2	Southam	1			No	No	Ai
LONGIT_MS	Long Itchington Primary School	Long Itchington	2	Southam		1		Yes	No	B
NAPTON_6cf	Napton Playing Field	Napton on the Hill	3	Southam	1			Yes	No	Ai
NAPTON_MS	St Lawrence CofE Primary School	Napton on the Hill	3	Southam	1	1		Yes	No	Aiii
PRIORM_6cf	Byfield Road Sports and Social Club	Priors Marston	4	Southam	1			Yes	No	Aii
SOUTH_15c	Ploughman's Holt Sports Pitches	Southam	2	Southam		2		No	Yes	Ai
SOUTH_7	Southam Football Club	Southam	2	Southam	1	5		No	No	Aii
SOUTH_MSa	Southam College	Southam	2	Southam	3		3	Yes	No	Aiii
SOUTH_MSb	Southam Primary School	Southam	2	Southam		1		Yes	No	C
STOCK_6cf	Stockton Sports Pitches	Stockton	3	Southam	2			Yes	No	Ai

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STOCK_7	St Michaels Crescent	Stockton	3	Southam			2	No	No	Ai
STOCK_MS	Stockton Primary School	Stockton	3	Southam			1	Yes	No	C
STRAT_A7a	St Gregorys Catholic Primary School	Stratford upon Avon	1	Stratford upon Avon			1	Yes	No	C
STRAT_A7b	Thomas Jolyffe Primary School	Stratford upon Avon	1	Stratford upon Avon			2	Yes	No	C
STRAT_G7	Shottery Fields	Stratford upon Avon	1	Stratford upon Avon	1	1		Yes	Yes	Ai
STRAT_GMSa	Stratford High School	Stratford upon Avon	1	Stratford upon Avon	2			Yes	No	Aiii
STRAT_GMSb	The Willows CofE Primary School	Stratford upon Avon	1	Stratford upon Avon			1	1 Yes	No	C
STRAT_T6cf & STRAT_T7b	The Home Guard Club	Stratford upon Avon	1	Stratford upon Avon	2			1 Yes	No	Aii
STRAT_T73G	Stratford Town Football Club 3G pitch	Stratford upon Avon	1	Stratford upon Avon	1			Yes	No	Aii
STRAT_GSTP	Stratford High School STP	Stratford upon Avon	1	Stratford upon Avon	1			Yes	No	Aiii
STRAT_T7a	Stratford Town Football Club	Tiddington	2	Stratford upon Avon	1			No	No	Aii
STRAT_T7c	Stratford Recreation Ground	Stratford upon Avon	1	Stratford upon Avon	2			2 No	Yes	Ai
STRAT_T7d	Bridgetown Primary School	Stratford upon Avon	1	Stratford upon Avon			1	Yes	No	C
STRAT_T7e	Alveston Primary School	Stratford upon Avon	1	Stratford upon Avon			1	Yes	No	C
STRAT_TMSa1 & STRAT_TMSa2	NFU Sports Ground	Tiddington	3	Stratford upon Avon	3	1		Yes	No	Aii
STRAT_TMSc	The Croft Preparatory School	Stratford upon Avon	4	Stratford upon Avon			2	No	No	B
STRAT_MMS	Bishopton Primary School	Stratford upon Avon	1	Stratford upon Avon			2	No	No	C
BEAR_6cf	Bearley Playing Field	Bearley	3	Studley & Henley	1			No	No	Ai
BEAU_MSa	Henley in Arden Primary School	Henley in Arden	2	Studley & Henley			1	Yes	No	B
BEAU_MSb	St Marys Catholic Primary School	Henley in Arden	2	Studley & Henley				1 Yes	No	C
CLAVER_6cf	Claverdon Recreation Ground	Claverdon	3	Studley & Henley	1			Yes	Yes	Ai
CLAVER_7	Claverdon Football Pitch	Claverdon	3	Studley & Henley	1			No	No	C
CLAVER_MS	Claverdon Primary School	Claverdon	3	Studley & Henley			1	Yes	No	C
HENLEY_6cf	Henley Memorial Playing Fields	Henley in Arden	2	Studley & Henley	3	1		Yes	No	Ai
HENLEY_MSa	Warwickshire College	Henley in Arden	2	Studley & Henley	3			Yes	No	Aiii
HENLEY_MSb	Henley in Arden High School	Henley in Arden	2	Studley & Henley	1			No	No	B
HENLEY_STP	Warwickshire College STP	Henley in Arden	2	Studley & Henley	1			Yes	No	Aiii
MAPPLE_73G	Studley Football Club 3G Pitch	Mappleborough Green	4	Studley & Henley	1			No	No	Aii
MAPPLE_7	Studley Football Club	Mappleborough Green	4	Studley & Henley	1		1	No	No	Aii
SNITT_6cf	Snitterfield Sports Ground	Snitterfield	3	Studley & Henley	2			Yes	Yes	Ai
SNITT_MS	Snitterfield Primary School	Snitterfield	3	Studley & Henley			1	Yes	No	C
SNITT_MSa	Wolverton Road	Snitterfield	3	Studley & Henley				2 No	No	Ai
STUD_6cf	Studley Sports Club	Studley	2	Studley & Henley	2			Yes	No	Aii
STUD_MSa	Studley High School	Studley	2	Studley & Henley	2			No	No	C
STUD_MSb	Studley Common	Studley	2	Studley & Henley	1			No	Yes	Ai
STUD_MSc	St Mary's Catholic Primary School	Studley	2	Studley & Henley			1	Yes	No	C
TANW_7	Muntz Hall Playing Field	Tanworth in Arden	4	Studley & Henley	1			No	No	Ai
TANW_E7	Earlwood Recreation Ground	Earlwood	3	Studley & Henley	1			No	Yes	Ai
TANW_E7a	Earlwood Town Football Club	Tanworth in Arden	4	Studley & Henley	1			No	No	Aii
TANW_MSa	Tanworth in Arden Primary School	Tanworth in Arden	4	Studley & Henley			2	Yes	No	C
WOLVER_MSa	Wolverton Primary School	Wolverton	4	Studley & Henley			1	Yes	No	C
WWAWEN_MS	Wootton Wawen Primary School	Wootton Wawen	3	Studley & Henley				1 Yes	No	Aiii
CHARL_7	Horticultural Research Institute (Warkwickshire College)	Charlecote	4	Wellesbourne & Kineton	1			No	No	B
FENNYC_6cf	Fenny Compton Playing Fields	Fenny Compton	3	Wellesbourne & Kineton	2			1 Yes	Yes	Ai
FENNYC_MS	The Dasset CofE Primary School	Fenny Compton	3	Wellesbourne & Kineton				2 Yes	No	Aiii
HLUCY_7	King George V Playing Fields	Hampton Lucy	4	Wellesbourne & Kineton	1			No	Yes	Ai
KINETO_7a	Kineton Sports and Social Club	Kineton	2	Wellesbourne & Kineton	2	1		Yes	Yes	Aii
KINETO_7b	Kineton Primary School	Kineton	2	Wellesbourne & Kineton				1 Yes	No	C
KINETO_MS	Kineton High School Sports Pitches	Kineton	2	Wellesbourne & Kineton	2			No	Yes	Aiii
LIGHT_6cf	Lighthorne Sports Ground	Lighthorne	4	Wellesbourne & Kineton	1			No	Yes	Ai
LIGHTH_RECa	Lighthorne Heath Recreation Ground	Lighthorne Heath	3	Wellesbourne & Kineton	1			No	Yes	Ai
MMOR_MS	Moreton Morrell College Playing Fields	Moreton Morrell	4	Wellesbourne & Kineton	3			Yes	No	C
RATLEY_7	Ratley Sports Field	Ratley	4	Wellesbourne & Kineton	1			No	Yes	Ai

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WELLES_6cf	Mountford Sports Field	Wellesbourne	2	Wellesbourne & Kineton	1			Yes	No	Ai
WELLES_7fr	Dovehouse Sports Field	Wellesbourne	2	Wellesbourne & Kineton	1			Yes	Yes	Ai
WELLES_MS	Wellesbourne CofE Primary School	Wellesbourne	2	Wellesbourne & Kineton			3	Yes	No	B

Rugby Pitches

GIS Code	Site name	Settlement	Settlement Category	Community Forum Area	No. Senior Pitches	No. Junior Pitches	Sports dual use	Open Space	SE category
ALC_8	Alcester Rugby Club	Alcester	2	Alcester & Bidford	3		No	No	Aii
ALC_MSa	St Benedicts Catholic High School	Alcester	2	Alcester & Bidford	1		Yes	No	B
ALC_MSb	Alcester Grammar School	Alcester	2	Alcester & Bidford	2		Yes	No	C
SALF_7a	Salford Priors Recreation Ground	Salford Priors	3	Alcester & Bidford	1		Yes	No	Ai
SHIP_8	Shipston on Stour Rugby Club	Shipston on Stour	2	Shipston	3		No	No	Aii
HARB_8	Harbury Rugby Football Club	Harbury	2	Southam	2	1	No	No	Aii
SOUTH_8	Southam Rugby Football Club	Southam	2	Southam	4		No	No	Aii
SOUTH_Msa	Southam College	Southam	2	Southam	4		Yes	No	Aiii
STRAT_G7	Shottery Fields	Stratford upon Avon	1	Stratford upon Avon	1		Yes	Yes	Ai
STRAT_GMSa	Stratford High School	Stratford upon Avon	1	Stratford upon Avon	1		Yes	No	Aiii
STRAT_T6cf	The Home Guard Club	Stratford upon Avon	1	Stratford upon Avon	1		Yes	No	Aii
STRAT_T8	Stratford Rugby Club	Stratford upon Avon	1	Stratford upon Avon	3		No	No	Aii
STRAT_TMSb	King Edward VI School	Stratford upon Avon	1	Stratford upon Avon	4		Yes	No	B
STRAT_TMSc	The Croft Preparatory School	Stratford upon Avon	4	Stratford upon Avon		2	Yes	No	B
CLAVER_8	Ossetts Hole Lane Rugby	Claverdon	4	Studley & Henley	3		No	No	Aii
STUD_MSa	Studley High School rugby pitch	Studley	2	Studley & Henley	1		Yes	No	C
HENLEY_MSb	Henley in Arden High School	Henley in Arden	2	Studley & Henley	1		No	No	B
KINETO_MS	Kineton High School	Kineton	2	Wellesbourne & Kineton	2	2	No	Yes	Aiii
WELLES_7fr	Dovehouse sports field	Wellesbourne	2	Wellesbourne & Kineton	1		Yes	Yes	Ai
MMOR_MS	Moreton Morrell College Playing Fields	Moreton Morell	4	Wellesbourne & Kineton	1		Yes	No	C

Hockey

GIS Code	Site name	Settlement	Settlement Category	Community Forum Area	No. Senior Pitches	SE Category	Sports dual use	Open Space
ALC_MSa	St Benedicts Catholic High School	Alcester	2	Alcester & Bidford	1	B	Y	N
ALC_MSb	Alcester Grammar School	Alcester	2	Alcester & Bidford	2	C	Y	N
SHIP_7	Shipston on Stour Sports & Social Club	Shipston	2	Shipston	2	Ai	Y	Y
SOUTH_MSa	Southam High School Sports Pitches	Southam	2	Southam	3	Aiii	Y	N
STRAT_GMSb	Stratford upon Avon Girls Grammar School	Stratford upon Avon	1	Stratford upon Avon	1	C	Y	N
STRAT_TMSb	King Edward VI School	Stratford upon Avon	1	Stratford upon Avon	1	Aiii	Y	N
STRAT_GSTP	Stratford High School STP	Stratford upon Avon	1	Stratford upon Avon	1	Aiii	Y	N
STRAT_TMSc	The Croft Preparatory School	Stratford upon Avon	4	Stratford upon Avon	2	B	Y	N
HENLEY_STP	Warwickshire College STP	Henley in Arden	2	Studley & Henley	1	Aiii	Y	N
MMOR_MS	Moreton Morrell College Playing Fields	Moreton Morrell	4	Wellesbourne & Kineton	1	C	Y	Y
KINETO_7a	Kineton Sports & Social Club	Kineton	2	Wellesbourne & Kineton	1	Aii	Y	Y

