



# ACTIVE DORSET DRAFT STRATEGY & ACTION PLAN

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## ABBREVIATIONS

3G	Third Generation (artificial turf)
AGP	Artificial Grass Pitch
AP	Active Partnerships
ASC	All Stars Cricket
CC	Cricket Club
CSP	County Sports Partnership
ECB	England and Wales Cricket Board
DCB	Dorset Cricket Board
DCFA	Dorset County Football Association
EH	England Hockey
FA	Football Association
FC	Football Club
FF	Football Foundation
FIFA	Fédération Internationale de Football Association
FIT	Fields in Trust
FPM	Facilities Planning Model
GIS	Geographical Information Systems
HC	Hockey Club
KKP	Knight, Kavanagh and Page
LMS	Last Man Stands
NGBs	National Governing Bodies of Sport
NPPF	National Planning Policy Framework
NTP	Non-Turf Pitch
PPS	Playing Pitch Strategy
PQS	Performance Quality Standard
RFU	Rugby Football Union
RUFC	Rugby Union Football Club
S106	Section 106
TGR	Team Generation Rate
U	Under

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## PART 1: INTRODUCTION

This is the Playing Pitch Strategy (PPS) for the recently established authority of Dorset (consisting of the five former local authorities of East Dorset, North Dorset, Purbeck, West Dorset and Weymouth & Portland), as commissioned by Active Dorset. Building upon the preceding Assessment Report, it provides a clear, strategic framework for the maintenance and improvement of existing playing pitch provision and accompanying ancillary facilities.

The Strategy is capable of:

- ◀ Providing a clear framework for all playing pitch providers, including the public, private and third sectors;
- ◀ Clearly addressing the needs of all identified sports within the area, picking up on particular local demand issues;
- ◀ Addressing issues of population growth and major growth/regeneration areas;
- ◀ Addressing issues of cross boundary facility provision;
- ◀ Addressing issues of accessibility, quality and management with regard to facility provision;
- ◀ Standing up to scrutiny at a public inquiry as a robust study;
- ◀ Supporting funding applications;
- ◀ Providing realistic aspirations which are implementable within the local authority's budgetary position and procurement regime.

The Strategy recommends numerous priority projects for the Dorset Council that should be implemented over the course of its lifespan. It is outlined to provide a framework for improvement, with potential partners and possible sources of external funding identified in light of limited council resources.

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

The PPS should be used in conjunction with the adopted Indoor Sports and Leisure Facilities Strategy, completed in 2018. The inter-relationship between the strategies must be noted as some sports covered by the PPS also use indoor facilities for matches or training. As the Indoor Sports and Leisure Facilities Strategy includes Christchurch, this PPS should also be used in tandem with the Christchurch PPS.

### **Scope**

The following types of outdoor sports facilities were agreed by the steering group for inclusion in the PPS:

- ◀ Football pitches (including 3G AGPs)
- ◀ Cricket pitches
- ◀ Rugby union pitches (including 3G AGPs)
- ◀ Hockey pitches (sand/water based AGPs)
- ◀ Other sports (American football, lacrosse, rugby league and polo)

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Each sport is assessed using the guidance set out in Sport England's PPS Guidance: An approach to developing and delivering a PPS.

## **Study area**

The PPS covers the entire Dorset Council area which consists of the following former sovereign local authorities:

- ◀ East Dorset
- ◀ North Dorset
- ◀ Purbeck
- ◀ West Dorset
- ◀ Weymouth & Portland

For the purposes of this report, these former sovereign councils are referred to as sub areas or analysis areas.

## **1.1: Structure**

The Strategy has been developed from research and analysis of playing pitch provision and usage within the Dorset Council area to provide:

- ◀ A vision for the future improvement and prioritisation of playing pitch facilities.
- ◀ A number of aims to help deliver the recommendations and actions.
- ◀ A series of sport by sport recommendations which provide a strategic framework for sport led improvements to provision.
- ◀ A range of sport by sport and local authority wide scenarios to help inform policy recommendations and prioritisation of actions.
- ◀ A series of strategic recommendations which provide a framework for the improvement, maintenance, development and, if applicable, the rationalisation of playing pitches.
- ◀ A prioritised area-by-area, site-by-site action plan to address key issues.
- ◀ Housing growth scenarios to determine the impact of an increased population derived from developments on playing pitch provision and recommendations as to how this can be accommodated.

## **1.2: Context**

The rationale for undertaking this study is to identify current levels of provision within the Dorset Council area across the public, education, voluntary and commercial sectors and to compare this with current and likely future levels of demand. The primary purpose of the PPS is therefore to provide a strategic framework that ensures the provision of playing pitch facilities meets the local needs of existing and future residents.

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

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

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This strategy provides an evidence base for planning decisions and funding bids and background evidence to support Local Plan policies in relation to formal recreation. It will ensure that this evidence is sound, robust and capable of being scrutinised through examination whilst meeting the requirements of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF).

One of the core planning principles of the NPPF is to improve health, social and cultural wellbeing for all and deliver sufficient community and cultural facilities and services to meet local needs. Section 8 of the NPPF deals specifically with the topic of healthy communities; Paragraph 96 discusses the importance of access to high quality open spaces and opportunities for sport and recreation that can make an important contribution to the health and well-being of communities.

Paragraphs 97 and 98 discuss assessments and the protection of “existing open space, sports and recreational buildings and land, including playing fields”. A PPS will provide the evidence required to help protect playing fields to ensure sufficient land is available to meet existing and projected future pitch requirements.

Paragraph 99 and 100 promote the identification of important green spaces by local communities and the protection of these facilities. Such spaces may include playing fields.

## ***Dorset Council Local Plan***

As part of the arrangement to form a new unitary authority, Dorset Council has a duty to prepare a Local Plan that covers the whole Study Area by 2024. The PPS will, thus, be able to inform plan making. The recommendations made should be translated into local plan policy so that there is a mechanism to support delivery and secure provision and investment into provision where the opportunity arises.

Planning Policy and other relevant sport related corporate strategies must continue to be based upon a robust evidence base in order to ensure planning and sports development policy can be implemented efficiently and effectively;

### Corporate and strategic:

- ◀ The PPS ensures a strategic approach to playing pitch provision; the PPS will act as a tool for the Council and partner organisations to guide resource allocation and set priorities for pitch sports in the future.
- ◀ Evidence for capital funding; as well as proving the need for developer contributions towards pitches and facilities a PPS can provide evidence of need for a range of capital grants - current examples include the Sport England Funding Programme, Heritage Lottery Fund (for park improvements), the Football Foundation and the Big Lottery.

### Planning:

- ◀ The PPS will provide important evidence to support the Dorset Council Local Plan.
- ◀ It will be able to support strategic policies on green infrastructure, leisure, outdoor sports facilities and health and well-being in the Local Plan.
- ◀ Evidence for Community Infrastructure Levy (if applicable) and developer contributions.

### Operational:

- ◀ The PPS can help improve management of assets, which should result in more efficient use of resources and reduced overheads.
- ◀ The Action Plan identifies sites where quality of provision can be enhanced.

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- ◀ An assessment of all pitches (in use and lapsed) shows how pitches are used and whether the current maintenance and management regimes are appropriate or require change.

Sports development:

- ◀ The PPS helps identify which sites have community use and whether that use is secure or not.
- ◀ It helps identify where community use of school sports pitches is most needed to address any identified deficits in provision.
- ◀ It provides better information to residents and other users of sports pitches available for use, including information about both pitches and sports teams / user groups.
- ◀ It promotes sports development and can help unlock latent demand by identifying where the lack of facilities might be suppressing the formation of teams / community needs.

## 1.3: Headline findings

The table below highlights the quantitative headline findings for the playing pitch sports in the Dorset Council area from the preceding Assessment Report. For qualitative findings and site-specific findings, please see Part 4: Sport Specific Recommendations and Scenarios, and Part 6: Action Plan.

Current demand is calculated from an analysis of overplay and spare capacity, whereas future demand takes into consideration club aspirations and population growth up to 2036 (using ONS figures).

Table 1.1: Quantitative headline findings

Sport	Sub area	Current demand (2019)		Future demand (2036)
		Pitch type	Current capacity total in MES <sup>1</sup>	Future capacity total in MES
Football (grass pitches)	East Dorset	Adult	Spare capacity of 6.5	Spare capacity of 5
		Youth 11v11	Shortfall of 2.5	Shortfall of 4.5
		Youth 9v9	Spare capacity of 2	Shortfall of 0.5
		Mini 7v7	Spare capacity of 1	Spare capacity of 1
		Mini 5v5	Spare capacity of 4	Spare capacity of 0.5
	North Dorset	Adult	Spare capacity of 2	Spare capacity of 2
		Youth 11v11	Shortfall of 3	Shortfall of 5
		Youth 9v9	Shortfall of 0.5	Shortfall of 1
		Mini 7v7	At capacity	At capacity
		Mini 5v5	At capacity	Shortfall of 3
	Purbeck	Adult	Spare capacity of 0.5	Shortfall of 1
		Youth 11v11	At capacity	Shortfall of 2.5
		Youth 9v9	At capacity	Shortfall of 2.5
		Mini 7v7	At capacity	At capacity
		Mini 5v5	Spare capacity of 2	At capacity
	West Dorset	Adult	Spare capacity of 2.5	Spare capacity of 1.5
		Youth 11v11	Shortfall of 1	Shortfall of 3
		Youth 9v9	Spare capacity of 2	At capacity
		Mini 7v7	At capacity	At capacity

<sup>1</sup> MES – match equivalent sessions per week (per season for cricket)

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Sport	Sub area	Current demand (2019)		Future demand (2036)
			Mini 5v5	At capacity
	Weymouth & Portland	Adult	Shortfall of 3.5	Shortfall of 5
		Youth 11v11	At capacity	Shortfall of 1.5
		Youth 9v9	Spare capacity of 4	Spare capacity of 2.5
		Mini 7v7	At capacity	At capacity
		Mini 5v5	Spare capacity of 3	Spare capacity of 1
Football (3G pitches) <sup>2</sup>	East Dorset	Full size, floodlit	Shortfall of 3	Shortfall of 3.5
	North Dorset	Full size, floodlit	Shortfall of 1.25	Shortfall of 1.5
	Purbeck	Full size, floodlit	Shortfall of 0.75	Shortfall of 1
	West Dorset	Full size, floodlit	Shortfall of 0.5	Shortfall of 0.75
	Weymouth & Portland	Full size, floodlit	Shortfall of 1.5	Shortfall of 1.75
Cricket	East Dorset	Senior	Spare capacity of 53	Spare capacity of 53
	North Dorset	Senior	Spare capacity of 108	Spare capacity of 93
	Purbeck	Senior	Shortfall of 13	Shortfall of 31
	West Dorset	Senior	Spare capacity of 76	Spare capacity of 65
	Weymouth & Portland	Senior	Spare capacity of 58	Spare capacity of 58
Rugby union	East Dorset	Senior	Shortfall of 5	Shortfall of 5.5
	North Dorset	Senior	Shortfall of 0.25	Shortfall of 2.75
	Purbeck	Senior	Shortfall of 0.75	Shortfall of 2.25
	West Dorset	Senior	Shortfall of 11.75	Shortfall of 13.5
	Weymouth & Portland	Senior	Shortfall of 0.5	Shortfall of 3.25
Hockey (sand AGPs)	Dorset Council area	Full size, floodlit	Adequate provision for community hockey	Adequate provision for community hockey
Lacrosse	Dorset Council area	Pitch	Adequate provision	Adequate provision
Rugby league	Dorset Council area	Senior	Adequate provision	Adequate provision
American football	Dorset Council area	Pitch	Adequate provision	Adequate provision
Polo	Dorset Council area	Pitch	Adequate provision	Adequate provision

<sup>2</sup> Based on accommodating 38 teams on one full size pitch



### ***Conclusions***

From a quantitative perspective, the existing position for all sports is either that demand is being met or that there is a shortfall, whereas the future position shows the creation of shortfalls for some pitch types and in some areas where demand is currently being met and the exacerbation of existing shortfalls. There are current and future shortfalls of 3G pitches and rugby union pitches and future shortfalls of football pitches and cricket squares; only hockey and the other included sports have capacity both now and when accounting for future demand.

Where demand is being met, this does not equate to a surplus of provision, with any spare capacity instead considered as a solution to overcoming current shortfalls and accommodating existing or future demand. As such, there is a clear need to protect all existing outdoor sports provision until all demand is met, or there is a requirement to replace provision to an equal or better quantity and quality before it is lost.

For the most part, shortfalls can be alleviated by better utilising current provision, such as through improving quality, installing additional floodlighting, improving ancillary facilities and enabling access to existing unused provision, such as at unavailable school sites. Another example of how to develop existing provision to overcome shortfalls is pitch re-configuration (or re-designation). In addition, partial shortfalls for football and rugby union can be alleviated through the creation of new pitches that are already planned.

Notwithstanding the above, a shortfall of 3G pitches can only be met through creating new provision. With resources to improve the quality of grass pitches being limited, an increase in 3G provision could also help reduce grass pitch shortfalls through the transfer of play, thus reducing overplay, which in turn can aid pitch quality improvements.

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## PART 2: VISION

### Vision

Below is a vision for the Dorset Council area in regard to its playing pitch provision. It sets out to capture the corporate themes within each authority to provide an all-encompassing vision and accords to the vision of the Indoor Sports and Leisure Facilities Strategy.

*'To create high quality, sustainable leisure and sports facilities which meet community need, increase participation, help tackle health and age issues and provide accessible, inclusive activities for the authority of Dorset residents as part of an active lifestyle.'*

To achieve this vision, the PPS seeks to deliver the following objectives:

- ◀ Working collectively with partners to create opportunity for everyone to participate.
- ◀ Ensure that all valuable facilities are protected for the long-term benefit of sport.
- ◀ Promote a sustainable approach to the provision of playing pitches and management of sports clubs.
- ◀ Ensure that there are enough facilities in the right place to meet current and projected future demand.
- ◀ Ensure that all clubs have access to facilities of appropriate quality to meet current needs and longer-term aspirations.

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## PART 3: AIMS

The following overarching aims are based on the three Sport England themes. It is recommended that they are adopted by the Council and partners to enable delivery of the overall PPS vision and Sport England planning objectives.

### AIM 1

To **protect** the existing supply of outdoor sport facilities where it is needed to meet current and future needs.

### AIM 2

To **enhance** outdoor sport facilities and ancillary facilities through improving quality and management of sites.

### AIM 3

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

Figure 2.1: Sport England themes



Source Sport England (2015)

## PART 4: SPORT SPECIFIC ISSUES SCENARIOS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

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

### Football – grass pitches

#### *Key findings*

**There is currently an overall shortfall on youth 11v11 pitches across the Study Area with all remaining pitch types having spare capacity. The current shortfalls are likely to be greater given the number of youth 11v11 teams playing on adult pitches**

**When accounting for future demand from both team generations rates and club aspirational demand shortfall become evident on all pitch types apart from adult and mini 7v7 pitch types.**

#### *Summary*

- ◀ The audit identifies a total of 381 grass football pitches across 178 sites within the Study Area. Of these, 303 pitches are available, at some level, for community use across 132 sites.
- ◀ There is future provision planned for the relocation of Wimborne FC, Vearse Farm, Bridport, Chickereil Town Football Club and The Marsh Playing Fields, Weymouth
- ◀ Most of the pitches across the Study Area are managed by town or parish councils (103 pitches or 33%). This is followed by schools (28%), sports clubs (24%) and 'other' with 10% of community available provision. Only 14 pitches (5%) of all provision is managed by the local authority.
- ◀ Verwood Town FC, Verwood Girls FC, Parley Sports FC, Sturminster Newton United, Blandford YFC, Gillingham Town YFC, Shaftesbury Rockies FC, Upton FC, Lytchett Matravers FC, Wareham Rangers FC and Jurassic Coast Girls FC all are considered to have unsecure tenure.
- ◀ In total, 13 pitches are assessed as good quality, 147 as standard quality and 143 as poor quality.
- ◀ Across the Study Area, 16 clubs report plans to develop their ancillary facilities.
- ◀ Across the Study Area, 17 clubs report plans to improve the quality of the pitches at their home venues.
- ◀ There a total of 22 teams from 18 clubs play within the football pyramid.
- ◀ Through the audit and assessment, 502 teams identified as playing within the Study Area. This consists of 144 adult men's, 16 adult women's, 176 youth boys', 24 youth girls' and 142 mini mixed teams.
- ◀ Lyme Regis FC, Netherbury FC and Wimborne & Holt FC export partial demand out of the Study Area.
- ◀ In total 22 clubs' report aspirations to increase the number of teams; providing a predicted growth of 57 teams.
- ◀ Team generation rates predict a total growth of 18 teams across various age groups across the Study Area.
- ◀ There is overall current spare capacity on adult, youth 9v9 and mini pitches types across the East Dorset Sub Area, whilst youth 11v11 pitches overplayed by 2.5 match equivalent sessions.

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- There is overall current spare capacity on adult pitches across the North Dorset Sub Area, whilst mini 7v7 and mini 5v5 pitches are played to capacity and youth 11v11 and youth 9v9 pitches overplayed by three and 0.5 match equivalent sessions, respectively.
- There is minimal overall current spare capacity on adult and mini 5v5 pitches in the Purbeck Sub Area.
- There is minimal overall current spare capacity on adult and youth 9v9 pitches, whereas, youth 11v11 pitches are marginally overplayed. All other pitch types are played to capacity across the West Dorset Sub Area.
- There is overall current spare capacity on youth 9v9 and mini 5v5 pitches, whereas, adult pitches are marginally overplayed. All other pitch types are played to capacity across the Weymouth & Portland Sub Area.

## Scenarios

### Alleviating shortfalls

Across the Study Area there is capacity to accommodate current levels of demand across all pitch types apart from youth 11v11 and youth 9v9 pitches. When accounting for future demand, shortfalls become evident on adult, youth 11v11, youth 9v9 and mini 5v5 pitch types, these are listed below.

Table 4.1: Summary of current and future pitch shortfalls by Sub area

Sub area	Current pitch shortfalls	Future pitch shortfalls
East Dorset	2.5 match equivalent sessions on youth 11v11 pitches	4.5 match equivalent sessions on youth 11v11 pitches 0.5 match equivalent sessions on youth 9v9 pitches
North Dorset	3 match equivalent sessions on youth 11v11 pitches 0.5 match equivalent sessions on youth 9v9 pitches	5 match equivalent sessions on youth 11v11 pitches 1 match equivalent sessions on youth 9v9 pitches 3 match equivalent sessions on mini 5v5 pitches
Purbeck	No identified shortfalls	1 match equivalent sessions on adult pitches 2.5 match equivalent sessions on youth 11v11 pitches 2.5 match equivalent sessions on youth 9v9 pitches
West Dorset	1 match equivalent sessions on youth 11v11 pitches	3 match equivalent sessions on youth 11v11 pitches 1 match equivalent sessions on mini 5v5 pitches
Weymouth & Portland	No identified shortfalls	No identified shortfalls

Alleviating this level of shortfall can be achieved through a variety of methods including securing tenure at sites with standard quality pitches, improving secure, poor quality pitches or through the creation of new provision. The extent to which each of these has on addressing the shortfalls is explored below in greater detail.

The full supply and demand analysis for football pitches Authority wide and by Sub Area can be found in the accompanying Assessment Report.

### New pitches

Across the Authority there are current plans to provide one adult pitch at Wimborne Community Sports Hub facility (East Dorset), one youth 11v11 and one youth 9v9 pitch at The Vearse Farm development (West Dorset) and one adult pitch for Chickerall Town FC (West Dorset).

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This will provide two match equivalent sessions of peak time capacity on adult pitches and one match equivalent session each on youth 11v11 and youth 9v9 pitches. The impact this will have on supply and demand is shown in the table overleaf.

*Table 4.2: Summary of football supply and demand with new pitches across the Authority*

Pitch type	Demand (match equivalent sessions)				
	Current total	Future demand	Total	Future capacity to be created	New total
Adult	8	5.5	2.5	2	4.5
Youth 11v11	6.5	10	16.5	1	15.5
Youth 9v9	7.5	9	1.5	1	0.5
Mini 7v7	1	-	1	-	1
Mini 5v5	9	11.5	2.5	-	2.5

The creation of these pitches will increase spare capacity at peak time on adult pitches by two match equivalent session to three, whereas it will reduce levels of overplay on youth 11v11 pitch from 16.5 match equivalent sessions to 15.5. Similarly, it would reduce overplay on youth 9v9 pitches from 1.5 match equivalent sessions to 0.5 match equivalent sessions.

If overplay was to be alleviated entirely in each Sub Area, there would be a need to create a minimum of one adult pitch, 15 youth 11v11 pitches, four youth 9v9 pitch and one mini 5v5 pitches. This is based on each pitch accommodating one match equivalent session of peak time capacity and one team representing 0.5 match equivalent sessions for each match played based on operating on a traditional home and away basis (assumes half of matches will be played away). This also assumes pitches are a minimum of standard quality.

If pitches were to be established as standard quality, in addition of creating spare capacity at peak time, they would also create two match equivalent sessions on adult pitches and one match equivalent session each on youth 11v11 and youth 9v9 pitches outside of peak time.

In comparison if pitches were established as good quality, in addition to peak time capacity, there would be four match equivalent sessions on adult pitches and three match equivalent session each on youth 11v11 and youth 9v9 pitches outside of peak time.

Creation of so many new pitches is generally considered unfeasible, therefore a combination of creating new pitches, improving pitch quality and securing access to sites with unsecure tenure is required and is a more sustainable and achievable way of addressing shortfalls.

### *Securing access to sites with unsecure tenure*

Across the Dorset Council area there are several sites containing football pitches which have unsecure community access. Where this is expressed as potential spare capacity it has been discounted from the supply and demand analysis within the Assessment Report. Securing access to these sites could provide an opportunity to help address future shortfalls within each Sub Area. A summary of these pitches can be seen in Appendix Five.

There are 26 sites that have spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure, however, they are not currently accessed by community clubs. Therefore, there would be a need to increase community usage whilst at the same time securing tenure.

There are several sites in the Authority which contain football pitches which have the potential to help address remaining shortfalls by securing access, through for example, a Community Use Agreement (CUA) or long-term leases. In total, 66 match equivalent

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sessions of spare capacity per week could be generated if tenure to all the above-mentioned school sites could be secured.

*Table 4.3: Summary of potential peak time spare capacity at sites with unsecure tenure by Sub area*

Sub area	Summary of potential spare capacity (match equivalent sessions)					
	Adult	Youth 11v11	Youth 9v9	Mini 7v7	Mini 5v5	Totals
East Dorset	-	3	1	1.5	3	<b>8.5</b>
North Dorset	6.5	2	1	6.5	3	<b>19</b>
Purbeck	2.5	1	2	0.5	1	<b>7</b>
West Dorset	3.5	4	4.5	3	7.5	<b>22.5</b>
Weymouth & Portland	3	1	1	2	2	<b>9</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>15.5</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>9.5</b>	<b>13.5</b>	<b>16.5</b>	<b>66</b>

If all spare capacity could be secured, there would be no future shortfalls in the Dorset Authority. However, as most of this demand is located at school sites, this doesn't always mean secured community access. This is due to schools wanting the flexibility to prioritise and protect the quality of their pitches for curricular or extracurricular usage, for example, in periods of extended bad weather.

As a priority, it is recommended that if a community club is already utilising educational provision it should look to formalise the arrangement through a CUA. Through consultation, Sturminster Newton United FC (Sturminster Newton High School), Blandford YFC (The Blandford School), Wareham Rangers FC (Purbeck Sports Centre), Bridport YFC (Salway Ash C of E Primary School) and Jurassic Coast Girls FC (The Wey Valley School) are all identified as such clubs without existing secured community use.

It should be noted that consultation with the Blandford School indicates there is no formal community use agreement in place for the use of the grass football pitches, however, the full size 3G pitch on the site was Football Foundation funded. This means in order to meet terms and conditions there should be protected community access on the site, if there isn't a formal agreement in place the School would be deliver against the agreed outcomes.

Correspondingly on non-education sites, Verwood Girls (Potterne Park), Parley Sports FC (Parley Sports Club), Gillingham Town YFC (Kington Magna Football Pitches) and Shaftesbury Rockies FC (HMP Guys Marsh) report ambitions to secure long term tenure at their respective venues in order to access potential grant funding to improve either pitch or ancillary facility provision.

In addition to having unsecure tenure, it should also be noted that 20 of the sites also accommodate one or more poor quality pitches as follows.

*Table 4.4: Summary of community available poor quality pitches at sites with unsecure tenure*

Site ID	Site name	Sub area	Number of pitches	Pitch type
80	Hillside Community First School	East Dorset	2	5v5
228	Wimborne First School	East Dorset	1	7v7
16	Blandford Camp (HM Forces)	North Dorset	2	Adult
82	HMP Guys Marsh	North Dorset	1	Adult



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Site ID	Site name	Sub area	Number of pitches	Pitch type
82	HMP Guys Marsh	North Dorset	1	7v7
82	HMP Guys Marsh	North Dorset	2	11v11
148	Shaftesbury Church of England Primary School	North Dorset	2	7v7
189	Sturminster Newton High School	North Dorset	1	5v5
254	St Andrews CE Primary School Shaftesbury	North Dorset	1	7v7
257	The Abbey C of E Primary School, Shaftesbury	North Dorset	1	7v7
43	Corfe Castle Sports Field	Purbeck	1	7v7
43	Corfe Castle Sports Field	Purbeck	1	9v9
146	Sandford St Martins Ceva Primary School	Purbeck	1	5v5
25	Broadmayne First School	West Dorset	2	5v5
26	Broadmayne Playing Field	West Dorset	1	Adult
35	Chickerell Primary Academy	West Dorset	1	7v7
66	Frome Valley C of E VA First School	West Dorset	1	5v5
72	Greenford C of E Primary School	West Dorset	1	5v5
166	St Catherine's RC Primary School	West Dorset	1	5v5
174	St Marys C of E Primary School	West Dorset	1	7v7
253	The Prince of Wales School	West Dorset	1	5v5
253	The Prince of Wales School	West Dorset	1	7v7
206	The Wey Valley School	Weymouth & Portland	1	5v5
206	The Wey Valley School	Weymouth & Portland	1	7v7
206	The Wey Valley School	Weymouth & Portland	1	11v11
206	The Wey Valley School	Weymouth & Portland	1	9v9
221	Weston Street	Weymouth & Portland	1	Adult
221	Weston Street	Weymouth & Portland	1	5v5
221	Weston Street	Weymouth & Portland	1	7v7

### *Improving quality*

There are a further 39 sites across the five sub areas containing poor quality pitches, these are highlighted in the table below.