Netball

GIS Code	Site name	Settlement	Settlement Category	Community Forum Area	No. Courts	Sports dual use	Floodlit	SE category
ALC_9tna	Alcester Grammar School	Alcester	2	Alcester & Bidford	7	Yes		B
ALC_9tnb	St Benedicts Catholic High School	Alcester	2	Alcester & Bidford	2	Yes		B
BID_MS2	Bidford primary school	Bidford on Avon	2	Alcester & Bidford	3	No		C
HASEL_MS2	Haselor Primary School	Haselor	4	Alcester & Bidford	1	Yes		Aiii
KIN_9tn	Alcester High School	Kinwarton	4	Alcester & Bidford	3	Yes		C
SHIP_17	Shipston High School	Shipston on Stour	2	Shipston	3	Yes		C
ETT_STP	Ettington Recreation Ground	Ettington	3	Shipston	1	Yes		Ai
BISHOP_9	Bishops Itchington Netball Courts	Bishops Itchington	2	Southam	2	Yes		Ai
BISHOP_MSn	Bishops Itchington Primary School	Southam	2	Southam	2	No		C
HARB_9tn	Harbury Tennis & Netball Court	Harbury	2	Southam	1	Yes		Ai
NAPTON_17	St Lawrence CofE VA Primary	Napton on the Hill	3	Southam	1	No		B
NAPTON_9tn	Napton tennis/ netball courts	Napton on the Hill	3	Southam	1	Yes	Yes	Aii
SOUTH_17	St Marys Catholic Primary School	Southam	2	Southam	3	No		C
SOUTH_9	Southam Primary School	Southam	2	Southam	2	No		C
SOUTH_9tn	Southam High School	Southam	2	Southam	4	Yes		Aiii
STOCK_9tn	Stockton tennis & netball courts	Stockton	3	Southam	1	Yes	Yes	Ai
STRAT_A7b	St Gregorys Primary School	Stratford upon Avon	1	Stratford upon Avon	1	No		C
STRAT_G9tn	Stratford High School / Community Sports Centre	Stratford upon Avon	1	Stratford upon Avon	4	Yes		Aiii
STRAT_G9tnb	Stratford upon Avon Grammar School for Girls	Stratford upon Avon	1	Stratford upon Avon	2	Yes		C
STRAT_GMSb	The Willows CofE Primary School	Stratford upon Avon	1	Stratford upon Avon	2	No		C
STRAT_NBNS1	Thomas Jolyffe Primary School	Stratford upon Avon	1	Stratford upon Avon	1	No		C
STRAT_T7d	Bridgetown Primary School	Stratford upon Avon	1	Stratford upon Avon	1	Yes		C
STRAT_T9tn	The Croft Preparatory School	Stratford upon Avon	4	Stratford upon Avon	2	Yes		B
SNITT_MS	Snitterfield Primary	Snitterfield	3	Studley & Henley	1	No		C
STUD_9tn	Studley High School	Studley	2	Studley & Henley	3	Yes		C
WOLVER_17	Wolverton Primary School	Wolverton	4	Studley & Henley	1	No		C
HENLEY_MSb	Henley in Arden High School	Henley in Arden	2	Studley & Henley	2	Yes		B
HENLEY_MSA2	Warwickshire College	Henley in Arden	2	Studley & Henley	2	Yes		Aiii
BEAU_MSb	St Marys Catholic Primary School	Henley in Arden	2	Studley & Henley	1	No		C
KINETO_9tn	Kineton High School	Kineton	2	Wellesbourne & Kineton	4	Yes		Aiii
MMOR_9	Moreton Morrell College	Moreton Morrell	4	Wellesbourne & Kineton	1	Yes		C

Tennis Courts

GIS Code	Site name	Settlement	Settlement Category	Community Forum Area	No. courts	Sports dual use	Surface Type	Floodlit	SE Category
ALC_9a	Greig Centre	Alcester	2	Alcester & Bidford	1	MUGA	Sand dressed	Yes	Ai
ALC_9b	Alcester Tennis Club	Alcester	2	Alcester & Bidford	4	N	Tarmac/ tiger turf	Yes	Aii
ALC_9tna	Alcester Grammar School	Alcester	2	Alcester & Bidford	4	Y	Tarmac		B
ALC_9tnb	St Benedicts Catholic High School	Alcester	2	Alcester & Bidford	3	Y	Sand dressed (2) & tarmac (1)		B
ASTONC_9	Aston Cantlow Tennis Courts	Aston Cantlow	4	Alcester & Bidford	2	N	Tarmac		Aii
HASEL_MS2	Haselor Primary School	Haselor	4	Alcester & Bidford	1	Y	Tarmac		Aiii
KIN_9tn	Alcester High School	Kinwarton	4	Alcester & Bidford	4	Y	Tarmac		C
PRIORM_9	Priors Marston Tennis Club	Priors Marston	4	Alcester & Bidford	2	N	Tarmac		Aii
BID_9	Bidford Tennis Club	Bidford on Avon	2	Alcester & Bidford	2	N	Tarmac	Yes	Aii
ILM_9	Ilmington Astroturf	Ilmington	3	Shipston	2	Y	Sand dressed	Yes	Ai
ALDERM_9	Ettington Park Hotel	Alderminster	4	Shipston	2	N	Tarmac		C
LOXLEY_9	Loxley Tennis Club	Loxley	4	Shipston	1	N	Tarmac		Aii
ETT_9	Ettington Chase Hotel	Ettington	3	Shipston	1	N	Tarmac		Aii
TYSOE_9	Tysoe Tennis Courts	Tysoe	3	Shipston	2	N	Tarmac		Aii
SHIP_9a	Shipston Tennis Club	Shipston on Stour	2	Shipston	2	N	Tarmac	Yes	Aii
ETT_STP	Ettington Recreation Ground	Ettington	3	Shipston	1	MUGA	Tarmac	Yes	Ai
SHIP_9b	Shipston High School tennis courts	Shipston on Stour	2	Shipston	3	N	Tarmac	Yes	B
SHIP_9c	Norgren Social Club	Shipston on Stour	2	Shipston	1	N	Tarmac		B
SHIP_9tn	Shipston High School tennis & netball courts	Shipston on Stour	2	Shipston	3	Y	Tarmac		B
LONGIT_9	Long Itchington Tennis Club	Long Itchington	2	Southam	2	N	Tarmac		Aii
SOUTH_9tn	Southam College	Southam	2	Southam	4	Y	Tarmac		Aiii
BISHOP_9	Bishops Itchington Tennis Courts	Bishops Itchington	2	Southam	2	Y	Tarmac	Yes	Ai
STOCK_9tn	Stockton tennis & netball courts	Stockton	3	Southam	2	Y	Tarmac	Yes	Ai
HARB_9 & HARB9tn	Harbury Recreation Ground	Harbury	2	Southam	3	N	Macadam	Yes	Ai
NAPTON_9tn	Napton Tennis Club	Napton on the Hill	3	Southam	2	Y	Tarmac	Yes	Aii
OLDSTR_9	Wildmoor Spa and Health Club	Stratford upon Avon	1	Stratford upon Avon	3	N	Tiger turf	Yes	Aii
STRAT_ASTPa	Stratford Leisure Centre	Stratford upon Avon	1	Stratford upon Avon	4	Y	Sand dressed	Yes	Ai
STRAT_G9tn	Stratford High School / Community Sports Centre	Stratford upon Avon	1	Stratford upon Avon	4	Y	Tarmac		Aiii
STRAT_G9tnb	Stratford upon Avon Grammar School	Stratford upon Avon	1	Stratford upon Avon	3	Y	Tarmac		C
STRAT_T9	Stratford Tennis Club	Stratford upon Avon	1	Stratford upon Avon	7	N	Tarmac	Yes	Aii
STRAT_T9tn	The Croft Preparatory School	Stratford upon Avon	4	Stratford upon Avon	2	Y	Tarmac		B
STRAT_TMSa1	NFU	Tiddington	3	Stratford upon Avon	3	N	Sand dressed	Yes	Aii
CLAVER_9a	Claverdon Lawn Tennis Club	Claverdon	3	Studley & Henley	2	N	Tarmac		Aii
CLAVER_9b	Ardencote Manor	Claverdon	3	Studley & Henley	3	N	Tarmac (1) all weather (2)		Aii
HENLEY_9	Henley in Arden Tennis Club	Henley in Arden	2	Studley & Henley	7	N	Tarmac (5) astroturf (2)	Yes	Aii
HENLEY_MSa2	Warwickshire College	Henley in Arden	2	Studley & Henley	2	Y	Tarmac		Aiii
SNITT_9a	Snitterfield Tennis Club	Snitterford	3	Studley & Henley	2	N	Tarmac	Yes	Aji
SNITT_9b	Menzies Welcombe Hotel	Snitterfield	3	Studley & Henley	2	N	All weather		Aii
STUD_9	Studley Tennis Courts	Studley	2	Studley & Henley	5	N	Tarmac (2) & grass (3)	Yes (2)	Aii
STUD_9tn	Studley High School	Studley	2	Studley & Henley	3	Y	Tarmac		C
TANW_9	Tanworth in Arden Tennis Courts	Tanworth in Arden	4	Studley & Henley	3	N	Tarmac	Yes	Aii
ULLEN_9	Ullenhall Tennis Club	Ullenhall	4	Studley & Henley	2	N	Tarmac		Aii
HENLEY_MSb	Henley in Arden High School	Henley in Arden	2	Studley & Henley	3	N	Tarmac		B
KINETO_MS	Kineton High School	Kineton	2	Wellesbourne & Kineton	4	Y	Tarmac		Aiii
MIMOR_9	Moreton Morrell College	Moreton Morrell	4	Wellesbourne & Kineton	1	Y	Tarmac	Yes	C
LIGHT_9	Lighthorne Sports Ground	Lighthorne	4	Wellesbourne & Kineton	1	N	Tarmac		Ai
CHARL_9	Charlecote Pheasant Hotel	Charlecote	4	Wellesbourne & kineton	1	N	Tarmac		C

Bowling Greens

GIS Code	Site name	Settlement	Settlement Category	Community Forum Area	No. Greens	Sports dual use	Open Space
BID_10	Bidford Bowls Club	Bidford on Avon	2	Alcester & Bidford	1	No	No
ILM_10	Ilmington Bowling Green	Ilmington	3	Alcester & Bidford	1	No	Yes
ALC_10	Alcester Bowls Club	Alcester	2	Alcester & Bidford	1	No	No
KINETO_10	Kineton Bowling Green	Kineton	2	Alcester & Bidford	1	No	No
WELF_10	Welford on Avon Bowls Club	Welford on Avon	1	Shipston	1	No	No
TRED_N10	Newbold on Stour Bowling Green	Tredington	4	Shipston	1	No	No
HALF_10	Halford Bowls Club	Halford	4	Shipston	1	No	No
SHIP_10b	Norgren Social Club Bowling green	Shipston on Stour	2	Shipston	1	No	No
SHIP_10a	Shipston Bowls Club	Shipston on Stour	2	Shipston	1	No	No
LTCOMP_10	Little Compton Bowling Green	Little Compton	4	Shipston	1	No	No
SOUTH_10	Southam United Bowls Club	Southam	2	Southam	1	No	No
STRAT_T10c	Stratford Sports Club Bowls	Stratford upon Avon	1	Stratford upon Avon	1	No	No
STRAT_T10a	NFU Bowls Club	Tiddington	3	Stratford upon Avon	1	No	No
STRAT_T10b	Stratford upon Avon Bowls Club	Tiddington	3	Stratford upon Avon	1	No	No
SNITT_10	Snitterfield Bowls Club	Snitterfield	3	Studley & Henley	1	No	No
HENLEY_10	Henley Bowling Green	Henley in Arden	2	Studley & Henley	1	No	No
WWAWEN_10	Wootton Wawen Bowling Green	Wootton Wawen	3	Studley & Henley	1	No	No
TANW_10	Tanworth in Arden Bowls Club	Tanworth in Arden	4	Studley & Henley	1	No	No
STUD_10	Studley Bowling Green	Studley	2	Studley & Henley	1	No	No
WELLES_10	Wellesbourne Bowls club	Wellesbourne	2	Wellesbourne & Kineton	1	No	No
FENNYC_10	Fenny Compton Bowls Club	Fenny Compton	3	Wellesbourne & Kineton	1	No	Yes

Appendix E

Quality Assessment Results

Football

	GIS Code	Sub Area	Pitch Type	Changing Facilities	Grass cover	Grass length	Safety margins	Slope	Eveness	Dog fouling	Glass, stones etc	Unffical use	Surface damage	Goal posts etc	Line markings	Training	%	Overall Rating
Alcester and Bidford																		
Alcester High School mini football pitch 1	KIN_MS	Alcester and Bidford	f-mini	0	5	4	3	4	4	3	3	2	3	2	2	0	71	Good
Alcester High School mini football pitch 2	KIN_MS	Alcester and Bidford	f-mini	0	5	4	3	4	4	3	3	2	3	2	2	0	71	Good
Alcester High School mini football pitch 3	KIN_MS	Alcester and Bidford	f-mini	0	5	4	3	4	4	3	3	2	3	2	2	0	71	Good
Alcester High School senior football pitch	KIN_MS	Alcester and Bidford	f-snr	0	5	4	3	4	4	3	3	2	3	2	2	0	71	Good
Bidford Primary School multi sports pitch football pitch 1	BID_MS	Alcester and Bidford	f-jnr	5	5	4	3	4	4	3	3	3	3	3	2	0	86	Good
Bidford Primary School multi sports pitch football pitch 2	BID_MS	Alcester and Bidford	f-jnr	5	5	4	3	4	4	3	3	3	3	3	2	0	86	Good
Big Meadow Football Pitch 1	BID_7a	Alcester and Bidford	f-mini	5	4	4	3	5	4	3	3	3	3	2	2	3	90	Good
Big Meadow Football Pitch 2	BID_7a	Alcester and Bidford	f-snr	5	4	4	3	5	4	3	3	3	3	2	2	3	90	Good
Big Meadow Football Pitch 3	BID_7a	Alcester and Bidford	f-snr	5	4	4	3	5	4	3	3	3	3	2	2	3	90	Good
Big Meadow Football Pitch 4	BID_7a	Alcester and Bidford	f-snr	5	4	4	3	5	4	3	3	3	3	2	2	3	90	Good
Birmingham Road Playing Fields (Alcester Grammar School) football pitch 1	ALC_MSb	Alcester and Bidford	f-snr	5	5	5	3	5	5	3	3	2	3	2	2	3	94	Excellent
Birmingham Road Playing Fields (Alcester Grammar School) football pitch 2	ALC_MSb	Alcester and Bidford	f-snr	5	5	5	3	5	5	3	3	2	3	2	2	3	94	Excellent
Clifford Chambers Junior Football Pitch	CLIFF_7	Alcester and Bidford	f-jnr	0	5	4	0	5	5	3	3	3	3	2		3	73	Good
Conway Fields junior football pitch	ALC_7b	Alcester and Bidford	f-jnr	0	5	4	3	5	5	2	2	0	2	3	0	0	63	Average
Conway Fields senior football pitch	ALC_7b	Alcester and Bidford	f-snr	0	5	4	3	5	5	2	2	0	2	3	0	0	63	Average
Dugdale Avenue Mini football Pitch 1	BID_7b	Alcester and Bidford	f-mini	0	5	4	3	5	4	3	3	3	3	2	2	0	76	Good
Dugdale Avenue Mini football Pitch 2	BID_7b	Alcester and Bidford	f-mini	0	5	4	3	5	4	3	3	3	3	2	2	0	76	Good
Dugdale Avenue Mini football Pitch 3	BID_7b	Alcester and Bidford	f-mini	0	5	4	3	5	4	3	3	3	3	2	2	0	76	Good
Dugdale Avenue Mini football Pitch 4	BID_7b	Alcester and Bidford	f-mini	0	5	4	3	5	4	3	3	3	3	2	2	0	76	Good
Dugdale Avenue Mini football Pitch 5	BID_7b	Alcester and Bidford	f-mini	0	5	4	3	5	4	3	3	3	3	2	2	0	76	Good
Dugdale Avenue Mini football Pitch 6	BID_7b	Alcester and Bidford	f-mini	0	5	4	3	5	4	3	3	3	3	2	2	0	76	Good
Dugdale Avenue Pitches- football	BID_7b	Alcester and Bidford	f-mini	0	5	4	3	5	4	3	3	3	3	2	2	3	82	Good
Dunnington Primary School mini football pitch	SALF_7b	Alcester and Bidford	f-jnr	0	5	4	2	5	5	3	3	2	3	3	0	0	71	Good
Great Alne Primary School football pitch	GTALNE_MSa	Alcester and Bidford	f-jnr	0	5	4	2	5	5	3	3	3	3	2	2	3	82	Good
Haselor Primary School Football pitch	HASEL_MS	Alcester and Bidford	f-snr	0	5	4	2	4	4	3	3	3	3	2	2	3	78	Good
Kings Lane Mini football pitch	BID_BROOM_SP	Alcester and Bidford	f-mini	0	5	2	0	4	2	3	3	3	3	0	0	0	51	Below Average
Oversley Green Playing Fields adult football pitch	ALC_7a	Alcester and Bidford	f-snr	0	5	5	3	5	5	3	2	2	2	3	0	3	78	Good
Oversley Green Playing Fields junior football pitch	ALC_7a	Alcester and Bidford	f-jnr	0	5	5	3	5	5	3	2	2	2	3	0	3	78	Good
Salford Priors Recreation Ground football pitch	SALF_7a	Alcester and Bidford	f-snr	0	5	4	3	5	5	2	2	2	2	0	0	0	61	Average
St Benedicts Catholic High School multi use grass pitch - adult football pitch	ALC_MSa	Alcester and Bidford	f-snr	5	5	4	3	5	4	3	3	2	3	2	2	3	90	Good
St Benedicts Catholic High School multi use grass pitch - junior football pitch	ALC_MSa	Alcester and Bidford	f-mini	5	5	4	3	5	4	3	3	2	3	2	2	3	90	Good
St Nicholas CofE Primary School Playing field football pitch	ALC_MSc	Alcester and Bidford	f-jnr	0	5	4	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	2	2	3	73	Good
Synder Meadow football pitch	WELF_6cf	Alcester and Bidford	f-snr	5	5	4	3	5	4	3	3	3	3	2	2	3	92	Excellent
Temple Grafton Primary School Football pitch	TEMPLE_MS	Alcester and Bidford	f-jnr	0	4	4	2	4	3	3	3	3	3	2	2	3	73	Good
The Leys/ Hill View Road Mini Football pitch	BID_7M	Alcester and Bidford	f-mini	0	3	4	2	4	3	3	3	3	3	2	2	3	71	Good
Welford on Avon Primary School football pitch 1	WELF_7	Alcester and Bidford	f-mini	0	5	4	3	5	4	3	3	3	3	2	2	3	82	Good
Welford on Avon Primary School football pitch 2	WELF_7	Alcester and Bidford	f-mini	0	5	4	3	5	4	3	3	3	3	2	2	3	82	Good
Wilmcote Recreation Football pitch	WILM_RECb	Alcester and Bidford	f-snr	0	4	4	3	3	3	3	3	2	2	3		3	67	Good
Shipston																		
Aunt Phoebe's Recreation Ground football pitch	LONGCO_7	Shipston	f-snr	5	4	4	3	5	3	3	3	3	2	0	0	3	78	Good
Brailes Playing Fields Football pitch	BRAIL_6cf	Shipston	f-snr	5	5	2	3	2	2	2	3	3	2	3	0	0	65	Good
Ettington Primary School junior football pitch 1	ETT_MSa	Shipston	f-jnr	0	5	4	2	3	4	3	3	3	3	2	2	0	69	Good
Ettington Primary School junior football pitch 2	ETT_MSa	Shipston	f-jnr	0	5	4	2	3	2	3	3	3	3	2	2	0	65	Good
Ettington Primary School junior football pitch 3	ETT_MSa	Shipston	f-jnr	0	5	4	2	3	2	3	3	3	3	2	2	0	65	Good
Ettington Recreation Ground football pitch	ETT_7	Shipston	f-snr	5	4	4	3	4	4	3	3	3	3	2	3		84	Good
Ilmington Playing fields junior football pitch 1	ILM_6cf	Shipston	f-jnr	5	4	4	2	4	3	3	2	2	2	0	2	0	67	Good
Ilmington Playing fields junior football pitch 2	ILM_6cf	Shipston	f-jnr	5	4	4	2	4	3	3	2	2	2	0	2	0	67	Good
Ilmington Playing fields junior football pitch 3	ILM_6cf	Shipston	f-jnr	5	4	4	2	4	3	3	2	2	2	0	2	0	67	Good
Ilmington Playing fields senior football pitch	ILM_6cf	Shipston	f-snr	5	4	4	2	4	3	3	2	2	2	0	2	0	67	Good
Ilmington Primary School Playing Field football pitch	ILM_PF1	Shipston	f-jnr	5	2	4	2	2	3	3		3	2	3	0	0	59	Average
Newbold and Tredington Primary School football pitch	TRED_7	Shipston	f-jnr	5	2	4	2	4	2	3	3	3	0	0	0	0	57	Average
Norgren Social Club Football pitch	SHIP_MSa	Shipston	f-snr	5	5	5	3	5	3	3	3	3	3	0	0	0	78	Good
Quinton Playing Fields football pitch	QUIN_7	Shipston	f-snr	5	5	4	3	5	2	3	2	3	2	2	0	0	73	Good
Quinton Primary School grass pitch junior football pitch 1	QUIN_MS	Shipston	f-jnr	0	4	4	3	5	4	3	3	3	3	3	0	0	71	Good
Quinton Primary School grass pitch junior football pitch 2	QUIN_MS	Shipston	f-jnr	0	4	4	3	5	4	3	3	3	3	3	0	0	71	Good
Shipston High School Sports Pitch Football (1)	SHIP_MSb	Shipston	f-snr	5	4	4	3	3	2	3	3	3	2	0	0	0	65	Good
Shipston High School Sports Pitch Football (2)	SHIP_MSb	Shipston	f-snr	5	4	4	3	3	2	3	3	3	2	0	0	0	65	Good
Shipston on Stour mini football pitch 1	SHIP_7	Shipston	f-mini	5	5	5	2	4	2	3	3	3	3	0	0	0	71	Good
Shipston on Stour mini football pitch 2	SHIP_7	Shipston	f-mini	5	5	5	2	4	2	3	3	3	3	0	0	0	71	Good
Shipston on Stour Primary School football pitch	SHIP_MSd	Shipston	f-snr	5	4	4	3	4	3	3	3	3	2	3	0	0	76	Good
Shipston on Stour Senior Football Pitch 1	SHIP_7	Shipston	f-snr	5	5	4	2	5	4	3	2	3	3	0	0	0	73	Good
Shipston on Stour Senior Football Pitch 2	SHIP_7	Shipston	f-snr	5	5	5	2	4	2	3	3	3	3	0	0	0	71	Good