*Table 4.5: Summary of remaining poor quality pitches*

Site ID	Site name	Sub area	Number of pitches	Pitch type
3	Alderholt Sports Club	East Dorset	2	Adult
62	Ferndown Leisure Centre	East Dorset	2	Mini 7v7
64	Ford Lane Recreation Ground	East Dorset	1	Adult
			1	Mini 5v5
			1	Mini 7v7
106	Mick Loader Memorial Recreation Ground	East Dorset	1	Adult
			1	Mini 7v7
123	Pamphill Village Green	East Dorset	1	Mini 5v5
133	Potterne Park	East Dorset	2	Adult
			1	Youth 11v11
			1	Youth 9v9
			2	Mini 7v7



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Site ID	Site name	Sub area	Number of pitches	Pitch type
			1	Mini 5v5
232	Witchampton Sports Ground	East Dorset	1	Adult
			1	Youth 9v9
48	Dick Draper Memorial Field	North Dorset	1	Adult
56	Durweston Village Hall	North Dorset	2	Mini 5v5
78	Hazelbury Bryan Playing Field	North Dorset	1	Adult
104	Marnhull Recreation Ground	North Dorset	1	Adult
136	Queen Elizabeth II Playing Field	North Dorset	1	Adult
159	Shillingstone Recreation Ground	North Dorset	1	Adult
184	Stour Provost Playing Fields	North Dorset	1	Adult
201	Stalbridge Playing Fields (The Park)	North Dorset	1	Youth 9v9
202	The Recreation Ground	North Dorset	1	Adult
			1	Mini 7v7
231	Winterborne Sports and Social Club	North Dorset	1	Adult
87	Journeys End	Purbeck	1	Mini 7v7
101	Lytchett Matravers Recreation Ground	Purbeck	1	Youth 9v9
			1	Mini 7v7
			2	Mini 5v5
113	Morden Recreation Ground and Village Hall	Purbeck	1	Adult
			1	Mini 7v7
11	Barrs Lane Recreation Ground	West Dorset	1	Adult
			1	Youth 9v9
15	Bishop's Caundle Playing Field	West Dorset	1	Adult
21	Bradford Abbas Sports and Recreation Club	West Dorset	1	Youth 11v11
			1	Mini 7v7
			1	Mini 5v5
29	Buckland Newton Parish Field	West Dorset	1	Mini 7v7
			1	Mini 5v5
31	Burton Bradstock Playing Field	West Dorset	1	Mini 7v7
46	Crossways Playing Field	West Dorset	1	Adult
54	Drimpton Recreation Ground	West Dorset	1	Adult
71	Great Field	West Dorset	1	Youth 9v9
79	Hedley Howard Memorial Playing Field	West Dorset	1	Youth 9v9
			1	Mini 7v7
117	Nether Compton Playing Field	West Dorset	1	Adult
128	Piddletrenthide Playing Field	West Dorset	1	Adult
130	Portesham Playing Field	West Dorset	1	Adult
153	Sherborne Area Youth and Community Centre	West Dorset	1	Adult
			1	Mini 7v7
162	Simsay Oval	West Dorset	1	Adult
186	Stratton Playing Field	West Dorset	1	Mini 7v7
210	Thornford Playing Field	West Dorset	1	Adult
238	Yetminster Playing Fields	West Dorset	1	Adult
			1	Youth 11v11
244	Halstock Football Field	West Dorset	1	Adult
200	The Marsh Playing Fields	Weymouth & Portland	1	Adult
			2	Youth 11v11

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Site ID	Site name	Sub area	Number of pitches	Pitch type
			1	Youth 9v9
			2	Mini 7v7
			2	Mini 5v5

Unlike the abovementioned sites they all have secure tenure. Therefore, improving their quality from poor to standard would create actual spare capacity which would reduce any overplay.

If the above pitches were improved to a minimum of standard quality the actual spare capacity generated would alleviate all future shortfalls expressed youth 9v9 and mini 5v5, however, youth 11v11 pitches would still be overplayed.

*Table 4.6: Summary of discounted peak time spare capacity due to poor quality*

Sub area	Summary of discounted spare capacity (match equivalent sessions) due to poor quality					
	Adult	Youth 11v11	Youth 9v9	Mini 7v7	Mini 5v5	Totals
East Dorset	4	-	1	3.5	2	<b>10.5</b>
North Dorset	7	-	-	1	2	<b>10</b>
Purbeck	0.5	-	1	1.5	2	<b>5</b>
West Dorset	10.5	1	2.5	5	2	<b>21</b>
Weymouth & Portland	-	-	-	1	-	<b>1</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>47.5</b>

In conclusion, a mixture of creating new pitches, securing usage at specific sites and improving poor quality grass pitches has the potential to alleviate future shortfalls across the Dorset Council area.

### **Recommendations**

- ◀ Protect existing quantity of pitches until all demand is being met (unless replacement provision meets Sport England requirements and is agreed upon and provided).
- ◀ Sustain pitch quality and seek improvements where necessary via utilisation of the FA's Pitch Improvement Programme and in line with the Dorset Council LFFP.
- ◀ Work to secure tenure at sites currently considered to be unsecure with priority given to Potterne Park, Kington Magna Football Pitches and HMP Guys Marsh.
- ◀ Work to secure tenure, through community use agreements, at school sites with priority given to Sturminster Newton High School, The Blandford School, Purbeck Sports Centre and The Wey Valley School.
- ◀ Work to accommodate future demand at sites which are not operating at capacity or at sites not currently available for community use, that could be, moving forward.
- ◀ Improve ancillary facilities where this is a clear need to do so.
- ◀ Ensure clubs playing within, or with aspirations to play within, the football pyramid can progress.
- ◀ Ensure provision of new grass football pitches, particularly those already planned at Wimborne Community Sports Hub, The Vearse Farm Development and Chickerall Town FC and ensure FA specifications are met.
- ◀ Explore the feasibility of establishing Hybrid football pitches as a potential option to alleviate identified shortfalls.

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## 3G pitches

### *Key findings*

**In conclusion, there is an insufficient supply of full size 3G equivalents to meet current and anticipated future training demand based on the FA training model of 38 teams in the Study Area. As such, it is determined that an increase in provision is required.**

**After factoring in small size provision, the overall shortfall across the Study Area is 7.25 full size 3G pitches. The East Dorset Sub Area has the greatest shortfall with three full size pitches. This is followed by the Weymouth & Portland Sub Area with a shortfall 1.5 3G pitches. The remaining shortfalls are 1.25 3G pitches in the North Dorset Sub Area, one 3G pitch in the Purbeck Sub Area and 0.5 3G pitches in the West Dorset Sub Area.**

### *Summary*

- ◀ There is a total of four full size 3G pitches in the Study Area. The West Dorset Sub Area has the most 3G pitches with two, followed by the North Dorset and Weymouth & Portland sub areas which each have one pitch. All pitches are floodlit and available for community use in some capacity. The East Dorset and Purbeck sub areas are not serviced by any full size 3G provision.
- ◀ There are also eight smaller sized 3G pitches servicing the Study Area across eight different sites.
- ◀ Across the Study Area two full size 3G pitches (50%) are managed on commercial sites; Redlands Community Sports Hub and Dorchester Sports Centre. Of the remaining two pitches, one is located at Blandford School and operated by the School whilst the other is located at Dorchester Town Football Club and operated by the Club.
- ◀ Of the four full size 3G pitches two are rated as good quality with the remaining two pitches being poor quality.
- ◀ The pitch at Dorchester Sports Centre is assessed as poor quality as it is approaching the end of its 10 year lifespan. Dorchester Town Youth FC states that the pitch has deteriorated in quality over the last few years.
- ◀ The pitch at Redlands Community Sports Hub is assessed as poor quality as it has undulations in the surface and is therefore unable to meet the criteria to be on the FA Register.
- ◀ When considering future demand in the FA Training Scenario, the shortfall increases by 1.5 3G pitches.
- ◀ Wimborne RFC, Bridport RFC and Dorchester RFC all report demand to access World Rugby (WR) 3G pitches for training purposes in order to alleviate overplay at their home sites.

### *Scenarios*

#### *Accommodating football training demand including small size provision*

As evidenced in the preceding Assessment Report, after factoring in small size provision, the overall shortfall across the Study Area is 7.25 full size 3G pitches. The East Dorset Sub Area has the greatest shortfall with three full size pitches, followed by a shortfall in the Weymouth & Portland Sub Area of 1.5 full size pitches. The remaining shortfalls are 1.25 full size

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pitches in the North Dorset Sub Area, one of a full size pitch in the Purbeck Sub Area and 0.5 of a full size pitch in the West Dorset Sub Area.

*Table 4.7: Current demand for 3G pitches by Sub Area*

Sub area	Current number of teams	3G requirement	Current number of 3G pitches	Potential shortfall <sup>3</sup>
East Dorset	130	3.42	0.5	3
North Dorset	83	2.18	1	1.25
Purbeck	63	1.65	0.75	1
West Dorset	131	3.44	3	0.5
Weymouth & Portland	95	2.5	1	1.5

When considering future demand, the overall shortfall increases from seven to 8.75 full size 3G pitches. This is an increase of 0.5 in the East Dorset and Purbeck sub areas and 0.25 each in the North Dorset, West Dorset and Weymouth & Portland sub areas.

### *Local Football Facility Plan (LFFP)*

The LFFP for the Dorset Council area identifies sites for 3G pitch development across the five sub areas based upon the identified shortfalls from the preceding Assessment Report. In total, nine priority projects have been identified with each selected by local partners based on a rationale of good access, high populations, geographical spread, success and quality.

Across the East Dorset Sub Area there is a shortfall of three full size 3G pitches. The three sites allocated as priority projects to deliver these are Wimborne area, Potterne Park and Ferndown Leisure Centre. The FF indicates the chosen site within Wimborne would need a clear and strategic operating and management structure in situ in addition to secure tenure for users for any potential investment.

It should be noted planning permission has been approved for a full size World Rugby Complaint and FA compliant 3G pitch at Wimborne Community Sports Hub, therefore, if this goes ahead any other development of 3G provision within the locality would require a detailed and comprehensive feasibility study to ensure it is strategically viable.

In the North Dorset Sub Area there is a shortfall of one full size and one small size 3G pitch. The full size 3G pitch is required to service the Gillingham and Shaftesbury area, whereas, the small size pitch is required to service the locality of Sturminster.

Purbeck Sports Centre has been recognised by the local partners as suitable site to deliver 3G provision to alleviate identified shortfalls within the Purbeck Sub Area. A shortfall of one full size pitch has been identified, however, if provision is to be established on the site the exact size should be based on strategic need within Purbeck and the surrounding areas.

The FA training demand model for 3G identifies a shortfall of one small size 3G pitch for the West Dorset Sub Area. This being said all full size 3G provision is located within Dorchester with one each at Dorchester Sports Centre and Dorchester Town Football Club. Supply and demand analysis from the preceding Assessment report identifies a strategic need to develop a full size 3G pitch within the locality of Bridport in conjunction with the Bridport Sports Partnership, Bridport Town Council and relevant stakeholders.

<sup>3</sup> It should be noted that the 3G requirement has not been rounded to the nearest whole number. Instead it has been rounded to the nearest 0.25, this is due any requirement over a whole number being able to be accommodated on a suitable small size floodlit 3G pitch.

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It should be noted that any future development of 3G pitches within the West Dorset Sub Area should also factor in the expressed demand for World Rugby Compliant 3G pitch provision noted in the Assessment Report.

Similar to North Dorset Sub Area, the Weymouth and Portland Sub Area has a shortfall of one full size and one small size 3G pitch. The full size 3G pitch is needed to service the Weymouth area, whereas, the small size pitch is needed to service Portland area.

The PPS supports all of these developments based on the FA model used above. It should be noted, however, that the LFFP is a live document and should be updated regularly to take into consideration changes in participation. In addition, any future development of 3G provision across the Authority of Dorset would require a strategic masterplan in place to ensure security of tenure for community users in addition to a protected management and operating structure.

### *Moving match play to 3G pitches*

To further the use of 3G pitches for matches, the FA is particularly keen to work with local authorities to understand the potential demand for full size floodlit 3G pitches should all competitive matches that are currently played on Council pitches (including Parish and Town Councils) be transferred. The following table therefore calculates the number of teams currently using Council, Town Council and Parish Council facilities in the Study Area for each pitch type at peak time.

*Table 4.8: Number of teams currently using council pitches (peak time)*

Pitch type	Pitch size	Peak period	No. of teams
Adult	11v11	Saturday PM	57
Youth	11v11	Sunday PM	50
Youth	9v9	Sunday PM	31
Mini	7v7	Sunday AM	30
Mini	5v5	Sunday AM	21
<b>Total</b>			<b>189</b>

The FA suggests an approach for estimating the number of full size, floodlit 3G pitches required to accommodate the above demand for competitive matches, as seen in the table below.

*Table 4.9: Full size 3G pitches required for the transfer of council pitch demand*

Format	No. of teams at peak time (x)	No. of matches at peak time (y) = x/2	3G units per match (z)	Total units required formats (A)=(y)*(z)	3G pitches required B= (A)/64
Adult	57	28.5	32	912	14.25
11v11	50	25	32	800	12.5
9v9	31	15.5	10	155	2.4219
7v7	30	15	8	120	1.875
5v5	21	10.5	4	42	0.6563

Given that most demand at the peak time is Sunday PM, the number of 3G pitches required needs totalling together for this time period. This equates to the demand for 15 3G pitches (rounded up from 14.92). As this figure is substantially more than the number of 3G pitches

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required to accommodate current and future training needs, it suggests that this is not a feasible option as creating so many 3G pitches will result in the stock being unsustainable. A less intensive approach could be to transfer demand in a phased approach, such as youth 11v11 matches (with three full size 3G pitches being required).

### *World Rugby compliant 3G pitches*

World Rugby (WR) has produced a 'performance specification for artificial grass pitches for rugby', more commonly known as 'Regulation 22'. This contains the necessary technical detail to produce pitch systems appropriate for rugby union.

The RFU believes increased investment into 3G pitches will allow it to sustain and grow participation in the game given increasing pressure on grass pitches, changing player expectations, competition from other sports investing in artificial pitches and changing weather conditions. It should be noted that investment into World Rugby Compliant 3G provision, as of 2019, is suspended whilst current facilities and previous investments are evaluated.

There are currently no WR compliant 3G pitches in the Study Area; however, there is a pitch being created at Wimborne Community Sports Hub in the East Dorset Sub Area. The aforementioned will be utilised to accommodate the majority of training demand for Wimborne RFC as well as training demand for the surrounding community clubs, however, an exact amount is yet to be confirmed.

In addition to the above, there is also demand expressed from rugby clubs for WR compliant 3G provision within the West Dorset Sub Area. It is therefore recommended that any development of such provision within the Sub Area is discussed for the potential of making it WR compliant.

### **Recommendations**

- ◀ Protect current stock of 3G pitches.
- ◀ Explore the feasibility of establishing Hybrid pitches as a potential option to alleviate identified shortfalls.
- ◀ Look to create full and small size 3G pitches to alleviate current and future shortfalls across the Study Area in line with the recommendations identified in the PPS and LFFP.
- ◀ Assist in the creation of the full size floodlit WR and FA compliant 3G at Wimborne Community Sports Hub. Ensure Wimborne RFC and Allendale FC have access to onsite provision in addition to surrounding community clubs.
- ◀ Ensure that any new 3G pitches have community use agreements in place.
- ◀ Ensure all current and future providers have in place a sinking fund to ensure long-term sustainability.
- ◀ Ensure that all new 3G pitches are constructed to meet FA and or WR recommended dimensions and quality performance standards, where strategically viable.
- ◀ Look to refurbish the full size 3G pitches at Dorchester Sports Centre and Redlands Community Sports Hub taking into consideration the shortfalls for football. Then seek to make the surfaces FA compliant.
- ◀ Encourage more match play demand to transfer to 3G pitches and ensure that pitches remain suitable to accommodate such demand through appropriate certification when it is required.
- ◀ Ensure that any new 3G pitches are priced competitively against the cost of hiring a grass pitch and are aimed at local grassroots clubs.
- ◀ Ensure any future development of 3G provision is in line with the LFFP recommendations for the Authority of Dorset. In addition, ensure any potential

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development has a strategic masterplan in situ to safeguard its viability and secure access for community users.



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## Cricket pitches

### *Key findings*

**There is currently sufficient capacity in four of the five sub areas with Purbeck being the only Sub Area to be overplayed. This leads to an overall current spare capacity of 282 match equivalent sessions.**

**When factoring in future demand the shortfall in the Purbeck Sub Area worsens to 31 match equivalent sessions with the overall spare capacity reducing to 238 match equivalent sessions.**

### *Summary*

- ◀ There are 70 grass wicket squares in the Study Area located across 51 sites. Of these, 52 are available for community use.
- ◀ There are non-turf pitches (NTPs) accompanying the grass wicket squares at 30 sites across The Study Area. In addition there are 47 standalone NTPs.
- ◀ There are plans to establish a cricket square with grass wickets at Puddletown Recreation Ground. The Club is scheduled to play all matches away from home in 2019 to allow the pitch to become sustainable in the longer term.
- ◀ Most cricket clubs across the Study Area have secure tenure at their primary home ground with the remaining clubs renting their facilities.
- ◀ Parley CC is considered to have unsecure tenure, despite having a lease agreement in place, it has less than six months remaining. This should be renewed as a priority, with a recommended 25 years minimum, enabling the Club to apply for external funding with greater success.
- ◀ The non-technical assessment of grass wicket squares in the Study Area found 24 squares community available squares to be good quality, 25 to be standard quality with three squares assessed as poor quality.
- ◀ The poor quality squares are located at Portland Red Triangle Cricket Club, Winfrith Newburgh Recreation Ground and Plush Cricket Club.
- ◀ The audit of ancillary facilities determined that 16 sites have good quality changing rooms, 18 standard quality changing rooms and four poor quality changing rooms. Kingston Lacy CC and Wimborne St Giles CC do not have supporting ancillary facilities at their respective home venues.
- ◀ Poor quality facilities are located at Park Road Recreation Ground, Wareham Recreation Ground, Compton House Cricket Club and Cheselbourne Cricket Club.
- ◀ In the North Dorset Sub Area Blandford CC, in partnership with Sports England, Dorset Council and Blandford Forum Town Council, has recently secured planning permission to erect a single storey extension to the clubhouse at Park Road Recreation Ground.
- ◀ Swanage CC in the Purbeck Sub Area report plans to build an extension on its existing clubhouse in order to provide additional changing facilities.
- ◀ In the West Dorset Sub Area, Compton House CC has plans to develop ancillary provision. It indicates current facilities are poor quality as they are dated and in desperate need of modernisation being approximately 150 years old.
- ◀ There is a total of 39 clubs competing in the Study Area generating 171 teams. As a breakdown, this equates to 107 senior men's, three senior women's and 61 junior squads, one of which, is a dedicated junior girls' team.
- ◀ East Dorset and West Dorset sub areas both have the highest number of cricket teams (53 each), whilst the Weymouth & Portland Sub Area has the least with just five teams across two clubs.



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- ◀ Using team generation rates this there is a predicted increase of six junior boys' teams, with each Sub Area, except Weymouth and Portland, predicted to have at least one additional junior boys' teams.
- ◀ In total there are four teams from two clubs which export demand from the Study Area. Verwood CC and Parley CC.
- ◀ In total 18 sites have actual spare capacity at senior peak time (Saturday). Combined, the squares that can accommodate additional peak time usage provide enough spare capacity to accommodate 508 match equivalent sessions per season.
- ◀ There is a total of 226 match equivalent sessions of overplay across the Study.

### Scenarios

#### *Alleviating overplay*

As seen in the table below, 14 sites are overplayed by 226 match equivalent sessions per season across the Authority and have no capacity to accommodate additional play. This equates to 84 match equivalent sessions in the East Dorset Sub Area, 24 match equivalent sessions in the North Dorset Sub Area, 29 match equivalent sessions in the Purbeck Sub Area, 67 match equivalent sessions in the West Dorset Sub Area and 22 match equivalent sessions in the Weymouth & Portland Sub Area.

*Table 4.10: Summary of overplay on grass cricket squares across the Authority*

Site ID	Site name	Sub area	Number of squares	Overplay (matches per season)
125	Parley Sports Club	East Dorset	1	42
133	Potterne Park	East Dorset	1	30
232	Witchampton Sports Ground	East Dorset	1	12
104	Marnhull Recreation Ground	North Dorset	1	24
13	Bere Regis Sports Club	Purbeck	1	1
192	Swanage Cricket Club	Purbeck	1	20
230	Winfrith Newburgh Recreation Ground	Purbeck	1	8
2	Abbotsbury Playing Fields	West Dorset	1	18
33	Cattistock Cricket Club	West Dorset	1	12
34	Charlton Down Cricket Club	West Dorset	1	14
162	Simsay Oval	West Dorset	1	14
250	Martinstown Cricket Club	West Dorset	1	3
256	Plush Cricket Ground	West Dorset	1	6
131	Portland Red Triangle Cricket Club	Weymouth and Portland	1	22
<b>Total</b>			<b>14</b>	<b>226</b>

As a guide, those sites which are standard or good quality and display overplay of less than 10 matches per season (Bere Regis Sports Club and Martinstown Cricket Club) are generally able to sustain this with appropriate and rigorous maintenance.

In addition, there are two sites, Winfrith Newburgh Recreation Ground and Plush Cricket Ground, which also display less than 10 match equivalent sessions of overplay, however, both sites are poor quality. Therefore, it is recommended the quality of the provision is improved to either standard or good quality. If both sites were to improve to standard quality overplay would be fully alleviated.

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Similarly overplay can be fully alleviated at Portland Red Triangle Cricket Club if the quality of the pitch is improved from poor to either standard or good quality.

If quality were to be improved from standard to good at Witchampton Sports Ground, Cattistock Cricket Club and Simsay Oval overplay could be reduced to below 10 match equivalent sessions meaning it could be sustained with dedicated levels of maintenance.

For Abbotsbury Playing Fields, one solution could be to consider installing non-turf wickets to accompany the grass wickets. Please note that inclusion of a non-turf wicket for the management of fixtures would alleviate overplay issues, however, this would be subject to league rules and minimum pitch specifications (the overall ground size is 115m which can accommodate a nine strip square (see ECB S9 pitch layout). Where possible the addition of a non-turf wicket could be considered for junior cricket (up to U15s) and potentially lower league cricket which will take the burden off remaining wickets due to intensification of use. This option should be considered on a site by site basis with the non turf wicket replacing one of the grass wickets which would address overplay (where feasibility and league rules allow).

All remaining sites (Parley Sports Club, Potterne Park, Marnhull Recreation Ground, Swanage Cricket Club and Charlton Down Cricket Club) have non-turf wickets in situ. As a result, overplay can only be alleviated through greater use onsite NTPs, creation of additional grass wicket, accessing suitable alternative provision with available spare capacity or creating of new provision.

### *Puddletown Recreation Ground*

There are plans to establish grass wickets at Puddletown Recreation Ground. The site currently has a standalone NTP and accommodates both senior and junior demand from Puddletown CC. It is recognised that new provision requires time between establishment and accommodating demand to allow a pitch to become sustainable in the longer term. On this basis, the Club is scheduled to play all matches away from home in 2019.

The grass provision is required as its first Saturday team has recently progressed through the Dorset Cricket League to such a level it cannot play its competitive fixtures on an artificial wicket.

In total, there are 30 match equivalent sessions of demand on the site. In order to accommodate the first team demand (10 matches a season) there would be a minimum requirement of three standard quality grass wickets on the site. This is based on the assumption that the remaining midweek and junior demand on the site continues to use the NTP.

### *Ball Strike*

Where there is either new cricket provision being put in place or more commonly development which may prejudice the use of the sporting facility there would be a requirement for a full ball strike risk assessment to be undertaken and appropriate mitigation put in place as part of the development.

As such it is recommended that clubs and organisations seek to have a ball strike risk assessment undertaken. Further information can be provided by the ECB.

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### All Stars - Future demand

In partnership with the ECB and Chance to Shine cricket clubs in the Study Area can register to become an ECB All Stars Cricket Centre. Once registered, a club can deliver the programme which aims to introduce cricket to children aged from five to eight. Subsequently, this may lead to increased interest and demand for junior cricket at clubs.

The clubs below currently host at least one junior team:

- ◀ Verwood CC (East Dorset)
- ◀ Wimborne & Colehill (East Dorset)
- ◀ Ferndown Wayfarers (East Dorset)
- ◀ Parley CC (East Dorset)
- ◀ Blandford CC (North Dorset)
- ◀ Buckhorn Weston CC (North Dorset)
- ◀ Marnhull CC (North Dorset)
- ◀ Shaftesbury CC (North Dorset)
- ◀ Shroton CC (North Dorset)
- ◀ Stalbridge CC (North Dorset)
- ◀ Sturminster & Newton CC (North Dorset)
- ◀ Bere Regis CC (Purbeck)
- ◀ Swanage CC (Purbeck)
- ◀ Wareham CC (Purbeck)
- ◀ Puddletown CC (West Dorset)
- ◀ Beaminster CC (West Dorset)
- ◀ Cerne Valley CC (West Dorset)
- ◀ Charlton Down CC (West Dorset)
- ◀ Compton House CC (West Dorset)
- ◀ Symene CC (West Dorset)
- ◀ Martinstown CC (West Dorset)

The table below examines the current supply and demand analysis of cricket provision across the Dorset Council area. This is then compared to if each of the above clubs had future growth of one additional junior team generated from All Stars. These additional teams have been accredited four match equivalent sessions which is the average for a junior team in the Study Area.

If this increase were to occur there would be sufficient capacity in four of the five sub areas with Purbeck being the only Sub Area to remain overplayed. This would lead to an overall current spare capacity of 150 match equivalent sessions.

Table 4.11: Supply and demand analysis of cricket across the Authority with anticipated All Stars Cricket demand

Sub area	Actual spare capacity (sessions per season)	Demand (match sessions)			
		Overplay	Current total	Future demand	Total
East Dorset	137	84	53	-	53
North Dorset	132	24	108	15	93
Purbeck	16	29	-13	18	-31
West Dorset	143	67	76	11	65
Weymouth and Portland	80	22	58	-	58
<b>Study Area</b>	<b>508</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>282</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>238</b>
Sub area	Actual spare capacity (sessions per season)	Demand (match sessions)			
		Overplay	Current total	Future demand	Total
<b>With anticipated All Stars Demand</b>					
East Dorset	137	84	53	16	37
North Dorset	132	24	108	47	61
Purbeck	16	29	-13	30	-43
West Dorset	143	67	76	39	37
Weymouth and Portland	80	22	58	-	58

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<b>Study Area</b>	<b>508</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>282</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>150</b>
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*Women's and girls' cricket - future demand*

Women's and girls' cricket is a national priority and there is a target to establish two girls' and one women's team in every local authority over the next five years. 8-10% of the Whole Sport Plan funding is focused around women and girls and talent ID. Currently, Marnhull CC, Shillingstone CC and Parley CC are the only community clubs with senior women's teams, these clubs act as a focus for women's and girls' cricket development in the area and DCB and other local clubs signpost female players to them. Parley CC is also the only club in the Study Area to provide dedicated a junior girls' teams.

In addition, the following clubs also participated in softball festivals throughout the 2018 season:

- ◀ Bere Regis CC
- ◀ Blandford CC
- ◀ Beaminster CC
- ◀ Dorchester CC
- ◀ Ferndown Wayfarers CC
- ◀ Marnhull CC
- ◀ Martinstown CC
- ◀ Sherborne CC
- ◀ Shillingstone CC
- ◀ Swanage CC
- ◀ Verwood CC
- ◀ Wimborne & Colehill CC

Buckhorn Weston CC, Charlton Down CC, Compton House CC and Stalbridge CC have all stated that they are starting women and girls softball sections for the start of the 2019 season.

Similar to the Allstars future demand, the table below examines if each of the abovementioned clubs had future growth of one additional women's team generated. These additional teams have been accredited eight match equivalent sessions which is the average for a junior team in the Study Area.

*Table 4.12: Supply and demand analysis of cricket across the Authority with anticipated women's and girls' demand*

Sub area	Actual spare capacity (sessions per season)	Demand (match sessions)			
		Overplay	Current total	Future demand	Total
East Dorset	137	84	53	-	53
North Dorset	132	24	108	15	93
Purbeck	16	29	-13	18	-31
West Dorset	143	67	76	11	65
Weymouth and Portland	80	22	58	-	58
<b>Study Area</b>	<b>508</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>282</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>238</b>
Sub area	Actual spare capacity (sessions per season)	Demand (match sessions)			
		Overplay	Current total	Future demand	Total
<b><i>With anticipated Women's and Girls increase</i></b>					
East Dorset	137	84	53	32	21
North Dorset	132	24	108	55	53
Purbeck	16	29	-13	34	-47
West Dorset	143	67	76	51	25
Weymouth and Portland	80	22	58	-	58
<b>Study Area</b>	<b>508</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>282</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>110</b>

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As seen in the table, there is currently sufficient capacity in four of the five sub areas with Purbeck being the only Sub Area to be overplayed. This leads to an overall current spare capacity of 110 match equivalent sessions.

It should be noted the scenarios of growth from Allstars and Women's and Girls above does not take into consideration individual sites. If sites do not have capacity to accommodate additional demand due to poor quality or overplay it is recommended that no further play takes place until these issues are resolved.

### **Recommendations**

- ◀ Protect all cricket squares in current use.
- ◀ Work with clubs and grounds staff to review quality issues on squares to ensure appropriate quality is achieved at sites assessed as standard and sustained at sites assessed as good.
- ◀ Improve poor quality squares at Winfrith Newburgh Recreation Ground, Plush Cricket Club and Portland Red Triangle Cricket Club through enhanced levels of dedicated maintenance.
- ◀ Assist clubs to improve overplayed standard quality squares to good quality in order to reduce levels of overplay to a sustainable level.
- ◀ Look to sustain minimal levels of overplay at Bere Regis Sports Club and Martinstown Cricket Club through dedicated levels of enhanced maintenance and monitor future levels of demand.
- ◀ Examine the feasibility of installing an NTP in order to alleviate overplay on a site by site basis.
- ◀ Assist in the creation of grass wickets at Puddletown Recreation Ground ensuring they have had a sufficient enough time to bed in before competitive use.
- ◀ Ensure expressed future demand can be accommodated on existing supply of squares.
- ◀ Ensure security of tenure for all clubs with lease arrangements in place by ensuring agreements have over 25 years remaining.
- ◀ Ensure security of tenure for clubs using school sites via community use agreements.
- ◀ Support pavilion developments where it is required especially at Compton House Cricket Club and Park Road Recreation Ground.
- ◀ Explore options to provide large clubs without practice nets with suitable provision at their home ground/s.
- ◀ Any new cricket provision created should have a ball strike assessment carried out as a matter of due course. Where new housing or building developments are under consideration within proximity to existing facilities a ball strike risk assessment should be undertaken. In addition, any clubs which could be potentially affected by this issue should be signposted to the ECB.
- ◀ Deliver the All Stars Cricket and women & girls programmes and seek to increase junior and female participation as a result.
- ◀ Work to increase women and girls' participation in line with the emerging Inspiring Generations ECB Strategy and protect existing provision so that women and girls have a suitable place to practise and play.

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## Rugby union - grass pitches

### *Key findings*

**Having considered supply and demand, an overall shortfall is evident to service senior pitches across the Study Area. This worsens when factoring in future demand.**

**Each of the five sub areas has specific issues to address regarding rugby union provision, including pitch quality, security of tenure and ancillary provision.**

### *Summary*

- ◀ Across the five sub areas there are 73 senior, 19 junior and 17 mini pitches provided totalling to 109 pitches. The majority of these, 63% or 69 pitches, are available for community use
- ◀ There are no World Rugby (WR) compliant 3G pitches located within the Study Area.
- ◀ Of the community available pitches in the Study Area, 15 are assessed as good quality, 22 as standard and 32 as poor quality.
- ◀ Lytchett Minster RFC, Bridport RFC and Puddletown RFC access poor quality pitches at their home sites.
- ◀ Bridport RFC and Sherborne RFC have plans to improve the quality of their pitches through drainage and/or maintenance improvements.
- ◀ The majority of clubs across the five sub areas have secure tenure at their home sites. The only club which does not have secure tenure is Blandford RFC. This being said Swanage & Wareham RFC and Weymouth & Portland RFC have aspirations to formalise or renew long term tenure at their sites.
- ◀ Wimborne RFC, Sherborne RFC and Weymouth & Portland RFC have issues with ancillary provision.
- ◀ Clubs provide a total of 122 teams across the Study Area. There are 24 senior teams, of which, two are women's; 49 junior teams and 49 mini squads. Dorchester RFC, Swanage & Wareham RFC, North Dorset RFC and Sherborne RFC all field multiple dedicated girls' teams within their junior sections.
- ◀ Forecasted growth from application of team generation rates indicates there will be growth of a total of four teams across the Study Area. This is broken down to one junior boys' team in the Purbeck Sub Area and three teams in the West Dorset Sub Area; two junior boys and one mini team.
- ◀ Reported club growth amounts to four teams in the North Dorset area, one team in the Purbeck Sub Area and five teams in the Weymouth & Portland Sub Area.
- ◀ There is just one site across the Study Area which has actual spare capacity; North Dorset Rugby Football Club which equates to 1.5 match equivalent sessions per week.
- ◀ There are 18 pitches across eight sites that are overplayed by a combined 19.75 match equivalent sessions across the Study Area.
- ◀ There is a current overall shortfall of senior rugby union pitches across the Study Area totalling 17.25 match equivalent sessions with shortfalls evident in each Sub Area. When future demand is considered the overplay worsens to 26.75 match equivalent sessions.



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## Scenarios

### Wimborne Community Sports Hub

Wimborne Minster Town Council is in the process of establishing a new home venue at Wimborne Community Sports Hub. The Town Council will offer a lease agreement to Wimborne RFC for the site which will include two senior pitches (one of which will be floodlit) and one full size floodlit WR compliant 3G pitch.

The table below shows the capacity rating at the site based on current all competitive demand and half the clubs training demand (two match equivalent sessions), based on the assumption the remaining training demand will be located on the WR compliant 3G pitch.

Table 4.13: Potential site capacity of senior grass rugby provision at Wimborne Community Sports Hub

Site name	Pitch type	Number of pitches	Floodlit?	Demand (match equivalent sessions)			
				Current demand	Future demand	Site capacity	Capacity rating
<b>Pitch quality M1/D1</b>							
Wimborne Community Sports Hub	Senior	1	Yes	3	-	2	1
		1	No	5	-	2	3
<b>Pitch quality M1/D2</b>							
Wimborne Community Sports Hub	Senior	1	Yes	3	-	2.5	0.5
		1	No	5	-	2.5	2.5
<b>Pitch quality M2/D1</b>							
Wimborne Community Sports Hub	Senior	1	Yes	3	-	3	-
		1	No	5	-	3	2
<b>Pitch quality M2/D2</b>							
Wimborne Community Sports Hub	Senior	1	Yes	3	-	3.25	0.25
		1	No	5	-	3.25	1.75

As seen above, even if both pitches were established to the quality rating of M2/D2 there would still be an accumulative total of 1.5 match equivalent sessions of overplay on the site. On the above basis, the WR compliant 3G pitch would need to accommodate more than just half of the Club's training demand (two match equivalent sessions) in order for the grass pitches not to be overplayed.

If the 3G pitch accounted for all the Club's training demand (four match equivalent sessions) and at least two senior competitive fixtures (one match equivalent session), the grass pitches would need to be M1/D2 quality to accompany the remainder of the Club's demand, however, the grass pitches would be at capacity.

Until the Club relocates, its current site will remain overplayed by a total of five match equivalent sessions per week (remaining at M1/D1 quality). If pitches were improved to M2/D3, which is not feasible given current circumstances, there would still be overplay of two match equivalent sessions per week. This only further supports the reasoning for the relocation Wimborne Community Sports Hub and access to additional pitches.

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### *North Dorset Rugby Football Club – Increases floodlit provision*

In total, there is 1.5 match equivalent sessions of overplay on one floodlit pitch at North Dorset Rugby Club. This is due to the pitch receiving most (67%) of the Club's training demand, equating to four match equivalent sessions with the remaining two match equivalent sessions located on dedicated training areas.

The table overleaf examines the dispersal of training demand possible if the remaining two senior pitches on the site were to have floodlighting installed.

*Table 4.14: Increasing floodlit provision at North Dorset Rugby Football Club*

Site ID	Site name	Pitch type	Pitch number (according to North Dorset RFC)	Floodlights?	Demand in match equivalent sessions	
					Capacity rating	Amount of training demand on the pitch
251	North Dorset Rugby Football Club	Senior	Pitch 1	Yes	1.5	4
			Pitch 2	No	4	-
			Pitch 4			
<b><i>With increase floodlighting and dispersal of training demand</i></b>						
251	North Dorset Rugby Football Club	Senior	Pitch 1	Yes	0.5	2
			Pitch 2	Yes	2	2
			Pitch 4			

As seen, if floodlighting were to be installed on the two remaining senior pitches two match equivalent sessions of training demand could be dispersed meaning that all overplay on the site.

Alternatively, dispersal of training demand could be achieved through the floodlighting of the four dedicated training areas which already accommodate two match equivalent sessions of training demand. If all training areas were to be floodlit and all training demand dispersed between them, overplay on pitch one would be fully alleviated with 2.5 match equivalent sessions of capacity established. However, it should be noted that these areas are of limited size and may not be suitable for full senior contact training demand.

### *Improving pitch drainage at Bridport RFC and Sherborne RFC*

As referenced in the preceding Assessment Report, both Bridport RFC and Sherborne RFC have plans to improve the quality of drainage on one of more of their senior pitches. The former club indicates ambitions to improve the drainage on both senior pitches at Bridport Leisure Centre, whereas, Sherborne RFC wants to enhance the drainage on its floodlit pitch (Pitch One). The table below identifies the impact on capacity if the abovementioned pitches had drainage improved.



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Table 4.15: Improving pitch drainage by one and two increments

Site ID	Site name	Demand (match equivalent sessions)					
		Pitch type	Floodlit?	Quality	Capacity	New quality	New capacity
<b>Improve drainage by one increment</b>							
22	Bridport Leisure Centre	Senior	Yes	M0/D0	1.5	M0/D1	0.5
		Senior	No		2	M0/D1	1
247	Sherborne RFC	Senior (Pitch one)	Yes	M1/D0	0.5	M1/D1	
<b>Improve drainage by two increments</b>							
22	Bridport Leisure Centre	Senior	Yes	M0/D0	1.5	M0/D2	0.25
		Senior	No		2	M0/D2	0.75
247	Sherborne RFC	Senior (Pitch one)	Yes	M1/D0	0.5	M1/D2	0.5

The pitches at Bridport Leisure Centre, even if they increased by two drainage increments, would still be overplayed by a total of one match equivalent session per week. In order to fully alleviate the overplay on the site, in addition to drainage improvements, there would also need to be an increase in maintenance. If the pitches were M1/D2 quality, overplay would be alleviated with the floodlit pitch having 0.5 match equivalent sessions of capacity and the remaining pitch being played to capacity.

In regard to Sherborne RFC, if Pitch One increased by one drainage increment from M1/D0 to M1/D1, overplay would be alleviated but the pitch would be played to capacity. Spare capacity of 0.5 match equivalent sessions would be established, if it increased by two drainage increments.

### *Alleviating remaining overplay*

The previous scenarios explain how overplay could be alleviated at Sherborne RFC, Bridport RFC, North Dorset RFC and Wimborne RFC (Wimborne Community Sports Hub). Therefore, exploration is required to understand how to alleviate overplay on remaining overplayed provision within the Study Area.

As shown in the table overleaf, improving maintenance from poor (M0) to standard (M1) or standard (M1) to good (M2) at sites would create additional capacity of 8.25 match equivalent sessions per week.

Pitch improvements via qualitative enhancements to maintenance on overplayed pitches can be seen below. It should be noted that Blandford RFC has unsecure tenure at Larksmead Playing Field. It is recommended that long term tenure is secured for the Club onsite in conjunction with any improvements to pitch quality.

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Table 4.16: Improving the quality of maintenance of remaining overplayed rugby union club pitches by one increment

Site ID	Site name	Sub area	Available for community use?	Security of tenure	Pitch type	Quality rating	Number of pitches	Floodlit?	Usage (MES per week)	Site capacity (MES per week)	Capacity rating (MES per week)	Improved quality	Capacity effect (MES per week)
94	Larksmead Playing Field	North Dorset	Yes	Unsecure	Senior	M1/D1	1	No	2.25	2	0.25	M2/D1	0.75
			Yes	Unsecure	Senior	M1/D1	1	Yes	2	2		M2/D1	1
102	Lytchett Park	Purbeck	Yes	Secure	Senior	M0/D1	1	No	1.75	1.5	0.25	M1/D1	0.25
			Yes	Secure	Senior	M0/D1	1	Yes	2	1.5	0.5	M1/D1	
50	Dorchester RFC	West Dorset	Yes	Secure	Senior	M1/D2	3	Yes	13.5	7.5	6	M2/D2	3.75
248	Puddletown RFC	West Dorset	Yes	Secure	Senior	M0/D1	1	No	0.5	1.5	1	M1/D1	1.5
			Yes	Secure	Senior	M0/D1	1	Yes	1.5	1.5		M1/D1	0.5
223	Weymouth & Portland Rugby Club	Weymouth & Portland	Yes	Secure	Senior	M1/D1	1	No	3.5	4	0.5	M2/D1	1.5
			Yes	Secure	Senior	M1/D1	1	Yes	2.5	2	0.5	M2/D1	0.5

Overplay across all sites, apart from Dorchester RFC, would be alleviated if maintenance were to increase by one increment with spare the floodlit pitch at Lytchett Park being played to capacity and remaining pitches establishing minimal spare capacity. Alternatively, the table overleaf examines improving both maintenance and drainage by one increment.

Table 4.17: Improving the quality of maintenance and drainage of remaining overplayed rugby union club pitches by one increment

Site ID	Site name	Sub area	Available for community use?	Security of tenure	Pitch type	Quality rating	Number of pitches	Floodlit?	Usage (MES per week)	Site capacity (MES per week)	Capacity rating (MES per week)	Improved quality	Capacity effect (MES per week)
94	Larksmead Playing Field	North Dorset	Yes	Unsecure	Senior	M1/D1	1	No	2.25	2	0.25	M2/D2	1
			Yes	Unsecure	Senior	M1/D1	1	Yes	2	2		M2/D2	1.25
102	Lytchett Park	Purbeck	Yes	Secure	Senior	M0/D1	1	No	1.75	1.5	0.25	M1/D2	0.75
			Yes	Secure	Senior	M0/D1	1	Yes	2	1.5	0.5	M1/D2	0.5
50	Dorchester RFC	West Dorset	Yes	Secure	Senior	M1/D2	3	Yes	13.5	7.5	6	M2/D3	3
248	Puddletown RFC	West Dorset	Yes	Secure	Senior	M0/D1	1	No	0.5	1.5	1	M1/D2	2
			Yes	Secure	Senior	M0/D1	1	Yes	1.5	1.5		M1/D2	1
223	Weymouth & Portland Rugby Club	Weymouth & Portland	Yes	Secure	Senior	M1/D1	1	No	3.5	4	0.5	M2/D2	1.75
			Yes	Secure	Senior	M1/D1	1	Yes	2.5	2	0.5	M2/D2	1.25

If this were to occur, spare capacity on all pitches apart from Dorchester RFC, would be established. As seen above even if the three floodlit senior pitches at Dorchester RFC were to be the maximum quality rating of M2/D3 overplay of three match equivalent sessions would remain.

Given the above, alternatives also need to be considered to fully alleviate overplay in addition to pitch quality improvements including removing partial training demand off site to access suitable floodlit artificial provision (World Rugby Compliant 3G).

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### *Security of tenure – Blandford RFC and Swanage & Wareham RFC*

Blandford RFC has unsecure tenure through a one year rolling contract at Larksmead Playing Field in the North Dorset Sub Area. In total, the Club accommodates 4.25 match equivalent sessions of demand per week on the site across two senior pitches, one of which, is floodlit. The Club has ambitions to formalise long term tenure with the land owner, Blandford Forum Town Council, in order to apply for grant funding to make improvements to onsite ancillary provision which is not fit for purpose having been originally constructed for youth football.

Swanage & Wareham RFC in the Purbeck Sub Area also has a lack of long term security of tenure, at Swanage and Wareham Rugby Football Club, on two of its four senior pitches and its entire stock of two mini pitches rented from Wareham Town Council. In total, these senior pitches accommodate 4.5 match equivalent sessions of demand per week, whereas, the mini pitches accommodate three match equivalent sessions of demand (equating to 1.5 match equivalent sessions on a senior pitch). The Club is keen to formalise a long term agreement for use of the pitches or purchase its freehold.

If the clubs lost access to their provision, as there is already a shortfall in both the North Dorset and Purbeck sub areas, there would not be suitable provision to relocate them. In fact, it would increase the deficit in the North Dorset Sub Area from 0.25 to 4.5 match equivalent sessions and increase the deficit in the Purbeck Sub Area from 0.75 to 6.75 match equivalent sessions.

It should be noted that Blandford RFC and Swanage & Wareham RFC have strong working relationships with Blandford Forum Town Council and Wareham Town Council, respectively, with the likelihood of them removing the clubs off the site remote. It is still recommended that both clubs secure long term tenure at their respective sites in order to secure the clubs longevity, eliminate and increases of shortfalls and assist them in applying for potential grant funding.

### **Recommendations**

- ◀ Existing quantity of rugby union pitches to be protected or be fully mitigated to meet National Planning Policy.
- ◀ Assist clubs to improve poor quality pitches through enhancing current maintenance regimes in order to alleviate overplay.
- ◀ Assist clubs is accessing suitable floodlit grass or artificial provision to better meet training demand requirements.
- ◀ Support the creation of the new site at Wimborne Community Sports Hub including the development of natural grass pitches and full size floodlit WR and FA compliant 3G pitch in partnership with Wimborne RFC.
- ◀ Assist North Dorset RFC ambitions in installing additional floodlighting on senior pitches (Pitch 2 and Pitch 4) in order to disperse levels of training demand.
- ◀ Explore the feasibility of installing pitch drainage on the senior pitches at Bridport Leisure Centre and Pitch One at Sherborne RFC in order to improve pitch quality and alleviate overplay.
- ◀ Explore options for securing tenure for Blandford RFC and Swanage & Wareham RFC at Larksmead Playing Field and Swanage & Wareham Rugby Football Club, respectively.
- ◀ Once long term tenure has been secured at Blandford RFC, explore potential funding streams to improve poor quality ancillary provision.
- ◀ Look to extend the lease for Weymouth & Portland RFC to a minimum of 25 years in order to increase potential access to grant funding to improve its ancillary provision.
- ◀ Further examine the potential need for a WR compliant 3G pitch to help accommodate training demand.

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- ◀ Explore funding options to improve its ancillary facilities at Sherborne RFC.
- ◀ Assist Puddletown RFC in the creation of a dedicated floodlit training area.

### Hockey pitches (sand/water-based AGPs)

#### Key findings

**The current supply of hockey suitable AGPs is considered sufficient to accommodate the current level of hockey demand at peak time for both match and training demand. There is also considered sufficient supply to accommodate future demand levels.**

**There is a need to address the quality of a number of surfaces in the Study Area, one in the North Dorset Sub Area (Gillingham School) and one in the Weymouth & Portland Sub Area (Redlands Community Sports Hub).**

#### Summary

- ◀ There are currently 17 full size hockey suitable AGPs located in the Study Area, of these, 15 are available for community use. The pitches at Milton Abbey School and Blandford Camp are unavailable for community use.
- ◀ Initial talks regarding a second AGP at Claysmore Sports Centre have taken place internally but this potential project remains in its preliminary stages.
- ◀ There are also seven smaller size hockey suitable AGPs located across the Study Area.
- ◀ Across the Study Area there are six good, seven standard and four poor quality pitches
- ◀ The pitches at Blandford Camp and Gryphon Leisure Centre plan to be refurbished in the near future.
- ◀ Across the Study Area, the majority of hockey suitable pitch provision is based at education sites. These sites are then managed internally or by an external lettings company. The only exceptions to this are Blandford Camp, Oxley Sports Centre and Queen Elizabeth Leisure Centre.
- ◀ Weymouth HC is in the process of securing a long term lease for the pitch at Redlands Community Sports Hub subject to securing funding for resurfacing works.
- ◀ No major concerns were expressed regarding ancillary facilities by any of the responding hockey clubs in the Study Area.
- ◀ There are six clubs which play hockey across the Study Area which field a total of 12 men's, 16 women's and six junior teams. Known participation across the Study Area totals 417 adults and 323 juniors playing hockey.
- ◀ In addition, Wimborne Wayfarers HC and Weymouth HC have aspiration to increase their team numbers.

#### Scenarios

##### Number of hockey suitable AGPs required across Study Area

The PPS Guidance considers a floodlit pitch as able to accommodate four match equivalent sessions on a Saturday with teams playing on a home and away basis. As such, this equates to one full size AGP being able to cater for eight "home" teams. In the authority of Dorset, there is a total of 19 senior teams playing at peak time (Saturday) from the five sub areas.

Table 4.18: Supply and demand analysis of hockey across the Dorset Authority

Sub area	Match equivalent sessions per week			
	Capacity	Current demand	Future demand	Capacity balance

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East Dorset	8	3.5	0.5	4
North Dorset	16	1	-	15
Purbeck	4	2	-	2
West Dorset	24	1	-	23
Weymouth & Portland	4	2	1	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>9.5</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>45</b>

As seen in the table above, based on current and future levels of demand, there is a need for three full size hockey suitable AGPs across the Dorset Council area. However, all six existing (and currently used) pitches should be retained. This is because all six are in current use by hockey clubs and due to the programming of fixtures and travel distances, this makes it difficult for the usage to be amalgamated onto less pitches.

Given the above, it is a priority that the quality issues at Gillingham School and Redlands Community Sports Hub are resolved. In addition, as all six AGPs are located at school sites, it is recommended that community use agreements or long term agreements are obtained in order to protect each clubs longevity.

### *Weymouth Hockey Club – Unsecure tenure*

As discussed in the preceding Assessment report Weymouth HC is currently in the process of negotiating a long term agreement for the use of the full size hockey suitable AGP at Redlands Community Sports Hub. Once this has been agreed it will work with Dorset Council to refurbish the poor quality carpet on the pitch.

The table below examines what the impact would be if the Club lost access to pitch through either issues with quality or tenure.

*Table 4.19: Supply and demand analysis of hockey across the Dorset Authority without the hockey suitable pitch at Redlands Community Sports Hub*

Sub area	Match equivalent sessions per week			
	Capacity	Current demand	Future demand	Capacity balance
East Dorset	8	3.5	0.5	4
North Dorset	16	1	-	15
Purbeck	4	2	-	2
West Dorset	24	1	-	23
Weymouth & Portland	-	2	1	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>9.5</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>41</b>

As there is no other full size hockey suitable provision with the Weymouth & Portland Sub Area there would be a clear shortfall of provision. Therefore, there is a definite priority to secure a long term agreement for the Club in addition to resurfacing the pitch. If this can not be obtained it would be forced to either relocate to another Sub Area or potentially fold.

### *Protect of hockey suitable AGPs across the authority of Dorset*

There is need to protect six hockey suitable AGPs in the Study Area to service current and future demand for hockey. These are identified as the following:

- ◆ Queen Elizabeth Leisure Centre (East Dorset Sub Area)
- ◆ Purbeck Sports Centre (Purbeck Sub Area)
- ◆ Redlands Community Sports Hub (Weymouth & Portland Sub Area)
- ◆ Clayesmore Sports Centre (North Dorset Sub Area)

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- ◀ Gillingham School (North Dorset Sub Area)
- ◀ The Sir John Colfox Academy (*West Dorset Sub Area*)

Remaining provision that is not currently used by community hockey clubs, is based at either private school or Ministry of Defence sites. This means the decision to convert any of the remaining pitches is down to the site operator/freeholder which does not have to take into consideration the wider community demand. However, anecdotal evidence suggests schools prefer to use an artificial surface that can accommodate a range of curricular and extracurricular activities meaning there is a probability of them remaining as hockey suitable surfaces.

It should be noted, none of the remaining full size hockey suitable AGPs have been earmarked for conversion to 3G. As mentioned above, the increase in 3G provision across the authority of Dorset are projected to be new builds.

Conversion of sand based AGPs to 3G pitches should not take place unless consultation with England Hockey identifies the AGP is not required to meet existing or future predicted demand.

### **Recommendations**

- ◀ Protect all six existing full size sand-based AGPs that are accessed for hockey use.
- ◀ As a priority, refurbish the Gillingham School and Redlands Community Sports Hub AGPs in the short term and ensure a sinking fund is in place for long-term sustainability.
- ◀ Seek to secure long term tenure for all community based hockey clubs, especially Gillingham HC and Weymouth HC linked to the need to improve quality of the full size hockey suitable AGPs at Gillingham High School and Redlands Community Sports Hub, respectively.
- ◀ Improve ancillary facilities where this is a clear need to do so, especially at Redlands Community Sports Hub.
- ◀ Assist clubs with future growth ambitions and in particular, linked to new England Hockey initiatives such as Hockey Heroes (aimed at 5-8 years olds).
- ◀ When the 3G pitch stock increases, encourage the transfer of football demand from the hockey suitable AGPs in order to free up increased capacity for hockey activity.

### **Other sports**

#### **Key findings**

**Overall there is enough supply for current levels of demand for American Football, Lacrosse, Polo and Rugby League**

#### **Summary**

- ◀ There is one American football team located within the Study Area, The Jurassic Coast Raptors.
- ◀ The Jurassic Coast Raptors is currently exploring various funding opportunities, as well as its own crowdfunding campaign, in an attempt to raise the funds required to purchase mobile posts.
- ◀ Whilst there are no affiliated lacrosse clubs competing in the Study Area, there is a presence of the sport through private schools.
- ◀ Both Milton Abbey School and Sherborne Girls School field girls' teams which regularly compete against other schools in the surrounding areas as well as the annual National Small Schools Tournament.



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- ◀ There is a single rugby league club based in the Study Area, Dorset County Giants. The one senior team plays its home fixtures split between Weymouth & Portland Rugby Club (Weymouth & Portland) and Swanage and Wareham Rugby Football Club (Purbeck) and will compete in the South West Rugby League for the upcoming 2019 season. Please note rugby league is played in the summer months.
- ◀ Dorset Polo Club is based within the Purbeck Sub Area. The Club was founded in 2011 and aims to provide polo lessons and facilities for both experienced players and anyone interesting in trying out the sport.
- ◀ There is no Ultimate (Frisbee), Gaelic Football or Quidditch played within the Study Area, however, all these sports are played close to the boundary of the Authority in the neighbouring Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole.

### **Scenarios**

N/A

### **Recommendations**

- ◀ Ensure current and future provision is of a suitable quantity/quality for suitable each of the sports and assist in their development, as required.
- ◀ Assist Jurassic Coast Raptor in obtaining mobile American Football nets.
- ◀ Assist Dorset County Giants RFLC in securing access to suitable provision for its home fixtures.
- ◀ Ensure rugby union is not detrimentally affected through the use of Dorset County Giants RFLC.

## PART 5: STRATEGIC RECOMMENDATIONS

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

### AIM 1

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

#### Recommendations:

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

#### **Recommendation (a) – Ensure, through the use of the PPS, that playing pitch facilities are protected through the implementation of local planning policy.**

The PPS shows that all existing playing pitch sites require protection or replacement and therefore no provision can be deemed surplus to requirements because of shortfalls now and in the future. Reflecting the outcomes of the PPS, local planning policy should echo this situation.

When shortfalls are evident, a playing pitch facility can only be permanently lost when the current picture changes to the extent that the site in question is no longer needed as a result of no shortfalls existing, or unless replacement provision is provided and agreed upon by all stakeholders.

NPPF paragraph 96 states that existing open space, sports and recreational buildings and land, including playing fields, should not be built on unless:

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

The PPS should be used to help inform development management decisions that affect existing or new playing pitch provision and accompanying ancillary facilities. All applications are assessed by the Local Planning Authority on a case by case basis taking into account site specific factors. In addition, Sport England is a statutory consultee on planning applications that affect or prejudice the use of playing field used within the last five years and will use the PPS to help assess that planning application against its Playing Fields Policy.



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### *Policy Exception E1:*

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

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

### *Policy Exception E2*

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

### *Policy Exception E3*

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

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

### *Policy Exception E4:*

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

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

### *Policy Exception E5*

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

Lapsed and disused sites should also be protected from development or replaced in accordance with Sport England's policy exceptions as they currently provide a solution to reducing identified shortfalls. Any disused/lapsed playing fields are included within the Action Plan together with a recommendation in relation to bringing the site back into use or to mitigate the loss on a replacement site to address the shortfalls identified.

It may be appropriate to consider rationalisation of certain low value playing pitch sites (i.e. one/two pitch sites with no changing provision) to generate investment in creating bigger and better venues (hub sites). It is vital, however, that there is no net loss of facilities and

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that replacement provision is in place and available for use prior to existing provision being lost.

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

A number of school, commercial and private sites are being used in the authority of Dorset for competitive play, predominantly for football and hockey. In some cases, use of pitches has been classified as secure, however, this is not necessarily formalised and relevant organisations should, thus, seek to establish appropriate community use agreements, including access to changing provision where required.

NGBs, Sport England and other appropriate bodies such as the Football Foundation can help to negotiate and engage with providers where the local authority may not have direct influence. This is particularly the case at sites that have received, or are going to receive, funding from these bodies, as community access can be a condition of the agreement.

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

The Council should also further explore opportunities in respect of security of tenure so as to enable clubs to pursue external funding. This is particularly the case at lower quality sites (plus those with inadequate ancillary facilities) to enable quality to improve and the sites to be developed. Clubs interested in leasing sites should be required to meet service and/or strategic recommendations. Additional criteria should be considered taking account of club quality, its long-term development objectives and its sustainability, as illustrated below.