	GIS Code	Sub Area	Pitch Type	Changing Facilities	Grass cover	Grass length	Safety margins	Slope	Evenness	Dog fouling	Glass, stones etc	Unffical use	Surface damage	Goal posts etc	Line markings	Training	%	Overall Rating
Stretton on Fosse Sports Pitches football pitch	STRETT_7	Shipston	f-snr	0	5	4	2	3	3	3	3	2	2	3	0	0	61	Average
Tysoe CofE Primary School football pitch	TYSOE_MSa	Shipston	f-jnr	0	5	4	3	5	4	3	3	3	2	3	2	0	76	Good
Tysoe sports pitch - football pitch	TYSOE_7	Shipston	f-snr	5	5	4	3	4	4	3	3	3	3	3	0	0	82	Good
Whichford junior football pitch	WHICH_15a	Shipston	f-jnr	0	5	2	3	2	2	3	3	2	2	2	0	0	53	Below Average
Southam																		
Bishops Itchington Primary School grass pitch	BISHOP_MS	Southam	f-jnr	0	5	4	3	3	4	3	3	3	3	2	2	0	71	Good
Byfield Road Sports and social club football pitch	PRIORM_6cf	Southam	f-snr	5	4	4	3	5	4	3	3	3	3	2	2	0	84	Good
Chapel Street Playing Fields football pitch 1	BISHOP_6cf	Southam	f-snr	0	5	5	3	4	4	3	2	3	3	2	2	0	73	Good
Chapel Street Playing Fields football pitch 2	BISHOP_6cf	Southam	f-snr	0	5	5	3	4	4	3	2	3	3	2	2	0	73	Good
Deppers Bridge Recreational football pitch	HARB_DEPP_FP1	Southam	f-jnr	0	5	4	3	2	3	3	3	3	2	0	0	0	57	Average
Harbury CofE Primary School football pitch	HARB_MS	Southam	f-mini	0	5	4	3	5	4	3	3	3	3	2	2	0	76	Good
Harbury CofE Primary School Football pitch	HARB_MS	Southam	f-jnr	0	5	4	3	5	4	3	3	3	3	2	2	0	76	Good
Harbury Recreation Ground football pitch 1	HARB_7	Southam	f-snr	0	5	5	3	5	5	3	3	3	3	0	2	0	76	Good
Harbury Recreation Ground football pitch 2	HARB_7	Southam	f-jnr	0	5	5	3	5	5	3	3	3	3	0	2	0	76	Good
Long Itchington Primary School Playing Field	LONGIT_MS	Southam	f-jnr	0	4	4	3	5	4	3	2	3	3	0	2	0	67	Good
Long Itchington Recreation Ground football pitch	LONGIT_7	Southam	f-snr	5	5	4	3	5	4	3	3	3	3	3	2	0	88	Good
Napton Playing Field football pitch	NAPTON_6cf	Southam	f-snr	5	5	4	3	5	5	3	3	3	2	2	0	3	88	Good
Ploughman's holt football pitch 1	SOUTH_15c	Southam	f-jnr	0	4	4	0	2	2	2	3	3	3	0	0	0	47	Below Average
Ploughman's holt football pitch 2	SOUTH_15c	Southam	f-jnr	0	4	4	0	2	2	2	3	3	3	0	0	0	47	Below Average
Southam High School Sports Pitches adult Football pitch 1	SOUTH_MSa	Southam	f-snr	5	5	4	3	5	4	3	3	3	3	2	2	3	92	Excellent
Southam High School Sports Pitches adult Football pitch 2	SOUTH_MSa	Southam	f-snr	5	5	4	3	5	4	3	3	3	3	2	2	3	92	Excellent
Southam High School Sports Pitches adult Football pitch 3	SOUTH_MSa	Southam	f-snr	5	5	4	3	5	4	3	3	3	3	2	2	3	92	Excellent
Southam High School Sports Pitches mini Football pitch 1	SOUTH_MSa	Southam	f-mini	5	5	4	3	5	4	3	3	3	3	2	2	3	92	Excellent
Southam High School Sports Pitches mini Football pitch 2	SOUTH_MSa	Southam	f-mini	5	5	4	3	5	4	3	3	3	3	2	2	3	92	Excellent
Southam High School Sports Pitches mini Football pitch 3	SOUTH_MSa	Southam	f-mini	5	5	4	3	5	4	3	3	3	3	2	2	3	92	Excellent
Southam Primary School playing field football pitch	SOUTH_MSb	Southam	f-jnr	0	5	2	3	3	2	3	3	3	3	3	0	0	61	Average
Southan Football Club football pitch 1	SOUTH_7	Southam	f-snr	5	5	5	3	5	5	3	3	3	2	2	2	3	94	Excellent
Southan Football Club football pitch 2	SOUTH_7	Southam	f-jnr	5	5	5	3	5	5	3	3	3	2	2	2	3	94	Excellent
Southan Football Club football pitch 3	SOUTH_7	Southam	f-jnr	5	5	5	3	5	5	3	3	3	2	2	2	3	94	Excellent
Southan Football Club football pitch 4	SOUTH_7	Southam	f-jnr	5	5	5	3	5	5	3	3	3	2	2	2	3	94	Excellent
Southan Football Club football pitch 5	SOUTH_7	Southam	f-jnr	5	5	5	3	5	5	3	3	3	2	2	2	3	94	Excellent
Southan Football Club football pitch 6	SOUTH_7	Southam	f-jnr	5	5	5	3	5	5	3	3	3	2	2	2	3	94	Excellent
St Lawrence CofE VA Primary School Playing Field	NAPTON_MS	Southam	f-jnr	5	5	4	3	5	4	3	3	3	3	2	2	0	86	Good
St Lawrence CofE VA Primary School Playing Field football pitch	NAPTON_MS	Southam	f-snr	5	5	4	3	5	4	3	3	3	2	2	2	0	84	Good
St Michaels Crescent football Pitch 1	STOCK_7	Southam	f-jnr	0	5	4	3	4	4	3	3	3	3	0	0	0	65	Good
St Michaels Crescent football Pitch 2	STOCK_7	Southam	f-jnr	0	5	4	3	4	4	3	3	3	3	0	0	0	65	Good
Stockton Primary School Junior football pitch	STOCK_MS	Southam	f-jnr	0	5	4	3	4	4	3	3	3	3	2	2	0	73	Good
Stockton Sports Pitches football 1	STOCK_6cf	Southam	f-snr	5	5	5	3	5	5	3	3	3	3	2	2	0	90	Good
Stockton Sports Pitches football 2	STOCK_6cf	Southam	f-snr	5	5	5	3	5	5	3	3	3	3	2	2	0	90	Good
Stratford upon Avon																		
Alveston Primary School football pitch	STRAT_T7e	Stratford upon Avon	f-jnr	5	3	2	2	5	3	3	3	3	2	2	0	0	67	Good
Bridgetown Primary School junior football pitch	STRAT_T7d	Stratford upon Avon	f-jnr	0	5	4	3	5	4	3	3	3	3	2	2	0	76	Good
NFU Sports Ground Football pitch	STRAT_TMSa1	Stratford upon Avon	f-snr	5	2	2	3	5	4	3	3	3	2	3	2	3	82	Good
NFU Sports Ground Sports Pitches Football pitch 1	STRAT_TMSa2	Stratford upon Avon	f-snr	5	2	4	3	5	4	3	3	3	2	2	2	3	84	Good
NFU Sports Ground Sports Pitches Football pitch 2	STRAT_TMSa2	Stratford upon Avon	f-snr	5	2	4	3	5	4	3	3	3	2	2	2	3	84	Good
NFU Sports Ground Sports Pitches Football pitch 3	STRAT_TMSa2	Stratford upon Avon	f-jnr	5	2	4	3	5	4	3	3	3	2	2	2	3	84	Good
Shottery Fields football pitch 1	STRAT_G7	Stratford upon Avon	f-jnr	0	5	4	3	4	3	3	3	2	2	3	0	3	71	Good
Shottery Fields football pitch 2	STRAT_G7	Stratford upon Avon	f-snr	0	5	4	3	4	3	3	3	2	2	3	0	3	71	Good
St Gregorys Catholic Primary School sports pitch	STRAT_A7a	Stratford upon Avon	f-jnr	0	3	4	2	5	3	3	3	3	3	2	2	3	73	Good
Stratford High School football pitch 1	STRAT_GMSa	Stratford upon Avon	f-snr	5	5	4	3	5	3	3	3	3	2	2	0	3	84	Good
Stratford High School football pitch 2	STRAT_GMSa	Stratford upon Avon	f-snr	5	5	4	3	5	3	3	3	3	2	2	0	3	84	Good
Stratford Recreation Ground adult football pitch 1	STRAT_T7c	Stratford upon Avon	f-snr	5	4	4	3	5	3	3	3	2	2	3	0	3	82	Good
Stratford Recreation Ground adult football pitch 2	STRAT_T7c	Stratford upon Avon	f-snr	5	4	4	3	5	3	3	3	2	3	3	0	3	84	Good
Stratford Recreation Ground junior football pitch 1	STRAT_T7c	Stratford upon Avon	f-mini	5	4	4	3	5	3	3	3	2	3	3	0	3	84	Good
Stratford Recreation Ground junior football pitch 2	STRAT_T7c	Stratford upon Avon	f-mini	5	4	4	3	5	3	3	3	2	3	3	0	3	84	Good
Stratford Town Football Club grass pitch	STRAT_T7a	Stratford upon Avon	f-snr	5	5	5	3	5	5	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	100	Excellent
The Croft Preparatory School junior football Pitch 1	STRAT_TMSc	Stratford upon Avon	f-jnr	5	3	4	3	5	4	3	3	2	2	3	2	3	86	Good
The Croft Preparatory School junior football Pitch 2	STRAT_TMSc	Stratford upon Avon	f-jnr	5	3	4	3	5	4	3	3	2	2	3	2	3	86	Good
The Home Guard Club football pitch	STRAT_T7b	Stratford upon Avon	f-snr	5	2	4	2	5	3	3	2	3	2	2	2	3	78	Good
The Home Guard Club sports pitches football pitch 1	STRAT_T6cf	Stratford upon Avon	f-snr	5	2	4	3	5	4	3	2	3	2	2	2	3	82	Good
The Home Guard Club sports pitches football pitch 2	STRAT_T6cf	Stratford upon Avon	f-mini	5	2	2	3	5	4	3	2	3	2	2	2	3	78	Good
The Willows CofE Primary School junior football pitch	STRAT_GMSb	Stratford upon Avon	f-jnr	0	5	4	3	5	4	3	3	3	3	2	2	0	76	Good
The Willows CofE Primary School mini football pitch	STRAT_GMSb	Stratford upon Avon	f-mini	0	5	4	3	5	4	3	3	3	3	2	2	0	76	Good
Thomas Jolyffe Primary School junior pitch 1	STRAT_A7b	Stratford upon Avon	f-jnr	5	4	4	2	4	4	3	3	3	3	0	2	3	82	Good