*Table 5.1: Recommended criteria for lease of sport sites to clubs/organisations*

Club	Site
<p>Clubs should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Have FA Charter Standard accreditation (football only).</li> <li>◀ Commit to meeting demonstrable local demand and show pro-active commitment to developing school-club links.</li> <li>◀ Be sustainable, both in a financial sense and via internal management structures in relation to recruitment and retention policy for both players and volunteers.</li> <li>◀ Ideally, have already identified (and received an agreement in principal for) match funding required for initial capital investment identified.</li> <li>◀ Have processes in place to ensure capacity to maintain sites to the existing, or better, standards.</li> </ul>	<p>Sites should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Be identified as 'club sites' (recommendation) for new clubs (i.e. not those with Authority-wide significance) but that offer development potential.</li> <li>◀ Be for established clubs which have proven success in terms of self-management 'Key Centres' are also appropriate.</li> <li>◀ As a priority, be eligible to acquire capital investment to improve (which can be attributed to them having FA Charter Standard).</li> <li>◀ Be leased with the intention that investment can be sourced to contribute towards their improvement.</li> </ul>

Local sports clubs should be supported by partners including the Council and NGBs to achieve sustainability across a range of areas including management, membership, funding, facilities, volunteers and partnership work. All clubs could be encouraged to look at different management models such as registering as Community Amateur Sports Clubs

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(CASC)<sup>4</sup>. They should also be encouraged to work with partners locally – such as volunteer support agencies or local businesses.

The Council could establish core outcomes to derive from clubs taking on a lease arrangement to ensure that the most appropriate are assigned sites. Outcomes may, for example, include:

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

In addition, clubs should be made fully aware of the associated responsibilities/liabilities when considering leases of multi-use public playing fields. It is important in these instances that the site, to some degree, remains available for other purposes or for other users.

For clubs with lease arrangements already in place, these should be reviewed when fewer than 25 years remain to improve security of tenure and aid the attraction of funding; clubs with fewer than 25 years remaining on a lease agreement are unlikely to be eligible for external funding.

### ***Community asset transfer***

All councils should adopt a policy that supports community asset transfer to local clubs, community groups and trusts. This presents clubs and NGBs with opportunities to take ownership of facilities and may also provide non-asset owning sports clubs with their first chance to take on a building. The Sport England Community Sport Asset Transfer Toolkit provides a step-by-step guide through each stage of the asset transfer process:

<https://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/community-asset-transfer/about/>

### **Recommendation (c) - Maximise community use of education facilities where needed**

To maximise community use, development of a more coherent, structured relationship with schools is recommended. The ability to access good facilities within the local community is vital to any sports organisation, yet many clubs struggle to find good quality places to play and train. A key issue in the Dorset Council area is a lack of access to high quality provision located at its several private educational establishments.

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

In some instances, outdoors sports facilities are unavailable for community use due to poor quality and therefore remedial works will be required before it can be established. The low carrying capacity of these pitches sometimes leads to them being played to capacity or overplayed simply due to curricular and extra-curricular use, meaning they cannot accommodate any additional use by the community.

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

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<sup>4</sup> <http://www.cascinfo.co.uk/cascbenefits>

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with schools where necessary to address shortfalls in provision, particularly for football pitches.

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

### **AIM 2**

To **enhance** outdoor sport facilities and ancillary facilities through improving quality and management of sites.

#### **Recommendations:**

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

#### ***Recommendation (d) – Improve quality***

There are a number of ways in which it is possible to improve quality, including, for example, addressing overplay and improving maintenance. Given that the majority of councils' face reducing budgets it is currently advisable to look at improving key sites as a priority (e.g. the largest sites that are the most overplayed or the poorest). The action plan within this document provides a starting point for this, identifying key sites, poor quality site and/or sites that are overplayed.

With such pressures on budgets, any wide-ranging direct investment into pitch quality is challenging and other options for improvements should be considered. This could be via asset transfer as highlighted in Objective 1, with clubs taking on maintenance, whilst other options may include equipment banks and the pooling of resources for maintenance.

#### ***Addressing quality issues***

Quality across the Dorset Authority is variable but generally most pitches are assessed as standard quality. Where facilities are assessed as standard or poor quality and/or overplayed, maintenance regimes should be reviewed and, where possible, improved to ensure that what is being done is of an appropriate standard to sustain/improve pitch quality. Ensuring continuance of existing maintenance of good quality sites is also essential.

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

Based upon an achievable target using existing quality scoring to provide a baseline, a standard should be used to identify deficiencies and investment should be focused on those sites which fail to meet the proposed quality standard (using the site audit database as provided in electronic format). The strategic approach to outdoor sports facilities achieving these standards should be to enhance quality and therefore the planning system should seek to protect them.

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For the purposes of quality assessments, outdoor sports facilities and ancillary facilities are separately reported as being of 'Good', 'Standard' or 'Poor' quality. Some good quality sites may have poor quality elements and vice versa (e.g. a good quality pitch may be serviced by poor quality changing facilities).

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

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

Poor quality refers to provision with, for example, inadequate grass cover, uneven surfaces and poor drainage. In terms of ancillary facilities, poor quality refers to inappropriate changing rooms with no showers, no running water and/or old, dated interiors. If a poor quality site receives little or no usage that is not to say that no improvement is needed, it may instead be the case that it receives no demand because of its quality, thus an improvement in said quality will attract demand to the site, potentially from overplayed standard or good quality sites.

Without appropriate, fit for purpose ancillary facilities, good quality pitches may be underutilised. Changing facilities form the most essential part of this offer and therefore key sites should be given priority for improvement.

In order to prioritise investment into key sites it is recommended that the Steering Group within each local authority works up a list of criteria, relevant to the authority, to provide a steer on future investment.

### **Addressing overplay**

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

The FA, the RFU, the ECB and EH all recommend a number of matches that pitches should take based on quality, as seen in the table below. For other grass pitch sports, no guidelines are set by the NGBs although it can be assumed that a similar trend should be followed.

### *Capacity of pitches*

Sport	Pitch type	No. of matches		
		Good quality	Standard quality	Poor quality
Football	Adult pitches	3 per week	2 per week	1 per week
	Youth pitches	4 per week	2 per week	1 per week
	Mini pitches	6 per week	4 per week	2 per week
Rugby union	Natural Inadequate (D0)	2 per week	1.5 per week	0.5 per week
	Natural Adequate (D1)	3 per week	2 per week	1.5 per week
	Pipe Drained (D2)	3.25 per week	2.5 per week	1.75 per week
	Pipe and Slit Drained (D3)	3.5 per week	3 per week	2 per week



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Sport	Pitch type	No. of matches		
		Good quality	Standard quality	Poor quality
Cricket	One grass wicket One synthetic wicket	5 per season 60 per season	4 per season	0 per season
Hockey	Full size AGP	4 per day	4 per day	4 per day

It is imperative to engage with clubs to ensure that sites are not played beyond their capacity. Play should therefore be encouraged, where possible, to be transferred to alternative venues that are not operating at capacity. This may include transferring play to 3G pitches or to sites not currently available for community use but which may be in the future.

A cost-effective way to reduce unofficial use (and therefore overplay), particularly for football, could be to remove goalposts in between match days, principally at open access, high traffic sites that are managed by clubs. This will, however, require adequate, secured storage to be provided.

For cricket, an increase in the usage of NTPs is key to alleviating overplay as this allows for the transfer of junior demand from grass wickets. It also does not require any additional playing pitch space as NTPs can be installed in situ to existing squares.

For rugby union, additional floodlighting can mitigate some of the overplay as it allows training demand to be spread across a greater number of pitches or unmarked areas. If permanent floodlighting is not possible, portable floodlighting is an alternative, as is the installation of a World Rugby compliant 3G pitch.

### ***Increasing maintenance***

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

The FA has the Pitch Improvement Programme (PIP) which has been developed in partnership with Institute of Groundsmanship (IOG) to develop a grass pitch maintenance service that can be utilised by grassroots clubs with the aim of improving knowledge, skills and therefore the quality of pitches. The key principles behind the service are to provide clubs with advice/practical solutions in a range of areas, with the simple aim of improving playing surfaces. The programme is designed to help clubs on sites that they themselves manage and maintain but can also be used to advise council-maintained sites.

In addition, PIP also aims to focus on developing an improved maintenance programmes with local authorities that can be utilised at local authority maintained sites.

For cricket and the ECB, the equivalent is the Grounds and Natural Turf Improvement Programme, which is jointly funded by the ECB, FA, Football Foundation and the IOG. Its aim is to raise the standards of sports surfaces as well as the understanding of sports turf management practices among grassroots sports clubs across England Wales.

In relation to cricket specifically, maintaining high pitch quality is the most important aspect of the sport. If the wicket is poor, it can affect the quality of the game and, in some instances, become dangerous. The ECB recommends full technical assessments of wickets and pitches available through a Performance Quality Standard Assessment (PQS). The PQS

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assesses a cricket square to ascertain whether it meets the standards that are benchmarked by the Institute of Groundsmanship (IoG).

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

To allow for facility developments to be programmed on a phased basis the Council should adopt a tiered approach to the management and improvement of outdoor sport sites and associated facilities. Please refer to Part 6: Action Plan for the proposed hierarchy.

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

Partners should ensure that appropriate funding secured for improved sports provision is directed to areas of need, underpinned by a robust strategy for improvement in outdoor sport provision and accompanying ancillary facilities.

To address community need, target priority areas and reduce provision duplication, a coordinated approach to strategic investment is required. In delivering this recommendation, the Council should maintain a regular dialogue with local partners through the PPS Steering Group.

Although some investment in new provision will not be made by the Council directly, it is important that the Steering Group directs and leads a co-ordinated approach to facility development whether made at/by education sites, NGBs, sports clubs and the commercial sector. This is to ensure that the extent to which it addresses community need is optimised and duplication is avoided.

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

Please refer to Appendix One for further funding information which includes detail in respect of current opportunities, likely funding requirements and indicative project costs.

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

This strategy should inform policies and supplementary planning documents by setting out the approach to securing sport and recreational facilities through new housing development, which is especially pertinent to the Dorset Council area given the level of identified housing growth within the Authority.

A development located within an accessible distance from a high-quality outdoor sport facility does not necessarily negate need for further provision or improvement to existing provision in the locality to accommodate additional demand arising from that development. The PPS should be used to help determine the likely impact of a new development on demand, the capacity of existing sites in the area, and whether there is a need for improvements to increase capacity or new provision is required.

For playing pitches, the Council should use Sport England's New Playing Pitch Demand Calculator (see Part 7) as a tool to determine developer contributions linking to sites within the locality. This uses team generation rates from the Assessment Report to determine how many new teams will be generated from an increase in population, as per that derived from housing growth. This is then converted into pitch requirements for each sport alongside the associated costs.

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The guidance should be the basis for negotiation with developers to secure contributions to include provision within the development and/or enhancement of appropriate playing fields and subsequent maintenance on existing sites within the locality. Section 106 contributions can also be used to improve the condition and maintenance regimes of pitches which, in turn, will increase pitch capacity to accommodate more matches.

A number of planning policy objectives should be implemented to enable the above to be delivered:

- ◀ Most new developments which create net additional floor space of 100 square metres or more or create a new dwelling.
- ◀ Planning consent should include appropriate conditions and/or be subject to specific planning obligations. Where developer contributions are applicable, a Section 106/CIL Agreement or equivalent must be completed that specifies, when applied, the amount that will be linked to Sport England's Building Cost Information Service<sup>5</sup> from the date of the permission and timing of the contribution/s to be made.
- ◀ Contributions should also be secured towards the first ten years of maintenance on new pitches. NGBs and Sport England can provide further and up to date information on the associated costs.
- ◀ External funding should be sought/secured to achieve maximum benefit from the investment into appropriate outdoor sport facility enhancement and its subsequent maintenance.
- ◀ Where new multiple pitches are provided, appropriate changing rooms and associated car parking should be located on site.
- ◀ All new or improved outdoor sport facilities on school sites should be subject to community use agreements.

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<sup>5</sup> <https://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/design-and-cost-guidance/cost-guidance/>

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## AIM 3

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

### Recommendations:

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

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

The Council and partners should work to rectify identified inadequacies and meet identified shortfalls through better utilisation of the existing stock of facilities. For most sports, current and future demand for provision identified in the Dorset Council area can be overcome via maximising use of existing stock through a combination of:

- ◀ Transferring demand from overplayed sites to those with spare capacity.
- ◀ The re-designation/re-configuration of playing pitches.
- ◀ Securing long term community use at school sites including those currently unavailable.
- ◀ Working with commercial and private providers to increase usage.
- ◀ Increasing usage of AGPs or other floodlit facilities.

As noted, to enable the above, it is important that current levels of provision are protected and maintained to secure provision now and in the future.

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

Although there are identified shortfalls of match equivalent sessions, most current and future demand is currently being met and most shortfalls can be addressed via quality improvements and/or improved access to sites that are presently minimally used or currently unavailable. Adding to the current stock, particularly in the short term, is therefore not recommended as a priority, except in the case of 3G pitches and NTPs where there is a discrete need, or where significant housing growth requires increased provision being provided.

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## PART 6: ACTION PLAN

The site-by-site Action Plan seeks to address key issues identified in the preceding Assessment Report. It provides recommendations based on current levels of usage, quality and future demand, as well as the potential of each site for enhancement. It should be reviewed in the light of staff and financial resources in order to prioritise support for strategically significant provision and provision that other providers are less likely to make. The Action Plan is separated by Sub Area.

The Council should make it a high priority to work with NGBs and other partners to comprise a priority list of actions based on local priorities, NGB priorities and available funding. To allow for facility developments to be programmed within a phased approach, the Council should adopt a tiered approach to the management and improvement of outdoor facility sites and associated provision.

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

*Table 6.1: Proposed tiered site criteria*

Criteria	Hub sites	Key centres	Local sites
<b>Site location</b>	Strategically located in the Study Area. Priority sites for NGBs.	Strategically located within the Sub Area.	Serves the local community.
<b>Site layout</b>	Accommodates three or more grass pitches, including provision of an AGP.	Accommodates two or more grass pitches.	Accommodates one or more pitches.
<b>Type of sport</b>	Single or multi-sport provision. Could also operate as a central venue.	Single or multi-sport provision. Could also operate as a central venue.	Single or multi-sport provision.
<b>Management</b>	Management control remains within the local authority/other provider or with an appropriate lease arrangement through a committee or education owned.	Management control remains within the local authority/provider or with an appropriate club on a lease arrangement.	Management control remains within the local authority/provider or with an appropriate club on a lease arrangement.
<b>Maintenance regime</b>	Maintenance regime aligns with NGB guidelines.	Maintenance regime aligns with NGB guidelines.	Standard maintenance regime either by the club or in house maintenance contract.
<b>Ancillary facilities</b>	Good quality ancillary facility on site, with sufficient changing rooms and car parking to serve the number of pitches.	Good quality ancillary facility on site, with sufficient changing rooms and car parking to serve the number of pitches.	No changing room access on site or appropriate access to accommodate both senior and junior use concurrently (if required).

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

It may be appropriate to consider rationalisation of some existing playing field sites (that are of low value i.e. one/two pitch sites with no changing provision) to generate investment towards creating bigger, better quality sites in order to develop the hierarchy of sites. Identification of these potential sites should be carried out in partnership with the Steering Group and, in particular, the NGB for that particular sport.

**Key centres** although these sites are more community focused, some are still likely to service a wider analysis area. There may be more of a focus on a specific sport.

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

**Local sites** refer to those sites offering minimal provision or that are of minimal value to the wider community. Primarily they are sites with one facility or a low number of facilities that service just one or two sports. The level of priority attached to them for external investment may be relatively low.

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

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

Some local sites are suitable for rationalisation providing that capital receipts are allocated to replace the lost provision at larger, multi-pitch sites.

### Management and development

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

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



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## **Partners**

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

**The Action Plan is not solely for delivery by Dorset Council but is designed to be pursued and adhered to by all relevant stakeholders and partners.**

## **Priority**

Although hub sites are mostly likely to have **high** priority level recommendations as they have wide importance, such recommendations have been identified on the basis of the impact that it will have on addressing the key issues identified in the assessment. Therefore, some key centres and local sites are also identified as having high priority level recommendations, whilst some hub sites may have lower priority recommendations. It is the high priority recommendations which should generally, if possible, be addressed within the short term (1-2 years).

The majority of key centres have **medium** priority recommendations, have sub area importance and have been identified on the basis of the impact that the site will have on addressing the issues identified in the assessment.

The **low** priority recommendations tend to relate to single pitch or single sport sites and often club or education sites with local specific importance but that may still contribute to addressing the issues identified in the assessment for specific users.

## **Costs**

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

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

These are based on Sport England's estimated facility costs which can be found at:  
<https://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/design-and-cost-guidance/cost-guidance/>

## **Timescales**

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

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

## **Aim**

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

### EAST DORSET SUB AREA

Sport	Sub area	Current picture	Future demand (2036)
Football (grass pitches)	Dorset Council area	<p>Spare capacity of 8 MES on adult pitches</p> <p>Shortfall of 6.5 MES on youth 11v11 pitches</p> <p>Spare capacity of 7.5 MES on youth 9v9 pitches</p> <p>Spare capacity of 1 MES on mini 7v7 pitches</p> <p>Spare capacity of 9 on mini 5v5 pitches</p>	<p>Spare capacity of 2.5 MES on adult pitches</p> <p>Shortfall of 16.5 MES on youth 11v11 pitches</p> <p>Shortfall of 1.5 MES on youth 9v9 pitches</p> <p>Spare capacity of 1 MES on mini 7v7 pitches</p> <p>Shortfall of 2.5 MES on mini 5v5 pitches</p>
	East Dorset Sub Area	<p>Spare capacity of 6.5 MES on adult pitches</p> <p>Shortfall of 2.5 MES on youth 11v11 pitches</p> <p>Spare capacity of 2 MES on youth 9v9 pitches</p> <p>Spare capacity of 1 MES on mini 7v7 pitches</p> <p>Spare capacity of 4 on mini 5v5 pitches</p>	<p>Spare capacity of 5 MES on adult pitches</p> <p>Shortfall of 4.5 MES on youth 11v11 pitches</p> <p>Spare capacity of 1 MES on youth 9v9 pitches</p> <p>Spare capacity of 0.5 MES on mini 7v7 pitches</p> <p>Spare capacity of 2 on mini 5v5 pitches</p>
Football (3G pitches) <sup>6</sup>	Dorset Council area	Shortfall of 7 full sized 3G pitches for team training	Future shortfall of 8.5 full sized 3G pitches for team training.
	East Dorset Sub Area	Shortfall of 3 full sized 3G pitches for team training	Future shortfall of 3.5 full sized 3G pitches for team training
Cricket	Dorset Council area	Spare capacity of 282 match equivalent sessions per season	Spare capacity of 238 match equivalent sessions per season
	East Dorset Sub Area	Spare capacity of 53 match equivalent sessions per season	Spare capacity of 53 match equivalent sessions per season
Rugby union	Dorset Council area	Pitches are overplayed by 17.25 match equivalent sessions per week	Pitches are overplayed by 26.25 match equivalent sessions per week
	East Dorset Sub Area	Pitches are overplayed by 5 match equivalent sessions per week	Pitches are overplayed by 5.5 match equivalent sessions per week
Hockey (Sand-based AGPs)	Dorset Council area	Sufficient capacity to accommodate current level of demand, however, <b>there is a need to resurface the poor-quality pitch and secure tenure at specific sites.</b>	Sufficient capacity to accommodate current level of demand, however, <b>there is a need to resurface the poor-quality pitch and secure tenure at specific sites.</b>

<sup>6</sup> Based on accommodating 38 teams to one full size pitch for training.

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<b>Sport</b>	<b>Sub area</b>	<b>Current picture</b>	<b>Future demand (2036)</b>
Other sports	Dorset Council area	Demand can be met with retained level of access	Demand can be met with retained level of access

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3	Alderholt Sports Club	SP6 3DF	Football	Parish Council	Two poor quality adult pitches that have actual spare capacity discounted due to poor quality.	Improve pitch quality through enhance levels of dedicated maintenance. Explore the feasibility of pitch reconfiguration to meet shortfalls of youth 11v11 provision.	Parish Council DCFA FF	Local site	L	S	L	Enhance
6	Allenbourn Middle School	BH21 1PL	Cricket	School	One standard quality standalone NTP.	Sustain quality and retain as current use.	School	Local site	L	L	L	Enhance
			Football		One poor quality youth 9v9 pitch that is played to capacity through curricular and extracurricular usage. Pitch is available for community use but is unused.	Improve pitch quality through enhance levels of dedicated maintenance as required.			L	L	L	
12	Beaucroft Foundation School	BH21 2SS	Football	School	One poor quality mini 7v7 pitch that is not available for community use.	Improve quality as required and retain as current use.	School	Local site	L	L	L	Enhance
32	Castle Court School	BH21 3RF	Cricket	School	Two standard quality standalone NTPs.	Sustain quality and retain as current use.	School	Local site	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
			Football		Three standard quality youth 9v9 pitches that are not available for community use.	Sustain quality and retain as current use.			L	L	L	
			Hockey (AGP)		One standard quality small size (80m x 55m) hockey suitable AGP that is not floodlit; however, it is available for community use. It has previously been used by Wimborne Wayfarers HC junior section.	Sustain quality and retain as current use.			L	L	L	
			Rugby union		Three poor quality (M1/D0) junior pitches that are not available and are not floodlit.	Improve quality as required and retain as current use.			L	S	L	
36	Churchill Close Recreation Ground	BH21 4BH	Cricket	Parish Council	One standard quality grass square that has five grass wickets. Square is available for community use but is currently unused. Actual spare capacity to accommodate two senior teams at peak time.	Sustain quality through current maintenance regime. Utilise spare capacity to accommodate future demand and/or alleviate overplayed provision.	Parish Council ECB DCFA FF	Local site	L	S	L	Protect
			Football		One adult, one youth 9v9, two mini 7v7 and one mini 5v5 pitch all of which are standard quality. The adult pitch is overplayed by 0.5 match equivalent sessions whereas all remaining pitches have actual spare capacity of one match equivalent sessions.	Sustain quality through current maintenance regime. Transfer demand of overplayed pitches to a site with spare capacity.			M	S		
39	Colehill First School	BH21 2LZ	Football	School	One poor quality mini 7v7 pitch that is not available for community use.	Improve quality as required and retain as current use.	School	Local site	L	L	L	Enhance
40	Colehill Sports & Social Club	BH21 2QR	Cricket	Sports Club	One good quality grass square with eight wickets. Square has no actual spare capacity at peak time.	Sustain square quality through dedicated levels of maintenance and remedial work.	Sports Club ECB	Local site	L	L	L	Protect
44	Corfe Mullen Sports Association	BH21 3HU	Cricket	Parish Council	One standard quality seven grass wicket cricket square accompanied by	Sustain square quality through dedicated levels of maintenance	Parish Council	Local site	L	L	L	Protect

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					an NTP and one standard quality standalone NTP. Provision is used by Corfe Mullen CC. There is not enough spare capacity on the site for an increase in demand.	and remedial work.	ECB DCFA FF					
			Football		Six adult, one youth 11v11, one youth 9v9, one mini 7v7 and one mini 5v5 pitch all of which are standard quality. The youth 11v11 and youth 9v9 are overplayed by two and 0.5 match equivalent sessions, respectively. The mini 7v7 pitch has no actual spare capacity at peak time, whereas, the adult pitches have 4.5 match equivalent sessions of actual spare capacity. The mini 5v5 pitch has one match equivalent session of actual spare capacity.	Sustain quality through current maintenance regime. Consider reconfiguring the current pitch layout in order to alleviate the overplay.			M	S	L	
45	Cranborne Middle School	BH21 5RP	Cricket	School	One standard quality standalone NTP.	Sustain quality and retain as current use.	School ECB DCFA FF RFU	Local site	L	L	L	Protect
			Football		Two youth 11v11 and one mini 5v5 pitch all of which are good quality. All pitches are not available for community use.	Sustain quality and retain as current use.						
			Rugby union		One standard quality (M1/D1) senior pitch that is not available for community use. Pitch is used for curricular and extracurricular demand.	Sustain quality and retain as current use.						
55	Dumpton School	BH21 7AF	Cricket	School	Three good quality standalone NTPs.	Sustain quality and retain as current use.	School ECB DCFA FF EH RFU	Key centre	L	L	L	Protect
			Football		One good quality youth 11v11 pitch that is available for community use but is unused. Actual spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure.	Sustain quality through current maintenance regime. Explore options to increase community usage. If community users are found examine implementing a formal community use agreement to secure tenure.				M		
			Hockey (AGP)		One standard quality full size floodlit hockey suitable AGP that is available for community use. The pitch was installed in 2007.	Sustain quality and retain as current use. Ensure sinking fund is in place for refurbishment when necessary.						
			Rugby union		Two mini and one junior pitch all of which are standard quality (M1/D1). Pitches are available for community use but are unused. Actual spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure.	Sustain quality through current maintenance regime. Explore options to increase community usage. If community users are found examine implementing a formal community use agreement to secure tenure.				S		
60	Emmanuel School	BH31 6JF	Cricket	School	One poor quality standalone NTP.	If demand exists, explore the feasibility of improving surface quality.	School	Local site	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
			Football		One youth 9v9 and two mini 7v7	Improve pitch quality as required to						

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			Rugby union		pitches all of which are poor quality. None of the pitches are available for community use.	sustain curricular and extra curricular demand.						
			Rugby union		One poor quality (M0/D1) junior pitch that is not available for community use. Pitch is used for curricular and extracurricular demand.	Improve pitch quality as required to sustain curricular and extra curricular demand.						
62	Ferndown Leisure Centre	BH22 9EZ	Football	Trust	Four adult, one youth 9v9, two mini 7v7 and one mini 5v5 pitch. The mini 7v7 pitches are poor quality, whereas, all remaining provision is standard quality. Adult pitches have actual spare capacity of 3.5 match equivalent sessions whereas the youth 9v9 and mini 5v5 have actual spare capacity of one match equivalent session each. Spare capacity for the mini 7v7 pitches has been discounted due to poor quality.	Improve pitch quality of mini 7v7 pitches through more enhance maintenance regime. Sustain quality of remaining pitches and utilise spare capacity for future demand, latent demand and/or alleviate overplay.	Trust DCFA FF RFU	Key centre	L/M	S	L	Protect Enhance
			Football (3G)		Site has been identified via the Local Football Facilities Plan (LFFP) for potential full size 3G development.	In line with the LFFP, consider venue as a suitable location to provide a new full size 3G pitch.				S/M	H	Provide
			Rugby union		One poor quality (M0/D0) senior pitch that is available for community use but is currently unused. Pitch is played to capacity through curricular and extra curricular activities.	Improve pitch quality through more enhance maintenance regime.				S	L	Protect Enhance
63	Ferndown Wayfarers Sports Club	BH22 9PH	Cricket	Sports Club	One standard quality grass square with 11 wickets accompanied by an NTP and one standard quality grass square with three wickets accompanied by an NTP. Squares are used by Ferndown Wayfarers CC. Minimal spare capacity remains on the squares.	Sustain square quality through dedicated levels of maintenance and remedial work.	Sports Club ECB DCFA FF	Local site	L	L	L	Protect
			Football		One adult and one youth 11v11 pitch both of which are standard quality. Each pitch has one match equivalent session of actual spare capacity. Pitches are located on the cricket outfields.	Sustain quality of pitches and utilise spare capacity for future demand, latent demand and/or alleviate overplay.				S		
64	Ford Lane Recreation Ground	BH22 8AB	Football	Town Council	One adult, one mini 7v7 and one mini 5v5 pitch all of which are poor quality. Actual spare capacity discounted due to quality.	Improve pitch quality through more enhance maintenance regime.	Town Council DCFA FF	Local site	L	S	L	Protect Enhance

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67	Fryers Field Recreation Ground	BH22 0LJ	Football	Parish Council	Two adult pitches that are poor quality and one youth 9v9, one mini 7v7 and one mini 5v5 pitch all of which are standard quality. The adult pitches are overplayed by 0.5 match equivalent sessions, whereas, all remaining pitches have actual spare capacity of one match equivalent session each. The youth 9v9 and mini 7v7 pitch are considered to be at capacity through overmarking. All remaining pitches each have actual spare capacity of one match equivalent session. Adult pitch is suitable for step seven football. The Club has aspirations to make improvements to the first team pitches in order for it accommodate youth football.	Improve adult pitch quality through more enhance maintenance regime. Sustain quality of remaining pitches and utilise spare capacity for future demand, latent demand and/or alleviate overplay. Ensure ancillary facilities and playing provision is suitable for Step 7 football. Examine the requirements needed for the Club to progress through the football pyramid.	Parish Council DCFA FF	Local site	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
68	Holt United Football Club	BH21 4JH	Football	Sports Club	One adult, one youth 11v11, one youth 9v9, one mini 7v7 and one mini 5v5 pitch all of which are standard quality. The adult, youth 11v11 and mini 5v5 pitches all have some spare capacity whilst the youth 9v9 and mini 7v7 pitches are currently played to capacity.	Sustain pitch quality through current maintenance regime. Utilise spare capacity for future demand, latent demand and/or alleviate overplay.	Sports Club DCFA FF	Local site	L	S	L	Protect
76	Hayeswood First School	BH21 2HN	Football	School	One poor quality mini 5v5 pitch that is not available for community use.	Improve pitch quality as required to sustain curricular and extra curricular demand.	School	Local site	L	L	L	Enhance
80	Hillside Community First School	BH31 7HE	Football	School	Two poor quality mini 5v5 pitches that are available for community use but are currently unused. Actual spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure.	Improve pitch quality through more enhance maintenance regime.	School DCFA FF	Local site	L	M	L	Protect Enhance
89	King George V Fields	BH22 9EZ	Cricket	Trust	One good quality grass cricket wicket with ten wickets. Actual spare capacity to accommodate two senior teams at peak time.	Sustain square quality through dedicated levels of maintenance and remedial work. Look to maximise site capacity to alleviate overplay of other squares in the Sub Area.	Trust ECB DCFA FF	Key centre	L	M	L	Protect
			Football		Two adult and two youth 11v11 pitches all of which are standard quality. The adult pitches have actual spare capacity of 0.5 match equivalent sessions whereas the youth 11v11 pitches have actual spare capacity of one match equivalent session. Pitches are overmarked onto a cricket outfield.	Sustain pitch quality through current maintenance regime. Utilise spare capacity for future demand, latent demand and/or alleviate overplay.						
95	Leigh Park	BH21 2AP	Rugby union	Sports Club	Two senior pitches that are standard quality (M1/D1). Neither pitch is floodlit,	Until the Club relocates aim to sustain current levels of	Sports Club	Local site	H	S/L	L/M	Protect Enhance

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					however, portable floodlighting is used for training demand. Pitches are overplayed by a total of five match equivalent sessions. Wimborne RFC has a 36 year lease remaining on the site, however it is in the process of relocating to Wimborne Community Sports Hub. Ancillary facilities are poor quality which is the main driver for relocation.	participation whilst sustaining quality through appropriate maintenance. Assist the Club in its relocation to Wimborne Community Sports Hub. Once the Club has relocated ensure any potential loss of playing field land is mitigated to equal or greater quantity/quality. Alternatively utilise the site for sporting provision which will alleviate identified future shortfalls in the Sub Area. If this occurs look to enhance poor quality ancillary facilities.	RFU					
97	Lockyer's Middle School	BH21 3HQ	Cricket	School	One standard quality standalone NTP.	Sustain quality and retain as current use.	School	Local site	L	L	L	Protect
			Football		One youth 11v11 and two mini 5v5 pitches all of which are standard quality. Pitches are not available for community use.	Sustain quality and retain as current use.						
106	Mick Loader Memorial Recreation Ground (Cranborne Sports Club)	BH21 5QE	Cricket	Sports Club	On standard quality grass square with seven wickets accompanied by an NTP. Square is used by Cranborne CC. Spare capacity to accommodate one additional senior team at peak time.	Sustain square quality through dedicated levels of maintenance and remedial work. Utilise spare capacity for future demand, latent demand and/or alleviate overplay.	Sports Club ECB DCFA FF	Local site	L	S	L	Protect
			Football		One adult and one mini 7v7 pitch both of which are poor quality. Spare capacity discounted due to poor quality. Pitches are leased to Cranborne FC.	Improve pitch quality through enhance maintenance regime.			L	M	L	Protect Enhance
119	Oakhurst Community First School	BH22 0DY	Football	School	One poor quality mini 5v5 pitch that is not available for community use.	Improve pitch quality as required to sustain curricular and extra curricular demand.	School	Local site	L	L	L	Enhance
123	Pamphill Village Green	BH21 4EE	Cricket	Sports Club	One standard quality grass square with five wickets. Square has spare capacity to accommodate one additional senior team at peak time. Site is used by Kingston Lacy CC.	Sustain square quality through current maintenance regime. Look to accommodate an additional senior team on site to alleviate overplay of other squares in the sub area.	Sports Club ECB DCFA FF	Local site	L	S	L	Protect
			Football		One poor quality mini 5v5 pitch that is available for community use but is currently unused. Spare capacity discounted due to poor quality.	Improve pitch quality through enhance maintenance regime.						

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125	Parley Sports Club	BH22 8SQ	Football & cricket	Parish Council	<p>The site is owned by West Parley Council and leased to Parley Sports Club. This lease will not be renewed at the end of its term (31<sup>st</sup> July 2019). Instead individual long term agreements with the cricket and football clubs will be established.</p> <p>Contains one poor quality adult (Step 7) and one youth 11v11, one youth 9v9, one mini 7v7 and one mini 5v5 football pitch, all of which, are standard quality.</p> <p>The adult pitch is overplayed by 1.5 MES. The youth 11v11 pitch has no actual spare capacity at peak time. All remaining peak time spare capacity is discounted due to unsecure tenure.</p> <p>Also contains one standard quality grass square with seven wickets accompanied by an NTP. Square is used by Parley CC and is overplayed by 42 match equivalent sessions per season.</p>	<p>Explore opportunities to improve the quality of the football and cricket pitches, and in the longer term, ancillary provision.</p> <p>Ensure that security of tenure is secured for existing clubs through the new lease agreements.</p> <p>Examine the requirements needed for the Club to progress through the football pyramid.</p> <p>Look to greater utilise the NTP to alleviate overplay.</p> <p>Examine utilising off site cricket provision in order to alleviate overplay.</p>	<p>Parish Council Sports Clubs ECB DCFA FF</p>	Key centre	H	S-M	M-H	Protect Enhance Provide
133	Potterne Park	BH21 6RS	Cricket	Council	<p>One standard quality grass square with seven wickets accompanied by an NTP. Square is overplayed by 30 match equivalent sessions per season. Football pitches are overmarked on the cricket outfield.</p>	<p>Improve square quality through enhanced maintenance regime and maximise use of the NTP to alleviate overplay.</p> <p>Alleviate overplay through the transferal of demand to a site with actual spare capacity.</p>	<p>Council ECB DCFA FF</p>	Hub site	H	S/L	L/H	Protect Enhance Provide
			Football		<p>Two adult (one Step 6 compliant), one youth 11v11, one youth 9v9, two mini 7v7 and one mini 5v5 pitch all of which are poor quality.</p> <p>The adult pitches have peak time spare capacity discounted due to poor quality. The youth 11v11 pitch is overplayed by 3.5 MES, the youth 9v9 is overplayed by 1.5 MES, the mini 7v7 pitches are overplayed by one MES and the mini 5v5 pitch is overplayed by one MES. Pitches suffer from poor drainage.</p> <p>Ancillary facilities are poor quality. All clubs (Verwood Town FC, Verwood Girls FC and Verwood Allstars FC) which use the site express aspirations to secure long term agreements for protect usage of pitches.</p>	<p>Improve pitch quality and explore the feasibility of improving pitch drainage.</p> <p>Improve ancillary facilities and ensure provision is suitable for Step 6 football.</p> <p>Explore the feasibility of securing long term tenure for Verwood Girls, Verwood Town FC and Verwood Allstars FC on the site with dedicated protected usage of the provision for each club.</p>						
			Football		<p>One standard quality smaller size (58m</p>	<p>Retain as current use and ensure a</p>						

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			(3G)		x 34m) floodlit 3G pitch that is FA registered. Well used. Site has been identified via the Local Football Facilities Plan for potential full size 3G pitch development.	sinking fund is in place for long-term sustainability. Ensure FA testing every three years so that the pitch remains suitable for match play. In line with the LFFP, consider venue as a suitable location to provide a new full size 3G pitch. Potentially replacing the Step 6 grass football pitch.						
137	Queen Elizabeth Leisure Centre	BH21 4DT	Cricket	Council	One good quality grass square with nine wickets accompanied by an NTP. It is available for community use but is currently unused. The square has actual spare capacity to accommodate two senior teams at peak time.	Sustain square quality through dedicated levels of maintenance and remedial work. Utilise spare capacity for future demand, latent demand and/or alleviate overplay.	Council ECB EH	Local site	L	S	L	Protect
			Hockey (AGP)		One standard quality full size floodlit hockey suitable AGP that is used by Wimborne Wayfarers HC. The pitch was installed in 2005 and was deep cleaned in February 2019. However, the Club state that pitch quality is poor despite the works. The surface is slippery and rips in the seams have been patched with new replacement carpet. The pitch still drains poorly in one corner.	As a priority, explore funding options to refurbish and retain as a hockey suitable surface. Once improved, encourage the provider to establish a mechanism for long-term sustainability such as a sinking fund.			H	S	M-H	Protect Enhance
138	Queen Elizabeth's School Sports Field	BH21 4DR	Cricket	School	One standard quality standalone NTP.	Sustain quality and retain as current use.	School DCFA FF RFU	Local site	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
			Football		One standard quality youth 11v11 pitch that is available for community use but is unused. Spare capacity has been discounted due to unsecure tenure.	Sustain quality and retain as current use. Explore options to increase community usage. If community users are found examine implementing a formal community use agreement to secure tenure.						
			Rugby union		One poor quality (M0/D1) senior pitch that is available for community use. Pitch is used by Wimborne RFC for occasional training with portable floodlights.	Improve pitch quality through enhance maintenance regime. Look to provide community use agreements to provide Wimborne RFC with security of tenure.			M	S	L	
139	Redcotts Recreation Ground	BH21 1EW	Football	Town Council	One adult pitch that is poor quality and one youth 9v9 pitch that is standard quality. The adult pitch is overplayed by 0.5 MES whereas the youth 9v9 pitch has actual spare capacity of one MES. Site is used by Allendale FC which reports it is unable to install a pitch barrier and hard standing area which prevents it being promoted to the non league pyramid. The Club is potentially being relocated to the new Wimborne Community Sports Hub development.	Improve quality of the adult pitch though enhance maintenance regime. Assist Allendale FC with its move to the Wimborne Community Sports Hub development.	Town Council DCFA FF	Local site	M	S	L	Protect Enhance
163	Sixpenny Handley Recreation Ground	SP5 5NJ	Football	Parish Council	One standard quality adult pitch that has actual spare capacity of 0.5 MES.	Sustain quality and maximise use.	Parish Council	Local site	L	S	L	Protect

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							DCFA FF					
167	St Catherine's VA Primary School	BH21 2HN	Football	School	One poor quality mini 5v5 pitch that is not available for community use.	Improve pitch quality as required for curricular and extra curricular demand.	School	Local site	L	L	L	Enhance
170	St Ives First School	BH24 2LE	Football	School	Two poor quality mini 5v5 pitches that are not available for community use.	Improve pitch quality as required for curricular and extra curricular demand.	School	Local site	L	L	L	Enhance
177	St Marys CE VC First School	BH22 0JF	Football	School	One standard quality mini 5v5 pitch that is not available for community use.	Sustain quality and retain for curricular and extra curricular demand.	School	Local site	L	L	L	Protect
180	St Michaels Middle School	BH21 7AB	Cricket	School	Two standalone NTPs one of which is standard quality with the other being good quality. Neither is available for community use.	Sustain quality and retain as current use.	School ECB DCFA FF	Local site	L	L	L	Protect
			Football		One standard quality youth 11v11 pitch that has actual spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure.	Sustain quality through current maintenance regime. Explore options to increase community usage. If community users are found examine implementing a formal community use agreement to secure tenure.						
212	Three Legged Cross Recreation Ground	BH21 6RZ	Football	Town Council	One standard quality adult pitch that is available for community use but is currently unused. The pitch has actual spare capacity of one match equivalent session.	Sustain pitch quality through current maintenance regime. Utilise spare capacity for future demand, latent demand and/or alleviate overplay.	Town Council DCFA FF	Local site	L	S	L	Protect
219	West Moors Middle School	BH22 0DA	Cricket	School	One standard quality NTP.	Sustain quality and retain for curricular and extra curricular demand.	School	Local site	L	L	L	Enhance
227	Wimborne & Colehill Cricket Club	BH21 1DY	Cricket	Sports Club	One good quality grass square with 13 grass wickets accompanied by an NTP. Square has no actual spare capacity at peak time. Site is used by Wimborne & Colehill CC which reports a need for covered outdoor nets.	Sustain square quality through dedicated levels of maintenance and remedial work. Explore the feasibility of creating onsite training provision.	Sports Club ECB	Local site	L	M/L	L	Protect Provide
228	Wimborne First School	BH21 1HQ	Football	School	One poor quality mini 7v7 pitch that is available for community use but is currently unused.	Sustain quality and retain for curricular and extra curricular demand.	School	Local site	L	S	L	Enhance

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229	Wimborne Town FC	BH21 4EL	Football	Sports Club	<p>One standard quality adult pitch that is played to capacity. One poor quality adult pitch that is overmarked by two mini 7v7 and two mini 5v5 pitches and overplayed by two MES.</p> <p>Site is not suitable for Step 3 football as there is a need to enhance covered seating, changing rooms and toilet provision.</p> <p>Wyatt Homes is in discussions to create housing on the site of Wimborne Town FC. Initial plans identify the developer would build houses on the footprint of the site and relocate the Club to a new site which would be close to Wimborne Community Sports Hub including providing mitigation of two floodlit grass football pitches and a suitable clubhouse. It should be noted that Wimborne Town FC is in favour of the relocation, however, the development it is still under consideration. Recent discussions indicate the Club has aspirations for one of the grass pitches mentioned above to be a full size 3G pitch.</p>	<p>Support the Club in its ambitions to relocate. If this does occur ensure mitigation for its site is to equal or greater quantity/quality to meet SE Playing Field Policy.</p> <p>The new site should meet requirements needed for the Club to progress through the football pyramid.</p> <p>If the Club does relocate its current site will be developed for housing.</p> <p>If the Club relocates, ensure any that before any potential development of 3G provision is established it has a detailed feasibility study carried out to ensure it is strategically viable.</p>	Sports Club DCFA FF	Local site	H	S	M/H	Protect Enhance Provide
232	Witchampton Sports Ground	BH21 5AU	Cricket	Sports Club	One standard quality grass square with six wickets. Square is overplayed by 12 MES. Site is used by Witchampton CC.	Improve square quality through enhance maintenance regime to bring overplay down to a minimal level.	Sports Club ECB DCFA FF	Local site	M	S	L	Protect Enhance
			Football		One adult and one youth 9v9 pitch both of which are poor quality. Spare capacity has been discounted due to quality.	Improve pitch quality through enhance maintenance regime.			L	S	L	
255	Wimborne St Giles	BH21 5NA	Cricket	Sports Club	One standard quality standalone NTP used by Wimborne St Giles CC. Site is accompanied by limited ancillary provision.	<p>Sustain quality and retain as current use.</p> <p>Explore the feasibility of improving ancillary provision on site.</p> <p>If the Club progresses through the league system there will be a need to install grass wickets on the site or relocate the Club to a suitable venue.</p>	Sports Club ECB	Local site	L	S	L/M	Protect Enhance

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264	Wimborne Community Sports Hub	BH21 2DA	Football & rugby union		A planning application has recently (2019) been approved by the former East Dorset District Council for the development of new sports facilities for use by local clubs, including Wimborne RFC on Wimborne Community Sports Hub, Wimborne. It should be noted that the developer of the site, Gleesons Strategic Land Limited, will be required to complete a planning agreement with the newly formed Dorset Council which is to be finalised early Summer before works begin. The proposal for the community sports facility comprises of one full size floodlit 3G pitch, both RFU and FA compliant, two adult rugby pitches (one of which is floodlit), one adult and one youth football pitch, a clubhouse and car parking for 330 cars. The intension is that the Wimborne RFC will move to the new ground under a long-term lease agreement and will manage all provision the site, apart from the full size floodlit 3G pitch, alongside the other partner, Allendale FC. The artificial provision is to be managed separately by a yet to be formed community organisation to ensure a solid and robust operating structure.	Establish a community organisation / charity to ensure a solid and robust operating structure for the site. Ensure pitch provision created is of suitable quality to meet current and future levels of demand expressed by Wimborne RFC and Allendale FC. Safeguard Wimborne RFC and Allendale FC through protected security of tenure on the site. Ensure a sinking fund is in place for long-term sustainability. Certify the full size floodlit 3G pitch is both WR and FA complaint. Ensure the football provision is suitable for Step 7 football for Allendale FC. Establish a regular dedicated maintenance regime for provision onsite.	Council Town Council DCFA FF RFU Sports Clubs	Potential Hub Site	High	S/M	H	Provide

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## NORTH DORSET SUB AREA

Sport	Sub area	Current picture	Future demand (2036)
Football (grass pitches)	Dorset Council area	<p>Spare capacity of 8 MES on adult pitches</p> <p>Shortfall of 6.5 MES on youth 11v11 pitches</p> <p>Spare capacity of 7.5 MES on youth 9v9 pitches</p> <p>Spare capacity of 1 MES on mini 7v7 pitches</p> <p>Spare capacity of 9 on mini 5v5 pitches</p>	<p>Spare capacity of 2.5 MES on adult pitches</p> <p>Shortfall of 16.5 MES on youth 11v11 pitches</p> <p>Shortfall of 1.5 MES on youth 9v9 pitches</p> <p>Spare capacity of 1 MES on mini 7v7 pitches</p> <p>Shortfall of 2.5 MES on mini 5v5 pitches</p>
	North Dorset Sub Area	<p>Spare capacity of 2 MES on adult pitches</p> <p>Shortfall of 3 MES on youth 11v11 pitches</p> <p>Shortfall of 0.5 MES on youth 9v9 pitches</p> <p>Mini 7v7 pitches are at capacity</p> <p>Mini 5v5 pitches are at capacity</p>	<p>Spare capacity of 2 MES on adult pitches</p> <p>Shortfall of 5 MES on youth 11v11 pitches</p> <p>Shortfall of 1 MES on youth 9v9 pitches</p> <p>Mini 7v7 pitches are at capacity</p> <p>Shortfall of 3 MES on mini 5v5 pitches</p>
Football (3G pitches) <sup>15</sup>	Dorset Council area	Shortfall of 7 full sized 3G pitches for team training	Future shortfall of 8.5 full sized 3G pitches for team training
	North Dorset Sub Area	Shortfall of 1.25 full sized 3G pitches for team training	Future shortfall of 1.5 full sized 3G pitches for team training
Cricket	Dorset Council area	Spare capacity of 282 match equivalent sessions per season	Spare capacity of 238 match equivalent sessions per season
	North Dorset Sub Area	Spare capacity of 108 match equivalent sessions per season	Spare capacity of 93 match equivalent sessions per season
Rugby union	Dorset Council area	Pitches are overplayed by 17.25 match equivalent sessions per week	Pitches are overplayed by 26.25 match equivalent sessions per week
	North Dorset Sub Area	Pitches are overplayed by 0.25 match equivalent sessions per week	Pitches are overplayed by 2.75 match equivalent sessions per week
Hockey (Sand-based AGPs)	Dorset Council area	Sufficient capacity to accommodate current level of demand, however, <b>there is a need to resurface the poor-quality pitch and secure tenure at specific sites.</b>	Sufficient capacity to accommodate current level of demand, however, <b>there is a need to resurface the poor-quality pitch and secure tenure at specific sites.</b>
Other sports	Dorset	Demand can be met with retained	Demand can be met with retained

<sup>15</sup> Based on accommodating 38 teams to one full size pitch for training.



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Sport	Sub area	Current picture	Future demand (2036)
	Council area	level of access	level of access

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8	Archbishop Wake CE School	DT11 8SW	Football	School	One poor quality youth 11v11 pitch that is not available for community use.	Improve pitch quality as required for curricular and extra curricular demand.	School	Local site	L	S	L	Enhance
10	Barnets Field	DT10 1ED	Football	Sports Club	One standard quality adult pitch that does not have capacity at peak time. Site is suitable for Step 7 football and is used by Sturminster Newton United FC. The Club aspires to install floodlighting on the pitch and enhance storage and renovate certain areas of its clubhouse.	Ensure ancillary facilities and playing provision is suitable for Step 7 football, including the need for floodlighting. Examine the requirements needed for the Club to progress through the football pyramid.	Sports Club DCFA FF	Local site	M	M	L	Protect Enhance
16	Blandford Camp (HM Forces)	DT11 8BG	Football	MOD	Two poor quality adult pitches that have actual spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure.	Improve quality through an enhance maintenance regime.	MOD DCFA FF EH RFU	Key Centre	L	S/M	L/M	Protect Enhance
			Hockey (AGP)		One poor quality full size floodlit hockey suitable AGP that is unavailable for community use. Pitch was created in 1996 and is awaiting planned refurbishment.	Improve pitch quality through regular enhance maintenance and remedial work to better sustain levels of school use.						
			Rugby union		One standard quality (M1/D1) senior pitch that is available for community use but is currently unused.	Improve quality through an enhance maintenance regime.						
18	Blandford St Mary Cofe Primary School	DT11 9QD	Football	School	One standard quality mini 7v7 pitch that is not available for community use.	Sustain quality and retain as current use.	School	Local site	L	L	L	Protect
			Hockey (AGP)		One small size (35m x 15m) hockey suitable AGP that is not floodlit nor available for community use.	Sustain quality and retain as current use.						

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28	Bryanston School	DT11 0PX	Cricket	School	Three good quality grass squares all of which are available for community use but are unused. Two squares have four wickets each with the remaining square having three wickets accompanied by an NTP.	Sustain quality and retain as current use.	School ECB EH	Key centre	L	L	L	Protect
			Football		One good quality adult pitch that is not available for community use.	Sustain quality and retain as current use.						
			Hockey (AGP)		Two full size hockey suitable AGPs, one of which is floodlit, with both available for community use. The floodlit pitch was refurbished in 2016 with the pitch which is not floodlit being built in 2010 and standard quality. Pitches are used on an ad hoc bases by Dorset Academy Hockey squads.	Sustain quality through current maintenance regime. Ensure sinking fund is in place for refurbishment when necessary.						
			Rugby union		Five good quality (M2/D1) senior pitches that are not available for community use. Pitches are used for curricular and extracurricular demand.	Sustain quality and retain as current use.						
38	Clayesmore Sports Centre	DT11 8LL	Cricket	School	Four good quality grass squares none of which are available for community use. Two of the squares have nine wickets each, one square has eight wickets with the remaining square having five wickets.	Sustain quality and retain as current use.	School EH	Key centre	L	L	L	Protect
			Football		One adult and three youth 9v9 pitches that are all good quality. Pitches are not available for community use.	Sustain quality and retain as current use.						
			Hockey (AGP)		One full size floodlit hockey suitable AGP that is used by Blandford & Sturminster HC. The pitch is good quality having been built in 2013. The School reports it is in initial discussions regarding creating a second full size pitch on the site.	Protect as a hockey suitable surface. Sustain pitch quality through current maintenance regime and ensure sinking fund is in place for refurbishment when required. Work towards formalising a community use agreement to secure tenure.						
			Rugby union		Four senior and three junior pitches all of which are good quality (M2/D1). Pitches are not available for community use and are for curricular and extracurricular demand.	Sustain quality and retain as current use.						
48	Dick Draper Memorial Field	DT11 8TJ	Football	Community Organisation	One poor quality adult pitch that is available for community use and used. Spare capacity discounted due to poor pitch quality.	Improve pitch quality through enhance maintenance regime.	DCFA FF	Local site	L	S	L	Enhance
53	Downlands Community School	DT11 8BG	Football	School	Two poor quality mini 7v7 pitches that are not available for community use.	Improve pitch quality as required curricular and extra curricular demand.	School	Local site	L	S	L	Enhance

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56	Durweston Village Hall	DT11 0QA	Football	Parish Council	Two poor quality mini 5v5 pitches that are available for community use but are unused. Pitches have actual spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure.	Improve pitch quality through enhance maintenance regime.	Parish Council DCFA FF	Local site	L	S	L	Enhance
58	East Stour Playing Fields	SP8 5JY	Football	Parish Council	One recreational adult pitch.	Determine future use of the site based on the following priority order of options: 1) Retain/allocate site as strategic reserve. 2) Use as open space to meet local needs. 3) Redevelop site and use developer contributions to improve other playing pitch sites (quantity and/or quality).	Parish Council DCFA FF	Local site	L	L	L	Provide
69	Gillingham School	SP8 4QP	Cricket	School	One standard quality standalone NTP.	Sustain quality and retain as current use.	School EH	Key centre	L	L	L	Protect
			Football		One adult and one youth 11v11 pitch both of which are standard quality. Neither pitch is available for community use.	Sustain quality and retain as current use.			L	L	L	
			Hockey (AGP)		One poor quality floodlit hockey suitable AGP that is used by Gillingham HC. Pitch was built in 2007 and is in need of refurbishment.	As a priority, explore funding options to refurbish the pitch and retain as a hockey suitable surface. One improved, look to formalise community use for the Club.			H	S	M-H	Protect Enhance
			Rugby union		Two poor quality (M0/D1) senior pitches that are not available for community use.	Improve pitch quality as required for curricular and extra curricular demand.			L	M	L	
70	Gillingham Town Football Ground	SP8 4HX	Football	Sports Club	One standard quality adult pitch that has no spare capacity available at peak time. Site is suitable for step seven football.	Sustain quality and retain as current use. Ensure ancillary facilities and playing provision is suitable for Step 7 football. Examine the requirements needed for the Club to progress through the football pyramid.	Sports Club DCFA FF	Local site	L	L	L	Protect
77	Hazelbury Bryan Community Primary School	DT10 2ED	Football	School	One poor quality mini 5v5 pitch that is not available for community use.	Improve pitch quality as required for curricular and extra curricular demand.	School	Local site	L	L	L	Enhance
78	Hazelbury Bryan Playing Field	DT10 2EB	Cricket	Community Organisation	One standard quality grass square with six wickets. Actual spare capacity to accommodate two senior teams at peak time. Used by Hazelbury Bryan CC.	Sustain square quality through dedicated levels of maintenance and remedial work. Utilise spare capacity for future demand, latent demand and/or alleviate overplay.	ECB DCFA FF	Local site	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
			Football		One adult pitch that has spare capacity discounted due to poor quality.	Improve pitch quality through enhance maintenance regime.						
81	Hinton St Mary Recreation Ground	DT10 1NA	Cricket	Sports Club	One standard quality grass square with 14 wickets. Actual spare capacity to	Sustain square quality through dedicated levels of maintenance	Sports Club	Local site	L	S	L	Protect