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Thomas Jolyffe Primary School junior pitch 2	STRAT_A7b	Stratford upon Avon	f-jnr	5	4	4	0	4	4	3	3	3	3	0	2	3	78	Good
Studley and Henley																		
Bearley Playing Field football pitch	BEAR_6cf	Studley and Henley	f-snr	5	5	4	3	5	4	3	3	2	3	2	2	0	84	Good
Claverdon Football Pitch 1	CLAVER_7	Studley and Henley	f-snr	0	4	5	3	4	2	3	3	2	2	0	0	0	57	Average
Claverdon Primary School football pitch	CLAVER_MS	Studley and Henley	f-jnr	0	4	4	3	4	4	3	3	3	3	2	2	0	71	Good
Claverdon Recreation Ground football pitch	CLAVER_6cf	Studley and Henley	f-snr	5	5	5	3	4	3	3	3	2	3	0	0	3	80	Good
Earlswood Town FC football pitch	TANW_E7a	Studley and Henley	f-snr	5	3	4	3	5	4	3	3	3	3	2	2	0	82	Good
Henley in Arden High School Football pitch 1	HENLEY_MSb	Studley and Henley	f-snr	5	5	4	2	4	4	3	3	3	3	2	2	3	88	Good
Henley in Arden High School Football pitch 2	HENLEY_MSb	Studley and Henley	f-jnr	5	5	4	2	4	4	3	3	3	3	2	2	3	88	Good
Henley in Arden Primary School football pitch	BEAU_MSa	Studley and Henley	f-jnr	0	4	5	3	2	3	3	3	3	3	2	2	3	73	Good
Henley Memorial Playing Fields Adult football Pitch 1	HENLEY_6cf	Studley and Henley	f-snr	5	4	4	3	4	3	3	3	3	3	2	2	3	86	Good
Henley Memorial Playing Fields Adult football Pitch 2	HENLEY_6cf	Studley and Henley	f-snr	5	4	4	3	4	3	3	3	3	3	2	2	3	86	Good
Henley Memorial Playing Fields Adult football Pitch 3	HENLEY_6cf	Studley and Henley	f-snr	5	4	4	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	2	2	3	84	Good
Henley Memorial Playing Fields Junior football pitch	HENLEY_6cf	Studley and Henley	f-jnr	5	4	4	3	4	3	3	3	3	3	2	2	3	86	Good
junior football 1 pitches wolverton road, adjacent to bowls & tennis	SNITT_Nsa	Studley and Henley	f-mini	0	5	4	3	4	5	3	3	3	3	3	0	3	80	Good
Junior football 1 pitches wolverton road, adjacent to bowls & tennis	SNITT_Nsa	Studley and Henley	f-mini	0	5	4	3	4	5	3	3	3	3	3	0	3	80	Good
Muntz Hall playing field football pitch	TANW_7	Studley and Henley	f-snr	5	4	4	3	5	4	3	3	3	3	2	2	0	84	Good
Snitterfield Primary School Football pitch	SNITT_MS	Studley and Henley	f-jnr	0	5	4	3	3	4	3	3	3	3	2	2	3	78	Good
Snitterfield Sports ground football pitch 1	SNITT_6cf	Studley and Henley	f-snr	5	5	4	3	5	4	3	3	3	3	2	2	3	92	Excellent
Snitterfield Sports ground football pitch 2	SNITT_6cf	Studley and Henley	f-snr	5	5	4	3	5	4	3	3	3	3	2	2	3	92	Excellent
St Mary's Catholic Primary School football pitch	STUD_MSc	Studley and Henley	f-jnr	0	4	4	3	4	3	3	3	3	2	2	2	3	73	Good
St Marys Catholic Primary School football pitch	BEAU_MSb	Studley and Henley	f-mini	0	5	4	2	3	0	3	3	3	3	0	2	0	57	Average
Studley Common	STUD_MSb	Studley and Henley	f-snr	0	4	4	3	4	3	3	3	2	2	0	0	3	63	Average
Studley Football Club mini football pitch	MAPPLE_7	Studley and Henley	f-mini	5	5	4	3	5	2	3	3	3	3	2	2	3	88	Good
Studley Football Club Senior pitch	MAPPLE_7	Studley and Henley	f-snr	5	3	4	3	5	5	3	3	3	3	2	2	3	90	Good
Studley High School football pitch 1	STUD_Msa	Studley and Henley	f-snr	5	4	4	3	4	3	2	2	2	2	0	2	3	73	Good
Studley High School football pitch 2	STUD_Msa	Studley and Henley	f-snr	5	4	4	3	4	3	2	2	2	2	0	2	3	73	Good
Studley sports pitches - football pitch 1	STUD_6cf	Studley and Henley	f-snr	5	3	2	3	5	4	3	3	3	3	3	2	0	80	Good
Studley sports pitches - football pitch 2	STUD_6cf	Studley and Henley	f-snr	5	3	2	3	5	4	3	3	3	3	3	2	0	80	Good
Tanworth in Arden Primary School	TANW_Msa	Studley and Henley	f-jnr	0	4	4	2	4	4	3	3	3	3	0	2		65	Good
Tanworth in Arden Recreation Ground	TANW_E7	Studley and Henley	f-snr	0	3	4	3	3	4	3	3	2	2	0	0	3	61	Average
Warwickshire College Football Pitch 1	HENLEY_Msa	Studley and Henley	f-snr	5	4	4	2	5	5	3	3	3	3	2	3	3	92	Excellent
Warwickshire College Football Pitch 2	HENLEY_Msa	Studley and Henley	f-snr	5	5	5	3	5	5	3	3	3	3	2	0	3	92	Excellent
Warwickshire College Football Pitch 3	HENLEY_Msa	Studley and Henley	f-snr	5	5	5	3	5	5	3	3	3	3	2	3	3	98	Excellent
Wolverton Primary School football pitch	WOLVER_MSa	Studley and Henley	f-jnr	0	3	4	2	4	2	3	3	3	3	0	0	0	55	Average
Wootton Wawen Primary School football pitch	WWAWEN_MS	Studley and Henley	f-mini	0	4	4	3	4	3	3	3	3	2	2	2	3	73	Good
Wellesbourne and Kineton																		
Dovehouse sports field rugby pitch - football pitch	WELLES_7fr	Wellesbourne and Kineton	f-snr	0	4	4	3	4	4	3	3	3	2	0	2	0	65	Good
Fenny Compton Playing Field5 football pitch 1	FENNYC_6cf	Wellesbourne and Kineton	f-mini	5	5	4	3	5	4	3	3	3	3	2	2	3	92	Excellent
Fenny Compton Playing Fields football pitch 2	FENNYC_6cf	Wellesbourne and Kineton	f-snr	5	5	4	3	5	4	3	3	3	3	2	2	3	92	Excellent
Fenny Compton Playing Fields football pitch 3	FENNYC_6cf	Wellesbourne and Kineton	f-snr	5	5	4	3	5	4	3	3	3	3	2	2	3	92	Excellent
Horticultural Research Institute (Warkwickshire College)	CHARL_7	Wellesbourne and Kineton	f-snr	0	3	4	3	5	4	3	3	3	2	2	2	3	76	Good
Kineton High School Sports Pitches football pitch 1	KINETO_MS	Wellesbourne and Kineton	f-snr	5	4	5	3	5	4	3	3	3	3	2	2	0	86	Good
Kineton High School Sports Pitches football pitch 2	KINETO_MS	Wellesbourne and Kineton	f-snr	5	4	5	3	5	4	3	3	3	3	2	2	0	86	Good
Kineton Primary School mini football pitch	KINETO_7b	Wellesbourne and Kineton	f-mini	0	5	5	3	5	5	3	3	3	3	0	0	0	71	Good
Kineton Sports and Social Club adult Football Pitch 1	KINETO_7a	Wellesbourne and Kineton	f-snr	5	5	5	3	5	5	3	3	3	3	2	2	3	96	Excellent
Kineton Sports and Social Club Football Pitch 2	KINETO_7a	Wellesbourne and Kineton	f-snr	5	5	5	3	5	5	3	3	3	3	2	2	3	96	Excellent
Kineton Sports and Social Club junior Football Pitch 1	KINETO_7a	Wellesbourne and Kineton	f-jnr	5	5	5	3	5	5	3	3	3	3	2	2	3	96	Excellent
King George V Playing Fields	HLUCY_7	Wellesbourne and Kineton	f-snr	0	5	4	0	5	3	3	3	3	3	2	0	3	69	Good
Lighthorne Sports Ground Football pitch	LIGHT_6cf	Wellesbourne and Kineton	f-snr	5	4	5	3	5	4	3	3	3	3	2	2	0	86	Good
Moreton Morrell College Playing Fields football pitch 1	MMOR_MS	Wellesbourne and Kineton	f-snr	5	4	5	3	4	5	3	3	3	3	2	2	0	86	Good
Moreton Morrell College Playing Fields football pitch 2	MMOR_MS	Wellesbourne and Kineton	f-snr	5	4	5	3	4	5	3	3	3	3	2	2	0	86	Good
Moreton Morrell College Playing Fields football pitch 3	MMOR_MS	Wellesbourne and Kineton	f-snr	5	4	5	3	4	5	3	3	3	3	2	2	0	86	Good
Mountford Sports Field football pitch	WELLES_6cf	Wellesbourne and Kineton	f-snr	5	5	5	3	4	4	3	3	3	3	2	2	3	92	Excellent
Ratley sports field Football pitch	RATLEY_7	Wellesbourne and Kineton	f-snr	0	5	5	3	5	4	3	3	3	3	0	0	0	69	Good
The Dassett CofE Primary School mini football pitch 1	FENNYC_MS	Wellesbourne and Kineton	f-mini	0	5	4	0	2	4	3	3	3	3	2	2	3	69	Good
The Dassett CofE Primary School mini football pitch 2	FENNYC_MS	Wellesbourne and Kineton	f-mini	0	5	4	0	2	4	3	3	3	3	2	2	3	69	Good
Wellesbourne CofE Primary School football pitch 1	WELLES_MS	Wellesbourne and Kineton	f-jnr	0	4	4	3	5	4	3	3	3	3	2	2	0	73	Good
Wellesbourne CofE Primary School football pitch 2	WELLES_MS	Wellesbourne and Kineton	f-jnr	0	4	4	3	5	4	3	3	3	3	2	2	0	73	Good
Wellesbourne CofE Primary School football pitch 3	WELLES_MS	Wellesbourne and Kineton	f-jnr	0	4	4	3	5	4	3	3	3	3	2	2	0	73	Good