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					accommodate one additional senior team at peak time. Site is used by Sturminster & Hinton CC.	and remedial work. Utilise spare capacity for future demand, latent demand and/or alleviate overplay.	ECB					
82	HMP Guys Marsh	SP7 0AH	Football	HMP	One adult, two youth 11v11, one youth 9v9 and one mini 7v7 pitch all of which are poor quality. The youth 9v9 pitch is played to capacity with all remaining pitches having spare capacity discounted due to poor quality. Shaftesbury Rockies FC aspires to formalise long term tenure on the site in order to apply for grant funding to improve poor quality pitch and ancillary provision.	Work with Shaftesbury Rockies FC to secure a long-term tenure agreement for the site. Improve pitch quality through more enhance maintenance regime. Explore the feasibility of improving the ancillary provision on site.	HMP Sports Club DCFA FF	Local site	H	S	M	Protect Enhance
86	Iwerne Minster Cricket Club	DT11 8NB	Cricket	Sports Club	One standard quality grass square with eight wickets. Provision is currently unused. Square has actual spare capacity to accommodate two senior teams at peak time.	Sustain square quality through dedicated levels of maintenance and remedial work. Utilise spare capacity for future demand, latent demand and/or alleviate overplay.	Sports Club ECB	Local site	L	S	L	Protect
93	Kington Magna Football Pitches	SP8 5ED	Football	Private	One adult, one youth 11v11, one youth 9v9, one mini 7v7 and one mini 5v5 pitch all of which are standard quality. The youth 11v11 pitches is overplayed by one match equivalent session, the mini 7v7 pitch is played to capacity at peak time with all remaining pitches having spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure. Gillingham Town Youth FC rents the use of the pitches however aspires to formalise long term tenure on the site. If long term tenure is secured it wants to apply for grant funding to improve poor quality ancillary facilities.	Look to improve the quality of the pitches through an enhance maintenance regime. Support Gillingham Town Youth FC to formalise a long-term usage agreement for the site. Explore the feasibility of improving ancillary provision on site.	Private Sports Club DCFA FF	Local site	M	S	M	Protect Enhance
94	Larksmead Playing Field	DT11 7LU	Rugby union	Town Council	Two standard quality (M1/D1) senior pitches one of which is floodlit. The floodlit pitch is played to capacity, whereas, the other pitch is overplayed by 0.25 match equivalent sessions. Pitches are currently used by Blandford RFC on a rolling one year agreement with Blandford Forum Town Council. The Club aspires to acquire a long security of tenure on the site in order to improve pitch and ancillary facility quality. The latter was originally built to support youth football and are not fit for purpose.	Assist the Club with securing a long-term usage agreement for the site. Once tenure has been secured assist the Club in applying for grant funding to improve pitch and ancillary provision.	Town Council Sports Club DCFA FF	Local site	H	S	M	Protect Enhance
104	Marnhull Recreation Ground	DT10 1PH	Cricket	Parish Council	One standard quality grass square with five wickets accompanied by an NTP. Square us overplayed by 24 match	Improve square quality through enhance maintenance regime. Greater utilise onsite NTP to	Parish Council ECB	Local site	H	S	L	Protect Enhance

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					equivalent sessions. Square is used by Marnhull CC that aspires for additional training provision.	alleviate overplay. Transfer demand to a site with available spare capacity. Explore the feasibility of creating onsite training provision.	DCFA FF					
			Football		One adult pitch that has actual spare capacity discounted due to poor quality.	Improve pitch quality through enhance maintenance regime.			L	S	L	
107	Milborne St Andrew Sports Club	DT11 0JA	Football	Sports Club	One good quality adult pitch and one standard quality youth 11v11 pitch. The adult pitch is unused and has actual spare capacity of one match equivalent session available at peak time. In comparison the youth 11v11 pitch has 0.5 match equivalent sessions of actual spare capacity available at peak time.	Sustain pitch quality through current maintenance regime. Utilise spare capacity for future demand, latent demand and/or alleviate overplay.	Sports Club DCFA FF	Local site	L	L	L	Protect
108	Milborne St Andrew's First School	DT11 0JE	Football	School	Two poor quality mini 5v5 pitches that are not available for community use.	Improve pitch quality as required for curricular and extra curricular demand.	School	Local site	L	L	L	Enhance
110	Milton Abbas Sports Club	DT11 0BB	Lapsed Cricket	Sports Club	Milton Abbas Sports Club is a lapsed playing field site which contained one adult football pitch and a Non Turf Pitch (NTP). Satellite imagery suggests the pitch was last formally marked circa 2009, however, it is unknown when it was last actively utilised.	Determine future use of the site based on the following priority order of options: 1) Retain/allocate site as strategic reserve. 2) Explore feasibility to bring back into use. 3) Use as open space to meet local needs. 4) Redevelop site and use developer contributions to improve other playing pitch sites (quantity and/or quality).	Sports Club Parish Council DCFA FF ECB	Local site	L	S	L	Provide
		Lapsed Football										
111	Milton Abbey School	DT11 0BZ	Cricket	School	Three good quality grass squares one with three, one with five and one with eight wickets. Square are available for community use but are unused.	Sustain square quality through dedicated levels of maintenance and remedial work. Explore options to increase community usage. If community users are found examine implementing a formal community use agreement to secure tenure.	School ECB DCFA FF EH RFU	Key centre	L	M/L	L/M	Protect Enhance
			Football		Two good quality adult pitches that are available but unused. Actual spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure.	Sustain quality and retain as current use. Explore options to increase community usage. If community users are found examine implementing a formal community use agreement to secure tenure.						
			Hockey (AGP)		One standard quality full size hockey suitable AGP that is not floodlit nor available for community use. Pitch was built in 2005 and is beyond it 10 year lifespan.	Sustain pitch quality through current maintenance regime. Look to resurface the pitch when it deteriorates to poor quality. Ensure sinking fund is in place for						

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			Rugby union			refurbishment when required.						
					One good quality (M2/D1) senior pitch that is not available for community use. Pitch is used for curricular and extracurricular demand.	Sustain quality and retain as current use.						
112	Milton on Stour Primary School	SP8 5QD	Football	School	Two poor quality mini 7v7 pitches that are not available for community use.	Improve pitch quality as required for curricular and extra curricular demand.	School	Local site	L	L	L	Enhance
115	Motcombe C of E Primary School	SP7 9NT	Football	School	One poor quality mini 7v7 pitch that is not available for community use. Pitch is utilised for curricular and extracurricular demand.	Improve pitch quality as required for curricular and extra curricular demand.	School	Local site	L	L	L	Enhance
116	Motcombe Park Sports Club	SP7 9QA	Cricket	School	Two grass cricket squares one with six and one with four wickets. In addition there are three separate standalone NTPs. All provision is good quality and not available for community use.	Sustain quality and retain as current use.	School EH	Key centre	L	L	L	Protect
			Football		One youth 11v11, one youth 9v9 and five mini 7v7 pitches all of which are good quality. Not available for community use.	Sustain quality and retain as current use.						
			Hockey (AGP)		One full size floodlit hockey suitable AGP that is available for community use but use is unknown although not used for hockey. Pitch is good quality having been refurbished in 2018.	No requirement to be used for community hockey club use. Ensure sinking fund is in place for future refurbishment.						
			Rugby union		Four good quality (M2/D1) junior pitches that are not available for community use. Pitches are utilised for curricular and extracurricular demand.	Sustain quality and retain as current use.						
120	Okeford Fitzpaine Recreation Field	DT11 0RL	Football	Parish Council	One poor quality adult pitch that is played to capacity.	Improve pitch quality through enhance maintenance regime.	Parish Council DCFA FF	Local site	L	S	L	Enhance



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124	Park Road Recreation Ground	DT11 7BX	Cricket	Town Council	One standard quality grass square with 12 wickets. Square has actual spare capacity to accommodate one additional team at peak time. Planning permission has been approved to improve poor quality ancillary facilities. The Club also report a need for additional training facilities.	Sustain/improve square quality and maximise use for future demand. Assist the Club in improving clubhouse provision on site linked to securing long term tenure.	Town Council ECB DCFA FF	Local site	M	M	M	Protect Enhance
			Football		One standard quality adult pitch played to capacity through overmarking on a cricket outfield. Site is suitable for Step 7 non league football.							
136	Queen Elizabeth II Playing Field	DT11 8EL	Football	Parish Council	One poor quality adult pitch that is available for community use but is unused. Actual spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure.	Improve pitch quality through enhance maintenance regime.	Parish Council DCFA FF	Local site	L	L	L	Enhance
141	Rixon Recreation Ground	DT10 1AB	Football	Town Council	One recreational mini 5v5 pitch.	Determine future use of the site based on the following priority order of options: 1) Retain/allocate site as strategic reserve. 2) Explore feasibility to bring back into use. 3) Use as open space to meet local needs. 4) Redevelop site and use developer contributions to improve other playing pitch sites (quantity and/or quality).	Town Council DCFA FF	Local site	L	S	L	Provide
148	Shaftesbury Church of England Primary School	SP7 8PZ	Football	School	Two poor quality mini 7v7 pitches that are available for community use but are unused. Actual spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure.	Improve pitch quality for curricular and extra curricular demand.	School	Local site	L	L	L	Enhance
149	Shaftesbury Cricket Club	SP7 0JA	Cricket	Sports Club	One standard quality grass square with seven wickets accompanied by an NTP. Square is played to capacity by Shaftesbury CC.	Sustain square quality through dedicated levels of maintenance and remedial work.	Sports Club ECB	Local site	L	L	L	Protect
150	Shaftesbury Football Club	SP7 8PF	Football	Sports Club	One good quality adult pitch that has no actual spare capacity at peak time. Site is suitable for Step 5 non league football.	Sustain pitch quality through current maintenance regime. Ensure ancillary facilities and playing provision is suitable for Step 5 football and beyond.	Sports Club DCFA FF	Local site	M	S/L	L/H	Protect Provide
151	Shaftesbury School	SP7 8ER	Cricket	School	One poor quality standalone NTP.	Improve pitch quality for curricular and extra curricular demand as required.	School ECB DCFA FF EH RFU	Key centre	L	S/M	L/M	Protect Enhance
			Football		One youth 11v11 and two mini 7v7 pitches all of which are standard quality. Pitches are available for community use but are unused. Spare	Sustain pitch quality through current maintenance regime.						

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			Hockey (AGP)		capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure.							
			Rugby union		One poor quality small size floodlit (62m x 35m) hockey suitable AGP that is available for community use.	Improve pitch quality for curricular and extra curricular demand as required.						
					One poor quality (M0/D1) senior pitch that is available for community use but is unused. Actual spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure and poor quality.	Improve pitch quality for curricular and extra curricular demand.						
158	Shillingstone Ceva Primary School	DT11 0TX	Football	School	One poor quality mini 5v5 pitch that is not available for community use.	Improve pitch quality for curricular and extra curricular demand.	School	Local site	L	L	L	Enhance
159	Shillingstone Recreation Ground	DT11 0SN	Cricket	Parish Council	One good quality cricket square with seven wickets accompanied by an NTP. Square has minimal capacity and is used by Shillingstone CC.	Sustain square quality through dedicated levels of maintenance and remedial work.	Parish Council ECB DCFA FF	Local site	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
			Football		One adult pitch that has spare capacity discounted due to poor quality.	Improve pitch quality through enhance maintenance regime.						
161	Shroton Cricket Club	DT11 8QA	Cricket	Sports Club	One good quality grass square with six wickets. Actual spare capacity to accommodate one senior team at peak time. Shroton CC reports a need for additional training facilities.	Sustain square quality through dedicated levels of maintenance and remedial work. Utilise spare capacity for future demand, latent demand and/or alleviate overplay. Explore the feasibility of creating onsite training provision.	Sports Club ECB	Local site	L	M	L	Protect Enhance
168	St George's Church of England School	SP8 5BN	Football	School	One poor quality mini 5v5 pitch that is not available for community use. Actual spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure.	Improve pitch quality for curricular and extra curricular demand as required.	School	Local site	L	L	L	Enhance
181	St Nicholas C of E Primary School	DT11 8EL	Football	School	Two mini 5v5 and one mini 7v7 pitches all of which are poor quality and not available for community use.	Improve pitch quality for curricular and extra curricular demand as required.	School	Local site	L	L	L	Enhance
183	Stalbridge C of E Primary School	DT10 2LP	Football	School	One poor quality mini 7v7 pitch that is not available for community use.	Improve pitch quality for curricular and extra curricular demand as required.	School	Local site	L	L	L	Enhance
184	Stour Provost Playing Fields	SP8 5RU	Football	Parish Council	One adult pitch that has actual spare capacity discounted due to poor quality. Available for community use but unused.	Look to increase community usage, if users can be found improve pitch quality.	Parish Council DCFA FF	Local site	L	S	L	Enhance
185	Stower Provost Community School	SP8 5LX	Football	School	One poor quality mini 7v7 pitch that is not available for community use.	Improve pitch quality for curricular and extra curricular demand as required.	School	Local site	L	L	L	Enhance
189	Sturminster Newton High School	DT10 1DT	Cricket	School	One standard quality standalone NTP.	Sustain quality and retain as current use.	School Sports Club ECB DCFA FF	Key centre	H	S	M-H	Protect Enhance Provide
			Football		Two youth 11v11, one youth 9v9, one mini 7v7 and one mini 5v5 pitch all of which are poor quality. The youth 11v11 and youth 9v9 pitches are played to capacity, whereas, the mini 7v7 pitch is played to capacity at peak	Improve pitch quality through enhance maintenance regime. Work to secure a community use agreement for Sturminster Newton United FC.						

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			Football (3G)		time. The mini 5v5 pitch has spare capacity discounted due to poor quality. Sturminster Newton United FC reports ambitions to formalise use. Site has been identified via the Local Football Facilities Plan for potential small size 3G pitch development.	Explore the feasibility of developing small size 3G provision as part of a wider community sports development with Sturminster Newton High School, Sturminster Newton FC and Sturfit Leisure Centre.						
			Rugby union		One poor quality (M0/D1) senior pitch that is available for community use but is unused. Actual spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure.	Improve pitch quality for curricular and extra curricular demand as required.						
197	The Blandford School	DT11 7SQ	Cricket	School	One standard quality grass square with 11 wickets accompanied by an NTP. Square is available for community use but is unused.	Sustain square quality through dedicated levels of maintenance and remedial work.	School ECB DCFA FF RFU	Hub site	H	S	L/M	Protect Enhance
			Football		One adult, one youth 11v11, one youth 9v9, two mini 7v7 and one mini 5v5 pitch all of which are standard quality. The youth 11v11 and youth 9v9 pitch are overplayed by two and 0.5 match equivalent sessions, respectively. The mini 7v7 pitches have no actual spare capacity at peak time whereas all remaining pitches have spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure. Blandford United Youth FC also rents the use of pitches but at The Blandford School on an annual basis. The Club reports it has a good working relationship with the School and considers itself to be secure, however, it still requires a formal community use agreement.	Improve pitch quality through enhance maintenance regime. Consider reconfiguring provision current pitch to better cater for the current demand. Look to formalise community use agreements to provide Blandford United Youth FC with security of tenure. Explore funding for additional storage space as required by the Club.						
			Football (3G)		One full size floodlit good quality 3G pitch. Pitch is FA certified and available for community use.	Sustain pitch quality through current maintenance regime and re-certified when necessary. Ensure sinking fund is in place for future refurbishment.						
			Rugby union		One poor quality (M1/D0) junior pitch and two standard quality (M1/D1) senior pitches all of which are available for community use but are unused. Actual spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure.	Improve pitch quality through enhance levels of maintenance to better sustain curricular and extra curricular demand.						
201	Stalbridge Playing Fields (The Park)	DT10 2RA	Cricket	Town Council	One good quality grass square with 13 grass wickets accompanied by an NTP. There is no actual spare capacity. Stalbridge CC reports a need to resurface the NTP.	Sustain square quality through dedicated levels of maintenance and remedial work. Support Stalbridge CC to resurface the NTP on site.	Town Council ECB DCFA FF	Local site	L	S/M	L	Protect Enhance
			Football		One adult, one youth 11v11, one youth 9v9 and one mini 7v7 pitch all of which are poor quality. The youth 11v11 pitch	Improve pitch quality through enhance maintenance regime to alleviate overplay.						

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					is overplayed by 0.5 match equivalent sessions whereas the youth 9v9 and mini 7v7 pitches are each played to capacity. The adult pitch has spare capacity discounted due to poor quality.							
202	The Recreation Ground	DT10 1BY	Football	Town Council	One adult and one mini 7v7 pitch both of which are poor quality. Actual spare capacity is discounted due to poor quality.	Improve pitch quality through enhance maintenance regime.	Town Council DCFA FF	Local site	L	S	L	Enhance
231	Winterborne Sports and Social Club	DT11 0NB	Football	Community Organisation	One adult pitch that has actual spare capacity discounted due to poor quality. Used by the community.	Improve pitch quality through enhance maintenance regime.	DCFA FF	Local site	L	S	L	Enhance
233	Woodwater Lane	SP8 4HX	Football	Sports Club	One good quality adult pitch with actual spare capacity of one match equivalent session. Not currently used by a community club.	Sustain pitch quality through current maintenance regime. Look to maximise site capacity to alleviate overplay of other pitches in the sub area.	Sports Club DCFA FF	Local site	M	M	L	Protect
236	Wyke Primary School	SP8 4SH	Football	School	Two mini 5v5 and one youth 9v9 pitch all of which are poor quality and not available for community use.	Improve pitch quality for curricular and extra curricular demand as required.	School	Local site	L	L	L	Enhance
239	Ashmore Recreation Ground	SP5 5AQ	Cricket	Sports Club	One standard quality grass square with six wickets. Actual spare capacity to accommodate one additional senior team at peak time.	Sustain/improve square quality through dedicated levels of maintenance and remedial work. Utilise spare capacity for future demand, latent demand and/or alleviate overplay.	Sports Club ECB	Local site	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
240	Buckhorn Weston Cricket Club	SP8 5SS	Cricket	Sports Club	One standard quality grass square with seven wickets accompanied by an NTP. Actual spare capacity to accommodate two senior teams at peak time.	Sustain/improve square quality through dedicated levels of maintenance and remedial work. Utilise spare capacity for future demand, latent demand and/or alleviate overplay.	Sports Club ECB	Local site	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
251	North Dorset Rugby Football Club	SP8 5SY	Rugby union	Sports Club	Three mini, three junior and three senior pitches, all good quality (M2/D1). One senior pitches (Pitch One) is floodlit and overplayed by 1.5 MES. The remaining senior pitches have actual spare capacity of 1.5 MES. Neither the mini nor junior pitches have actual spare capacity at peak time. In addition there are several dedicated training areas. North Dorset RFC has secure tenure on the site. The Club has ambitions to develop floodlighting, storage and the social area of its clubhouse. There is also a need to tarmac onsite carparking.	Sustain pitch quality through current maintenance regime. Assist the Club in installing floodlights on the remaining senior pitches (P2 and P4) and dedicated training areas. Once additional floodlighting has been established look to disperse the training demand across the site to alleviate overplay on Pitch One. Explore the feasibility of improving the ancillary provision on site.	Sports Club RFU	Local site	M	S/M	M	Protect Enhance
254	St Andrews CE Primary School Shaftesbury	SP7 0PF	Football	School	One poor quality mini 7v7 pitch that is available for community use but unused. Actual spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure.	Improve pitch quality for curricular and extra curricular demand as required.	School	Local site	L	S	L	Enhance
257	The Abbey C of E Primary School,	SP7 8HQ	Football	School	One poor quality mini 7v7 pitch that is available for community use but	Improve pitch quality for curricular and extra curricular demand as	School	Local site	L	S	L	Enhance

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	Shaftesbury				unused. Actual spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure.	required.						

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Sport	Sub area	Current picture	Future demand (2036)
Football (grass pitches)	Dorset Council area	<p>Spare capacity of 8 MES on adult pitches</p> <p>Shortfall of 6.5 MES on youth 11v11 pitches</p> <p>Spare capacity of 7.5 MES on youth 9v9 pitches</p> <p>Spare capacity of 1 MES on mini 7v7 pitches</p> <p>Spare capacity of 9 on mini 5v5 pitches</p>	<p>Spare capacity of 2.5 MES on adult pitches</p> <p>Shortfall of 16.5 MES on youth 11v11 pitches</p> <p>Shortfall of 1.5 MES on youth 9v9 pitches</p> <p>Spare capacity of 1 MES on mini 7v7 pitches</p> <p>Shortfall of 2.5 MES on mini 5v5 pitches</p>
	Purbeck Sub Area	<p>Spare capacity of 0.5 MES on adult pitches</p> <p>Youth 11v11 pitches are at capacity</p> <p>Youth 9v9 pitches are at capacity</p> <p>Mini 7v7 pitches are at capacity</p> <p>Spare capacity of 2 MES on adult pitches</p>	<p>Shortfall of 1 MES on adult pitches</p> <p>Shortfall of 2.5 MES on youth 11v11 pitches</p> <p>Shortfall of 2.5 MES on youth 9v9 pitches</p> <p>Mini 7v7 pitches are at capacity</p> <p>Mini 5v5 pitches are at capacity</p>
Football (3G pitches) <sup>22</sup>	Dorset Council area	Shortfall of 7 full sized 3G pitches for team training	Future shortfall of 8.5 full sized 3G pitches for team training
	Purbeck Sub Area	Shortfall of 0.75 full sized 3G pitches for team training	Future shortfall of 1 full sized 3G pitches for team training
Cricket	Dorset Council area	Spare capacity of 282 match equivalent sessions per season	Spare capacity of 238 match equivalent sessions per season
	Purbeck Sub Area	Shortfall of 13 match equivalent sessions per season	Shortfall of 31 match equivalent sessions per season
Rugby union	Dorset Council area	Pitches are overplayed by 17.25 match equivalent sessions per week	Pitches are overplayed by 26.25 match equivalent sessions per week
	Purbeck Sub Area	Pitches are overplayed by 0.75 match equivalent sessions per week	Pitches are overplayed by 2.25 match equivalent sessions per week
Hockey (Sand-based AGPs)	Dorset Council area	Sufficient capacity to accommodate current level of demand, however, <b>there is a need to resurface the poor-quality pitch and secure tenure at specific sites.</b>	Sufficient capacity to accommodate current level of demand, however, <b>there is a need to resurface the poor-quality pitch and secure tenure at specific sites.</b>
Other sports	Dorset Council area	Demand can be met with retained level of access	Demand can be met with retained level of access

<sup>22</sup> Based on accommodating 38 teams to one full size pitch for training.

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13	Bere Regis Sports Club	BH20 7LA	Cricket	Sports Club	One good quality grass square with seven wickets accompanied by an NTP. Site is overplayed by one match equivalent session. Bere Regis CC reports a need to access more indoor training facilities.	Sustain square quality through current maintenance regime. Ensure overplay of the square does not become significant. Support the Club's ambitions to access additional indoor training facilities.	Sports Club ECB DCFA FF	Local site	L	L	L	Protect Provide
			Football		One adult, one youth 9v9 and one mini 5v5 all of standard quality. The adult and youth 9v9 pitch each have spare capacity of 0.5 match equivalent sessions, whereas, the mini 5v5 pitch has spare capacity of one match equivalent session.	Sustain pitch quality through current maintenance regime. Look to maximise site capacity to alleviate overplay of other pitches in the sub area.			L	L	L	Protect
20	Bovington Garrison	BH20 6JA	Football	MOD	One poor quality adult pitch that is not available for community use.	Improve pitch quality through enhance maintenance regime.	MOD DCFA FF RFU	Local site	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
			Football (3G)		One standard quality smaller size (38m x 28m) floodlit 3G pitch that is not available for community use.	Sustain pitch quality through current maintenance regime. Ensure sinking fund is in place for resurfacing when required.				M	M	Protect
			Rugby union		One poor quality (M0/D1) senior pitch that is not available for community use.	Improve pitch quality through enhance maintenance regime.			H	S	L	Protect Enhance
43	Corfe Castle Sports Field	BH20 5HB	Football	National Trust	One adult, one youth 9v9 and one mini 7v7 pitch all of which are poor quality. The adult pitch is played to capacity whereas spare capacity on the remaining pitches is discounted due to unsecure tenure. The adult pitch is suitable for step seven non league football.	Improve pitch quality through enhance maintenance regime. Look to formalise community use agreements to provide potential users with security of tenure.	National Trust DCFA FF	Local site	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
87	Journeys End	BH19 1NN	Football	Town Council	One poor quality mini 7v7 pitch that is available for community use but is currently unused. Actual spare capacity discounted due to poor quality.	Look improve pitch quality if community users are found.	Town Council DCFA FF	Local site	L	S	L	Enhance
90	King Georges Field	BH19 1AR	Football	Town Council	Three standard quality adult pitches that have actual spare capacity of three match equivalent sessions.	Sustain pitch quality through current maintenance regime. Look to maximise site capacity to alleviate overplay of other pitches in the sub area.	Town Council DCFA FF	Key centre	M	M	L	Protect

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99	Lytchett Manor Sports Centre	BH16 6JD	Cricket	School	One good quality standalone NTP.	Sustain quality through current maintenance regime.	School ECB DCFA FF	Key centre	L	L	L	Protect
			Football		One good quality adult pitch and one standard quality youth 9v9 pitch both of which are available for community use but are unused. Actual spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure.	Sustain pitch quality through current maintenance regime. Look to formalise community use agreements to provide potential users with security of tenure.						
			Football (3G)		One good quality smaller size (72m x 52m) floodlit 3G pitch that is available for community use.	Sustain pitch quality through current maintenance regime. Ensure sinking fund is in place for resurfacing when necessary.					H	
100	Lytchett Matravers Primary School	BH16 6DY	Football	School	One poor quality youth 9v9 pitch that is not available for community use.	Improve pitch quality for curricular and extra curricular demand as required.	School DCFA FF	Local site	L	S	L	Enhance
			Football (3G)		One poor quality smaller size (20m x 38m) floodlit 3G pitch that is available for community use. Pitch needs resurfacing.	Improve pitch quality through resurfacing. Ensure sinking fund is in place for future refurbishment.			L	S	M	Protect Enhance
101	Lytchett Matravers Recreation Ground	BH16 6DD	Cricket	Sports Club	One poor quality standalone NTP.	Sustain quality and retain as current use.	Sports Club ECB DCFA FF	Key centre	M	S/M	M	Protect Enhance
			Football		One youth 9v9, one mini 7v7 and two mini 5v5 pitches all poor quality. The youth 9v9 pitch is overplayed by one MES, whereas, the mini 7v7 pitch has no actual spare capacity at peak time. The mini 5v5 pitches have actual spare capacity discounted due to poor quality. Pitches are rented by Lytchett Matravers FC through the Lytchett Matravers Sports Club which has a lease of the site. Pitches are uneven and suffer from dog fouling. The Club indicates there is a need for more storage and further improvement into changing rooms for mini and youth teams.	Improve pitch quality through an enhance maintenance regime. Explore potential options to levels pitches and reduce levels of dog fouling. Explore the feasibility of further investment into ancillary facilities for mini and youth teams. Ensure pitch configurations is conducive for the level of teams accessing them. Explore transferring partial demand to sites with spare capacity.						
102	Lytchett Park	BH16 6HZ	Rugby union	Sports Club	Two poor quality (M0/D1) senior pitches one of which is floodlit. The floodlit pitch is overplayed by 0.5 MES whereas the other pitch is overplayed by 0.25 MES. Site is leased to Lytchett Minster RFC from Lytchett Minster Sports Community Trust which expires in 2031.	Improve pitch quality through enhance levels of dedicated maintenance in order to alleviate overplay.	Sports Club RFU	Local site	L	S	L	Enhance
113	Morden Recreation Ground and Village Hall	BH20 7DT	Football	Community Organisation	One adult and one mini 7v7 pitch both of which are poor quality. Spare capacity on each pitch has been discounted due to poor quality. Pitches are used.	Improve pitch quality through enhance levels of dedicated maintenance.	Community Organisation DCFA FF	Local site	L	M	L	Enhance
135	Purbeck Sports Centre	BH20 4PH	Cricket	Council	One standard quality grass square with four wickets accompanied by an NTP. The square is available for community	Sustain square quality through dedicated levels of maintenance and remedial work.	Council ECB	Hub site	L	S	L	Protect Enhance

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					use but is unused.	Utilise spare capacity for future demand, latent demand and/or alleviate overplay.	DCFA EH RFU					
			Football		Two adult and one youth 11v11 pitch all of which are standard quality. Spare capacity on all pitches has been discounted due to unsecure tenure. One of the adult pitches is suitable for non league step seven football. This pitch is rented from Wareham Rangers FC which aspires to formalise secure usage of the pitch.	Sustain quality through appropriate maintenance and retain as current use. Explore establishing a CUA with Wareham Rangers FC to give them security of tenure. Examine the feasibility giving Wareham Rangers FC protected usage of provision. Ensure ancillary facilities and playing provision is suitable for Step 7 football. Examine the requirements needed for the Club to progress through the football pyramid.			M	S	L	
			Football (3G)		Site has been identified via the Local Football Facilities Plan for potential 3G development.	In line with the LFFP, consider venue as a suitable location to provide a 3G pitch provision, the size of which should be based on identified strategic need with the locality of area.			M	S/M	M/H	
			Hockey (AGP)		One full size floodlit hockey suitable AGP that is used by Swanage & Wareham HC. Pitch is good quality having been refurbished in 2015.	Protect as a hockey suitable surface. Sustain pitch quality through appropriate levels of maintenance and ensure there is a sinking fund in place for the refurbishment of the pitch. Explore establishing a CUA with Swanage & Wareham HC to give them security of tenure.			M	L	L	
			Rugby union		Two poor quality (M0/D1) senior pitches that are available for community use but are unused. Actual spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure and poor quality.	Improve pitch quality through enhance levels of maintenance to better sustain curricular and extra curricular demand.			L	S	L	
142	Royal Armoured Corps Gunnery School	BH20 5PX	Football	MOD	One standard quality adult pitch that is not available for community use.	Sustain quality through appropriate maintenance and retain as current use.	MOD DCFA FF	Local site	L	L	L	Protect
			Football (3G)		One standard quality smaller size (40m x 28m) floodlit 3G pitch that is unavailable for community use.							
146	Sandford St Martins Ceva Primary School	BH20 7BN	Cricket	School	One standard quality standalone NTP.	Sustain quality and retain as current use.	School ECB DCFA FF	Local site	L	S	L	Enhance
			Football		One poor quality mini 5v5 pitch that has spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure. Pitch is used by the community.	Improve pitch quality for community, curricular and extra curricular demand. Explore formalising usage through a CUA.						