Rugby

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Alcester and Bidford																		
Alcester Rugby Club Rugby pitch 1	ALC_8	Alcester and Bidford	r-snr	5	5	4	3	5	4	3	3	3	3	2	2	3	92	Excellent
Alcester Rugby Club Rugby pitch 2	ALC_8	Alcester and Bidford	r-snr	5	5	4	3	5	4	3	3	3	3	2	2	3	92	Excellent
Alcester Rugby Club Rugby pitch 3	ALC_8	Alcester and Bidford	r-snr	5	5	4	3	5	4	3	3	3	3	2	2	3	92	Excellent
Birmingham Road Playing Fields (Alcester Grammar School) rugby pitch1	ALC_MSb	Alcester and Bidford	r-snr	5	5	5	3	5	5	3	3	3	3	2	2	3	96	Excellent
Birmingham Road Playing Fields (Alcester Grammar School) rugby pitch2	ALC_MSb	Alcester and Bidford	r-snr	5	5	5	3	5	5	3	3	3	3	2	2	3	96	Excellent
Salford Priors Recreation Ground rugby pitch	SALF_7a	Alcester and Bidford	r-snr	0	5	4	2	5	5	2	2	2	2	0	0	0	59	Average
St Benedicts Catholic High School multi use grass pitch - Rugby pitch	ALC_MSa	Alcester and Bidford	r-snr	5	5	4	3	5	4	3	3	2	3	2	2	3	90	Good
Shipston																		
Shipston on Stour Rugby Club pitch 1	SHIP_8	Shipston	r-snr	5	3	4	3	4	3	3	3	3	3	0	0		69	Good
Shipston on Stour Rugby Club pitch 2	SHIP_8	Shipston	r-snr	5	3	4	3	4	3	3	3	3	3	0	0		69	Good
Shipston on Stour Rugby Club pitch 3	SHIP_8	Shipston	r-snr	5	3	4	3	4	3	3	3	3	3	0	0		69	Good
Southam																		
Harbury Rugby Football Club adult rugby pitch 1	HARB_8	Southam	r-snr	5	4	4	3	5	5	3	3	3	3	2	2	3	92	Excellent
Harbury Rugby Football Club adult rugby pitch 2	HARB_8	Southam	r-snr	5	4	4	3	5	5	3	3	3	3	2	2	3	92	Excellent
Harbury Rugby Football Club junior rugby pitch 3	HARB_8	Southam	r-jnr	5	4	4	3	5	5	3	3	3	3	2	2	3	92	Excellent
Southam College Sports Pitches rugby pitch 1	SOUTH_Msa	Southam	r-snr	5	5	4	3	5	4	3	3	3	3	2	2	3	92	Excellent
Southam College Sports Pitches rugby pitch 2	SOUTH_Msa	Southam	r-snr	5	5	4	3	5	4	3	3	3	3	2	2	3	92	Excellent
Southam College Sports Pitches rugby pitch 3	SOUTH_Msa	Southam	r-snr	5	5	4	3	5	4	3	3	3	2	2	2	3	90	Good
Southam College Sports Pitches rugby pitch 4	SOUTH_Msa	Southam	r-snr	5	5	4	3	5	4	3	3	3	2	2	2	3	90	Good
Southam Rugby Football Club pitch 1	SOUTH_8	Southam	r-snr	5	5	5	3	5	5	3	3	3	3	0	2	3	92	Excellent
Southam Rugby Football Club pitch 2	SOUTH_8	Southam	r-snr	5	5	5	3	5	5	3	3	3	3	0	2	3	92	Excellent
Southam Rugby Football Club pitch 3	SOUTH_8	Southam	r-snr	5	5	5	3	5	5	3	3	3	3	0	2	3	92	Excellent
Southam Rugby Football Club pitch 4	SOUTH_8	Southam	r-snr	5	5	5	3	5	5	3	3	3	3	0	2	3	92	Excellent
Stratford upon Avon																		
King Edward VI School Sports rugby pitch 1	STRAT_TMSb	Stratford upon Avon	r-snr	5	4	2	3	4	3	3	3	3	3	0	2	3	78	Good
King Edward VI School Sports rugby pitch 2	STRAT_TMSb	Stratford upon Avon	r-snr	5	4	2	3	4	3	3	3	3	3	0	2	3	78	Good
King Edward VI School Sports rugby pitch 3	STRAT_TMSb	Stratford upon Avon	r-snr	5	4	2	3	4	3	3	3	3	3	0	2	0	71	Good
King Edward VI School Sports rugby pitch 4	STRAT_TMSb	Stratford upon Avon	r-snr	5	3	4	3	5	3	3	3	3	3	0	2	0	76	Good
Shottery Fields rugby pitch	STRAT_G7	Stratford upon Avon	r-snr	0	5	4	3	4	3	3	3	3	2	2	0	3	71	Good
Stratford High School Senior rugby pitch	STRAT_GMSa	Stratford upon Avon	r-snr	5	4	3	3	5	3	3	3	3	2	2	0	3	80	Good
Stratford Rugby Club adult pitch 1	STRAT_T8	Stratford upon Avon	r-snr	5	4	2	3	4	4	3	3	3	3	0	2	3	80	Good
Stratford Rugby Club adult pitch 2	STRAT_T8	Stratford upon Avon	r-snr	5	4	2	3	4	3	3	3	3	3	0	2	3	78	Good
Stratford Rugby Club adult pitch 3	STRAT_T8	Stratford upon Avon	r-snr	5	4	2	3	4	3	3	3	3	3	0	2		71	Good
The Croft Preparatory School rugby pitch 1	STRAT_TMSc	Stratford upon Avon	r-jnr	5	3	2	3	5	4	3	3	3	2	0	2	3	78	Good
The Croft Preparatory School rugby pitch 2	STRAT_TMSc	Stratford upon Avon	r-jnr	5	3	2	3	5	4	3	3	3	2	0	2	3	78	Good
The Home Guard Club rugby pitch	STRAT_T6cf	Stratford upon Avon	r-snr	5	2	4	3	5	4	3	3	3	2	2	2	3	84	Good
Studley and Henley																		
Ossetts Hole Lane Rugby Pitches 1	CLAVER_8	Studley and Henley	r-snr	5	2	4	3	5	5	3	3	3	3	0	2	3	84	Good
Ossetts Hole Lane Rugby Pitches 2	CLAVER_8	Studley and Henley	r-snr	5	5	5	3	4	4	3	3	3	3	0	2	3	88	Good
Ossetts Hole Lane Rugby Pitches 3	CLAVER_8	Studley and Henley	r-snr	5	5	5	3	4	4	3	3	3	3	0	2	3	88	Good
Studley High School rugby pitch	STUD_Msa	Studley and Henley	r-snr	5	5	4	3	4	3	3	2	2	2	0	2	3	78	Good
Wellesbourne and Kineton																		
Dovehouse sports field rugby pitch	WELLES_7fr	Wellesbourne and Kineton	r-snr	0	4	4	3	4	4	3	3	3	3	0	2	0	67	Good
Kineton High School Sports Pitches rugby pitch 1	KINETO_MS	Wellesbourne and Kineton	r-snr	5	4	5	3	5	4	3	3	3	3	2	2	0	86	Good
Kineton High School Sports Pitches rugby pitch 2	KINETO_MS	Wellesbourne and Kineton	r-snr	5	4	5	3	5	4	3	3	3	3	2	2	0	86	Good
Kineton High School Sports Pitches rugby pitch 3	KINETO_MS	Wellesbourne and Kineton	r-jnr	5	4	5	3	5	4	3	3	3	3	2	2	0	86	Good
Kineton High School Sports Pitches rugby pitch 4	KINETO_MS	Wellesbourne and Kineton	r-jnr	5	4	5	3	5	4	3	3	3	3	2	2	0	86	Good

Hockey

	GIS Code	Sub Area	Pitch Type	Changing Facilities	Grass cover	Grass length	Quality of Hard Surface	Safety margins	Slope	Eveness	Dog fouling	Glass, stones etc	Unffical use	Surface damage	Goal posts etc	Line markings	Training	Total Score	%	Overall Rating	
Alcester Grammar School Hockey pitch 1	ALC_MSb	Alcester and Bidford	Ho-gr	5	5	5		3	5	5	3	3	2	3	2	2	3	46	94	Excellent	
Alcester Grammar School Hockey pitch 2	ALC_MSb	Alcester and Bidford	Ho-gr	5	5	5		3	5	5	3	3	2	3	2	2	3	46	94	Excellent	
St Benedicts Catholic High School multi use grass pitch - Hockey pitch	ALC_MSa	Alcester and Bidford	Ho-gr	5	5	4		3	5	4	3	3	2	3	2	2	3	44	90	Good	
Shipston on Stour Sports and Social Club Pitch 1	SHIP_7	Shipston	No Data																		
Shipston on Stour Sports and Social Club Pitch 2	SHIP_8	Shipston	No Data																		
Southam High School Sports Pitches hockey Pitch 1	SOUTH_MSa	Southam	Ho-gr	5	5	4		3	5	4	3	3	3	3	2	2	3	45	92	Excellent	
Southam High School Sports Pitches hockey Pitch 2	SOUTH_MSa	Southam	Ho-gr	5	5	4		3	5	4	3	3	3	3	2	2	3	45	92	Excellent	
Southam High School Sports Pitches hockey Pitch 3	SOUTH_MSa	Southam	Ho-gr	5	5	4		3	5	4	3	3	3	3	2	2	3	45	92	Excellent	
King Edward VI School Sports Hockey pitch	STRAT_TMSb	Stratford upon Avon	Ho-gr	5	3	4		3	5	3	3	3	3	2	2	2	3	41	84	Good	
Stratford High School STP	STRAT_GSTP	Stratford upon Avon	Ho-aw	5	5	4		3	5	4	3	3	3	3	2	2	3	45	92	Excellent	
Stratford upon Avon Grammar School	STRAT_GMSb	Stratford upon Avon	Ho-gr	5	5	5		3	5	4	3	3	3	2	0	0	3	41	84	Good	
The Croft Preparatory School hockey pitch 1	STRAT_TMSc	Stratford upon Avon	Ho-gr	5	3	4		3	5	4	3	3	2	2	2	2	3	41	84	Good	
The Croft Preparatory School hockey pitch 2	STRAT_TMSc	Stratford upon Avon	Ho-gr	5	3	4		3	5	4	3	3	2	2	2	2	3	41	84	Good	
Warwickshire College Hockey pitch (STP)	HENLEY_STP	Studley in Henley	Ho-aw	5			10	3	5	5	3	3	3	3	2	3		45	92	Excellent	
Kineton Sports & Social Club Hockey Pitch	KINETO_7a	Wellesbourne and Kineton	Ho-gr	5	5	5		3	5	5	3	3	3	3	2	2	3	47	96	Excellent	
Moreton Morrell College Playing Fields Hockey pitch	MMOR_MS	Wellesbourne and Kineton	Ho-gr	5	4	5		3	4	5	3	3	3	3	2	2	0	42	86	Good	

Netball

	GIS Code	Sub Area	Pitch Type	Changing Facilities	Quality of Hard Surface	Safety margins	Slope	Eveness	Dog fouling	Glass, stones etc	Unffical use	Surface damage	Goal posts etc	Line markings	%	Overall Rating
Alcester Grammar School Tennis & Netball Courts	ALC_9tna	Alcester and Bidford	NE	5	4	3	5	5	3	3	2	3	2	2	90	Excellent
Alcester High School Tennis & Netball Courts	KIN_9tn	Alcester and Bidford	NE	5	5	3	4	4	3	3	2	3	2	3	90	Excellent
Bidford primary school netball courts	BID_MS2	Alcester and Bidford	NE	5	5	3	4	4	3	3	3	3	3	2	93	Excellent
St Benedicts Catholic High School Tennis & Netball Courts	ALC_9tnb	Alcester and Bidford	NE	5	4	3	5	4	3	3	2	3	2	2	88	Good
Ettington Recreation Ground multi use tennis court	ETT_STP	Shipston	NE	5	4	3	4	4	3	3	3	3	2	3	90	Excellent
Harbury netball Court	HARB_9tn	Shipston	NE	5	2	3	5	4	2	3	3	2	0	2	76	Good
Haselor Primary School Tennis/ Netball Court	HASLEL_MS2	Shipston	NE	0	4	2	4	4	3	3	3	3	2	2	73	Good
Shipston High School Netball Courts	SHIP_17	Shipston	NE	5	4	3	5	4	3	3	3	3	2	2	90	Excellent
Shipston High School tennis & netball courts	SHIP_9tn	Shipston	NE	5	4	0	5	5	3	3	3	3	2	2	85	Good
Bishops Itchington Netball Courts	BISHOP_9	Southam	NE	0	2	2	5	3	3	2	3	2	2	2	63	Average
Bishops Itchington Primary School netball courts	BISHOP_MSn	Southam	NE	0	4	3	5	4	3	3	3	3	2	2	78	Good
Napton Tennis Club netball courts	NAPTON_9tn	Southam	NE	5	5	3	5	5	3	3	3	3	3	3	100	Excellent
Southam High School Netball & Tennis Courts	SOUTH_9tn	Southam	NE	5	4	3	5	3	3	2	3	2	2	2	83	Good
Southam Primary School netball courts	SOUTH_9	Southam	NE	0	4	2	4	3	3	3	3	3	0	2	66	Good
St Lawrence CofE VA Primary School netball court	NAPTON_17	Southam	NE	5	4	3	5	4	3	3	3	3	2	2	90	Excellent
St Marys Catholic Primary School netball court 1	SOUTH_17	Southam	NE	5	4	0	2	4	3	3	3	3	0	2	71	Good
Stockton Netball court	STOCK_9	Southam	NE	0	5	3	5	5	3	3	3	3	3	3	88	Good
Bridgetown Primary School junior football pitch	STRAT_T7d	Stratford upon Avon	NE	0	4	3	5	4	3	3	3	3	2	2	78	Good
St Gregorys Primary School netball court	STRAT_A7b	Stratford upon Avon	NE	5	5	2	4	5	3	3	3	3	2	3	93	Excellent
Stratford High School Tennis & Netball Courts 1	STRAT_G9tn	Stratford upon Avon	NE	5	4	3	5	4	3	3	3	3	2	3	93	Excellent
Stratford upon Avon Grammar School for Girls Tennis&netball Courts	STRAT_G9tnb	Stratford upon Avon	NE	5	4	2	5	5	3	2	3	3	0	2	83	Good
The Croft Preparatory School Tennis & Netball	STRAT_T9tn	Stratford upon Avon	NE	5	4	2	5	3	3	3	3	2	0	2	78	Good
The Willows CofE Primary School netball court	STRAT_GMSb	Stratford upon Avon	NE	0	4	3	5	4	3	3	3	3	2	2	78	Good
Thomas Jolyffe Primary School netball courts	STRAT_NBNS1	Stratford upon Avon	NE	5	4	2	4	3	3	3	3	2	0	2	76	Good
Warwickshire College Netball Courts	HENLEY_Msa2	Studeley and Henley	NE	5	5	3	5	5	3	3	3	3	3	2	98	Excellent
Wolverton Primary School netball court	WOLVER_17	Studeley and Henley	NE	0	2	3	5	3	3	3	3	3	2	3	73	Good
Henley in Arden High School Netball courts	HENLEY_MSb	Studley and Henley	NE	5	4	2	4	4	3	3	3	3	2	0	80	Good
Snitterfield Primary School netball court	SNITT_MS	Studley and Henley	NE	5	2	0	3	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	66	Good
St Marys Catholic Primary School netball court	BEAU_MSb	Studley and Henley	NE	0	4	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	0	0	59	Average
Studley High School Netball Courts	STUD_9tn	Studley and Henley	NE	5	2	3	5	2	3	3	3	3	0	0	71	Good
Kineton High School Sports Pitches netball courts	KINETO_MS	Wellesbourne and Kineton	NE	5	4	2	5	3	3	3	3	3	2	2	85	Good
Moreton Morrell College Netball Court	MMOR_9	Wellesbourne and Kineton	NE	5	4	3	5	4	3	3	3	3	2	2	90	Excellent

Tennis

	GIS Code	Sub Area	Changing Facilities	Quality of				Dog fouling	Glass, stones etc	Unffical use	Surface damage	Goal posts etc	Line markings	%	Overall Rating
				Hard Surface	Safety margins	Slope	Eveness								
Alcester and Bidford															
Alcester Grammar School Tennis & Netball Courts	ALC_9tna	Alcester and Bidford	5	4	3	5	5	3	3	2	3	2	2	90	Excellent
Alcester High School Tennis & Netball Courts	KIN_9tn	Alcester and Bidford	5	5	3	4	4	3	3	2	3	2	3	90	Excellent
Alcester Tennis Club	ALC_9b	Alcester and Bidford	0	4	3	5	5	3	3	3	3	2	3	83	Good
Aston Cantlow Tennis Court	ASTONC_9	Alcester and Bidford	5	4	3	5	4	3	3	3	2	2	2	88	Good
Bidford Tennis Club	BID_9	Alcester and Bidford	5	5	3	5	5	3	3	3	3	3	3	100	Excellent
Byfield Road Tennis Courts	PRIORM_9	Alcester and Bidford	5	5	3	5	5	3	3	3	3	2	2	95	Excellent
Haselor Primary School Tennis/ Netball Court	HASLEL_MS2	Alcester and Bidford	0	4	2	4	4	3	3	3	3	2	2	73	Good
St Benedicts	ALC_9tnb	Alcester and Bidford	5	4	3	5	4	3	3	2	3	2	2	88	Good
The Greig Centre Tennis court	ALC_9a	Alcester and Bidford	5	2	3	5	2	3	3	3	3	2	0	76	Good
Shipston															
Ettington Chase Hotel tennis courts	ETT_9	Shipston	5	4	3	5	4	3	3	3	2	2	0	83	Good
Ettington Park Hotel Tennis court	ALDERM_9	Shipston	5	3	3	5	5	3	3	3	3	0	0	80	Good
Ettington Recreation Ground multi use tennis court	ETT_STP	Shipston	5	4	3	4	4	3	3	3	3	2	3	90	Excellent
Ilmington Astroturf Tennis Courts	ILM_9	Shipston	0	4	2	5	5	3	3	3	3	3	2	80	Good
Loxley Tennis Club	LOXLEY_9	Shipston	0	4	3	5	5	3	3	3	3	2	2	80	Good
Norgren Social Club tennis court	SHIP_9c	Shipston	5	2	3	5	0	3	0	3	0	0	0	51	Below Average
Shipston High School tennis & netball courts	SHIP_9tn	Shipston	5	4	3	5	5	3	3	3	3	0	0	83	Good
Shipston High School Tennis Courts	SHIP_9b	Shipston	5	5	3	5	5	3	3	3	3	3	3	100	Excellent
Shipston Tennis Club	SHIP_9a	Shipston	5	5	3	5	5	3	3	3	3	3	3	100	Excellent
Tysoe Tennis Courts	TYSOE_9	Shipston	0	4	3	5	5	3	3	3	3	2	3	83	Good
Southam															
Bishops Itchington Tennis Courts	BISHOP_9	Southam	0	2	2	5	0	3	3	3	3	2	2	61	Average
Harbury Recreation Ground tennis courts	HARB_9	Southam	5	4	3	5	5	3	3	3	3	3	3	98	Excellent
Harbury Tennis Court	HARB_9tn	Southam	5	0	3	5	4	3	3	3	2	3	2	80	Good
Long Itchington Tennis Club (Primary School)	LONGIT_9	Southam	0	5	3	5	5	3	3	3	3	3	2	85	Good
Napton Tennis Club tennis courts	NAPTON_9tn	Southam	5	5	3	5	5	3	3	3	3	3	3	100	Excellent
Southam High School Tennis Courts	SOUTH_9tn	Southam	5	0	3	5	4	3	3	3	3	0	0	71	Good
Stockton Tennis Courts	STOCK_9	Southam	0	5	3	5	5	3	3	3	3	3	3	88	Good
Stratford upon Avon															
Stratford High School Tennis Courts	STRAT_G9tn	Stratford upon Avon	5	5	3	5	5	3	3	3	3	3	3	100	Excellent
Stratford Leisure and Visitor Centre Tennis courts	STRAT_ASTPa	Stratford upon Avon	5	5	3	5	5	3	3	3	3	3	2	98	Excellent
Stratford Sports Club Tennis Courts	STRAT_T9	Stratford upon Avon	5	4	3	5	4	3	3	3	3	2	3	93	Excellent
Stratford upon Avon Grammar School for Girls Tennisand netball Courts	STRAT_G9tnb	Stratford upon Avon	5	4	3	5	5	3	2	3	3	0	2	85	Good
The Croft Preparatory School Tennis & Netball	STRAT_T9tn	Stratford upon Avon	5	4	2	5	3	3	3	3	3	0	2	80	Good
Wildmoor Spa and Health Club tennis courts	OLDSTR_9	Stratford upon Avon	5	4	2	5	4	3	3	3	0	3	3	85	Good
Studley and Henley															
Claverdon Lawn Tennis Club	CLAVER_9a	Studley and Henley	5	5	3	5	5	3	3	3	3	2	3	98	Excellent
Tanworth Lane, B98 9EH	CLAVER_9b	Studley and Henley	5	5	3	5	5	3	3	3	3	3	3	100	Excellent
Henley in Arden Tennis Club	HENLEY_9	Studley and Henley	5	5	3	5	5	3	3	3	3	3	3	100	Excellent
Warwickshire College Hard Courts (Tennis)	HENLEY_Msa2	studley and Henley	5	5	3	5	5	3	3	3	3	3	2	98	Excellent
Snitterfield Tennis Club	SNITT_9a	Studley and Henley	0	5	3	5	5	3	3	3	3	3	3	88	Good
Menzies Welcombe Hotel Tennis Court	SNITT_9b	Studley and Henley	5	5	3	5	5	3	3	3	3	3	3	100	Excellent
Studley Tennis Courts	STUD_9	Studley and Henley	5	3	3	5	4	3	3	3	3	3	2	90	Excellent
Studley Tennis Courts (grass)	STUD_9	Studley and Henley	5	3	3	5	4	3	3	3	3	2	0	83	Good
Studley High School Netball & Tennis Courts 2	STUD_9tn	Studley and Henley	5	4	3	5	5	3	3	3	3	3	3	98	Excellent
Tanworth in Arden Tennis Courts	TANW_9	Studley and Henley	5	5	3	5	5	3	3	3	3	2	3	98	Excellent
Ullenhall Tennis Club	ULLEN_9	Studley and Henley	5	4	2	5	5	3	3	3	3	2	3	93	Excellent
Henley in Arden High School Tennis courts	HENLEY_MSb	Studley and Henley	3	4	2	4	4	3	3	3	3	2	0	76	Good
Wellesbourne and Kineton															
Charlecote Pheasant Hotel tennis courts	CHARL_9	Wellesbourne and Kineton	No Data												
Kineton High School Sports Pitches Tennis courts	KINETO_MS	Wellesbourne and Kineton	5	4	2	5	3	3	3	3	3	2	2	85	Good
Lighthorne Sports Ground Tennis court	LIGHT_6cf	Wellesbourne and Kineton	0	5	3	5	4	3	3	3	3	2	3	83	Good
Moreton Morrell College Tennis Court	MMOR_9	Wellesbourne and Kineton	5	4	3	5	4	3	3	3	3	2	2	90	Excellent

Bowls

	GIS Code	Sub Area	Changing Facilities	Grass cover	Grass length	Safety margins	Slope	Eveness	Dog fouling	Glass, stones etc	Unffical use	Surface damage	%	Overall Rating
Bidford Bowls Club	BID_10	Alcester and Bidford	5	5	5	3	5	5	3	3	3	3	100	Excellent
Ilmington Bowling Green	ILM_10	Alcester and Bidford	0	4	5	3	5	5	3	3	3	2	83	Good
Alcester Bowls Club	ALC_10	Alcester and Bidford	0	5	5	3	5	5	3	3	3	3	88	Good
Kineton Bowling Green	KINETO_10	Alcester and Bidford	0	5	4	3	5	5	3	3	3	3	85	Good
Halford Bowls Club	HALF_10	Shipston	0	5	5	3	5	5	3	3	3	3	88	Good
Langston Terrace Bowling Green	LTCOMP_10	Shipston	5	2	2	3	5	5	3	3	3	2	83	Good
Newbold on Stour Bowling Green	TRED_N_10	Shipston	0	4	5	3	5	4	3	3	3	3	83	Good
Norgren Social Club Bowling green	SHIP_10b	Shipston	5	5	5	3	5	5	3	3	3	3	100	Excellent
Shipston Bowls Club	SHIP_10a	Shipston	5	5	5	3	5	5	3	3	3	3	100	Excellent
Welford on Avon Bowls Club	WELF_10	Shipston	5	5	5	3	5	5	3	3	3	3	100	Excellent
Southam United Bowls Club	SOUTH_10	Southam	5	5	5	3	5	5	3	3	3	3	100	Excellent
NFU Bowls Club	STRAT_T10a	Stratford upon Avon	5	3	4	3	5	5	3	3	3	3	93	Excellent
Stratford Sports Club Bowls	STRAT_T10c	Stratford upon Avon	5	3	5	3	5	5	3	3	3	2	93	Excellent
Stratford upon Avon Bowling Club	STRAT_T10b	Stratford upon Avon	5	3	4	3	5	5	3	3	3	2	90	Good
Henley Bowling Green	HENLEY_10	Studley and Henley	0	2	2	3	4	4	3	3	3	2	65	Good
Snitterfield Bowls Club	SNITT_10	Studley and Henley	5	5	5	3	5	5	3	3	3	3	100	Excellent
Studley Bowling Green	STUD_10	Studley and Henley	5	5	5	3	5	5	3	3	3	3	100	Excellent
Tanworth in Arden Bowls Club Ball field	TANW_10	Studley and Henley	0	4	5	3	5	4	3	3	3	2	80	Good
Wootton Wawen Bowling Green	WWAWEN_10	Studley and Henley	0	3	2	3	4	4	3	3	3	2	68	Good
Fenny Compton Bowling Club	FENNYC_10	Wellesbourne and Kineton	5	5	5	3	5	5	3	3	3	2	98	Excellent
Wellesbourne Bowls club	WELLES_10	Wellesbourne and Kineton	5	5	5	3	4	5	3	3	3	3	98	Excellent