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187	Studland Cricket Club	BH19 3AQ	Cricket	Sports Club	One standard quality standalone NTP.	Determine future use of the site based on the following priority order of options: 1) Retain/allocate site as strategic reserve. 2) Explore feasibility to bring back into use. 3) Use as open space to meet local needs. 4) Redevelop site and use developer contributions to improve other playing pitch sites (quantity and/or quality).	Sports Club ECB	Local site	L	S	L	Provide
191	Swanage and Wareham Rugby Football Club	BH20 4HY	Rugby union	Sports Club / Town Council	Four senior pitches, two of which are floodlit, and two mini pitches all of which are good quality (M2/D1). The two floodlit pitches are played to capacity whereas the remaining pitches have no actual spare capacity at peak time. The site is partly owned by Swanage & Wareham RFC with the remaining area rented by the Club from Wareham Town Council. The Club aspires to formalise long term tenure for this area through either freehold or long term lease. It also has ambitions to modernise its social facilities and replace the access road which is poor quality.	Sustain pitch quality through appropriate levels of maintenance. Assist Swanage & Wareham RFC through either obtaining a lease or freehold from Wareham Town Council to secure tenure on the site. Explore the feasibility of improving the quality of the access road.	Sports Club Town Council RFU	Local site	M	S	L	Protect Enhance
192	Swanage Cricket Club	BH19 1NQ	Cricket	Sports Club	One standard quality grass square with seven wickets accompanied by an NTP. Square is overplayed by 20 match equivalent sessions a season. Provision is used by Swanage CC. The Club has aspirations to increase the size of its clubhouse.	Improve square quality through enhance levels of dedicated maintenance in order to alleviate overplay. Greater utilised onsite NTP in order to alleviate overplay. Explore the feasibility of developing ancillary facilities.	Sports Club ECB	Local site	L	S/M	M	Enhance
193	Swanage Town & Herston Football Club	BH19 1NN	Football	Sports Club	Two adult pitches and one mini 7v7 pitch all of which are standard quality. No pitch is considered to have actual spare capacity at peak time. One of the adult pitches is suitable for non league step seven football. The site is leased to Swanage Town & Herston FC which aspires to increase and modernise onsite ancillary facilities in conjunction to creating 3G provision.	Improve pitch quality through enhance levels of dedicated maintenance. Ensure ancillary facilities and playing provision is suitable for Step 7 football. Examine the requirements needed for the Club to progress through the football pyramid. Explore the feasibility of developing onsite ancillary facilities including clubhouse and potential small size 3G pitch.	Sports Club DCFA FF	Local site	M	M	M	Enhance Provide
205	The Swanage School	BH19 2PH	Football	School	One poor quality youth 11v11 pitch that is available for community use but is	Improve pitch quality through enhance levels of dedicated	School	Local site	L	M/L	L	Protect

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					unused, The pitch is considered to be played to capacity through curricular and extra curricular usage.	maintenance. Explore options to increase community usage. If community users are found examine implementing a formal community use agreement to secure tenure.	DCFA FF EH					Enhance
			Hockey (AGP)		One good quality smaller size (36m x 18m) floodlit 3G pitch that is unavailable for community use but is floodlit.	Sustain quality and retain as current use.						
216	Upton Recreation Ground	BH16 5NF	Cricket	Town Council	One standalone poor quality NTP.	Sustain quality and retain as current use.	Town Council Dorset Council Sports Club ECB DCFA FF RF	Key centre	M	M	M-H	Protect Enhance
			Football		Three adult, one youth 9v9, one mini 7v7 and two mini 5v5 pitches all of which are standard quality. The first adult pitch is overmarked with four mini rugby pitches. The second adult pitch is overmarked with one mini 7v7 and one mini 5v5 pitch. The third adult pitch is overmarked by the youth 9v9. The first and second adult pitches are overplayed. The standalone mini 5v5 pitch has no actual spare capacity at peak time. Upton Town Council leases the site from the Turbury Trust. The Town Council is in the process of renewing the lease which is expected to extend beyond 25 years in order to invest in provision. It also has ambitions to acquire, through lease or freehold, an area of land neighbouring Upton Recreation Ground which is owned by Dorset Council. The new area of land could be used to create additional provision.	Improve pitch quality through enhance levels of dedicated maintenance. Assist the Town Council in renewing its lease from Turbury Trust to beyond 25 years. Once a new lease has been established assist the Town Council in obtained relevant grant funding to enhance ancillary provision including storage and changing facilities. Further explore the feasibility of the Town Council acquiring the additional piece of land in order create new sporting provision.						
			Rugby union		Four poor quality (M0/D1) mini rugby pitches that are overmarked on an adult football pitch. Pitches are considered played to capacity.	Improve pitch quality through enhance levels of maintenance.						
217	Wareham Recreation Ground	BH20 4PQ	Cricket	Town Council	One standard quality standalone NTP which is used by Wareham CC. Site is accompanied by poor quality ancillary provision. The Club reports a need to access additional toilet facilities.	Sustain quality and retain as current use. Explore the feasibility of improving ancillary provision on site. Consider implementing grass wickets on site if the Club has aspirations to progress through the league system.	Town Council ECB DCFA FF	Local site	L	S/M	L	Protect Enhance
			Football		One poor quality adult pitch that is played to capacity.	Improve pitch quality through enhance levels of dedicated maintenance.						
218	Wareham St Mary Church of England Primary School	BH20 4PG	Football	School	One poor quality mini 7v7 pitch that is not available for community use.	Improve pitch quality for curricular and extra curricular demand as required.	School	Local site	L	L	L	Enhance
230	Winfrith Newburgh	DT2 8JH	Cricket	Parish Council	One poor quality grass square with five	Improve square quality through	Parish	Local site	L	M	L	Protect



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	Recreation Ground				wickets. Square is used by Winfrith Newburgh CC and is overplayed by eight MES per season.	enhance levels of dedicated maintenance.	Council ECB DCFA FF					Enhance
			Football		Two poor quality adult pitches that have actual spare capacity discounted due to quality.	Improve pitch quality through enhance levels of dedicated maintenance.						
234	Wool Playing Field	BH20 6DL	Football	Parish Council	One adult, one youth 9v9, one mini 7v7 and mini 5v5 pitch all standard quality. The youth 9v9 and mini 5v5 each have one MES of spare capacity, whereas, all remaining pitch types are played to capacity at peak time.	Sustain pitch quality through dedicated levels of maintenance. Utilise spare capacity for future demand, latent demand and/or alleviate overplay.	Parish Council DCFA FF	Local site	L	M	L	Protect
243	Dorset Innovation Park	DT2 8ZB	Disused Football	Council	Site previously contained two adult pitches and an NTP. Dorset Council reports it has had initial enquires from Homes England in relation to potentially developing the site.	Determine future use of the site based on the following priority order of options: 1) Retain/allocate site as strategic reserve. 2) Explore feasibility to bring back into use. 3) Use as open space to meet local needs. 4) Redevelop site and use developer contributions to improve other playing pitch sites (quantity and/or quality).	Council DCFA FF ECB Homes England	Local site	L	L	L	Provide
		Disused Cricket										
249	Wareham Rangers YFC	BH20 4PH	Football	Sports Club	One standard quality youth 11v11 pitch that is played to capacity at peak time.	Sustain pitch quality through dedicated levels of maintenance.	Sports Club DCFA FF RFU	Local site	L	M	L	Protect
			Rugby union		One standard quality (M1/D1) senior pitch that is available for community use but unused. Actual spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure.							
252	St Mark's Primary School	BH19 2PH	Football	School	One standard quality mini 7v7 pitch that is not available for community use.	Improve pitch quality through enhance levels of maintenance to better sustain curricular and extra curricular demand.	School DCFA FF	Local site	L	S	L	Enhance
261	Steeple Playing Field	BH20 5DY	Lapsed Cricket	Private	The site previously contained an adult pitch and a six wicket grass cricket square. The site is owned by Imery's Quarry and, based off aerial imagery, was last actively used in 2013.	Determine future use of the site based on the following priority order of options: 1) Retain/allocate site as strategic reserve. 2) Explore feasibility to bring back into use. 3) Use as open space to meet local needs. 4) Redevelop site and use developer contributions to improve other playing pitch sites (quantity and/or quality).	Private ECB DCFA FF	Local site	L	S	L	Provide
			Lapsed Football									
263	Dorset Polo Club	BH16 6HQ	Polo	Sports Club	A polo field used by Dorset Polo Club.	Sustain quality and retain as current use and assist the Club in any plans to increase and develop.	Sports Club Polo	Local site	L	L	L	Protect

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## WEST DORSET SUB AREA

Sport	Sub area	Current picture	Future demand (2036)
Football (grass pitches)	Dorset Council area	<p>Spare capacity of 8 MES on adult pitches</p> <p>Shortfall of 6.5 MES on youth 11v11 pitches</p> <p>Spare capacity of 7.5 MES on youth 9v9 pitches</p> <p>Spare capacity of 1 MES on mini 7v7 pitches</p> <p>Spare capacity of 9 on mini 5v5 pitches</p>	<p>Spare capacity of 2.5 MES on adult pitches</p> <p>Shortfall of 16.5 MES on youth 11v11 pitches</p> <p>Shortfall of 1.5 MES on youth 9v9 pitches</p> <p>Spare capacity of 1 MES on mini 7v7 pitches</p> <p>Shortfall of 2.5 MES on mini 5v5 pitches</p>
	West Dorset Sub Area	<p>Spare capacity of 2.5 MES on adult pitches</p> <p>Shortfall of 1 MES on youth 11v11 pitches</p> <p>Spare capacity of 2 MES on youth 9v9 pitches</p> <p>Mini 7v7 pitches are at capacity</p> <p>Mini 5v5 pitches are at capacity</p>	<p>Spare capacity of 1.5 MES on adult pitches</p> <p>Shortfall of 3 MES on youth 11v11 pitches</p> <p>Youth 9v9 pitches are at capacity</p> <p>Mini 7v7 pitches are at capacity</p> <p>Shortfall of 1 MES on mini 5v5 pitches</p>
Football (3G pitches) <sup>29</sup>	Dorset Council area	Shortfall of 7 full sized 3G pitches for team training	Future shortfall of 8.5 full sized 3G pitches for team training
	West Dorset Sub Area	Shortfall of 0.5 full sized 3G pitches for team training	Future shortfall of 0.75 full sized 3G pitches for team training
Cricket	Dorset Council area	Spare capacity of 282 match equivalent sessions per season	Spare capacity of 238 match equivalent sessions per season
	West Dorset Sub Area	Spare capacity of 76 match equivalent sessions per season	Spare capacity of 65 match equivalent sessions per season
Rugby union	Dorset Council area	Pitches are overplayed by 17.25 match equivalent sessions per week	Pitches are overplayed by 26.25 match equivalent sessions per week
	West Dorset Sub Area	Pitches are overplayed by 11.75 match equivalent sessions per week	Pitches are overplayed by 13.5 match equivalent sessions per week
Hockey (Sand-based AGPs)	Dorset Council area	Sufficient capacity to accommodate current level of demand, however, <b>there is a need to resurface the poor-quality pitch and secure tenure at specific sites.</b>	Sufficient capacity to accommodate current level of demand, however, <b>there is a need to resurface the poor-quality pitch and secure tenure at specific sites.</b>
Other sports	Dorset	Demand can be met with retained	Demand can be met with retained

<sup>29</sup> Based on accommodating 38 teams to one full size pitch for training.



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Sport	Sub area	Current picture	Future demand (2036)
	Council area	level of access	level of access

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1	1610 Beaminster Sport & Leisure	DT8 3EP	Cricket	School	One standard quality standalone NTP.	Sustain quality and retain as current use.	School DCFA FF	Key centre	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
			Football		Two youth 11v11 and one youth 9v9 pitch all of which are standard quality. Pitches are available for community use but are unused. Spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure.	Sustain quality through dedicated levels of maintenance. Explore options to increase community usage. If community users are found examine implementing a formal community use agreement to secure tenure.						
			Football (3G)		One good quality smaller size (54m x 36m) floodlit 3G pitch that is used by the community.	Sustain quality and retain as current use.						
			Rugby union		Two poor quality (M0/D1) senior pitches that are available for community use but are unused. Actual spare capacity discounted due to poor quality.	Improve pitch quality for curricular and extra curricular demand as required.						
2	Abbotsbury Playing Fields	DT3 4JT	Cricket	Parish Council	One standard quality cricket square with eight wickets. Square is overplayed by 19 match equivalent sessions. Provision is used by Abbotsbury CC.	Improve square quality through an enhance maintenance regime in order to alleviate overplay. Explore installing an NTP in order to alleviate overplay.	Parish Council ECB	Local site	L	S	L	Protect Provide
4	All Saints CE VC Primary School	DT9 5NQ	Football	School	One poor quality mini 7v7 pitch that is not available for community use.	Improve pitch quality for curricular and extra curricular demand as required.	School DCFA FF	Local site	L	L	L	Enhance
7	Anning Road Playing Field	DT7 3EB	Football	Town Council	One poor quality youth 11v11 pitch that is played to capacity through community use.	Improve pitch quality through an enhance maintenance regime.	Town Council DCFA FF	Local site	L	S	L	Enhance
11	Barrs Lane Recreation Ground	DT6 6PS	Football	Parish Council	One adult and one youth 9v9 pitch both of which are poor quality. Spare capacity on both pitches have been discounted due to poor quality.	Improve pitch quality through an enhance maintenance regime.	Parish Council DCFA FF	Local site	L	S	L	Enhance
15	Bishop's Caundle Playing Field	DT9 5ND	Football	Parish Council	One poor quality adult pitch that is available for community use but is unused. Spare capacity has been discounted due to poor quality.	Improve pitch quality through an enhance maintenance regime. Explore pitch reconfiguration to alleviate identified youth 11v11 shortfalls.	Parish Council DCFA FF	Local site	L	S	L	Enhance
19	Bob Lucas Stadium	DT4 9XJ	Football	Sports Club	One good quality adult pitch with actual spare capacity of 0.5 MES. Site is suitable for Step 3 non league football. The site is owned by Weymouth FC and has previously been in discussions to sell the site and relocate. The Club is open to discuss potential options if a suitable location and provision is provided, until then it reports its foreseeable future is to remain onsite. The Club has minimised its site maintenance in order to reduce	Sustain pitch quality through a regular maintenance regime. Assist the Club in upgrading the site in order to meet Step 3 requirements. Ensure ancillary facilities and playing provision is suitable for Step 3 football. Examine the requirements needed for the Club to progress through the football pyramid.	Sports Club DCFA FF	Local site	M	S/L	H	Protect Enhance

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					expenditure. As a result, issues with the stadiums roof, heating system and floodlights have arisen. The Club reports these problems now need to be addressed immediately to meet ground grading requirements	Explore the potential relocation of the Club in order to understand if it is a feasible option.						
21	Bradford Abbas Sports and Recreational Club	DT9 6RP	Cricket	Sports Club	One standard quality grass square with three wickets accompanied by an NTP. The square has minimal spare capacity.	Sustain square quality through dedicated levels of maintenance and remedial work.	Sports Club ECB DCFA FF	Local site	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
			Football		One youth 11v11, one mini 7v7 and one mini 5v5 pitch all of which are poor quality. The youth 11v11 pitch is overplayed by 0.5 match equivalent sessions, whereas, remaining pitches have actual spare capacity discounted due to poor quality.	Improve pitch quality through enhance levels of dedicated maintenance.						
22	Bridport Leisure Centre	DT6 5LN	Cricket	Trust	One standard quality grass square with seven wickets accompanied by an NTP. The square is available for community use but is unused.	If demand exists continue to maintain the site and explore options to maximise usage.	Trust ECB RFU	Key centre	M	S/M	M	Protect Enhance
			Rugby union		Two senior pitches, one of which is floodlit and four mini pitches all of which are poor quality (M0/D0). Floodlit senior pitch is overplayed by 1.5 match equivalent sessions, the remaining senior pitch is overplayed by two match equivalent sessions, whereas, the mini pitches are overplayed by one match equivalent sessions. Pitches and ancillary provision are leased to Bridport RFC which expires in 2034. There is a demand from the club to access World Rugby Complaint 3G provision. The Club has plans to install purpose built drainage on the two senior pitches depending if the landowner can relocate existing water pipes.	Improve pitch quality through enhance levels of maintenance. Assist the Club in installing purpose built drainage on both senior pitches in order to alleviate overplay. When required renew lease to a minimum of 25 years. Explore the feasibility of creating or accessing WR Compliant 3G provision.						
23	Bridport Primary School	DT6 3BJ	Football	School	Two poor quality mini 7v7 pitches that are not available for community use.	Improve pitch quality for curricular and extra curricular demand as required.	School	Local site	L	L	L	Enhance
25	Broadmayne First School	DT2 8PH	Football	School	Two poor quality mini 5v5 pitches that are available for community use but are currently unused. Actual spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure.	Improve pitch quality for curricular and extra curricular demand as required.	School	Local site	L	L	L	Enhance
26	Broadmayne Playing Field	DT2 8EW	Football	Community Organisation	One adult pitch that has actual spare capacity discounted due to poor quality.	Improve pitch quality through enhance levels of dedicated maintenance.	DCFA FF	Local site	L	S	L	Enhance
27	Broadwindsor C of E Primary School	DT8 3QL	Football	School	One poor quality youth 9v9 pitch that is not available for community use.	Improve pitch quality for curricular and extra curricular demand as required.	School	Local site	L	L	L	Enhance
29	Buckland Newton Parish Field	DT2 7DP	Football	Parish Council	One mini 7v7 and one mini 5v5 pitch both of which have spare capacity discounted due to poor quality.	Improve pitch quality through enhance levels of dedicated maintenance.	Parish Council DCFA	Local site	L	S	L	Enhance

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30	Budmouth Community Sports Centre	DT4 9SY	Cricket	School	Two standard quality standalone NTPs.	Sustain quality and retain as current use.	School ECB DCFA FF	Key Centre	H	S	L	Protect Enhance
			Football		One adult, one youth 11v11, one youth 9v9, one mini 7v7 and one mini 5v5 pitch all of which are standard quality. The adult pitch is overplayed by one match equivalent session, whereas, the youth 11v11 pitch is played to capacity. The mini 7v7 pitch has no spare capacity at peak time with all remaining pitches having spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure. Community fixtures can be postponed to protect the quality of the pitches for curricular usage. Playing field area is also used for athletics and rounders throughout the summer.	As priority, protect the playing field area for curricular, extra curricular and external use. Improve pitch quality through enhance levels of dedicated maintenance. Explore implementing a formal community use agreement to secure tenure.						
			Football (3G)		One standard quality smaller size (60m x 38m) floodlit 3G pitch that is available for community use. Pitch services the West Dorset and Weymouth and Portland sub areas.	As priority, protect the pitch for curricular, extra curricular and external use due to its strategic importance. Sustain quality through appropriate maintenance and retain as current use. Explore potential options to put the pitch on the FA register.						
31	Burton Bradstock Playing Field	DT6 4QA	Football	Parish Council	One poor quality mini 7v7 pitch that is available for community use but it unused. Spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure.	Improve pitch quality through enhance levels of dedicated maintenance.	Parish Council DCFA FF	Local site	L	S	L	Enhance
33	Cattistock Cricket Club	DT2 0JL	Cricket	Sports Club	One standard quality grass square with three wickets accompanied by an NTP. Square is used by Cattistock CC and is overplayed by 12 match equivalent sessions.	Improve square quality through enhance levels of dedicated maintenance in order to alleviate overplay.	Sports Club ECB	Local site	L	S	L	Enhance
34	Charlton Down Cricket Club	DT2 9RJ	Cricket	Sports Club	One good quality grass square with five wickets accompanied by an NTP. Square is used by Charlton Down CC and is overplayed by 14 match equivalent sessions.	Sustain square quality through dedicated levels of maintenance and remedial work. Explore greater utilisation of the NTP to alleviate overplay.	Sports Club ECB	Local site	L	M	L	Protect
35	Chickerell Primary Academy	DT3 4AT	Football	School	One poor quality mini 7v7 pitch that is available for community use but is unused. Spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure.	Improve pitch quality for curricular and extra curricular demand as required.	School	Local site	L	L	L	Enhance
37	Clapps Mead Recreation Ground	DT6 6JS	Football	Parish Council	One recreational mini 7v7 pitch.	Determine future use of the site based on the following priority order of options: 1) Retain/allocate site as strategic reserve. 2) Explore feasibility to bring back into use. 3) Use as open space to meet local needs.	Parish Council DCFA FF	Local site	L	L	L	Provide

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						4) Redevelop site and use developer contributions to improve other playing pitch sites (quantity and/or quality).						
41	Compton House Cricket Club	DT9 4DJ	Cricket	Sports Club	One good quality grass square with nine wickets accompanied by an NTP. Actual spare capacity to accommodate one additional senior team at peak time. Compton House CC indicates current facilities are poor quality as they are dated and in desperate need of modernisation. It also indicates a need for additional training facilities.	Sustain square quality through dedicated levels of maintenance and remedial work. Utilise spare capacity for future demand, latent demand and/or alleviate overplay. Assist the Club in acquiring relevant grant funding to improve poor quality ancillary facilities. Explore the feasibility of creating onsite training provision.	Sports Club ECB	Local site	M	S/M	M	Protect Enhance
46	Crossways Playing Field	DT2 8BQ	Football	Parish Council	One adult pitch that has spare capacity discounted due to poor quality.	Improve pitch quality through enhance levels of dedicated maintenance.	Parish Council DCFA FF	Local site	L	S	L	Enhance
47	Davey Fort	DT7 3DW	Football	Trust	One standard quality adult pitch that is played to capacity at peak time.	Improve pitch quality through enhance levels of dedicated maintenance.	Trust DCFA FF	Local site	L	S	L	Enhance
49	Dorchester Middle School	DT1 2HS	Cricket	School	One standard quality standalone NTP.	Sustain quality and retain as current use.	School ECB DCFA FF RFU	Local site	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
			Football		One standard quality youth 9v9 pitch that is available for community use but is unused. Spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure.	Sustain quality through regular dedicated maintenance regime.						
			Rugby union		Two poor quality (M0/D1) mini pitches that are available for community use but are currently unused. Actual spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure and poor quality.	Improve pitch quality through enhance levels of maintenance to better sustain curricular and extra curricular demand. Explore options to increase community usage from Dorchester RFC. If community users are found examine implementing a formal community use agreement to secure tenure.						
50	Dorchester RFC	DT1 2HX	Rugby union	Sports Club	Three standard quality (M1/D2) senior pitches all of which are floodlit, however, floodlighting on pitch one is only suitable for training demand and not match play. Pitches are accumulatively overplayed by six match equivalent sessions. The site is on a long term lease to Dorchester RFC. The Club has aspirations to increase the bar and social area. It also reports it would benefit from accessing WR Compliant 3G provision.	Improve pitch quality through an enhance level of dedicated maintenance, in particular pitches 2 and 3. Explore the feasibility of improving onsite ancillary facilities. Explore potential options to access or invest in WR Complaint 3G in order to transfer demand of the site and alleviate overplay. Explore transferring demand off site to provision with spare capacity.	Sports Club RFU	Local site	H	S	L	Protect Enhance

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51	Dorchester Sports Centre	DT1 2HR	Football (3G)	Trust	One full size floodlit poor quality 3G pitch. Pitch was installed in 2010 and is reportedly to be resurfaced in summer 2019. Pitch is not registered due to its quality.	As priority, explore funding options to refurbish the pitch. Once refurbished look to obtain FA certification.	Trust DCFA FF	Key centre	H	S	H	Protect Enhance
52	Dorchester Town Football Club	DT1 2RY	Football (3G)	Sports Club	One full size floodlit good quality 3G pitch that is FIFA registered. The pitch is the home venue to Dorchester Town FC (Step 3) and Yeovil Town Ladies FC. In addition to football it is also used by Jurassic Coast Raptors American Football Club. It reports the site does not have suitable posts for American Football.	Sustain quality through regular maintenance. Ensure ancillary facilities and playing provision is suitable for Step 3 football non league and women's league football Examine the requirements needed for the Club to progress through the football pyramid. Assist Jurassic Coast Raptors in obtaining suitable American Football posts.	Sports Club DCFA FF British American Football Association	Key centre	M	S	L	Protect Provide
			American Football									
54	Drimpton Recreation Ground	DT8 3RF	Football	Trust	One poor quality adult pitch that is available for community use but is unused. Spare capacity discounted due to poor quality.	Improve pitch quality through enhance levels of dedicated maintenance.	Trust DCFA FF	Local site	L	S	L	Enhance
66	Frome Valley C of E VA First School	DT2 8WR	Football	School	One mini 5v5 pitch that has spare capacity discounted due to poor quality. Available for community use but unused.	Improve pitch quality for curricular and extra curricular demand as required.	School	Local site	L	L	L	Enhance
71	Great Field	DT1 2FD	Football	Town Council	One youth 9v9 pitch that has spare capacity discounted due to poor quality. Available for community use but unused.	Improve pitch quality through enhance levels of dedicated maintenance.	Town Council DCFA FF	Local site	L	S	L	Enhance
72	Greenford C of E Primary School	DT2 0AX	Football	School	One mini 5v5 pitch that has spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure.	Improve pitch quality for curricular and extra curricular demand as required.	School	Local site	L	L	L	Enhance

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74	Gryphon Leisure Centre	DT9 4EQ	Cricket	Council	One standard quality standalone NTP.	Sustain quality and retain as current use.	Council ECB DCFA FF EH RFU	Key centre	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
			Football		Two standard quality adult pitches that have actual spare capacity of two match equivalent sessions.	Sustain quality through regular maintenance. Explore options to increase community usage. If community users are found examine implementing a formal community use agreement to secure tenure.			L	M	L	
			Hockey (AGP)		One poor quality floodlit hockey suitable AGP that is available for community use. Pitch was built in 2005 and is planned on being resurfaced in Summer 2019. The floodlighting is also needs refurbishing.	As priority, refurbish the pitch and accompanying floodlighting.			L	S	H	
			Rugby union		Two poor quality (M0/D1) senior pitches that are available for community use but are currently unused. Actual spare capacity has been discounted due to unsecure tenure and poor quality.	Improve pitch quality through enhance levels of maintenance.			L	S	L	
79	Hedley Howard Memorial Playing Field	DT2 0AU	Football	Parish Council	One youth 9v9 and one mini 7v7 pitch both of which have spare capacity discounted due to poor quality.	Improve pitch quality through enhance levels of maintenance.	Parish Council DCFA FF	Local site	L	S	L	Enhance
88	Kennel Ground	DT2 0JJ	Football	Private	One poor quality adult pitch that is played to capacity.	Improve pitch quality through enhance levels of maintenance.	Private DCFA FF	Local site	L	S	L	Enhance
92	Kingston Maurward College	DT2 8PY	Cricket	School	One poor quality grass square with three wicket accompanied by an NTP. Square is not available for community use.	Improve square quality through enhance levels of maintenance to better sustain curricular and extra curricular demand.	School ECB DCFA FF	Local site	L	S	L	Enhance
			Football		One standard quality adult pitch that has spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure.	Improve pitch quality through enhance levels of maintenance.						