Althetics

	GIS Code	Sub Area	Changing Facilities	Quality of Hard Surface	Safety margins	Slope	Evenness	Dog fouling	Glass, stones etc	Unffical use	Surface damage	Goal posts etc	Line markings	Training	%	Overall Rating
Stratford High School Athletics Track	STRAT_Grt	Stratford upon Avon	5	5	3	5	5	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	100	Excellent

Changing Facilities Overall Score Count - number of pitches

Pitch Type	Changing Available			Quality of Changing				Evidence of Vandalism			Showers			Toilets			Parking			Security			Segregated	
	Yes	No	Don't Know	Excellent	Good	Average	Poor	None	Some	Lots	Good	OK	Poor	Good	OK	Poor	Good	OK	Poor	Good	OK	Poor	Yes	No
Bowls	10	8	3	1	5	1	3	16	0	0	1	2	0	6	6	2	7	4	7	9	6	1	0	0
Syn Football	12	0	0	4	3	0	1	11	1	0	7	0	0	7	0	0	12	0	0	12	0	0	0	0
Football	99	78	5	17	29	31	15	102	5	0	28	37	9	36	52	9	56	37	18	73	30	6	95	15
<i>Alcester and Bidford</i>	11	27	0	2	6	2	0	14	0	0	2	6	0	2	9	0	10	0	2	10	2	2	17	3
<i>Shipston</i>	19	8	0	2	4	7	4	17	0	0	7	7	0	5	14	0	8	8	5	11	9	0	14	3
<i>Southam</i>	19	14	1	3	3	7	6	31	0	0	2	9	6	5	8	6	4	7	8	14	2	0	14	2
<i>Stratford upon Avon</i>	19	6	0	2	11	0	0	19	0	0	7	0	0	11	2	0	9	9	0	12	7	0	19	0
<i>Studley and Henley</i>	21	14	0	6	2	10	5	26	4	0	7	11	3	8	17	3	16	11	3	17	8	4	21	6
<i>Wellesbourne and Kineton</i>	10	9	4	2	3	5	0	9	1	0	3	4	0	5	2	0	9	2	0	9	2	0	10	1
Cricket	40	3	3	7	11	17	5	35	5	0	11	21	2	12	23	3	20	10	9	20	17	2	26	12
<i>Alcester and Bidford</i>	7	1	1	1	1	4	1	6	1	0	1	3	0	1	4	0	3	0	3	3	4	0	4	3
<i>Shipston</i>	4	0	0	1	0	2	1	4	0	0	2	2	0	1	2	1	3	1	0	3	1	0	4	0
<i>Southam</i>	7	2	0	1	4	2	0	7	0	0	3	3	0	4	3	0	5	1	1	4	2	0	3	3
<i>Stratford upon Avon</i>	7	0	0	2	3	2	0	7	0	0	3	2	0	3	4	0	3	2	2	5	2	0	7	0
<i>Studley and Henley</i>	9	0	0	1	1	4	3	7	2	0	1	6	2	1	6	2	5	3	1	4	3	2	6	2
<i>Wellesbourne and Kineton</i>	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0
Rugby	41	3	0	7	10	17	0	41	1	0	11	21	0	15	19	0	26	8	8	27	14	0	38	3
<i>Alcester and Bidford</i>	6	1	0	2	0	4	0	7	0	0	2	4	0	2	4	0	6	0	1	5	1	0	6	0
<i>Shipston</i>	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	0	3	0
<i>Southam</i>	11	0	0	0	7	4	0	11	0	0	7	4	0	7	4	0	7	4	0	7	4	0	8	3
<i>Stratford upon Avon</i>	11	1	0	1	2	4	0	11	0	0	1	4	0	1	6	0	1	3	7	3	8	0	11	0
<i>Studley and Henley</i>	5	0	0	0	0	5	0	4	1	0	0	5	0	0	5	0	4	1	0	4	1	0	5	0
<i>Wellesbourne and Kineton</i>	5	1	0	4	1	0	0	5	0	0	1	4	0	5	0	0	5	0	0	5	0	0	5	0
Hockey	16	0	0	3	3	7	0	13	0	0	4	6	0	4	8	0	6	6	1	10	3	0	14	0
Netball	21	10	0	8	3	7	1	23	1	0	7	6	0	10	10	0	14	6	2	18	3	0	18	4
Tennis	34	10	3	14	9	5	5	34	2	0	18	10	1	19	14	1	26	10	1	27	8	1	29	6
<i>Alcester and Bidford</i>	7	2	0	3	3	0	1	8	1	0	3	2	1	3	4	1	7	0	1	4	4	0	4	4
<i>Shipston</i>	5	3	2	2	2	0	1	6	0	0	4	1	0	4	2	0	5	2	0	5	2	0	5	1
<i>Southam</i>	3	3	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	3	0	0	3	0	0	2	1
<i>Stratford upon Avon</i>	6	0	0	4	1	0	0	5	0	0	4	0	0	4	1	0	4	1	0	5	0	0	6	0
<i>Studley and Henley</i>	11	1	0	4	2	2	3	10	1	0	6	4	0	6	5	0	5	6	0	8	2	1	10	0
<i>Wellesbourne and Kineton</i>	2	1	1	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	2	1	0	2	0	0	2	0

Accessibility Overall Score Count - number of pitches

Pitch Type	Disabled Access			Car Park		Cycle Park		Signed Cycling		Signed Walking		Stop Entra		Bus Stop Perimeter		Access Charges	
	Poor	Average	Good	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
Bowls	15	3	3	13	8	0	21	1	19	1	19	2	18	4	14	16	3
Football SYN	0	7	5	12	0	6	6	0	12	1	11	3	9	2	4	6	6
Football	65	92	24	146	35	30	151	18	155	21	148	27	149	30	125	46	112
<i>Alcester and Bidford</i>	3	30	5	30	8	7	31	9	25	11	20	8	28	4	21	5	26
<i>Shipston</i>	18	9	0	21	6	3	24	7	20	3	24	1	26	8	19	9	18
<i>Southam</i>	16	11	6	24	9	2	31	0	29	0	29	4	26	6	21	7	25
<i>Stratford upon Avon</i>	4	15	6	19	6	6	19	0	25	2	23	7	18	7	15	11	10
<i>Studley and Henley</i>	15	13	7	31	4	7	28	2	33	2	33	3	32	2	30	9	17
<i>Wellesbourne and Kineton</i>	9	14	0	21	2	5	18	0	23	3	19	4	19	3	19	5	16
Cricket	21	18	4	36	9	6	38	6	36	7	35	9	34	10	28	15	26
<i>Alcester and Bidford</i>	2	5	1	7	2	2	6	3	4	3	4	3	5	0	4	2	5
<i>Shipston</i>	2	1	0	4	0	0	4	1	3	0	4	0	4	1	3	3	1
<i>Southam</i>	6	2	1	5	3	0	9	0	9	0	9	1	7	2	5	1	8
<i>Stratford upon Avon</i>	3	3	1	5	2	1	6	1	6	1	6	2	5	4	3	5	2
<i>Studley and Henley</i>	3	6	0	8	1	2	7	1	8	1	8	2	7	2	7	3	5
<i>Wellesbourne and Kineton</i>	5	1	1	7	1	1	6	0	6	2	4	1	6	1	6	1	5
Rugby	26	18	0	42	2	5	39	7	37	3	41	13	31	17	25	11	31
<i>Alcester and Bidford</i>	3	4	0	7	0	3	4	6	1	1	6	6	1	0	6	0	7
<i>Shipston</i>	3	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	3	0	3	0	3	0	3	3	0
<i>Southam</i>	7	4	0	11	0	0	11	0	11	0	11	0	11	4	7	0	11
<i>Stratford upon Avon</i>	8	4	0	11	1	0	12	0	12	1	11	1	11	9	3	5	6
<i>Studley and Henley</i>	4	1	0	5	0	2	3	1	4	1	4	1	4	0	4	3	2
<i>Wellesbourne and Kineton</i>	1	5	0	5	1	0	6	0	6	0	6	5	1	4	2	0	5
Hockey	6	8	0	14	0	4	10	3	11	3	11	3	11	5	9	2	12
Netball	9	15	7	27	4	21	10	3	28	3	27	7	21	9	17	3	26
Tennis	20	19	7	39	6	14	32	6	38	7	36	11	33	12	27	24	19
<i>Alcester and Bidford</i>	1	8	0	8	1	5	4	2	7	2	6	4	4	1	4	6	3
<i>Shipston</i>	9	0	0	7	2	0	9	1	8	1	8	1	8	3	6	5	3
<i>Southam</i>	2	4	1	6	1	2	5	0	6	0	6	3	3	3	3	1	5
<i>Stratford upon Avon</i>	2	2	2	6	0	3	3	1	5	3	3	2	4	3	2	4	2
<i>Studley and Henley</i>	4	4	4	9	2	3	9	1	11	1	11	1	11	1	10	6	5
<i>Wellesbourne and Kineton</i>	2	1	0	3	0	1	2	1	1	0	2	0	3	1	2	2	1

Equipment Assessment Overall Score Count - number of pitches

Pitch Type	Quality of Goal Posts (or equivalent)				Cricket Only - is the wicket protected when not used		Line Markings - quality				Training Area	
	Excellent	Good	Poor	None-out of season	Yes	No	Excellent	Good	Average/ acceptable	Poor	Yes	No
Bowls												
Syn Football	4	8	0	0			5	1	1	5	9	9
Football	10	107	37	21			4	74	40	39	78	78
<i>Alcester and Bidford</i>	5	27	2	0			0	19	9	5	15	16
<i>Shipston</i>	1	6	13	0			1	9	0	14	1	23
<i>Southam</i>	0	22	7	0			0	17	8	5	13	15
<i>Stratford upon Avon</i>	2	13	2	0			1	10	5	5	21	4
<i>Studley and Henley</i>	2	21	10	0			2	14	8	7	22	9
<i>Wellesbourne and Kineton</i>	0	18	3	0			0	5	10	3	6	11
Cricket					9	29	3	14	10	5	28	12
<i>Alcester and Bidford</i>					2	4	1	3	1	1	5	2
<i>Shipston</i>					0	4	0	2	1	0	2	2
<i>Southam</i>					4	4	1	3	2	0	8	0
<i>Stratford upon Avon</i>					0	7	1	1	4	1	4	3
<i>Studley and Henley</i>					1	6	0	3	2	1	5	3
<i>Wellesbourne and Kineton</i>					2	4	0	2	0	2	4	2
Rugby	0	24	16	4			3	23	11	5	29	7
<i>Alcester and Bidford</i>	0	6	1	0			0	3	3	1	6	1
<i>Shipston</i>	0	0	3	0			0	0	0	3	0	0
<i>Southam</i>	0	7	4	0			0	7	4	0	7	0
<i>Stratford upon Avon</i>	0	5	3	4			3	5	2	0	11	0
<i>Studley and Henley</i>	0	1	4	0			0	3	2	0	5	0
<i>Wellesbourne and Kineton</i>	0	24	1	4			3	23	11	5	0	6
Hockey	0	11	0	3			1	4	8	0	12	1
Netball	4	18	3	6			7	13	8	3	6	20
Tennis	18	20	2	3			23	9	7	6	6	34
<i>Alcester and Bidford</i>	1	8	0	0			3	2	3	1	3	6
<i>Shipston</i>	3	4	1	0			4	2	0	2	1	6
<i>Southam</i>	4	2	0	1			4	2	0	1	0	7
<i>Stratford upon Avon</i>	3	1	1	1			3	1	2	0	1	4
<i>Studley and Henley</i>	7	4	0	1			8	2	0	2	1	8
<i>Wellesbourne and Kineton</i>	0	1	0	0			1	0	2	0	0	3