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96	Leweston School	DT9 6EN	Cricket	School	One poor quality standalone NTP.	If demand exists, explore the feasibility of improving surface quality.	School ECB DCFA FF EH	Key centre	M	S/M	M	Protect Enhance
			Football		One good quality adult pitch that has spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure. Pitch is available for community use but is unused.	Sustain quality through dedicated levels of maintenance.						
			Hockey (AGP)		One full size floodlit hockey suitable AGP that is available for community use. Pitch is standard quality having been built in 2000 and is therefore over its recommended lifespan.	As priority, refurbish the pitch as it is beyond its recommended lifespan.						
105	Memorial Playing Fields	DT8 3AL	Cricket	Town Council	One good quality grass square with nine wickets accompanied by an NTP. Actual spare capacity to accommodate one additional senior team at peak time. Provision is used by Beaminster CC. The Club reports a need to refurbish the current NTP on site.	Sustain square quality through dedicated levels of maintenance and remedial work. Utilise spare capacity for future demand, latent demand and/or alleviate overplay. Explore the feasibility of refurbishing onsite NTP.	Town Council ECB DCFA FF	Local site	M	S/M	L	Protect Enhance
			Football		One adult and one youth 9v9 pitch both of which are standard quality. Each pitch has actual spare capacity of 0.5 match equivalent sessions.	Sustain quality through dedicated levels of maintenance. Utilise spare capacity for future demand, latent demand and/or alleviate overplay.						
117	Nether Compton Playing Field	DT9 4QA	Football	Parish Council	One adult pitch that has spare capacity discounted due to poor quality. Available for community use but unused.	Improve pitch quality through enhance levels of maintenance. Explore options to increase community usage. Explore the feasibility of pitch reconfiguration to alleviate identified shortfalls.	Parish Council DCFA FF	Local site	L	S	L	Enhance
118	Netherbury Playing Fields	DT6 5LJ	Football	Parish Council	One poor quality adult pitch that is played to capacity. Netherbury FC reports onsite ancillary facilities are poor quality, not big enough and suffer from a leaking roof and minor vandalism.	Improve pitch quality through enhance levels of maintenance. Explore the feasibility of improving poor quality ancillary facilities.	Parish Council DCFA FF	Local site	L	S	L/M	Protect Enhance
122	Oxley Sports Centre	DT9 3DA	Hockey (AGP)	School	One good quality floodlit hockey suitable AGP that is available for community use. Pitch was built in 2016. There is ad hoc levels of imported demand from Yeovil & Sherborne HC. Pitch is used for school hockey.	Sustain quality and retain as current use based of levels of school hockey usage. Ensure there is a sinking fund in place. Explore options to increase community usage and examine implementing a formal community use agreement to secure tenure.	School EH	Local site	L	L	L	Protect
126	Parrett and Axe C of E Primary School	DT8 3JQ	Football	School	One poor quality mini 7v7 pitch that is not available for community use.	Improve pitch quality for curricular and extra curricular demand as required.	School	Local site	L	L	L	Enhance
128	Piddletrenthide Playing	DT2 7QL	Football	Parish Council	One adult pitch that has spare capacity	Improve pitch quality through	Parish	Local site	L	S	L	Enhance

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	Field				discounted due to poor quality. Available for community use but unused.	enhance levels of maintenance.	Council DCFA FF					
130	Portesham Playing Field	DT3 4HF	Football	Parish Council	One adult pitch that has spare capacity discounted due to poor quality. Available for community use but unused.	Improve pitch quality through enhance levels of maintenance.	Parish Council DCFA FF	Local site	L	S	L	Enhance
134	Puddletown Recreation Ground	DT2 8GE	Cricket	Parish Council	One standard quality standalone NTP used by Puddletown CC. Due to the success of the Club there are plans to establish grass wickets on the site. It is recognised that new provision requires time between establishment and accommodating demand to allow a pitch to become sustainable in the longer term. On this basis, the Club is scheduled to play all matches away from home in 2019.	Assist the Club in establishing grass wickets on the square and allow them to time to be established before competitive use.	Parish Council ECB DCFA FF	Local site	M	S	L/M	Provide
			Football		One standard quality adult pitch that has actual spare capacity of 0.5 match equivalent sessions. Pitch would benefit from additional maintenance.	Improve pitch quality through enhance levels of maintenance Utilise spare capacity for future demand, latent demand and/or alleviate overplay.						
143	Salway Ash C of E Primary School	DT6 5JE	Football	School	One standard quality mini 5v5 pitch that has spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure. Used by Bridport YFC.	Sustain quality and retain as current use. Examine securing community usage through a CUA.	School DCFA FF	Local site	L	S	L	Protect
144	Salway Ash Playing Field	DT6 5HU	Football	Parish Council	One poor quality adult pitch that is played to capacity.	Improve pitch quality through enhance levels of maintenance.	Parish Council DCFA FF	Local site	L	S	L	Enhance
147	Sandringham Sports Centre	DT1 2TN	Football	Town Council	Two youth 9v9 and one mini 7v7 pitch all of which are standard quality. There is no spare capacity on the mini 7v7 pitch, whereas, the youth 9v9 pitch has actual spare capacity of two match equivalent sessions.	Sustain quality and retain as current use. Utilise spare capacity for future demand, latent demand and/or alleviate overplay.	Town Council DCFA FF	Local site	L	S	L	Protect
153	Sherborne Area Youth and Community Centre	DT9 3DY	Football	Council	One adult and one mini 7v7 pitch both of which have spare capacity discounted due to poor quality. Available for community use but unused.	Improve pitch quality through enhance levels of maintenance. Explore options to increase community usage. If community users are found examine implementing a formal community use agreement to secure tenure.	Council DCFA FF	Local site	L	S	L	Enhance
154	Sherborne Girls School	DT9 3QN	Lacrosse	School	Lacrosse pitches used by the school for curricular and extracurricular activities.	Ensure pitches are maintained to a suitable quality for curricular and extracurricular activities.	School Lacrosse	Local site	L	L	L	Protect
155	Sherborne Primary School	DT9 4AJ	Lacrosse	School	Lacrosse pitches used by the school for curricular and extracurricular activities.	Ensure pitches are maintained to a suitable quality for curricular and extracurricular activities.	School Lacrosse	Local site	L	L	L	Protect
156	Sherborne School Sports Centre	DT9 3AP	Cricket	School	A total of seven grass squares and two standalone NTPs. There are two six	Sustain quality and retain as current use.	School	Key centre	L	L	L	Protect

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					wicket squares, two five wicket squares, one two wicket square, one 12 wicket square and one four wicket square. None of the provision is available for community use.		ECB DCFA FF EH RFU					Enhance
			Football		Two adult and three youth 11v11 pitches that are all good quality. Pitches are not available for community use.	Sustain quality and retain as current use.			L	L	L	
			Hockey (AGP)		Two full size hockey suitable AGPs both of which are floodlit and available for community use. Both pitches are water based with one assessed as good quality having been resurfaced in 2017 (based of satellite imagery). The other pitch is standard quality having been built in 2008 which is beyond the 10 year recommended lifespan.	Look to refurbish the standard quality pitch as it is beyond its recommended lifespan. Explore options to increase community usage. If community users are found examine implementing a formal community use agreement to secure tenure.			M	S/M	M	
			Rugby union		Eleven senior pitches and three junior pitches all of which are good quality (M2/D1) and not available for community use. Pitches are used to accommodate curricular and extracurricular demand.	Sustain quality and retain as current use.			L	L	L	
157	Sherborne Town FC	DT9 5NS	Football	Sports Club	One good quality adult pitch that is played to capacity. Provision is suitable for Step 6 non league football. Sherborne Town FC indicates it main objective is to consistently maintain the sites facilities and gradually upgrade facilities, such as pitch barriers. It is also in the process of applying for grant funding in order to replace a dilapidated portacabin that is used for storage and its public announcement system.	Sustain quality through a dedicated maintenance regime. Ensure ancillary facilities and playing provision is suitable for Step 6 football. Examine the requirements needed for the Club to progress through the football pyramid. Assist the Club in securing funding to make replace the dilapidated portacabin.	Sports Club DCFA FF	Local site	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
162	Simsay Oval	DT2 7GD	Cricket	Sports Club	One standard quality grass square with five wickets accompanied by an NTP. Square is used by Cerne Valley CC and overplayed by 14 match equivalent sessions.	Improve square quality through an enhanced maintenance regime in order to alleviate overplay to sustainable levels.	Sports Club ECB DCFA FF	Local site	L	S	L	Enhance
			Football		One adult pitch that has spare capacity discounted due to poor quality. Available for community use but unused.	Improve pitch quality through enhance levels of maintenance. Explore reconfiguration of the pitch to meet identified shortfalls.						
164	St Andrews CE Primary School	DT9 6LS	Football	School	One poor quality mini 7v7 pitch that is not available for community use.	Improve pitch quality for curricular and extra curricular demand as required.	School	Local site	L	L	L	Enhance
166	St Catherine's RC Primary School	DT6 3TR	Football	School	One mini 5v5 pitch that has spare capacity discounted due to poor quality. Available for community use but unused.	Improve pitch quality for curricular and extra curricular demand as required.	School	Local site	L	L	L	Enhance
172	St Marys C of E First School	DT2 9RD	Football	School	One poor quality mini 7v7 pitch that is not available for community use.	Improve pitch quality for curricular and extra curricular demand as required.	School	Local site	L	L	L	Enhance

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173	St Marys C of E Middle School	DT2 8SA	Cricket	School	One standard quality standalone NTP.	Sustain quality and retain as current use.	School	Local site	L	S	L	Enhance
			Football		One poor quality youth 11v11 pitch that is played to capacity through curricular and extracurricular activities. Available for community use but unused.	Improve pitch quality for curricular and extra curricular demand as required.						
			Rugby union		One poor quality (M0/D1) senior pitch that is available for community use but unused. Actual spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure and poor quality.	Improve pitch quality for curricular and extra curricular demand as required.						
174	St Marys C of E Primary School	DT6 5LA	Football	School	One mini 7v7 pitch that has spare capacity discounted due to poor quality. Available for community use but unused.	Improve pitch quality for curricular and extra curricular demand as required.	School	Local site	L	L	L	Enhance
175	St Marys C of E VC Primary School	TA20 4NE	Football	School	One poor quality mini 7v7 pitch that is not available for community use.	Improve pitch quality for curricular and extra curricular demand as required.	School	Local site	L	L	L	Enhance
178	Bridport FC	DT6 5LA	Football	Sports Club	One good quality adult pitch that is played to capacity at peak time. Site is suitable for non league step five football. Bridport FC reports the pitch suffers from drainage issues. The Club is in dialogue with Bridport Town Council regarding potential major drainage works on the site. It is also in talks to develop a full size 3G pitch within the locality of Bridport.	Sustain quality through a dedicated maintenance regime. Ensure ancillary facilities and playing provision is suitable for Step 5 football. Examine the requirements needed for the Club to progress through the football pyramid.	Sports Club DCFA FF	Key centre	M	S/M	L/H	Protect Provide
179	St Marys Playing Field	DT6 3JP	Football	Town Council	One standard quality adult and one poor quality youth 9v9 pitch. The adult pitch is played to capacity, whereas, the youth 9v9 is overplayed by 0.5 match equivalent sessions. Pitches are used by Bridport YFC. The Club is in dialogue with Bridport Town Council regarding potential major drainage works on the site. It is also in talks to develop a full size 3G pitch within the locality of Bridport.	Improve pitch quality through enhance levels of maintenance. Explore the feasibility of improving pitch drainage.	Town Council DCFA FF	Key centre	M	S/M	L/H	Protect Provide

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182	St Osmunds Community Sports Centre	DT1 2DZ	Cricket	School	One good quality standalone NTP.	Sustain quality and retain as current use.	School	Local site	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
			Football		One standard quality youth 11v11 pitch that has spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure. Available for community use but unused.	Improve pitch quality for curricular and extra curricular demand as required.						
			Rugby union		One poor quality (M0/D1) junior pitch that is available for community use but is unused.	Improve pitch quality for curricular and extra curricular demand as required.						
186	Stratton Playing Field	DT2 9RU	Football	Parish Council	One mini 7v7 pitch that has spare capacity discounted due to poor quality. Available for community use but unused.	Determine future use of the site based on the following priority order of options: 1) Retain/allocate site as strategic reserve. 2) Explore feasibility to bring back into use. 3) Use as open space to meet local needs. 4) Redevelop site and use developer contributions to improve other playing pitch sites (quantity and/or quality).	Parish Council DCFA FF	Local site	L	S	L	Protect
190	Sunninghill Preparatory School	DT1 1EB	Football	School	One standard quality mini 5v5 pitch that is not available for community use.	Improve pitch quality for curricular and extra curricular demand as required.	School EH	Local site	L	L	L	Protect
			Hockey (AGP)		One good quality small size (56m x 35m) hockey suitable AGP. The pitch is not floodlit but is available for community use. Weymouth HC uses the pitch to host Back to Hockey sessions.	Retain as a hockey suitable surface.						
195	Symene Playing Fields	DT6 6EZ	Cricket	Sports Club	One good quality grass square with five wickets accompanied by an NTP. Spare capacity to accommodate one additional senior team at peak time.	Sustain square quality through dedicated levels of maintenance and remedial work. Utilise spare capacity for future demand, latent demand and/or alleviate overplay.	Sports Club ECB DCFA FF	Local site	L	S	L	Enhance
			Football		One poor quality youth 11v11 and one standard quality mini 7v7 pitch. The youth 11v11 pitch is overplayed by 0.5 match equivalent sessions, whereas, the mini 7v7 pitch his played to capacity at peak time.	Improve pitch quality through an enhance maintenance regime.						
196	Terrace Playing Fields	DT9 5NS	Cricket	Parish Council	Two good quality grass squares; one with four and one with 12 wickets. Squares are used by Sherborne CC and have capacity to accommodate two additional senior teams at peak time.	Sustain square quality through dedicated levels of maintenance and remedial work. Utilise spare capacity for future demand, latent demand and/or alleviate overplay.	Parish Council ECB DCFA FF RFU	Hub site	M	L	L	Protect
			Football		Four adult, two youth 9v9, one mini 7v7 and two mini 5v5 pitches all of which	Sustain quality through a dedicated maintenance regime.						

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			Rugby union		are standard quality. Spare capacity on each pitch has been discounted due to overmarking with rugby union and cricket. Two standard quality (M1/D1) senior pitches that are used by Sherborne RFC. Actual spare capacity discounted due to overmarking.	Retain current levels of demand due to levels of overmarking. Sustain quality through a dedicated maintenance regime. Retain current levels of demand due to levels of overmarking.						
203	The Sir John Colfox Academy	DT6 3DT	Cricket	School	One standard quality standalone NTP.	Sustain quality and retain as current use.	School ECB EH RFU	Key centre	L	L	L	Protect
			Football		Two youth 11v11 and one youth 9v9 pitch all of which are standard quality. Spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure. No current community usage.	Sustain pitch quality for curricular and extra curricular demand.			L	M	L	
			Hockey (AGP)		One standard quality floodlit hockey suitable AGP that is used by West Dorset HC. Rejuvenation work is carried out on the pitch every four years. The Club reports no aspirations to formalise long term tenure at the site and indicates the costs to hire the pitch is expensive for a club of its size.	Protect as a hockey suitable surface. Ensure there is a sinking fund in place for the refurbishment of the pitch. Enter dialogue with the Club regarding costings for pitch hire. If this can be resolved look to secure community usage through a CUA.			M	S/M	M	
			Rugby union		Two standard quality (M1/D1) senior pitches that are available for community use but are unused. Actual spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure.	Sustain pitch quality through dedicated levels of maintenance to better tolerate curricular and extra curricular demand.			L	M	L	
204	The Stalls	DT3 4DT	Football	Town Council	One poor quality adult pitch that is played to capacity. The Stalls is owned by the Diocese of Salisbury which is leased to Chickerall Town Council and then rented to Chickerall United FC for its adult teams. The Club reports aspirations to develop onsite carparking and fencing.	Improve pitch quality through an enhanced maintenance regime. Assist the Club in its aspirations to develop onsite ancillary facilities.	Town Council DCFA FF	Local site	L	S	L	Enhance
207	The Woodroffe School	DT7 3LX	Cricket	School	One standard quality standalone NTP.	Sustain quality and retain as current use.	School ECB	Local site	L	L	L	Protect
208	Thomas Hardy School	DT1 2HT	Cricket	School	One standard quality standalone NTP.	Sustain quality and retain as current use.	School ECB DCFA FF RFU	Key centre	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
			Football		Two adult, two youth 11v11 and one youth 9v9 pitch all of which are standard quality. The youth 11v11 pitches have no spare capacity at peak time, whereas, the remaining pitches have spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure.	Sustain pitch quality through a dedicated maintenance regime. Explore options to increase community usage. If community users are found examine implementing a formal community use agreement to secure tenure.						
			Rugby union		One poor quality (M0/D1) senior pitch that is available for community use but is unused. Actual spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure and poor quality.	Improve pitch quality through enhance levels of maintenance to better sustain curricular and extra curricular demand.						
209	Thorncombe Sports and	TA20 4PS	Football	Sports Club	Two adult pitches that have spare	Improve pitch quality through an	Sports Club	Local site	L	S	L	Enhance

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	Social Club				capacity discounted due to poor quality.	enhance maintenance regime.	DCFA FF					
210	Thornford Playing Field	DT9 6QD	Football	Parish Council	One adult pitch that has spare capacity discounted due to poor quality. Available for community use but unused.	Improve pitch quality through an enhance maintenance regime.	Parish Council DCFA FF	Local site	L	S	L	Enhance
213	Toller Porcorum Recreational Area	DT2 0DF	Football	Community Organisation	One recreational mini 7v7 pitch.	Determine future use of the site based on the following priority order of options: 1) Retain/allocate site as strategic reserve. 2) Explore feasibility to bring back into use. 3) Use as open space to meet local needs. 4) Redevelop site and use developer contributions to improve other playing pitch sites (quantity and/or quality).	Community Organisation DCFA FF	Local site	M	S	L	Provide
214	Trent Youngs Endowed C of E VA Primary School	DT9 4SW	Football	School	One poor quality mini 7v7 pitch that is not available for community use.	Improve pitch quality for curricular and extra curricular demand as required.	School	Local site	L	L	L	Enhance
224	Weymouth Avenue Recreation Ground	DT1 2RY	Cricket	Sports Club	One good quality grass square with nine wickets accompanied by an NTP. Square has minimal spare capacity. Used by Dorchester CC.	Sustain square quality through dedicated levels of maintenance and remedial work.	Sports Club ECB	Local site	L	L	L	Protect
238	Yetminster Playing Fields	DT9 6NR	Football	Parish Council	One adult and one youth 11v11 pitch that have spare capacity discounted due to poor quality. Available for community use but unused.	Improve pitch quality through an enhanced maintenance regime.	Parish Council DCFA FF	Local site	L	S	L	Enhance
241	Cheselbourne Cricket Club	DT2 7NY	Cricket	Sports Club	One standard quality standalone NTP used by Cheselbourne CC and Dewlish CC. Cheselbourne CC reports it has use of its site from a private landowner indicating it can use the provision as long as it formally operates as a Club. The site is accompanied by poor quality basic ancillary provision.	Sustain quality and retain as current use. Explore the need to improve poor quality ancillary facilities.	Sports Club ECB	Local site	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
242	Sherborne Prep School	DT9 3NY	Cricket	School	Three good quality grass squares with one, two and three wickets. In addition, three good quality standalone NTPs. No provision is available for community use.	Improve pitch quality for curricular and extra curricular demand as required.	School ECB	Local site	L	L	L	Protect
244	Halstock Football Field	BA22 9QU	Football	Sports Club	One adult pitch that has spare capacity discounted due to poor quality.	Improve pitch quality through an enhance maintenance regime.	Sports Club DCFA FF	Local site	L	M	L	Protect Enhance
247	Sherborne RFU	DT9 5NS	Rugby union	Sports Club	One floodlit poor quality (M1/D0) senior pitch and one standard quality (M1/D1) senior pitch. The former pitch is overplayed by 0.5 match equivalent sessions, whereas, the latter pitch is overplayed by 0.75 match equivalent sessions. Site is on a long term lease	Improve pitch quality through enhanced levels of maintenance. Assist the Club in improving drainage on Pitch 1. Assist the Club in improving the poor quality clubhouse.	Sports Club RFU	Local site	M	S/M	M	Protect Enhance



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					to Sherborne RFC from Sherborne Town Council. The Club has plans to invest in refurbishing drainage on its floodlit pitch to improve its quality. It is also raising funds to redevelop its poor quality clubhouse.							
248	Puddletown RFU	DT2 7UA	Rugby union	Sports Club	Two poor quality (M0/D1) senior pitches one of which is floodlit. The floodlit pitch is played to capacity, whereas, the remaining pitch has actual spare capacity discounted due to poor quality. The site is owned by Puddletown Rugby Club. It has plans to increase the floodlit training area on site in order to reduce demand on the floodlit senior pitch.	Improve pitch quality through enhanced levels of maintenance. Assist the Club in its plans to increase its floodlit training area.	Sports Club RFU	Local site	L	S	L	Enhance
250	Martinstown Cricket Club	DT2 9HA	Cricket	Sports Club	One good quality grass square with seven wickets accompanied by an NTP. Square is overplayed by three match equivalent sessions. Provision is used by Martinstown CC.	Sustain good square quality through regular maintenance in order to withstand minimal levels of overplay.	Sports Club ECB	Local site	L	S	L	Protect
253	The Prince of Wales School	DT1 2HH	Football	School	One mini 5v5 and one mini 7v7 pitch both of which have spare capacity discounted due to poor quality. Available for community use but unused.	Improve pitch quality through enhance levels of maintenance to better sustain curricular and extra curricular demand.	School DCFA FF	Local site	L	S	L	Enhance
256	Plush Cricket Ground	DT2 7RJ	Cricket	Sports Club	One poor quality grass square with five wickets. Square is overplayed by six match equivalent sessions.	Improve square quality through enhanced levels of dedicated maintenance in order to alleviate overplay.	Sports Club ECB	Local site	M	S	L	Enhance
N/A	Vearse Farm Development	-	Football	Council	The Vearse Farm housing development in Bridport has an area of playing field land and accompanying changing rooms included in its current plans. This area of land has been identified to provide two pitches to support local club demand. It is anticipated there will be one youth 11v11 and one youth 9v9 pitch established on the site. This is to assist in the demand from Bridport YFC which reports struggling to access suitable provision within the locality of Bridport for its mini and youth demand.	Assist the Council in providing dedicated mini and youth football provision on the site to alleviate identified shortfalls. Look to secure tenure onsite for Bridport YFC.	Council DCFA FF Sports Club	Local site	H	S/L	L	Provide

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## WEYMOUTH & PORTLAND SUB AREA

Sport	Sub area	Current picture	Future demand (2036)
Football (grass pitches)	Dorset Council area	<p>Spare capacity of 8 MES on adult pitches</p> <p>Shortfall of 6.5 MES on youth 11v11 pitches</p> <p>Spare capacity of 7.5 MES on youth 9v9 pitches</p> <p>Spare capacity of 1 MES on mini 7v7 pitches</p> <p>Spare capacity of 9 on mini 5v5 pitches</p>	<p>Spare capacity of 2.5 MES on adult pitches</p> <p>Shortfall of 16.5 MES on youth 11v11 pitches</p> <p>Shortfall of 1.5 MES on youth 9v9 pitches</p> <p>Spare capacity of 1 MES on mini 7v7 pitches</p> <p>Shortfall of 2.5 MES on mini 5v5 pitches</p>
	Weymouth & Portland Sub Area	<p>Shortfall of 3.5 MES on adult pitches</p> <p>Youth 11v11 pitches are at capacity</p> <p>Spare capacity of 4 MES on youth 9v9 pitches</p> <p>Mini 7v7 pitches are at capacity</p> <p>Spare capacity of 3 on mini 5v5 pitches</p>	<p>Shortfall of 5 MES on adult pitches</p> <p>Shortfall of 1.5 MES on youth 11v11 pitches</p> <p>Spare capacity of 2.5 MES on youth 9v9 pitches</p> <p>Mini 7v7 pitches are at capacity</p> <p>Spare capacity of 1 on mini 5v5 pitches</p>
Football (3G pitches) <sup>40</sup>	Dorset Council area	Shortfall of 7 full sized 3G pitches for team training	Future shortfall of 8.5 full sized 3G pitches for team training
	Weymouth & Portland Sub Area	Shortfall of 1.5 full sized 3G pitches for team training	Future shortfall of 1.75 full sized 3G pitches for team training
Cricket	Dorset Council area	Spare capacity of 282 match equivalent sessions per season	Spare capacity of 238 match equivalent sessions per season
	Weymouth & Portland Sub Area	Spare capacity of 58 match equivalent sessions per season	Spare capacity of 58 match equivalent sessions per season
Rugby union	Dorset Council area	Pitches are overplayed by 17.25 match equivalent sessions per week	Pitches are overplayed by 26.25 match equivalent sessions per week
	Weymouth & Portland Sub Area	Pitches are overplayed by 0.5 match equivalent sessions per week	Pitches are overplayed by 3.25 match equivalent sessions per week
Hockey (Sand-based AGPs)	Dorset Council area	Sufficient capacity to accommodate current level of demand, however, <b>there is a need to resurface the poor-quality pitch and secure tenure at specific sites.</b>	Sufficient capacity to accommodate current level of demand, however, <b>there is a need to resurface the poor-quality pitch and secure tenure at specific sites.</b>

<sup>40</sup> Based on accommodating 38 teams to one full size pitch for training.

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<b>Sport</b>	<b>Sub area</b>	<b>Current picture</b>	<b>Future demand (2036)</b>
Other sports	Dorset Council area	Demand can be met with retained level of access	Demand can be met with retained level of access

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5	All Saints Church of England School	DT4 9BJ	Cricket	School	A standard quality standalone NTP.	Sustain quality and retain as current use.	School	Key centre	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
			Football		One standard quality adult pitch that is available for community use but is unused. Actual spare capacity is discounted due to unsecure tenure.	Sustain quality through dedicated levels of maintenance.						
			Hockey (AGP)		One standard floodlit quality small size (36m x 18m) hockey suitable AGP. The pitch is available for community use.	Sustain quality and retain as current use.						
			Rugby union		One poor quality (M0/D1) senior pitch that is available for community use but is unused. Actual spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure and poor quality.	Improve pitch quality, as required, to sustain levels of curricular and extracurricular demand.						
9	Atlantic Academy Portland	DT5 2NA	Football	School	One standard quality adult pitch that is available for community use but is unused. Actual spare capacity is discounted due to unsecure tenure. School has ambitions to create 3G provision on site.	Sustain quality through dedicated levels of maintenance. Explore the feasibility of creating 3G provision on site.	School DCFA FF	Local site	L	L	L	Protect
73	Grove Corner Playing Fields	DT5 1BZ	Football	Sports Club	One adult and one youth 11v11 pitch both of which are poor quality. Both pitches are played to capacity. Portland YFC lease the pitches and report they suffer from animal burrowing. Ancillary facilities are inadequate.	Improve pitch quality through dedicated regime of enhance maintenance. Explore potential options to reduce levels of animal burrowing. Explore improving onsite ancillary provision.	Sports Club DCFA FF	Local site	M	S	L	Protect Enhance
83	HMP Portland	DT5 1DL	Football	HMP	One standard quality adult pitch that is unavailable for community use.	Sustain quality and retain as current use.	HMP DCFA FF RFU	Local site	L	L	L	Protect
			Football (3G)		One standard quality smaller size (46m x 25m) 3G pitch that is unavailable for community use.							
			Rugby union		One poor quality (M0/D1) senior pitch that is not available for community use.							
131	Portland Red Triangle Cricket Club	DT5 2AP	Cricket	Sports Club	A poor quality 11 wicket grass cricket square that is accompanied by an NTP. The square is overplayed by 22 match equivalent sessions per season.	Improve pitch quality through a regular enhance maintenance regime in order to alleviate overplay.	Sports Club ECB	Local site	M	S	L/M	Enhance

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140	Redlands Community Sports Hub	DT3 5AW	Crickets	School	Two good quality grass cricket squares, one with eight wickets and one with 12 wickets. Spare capacity to accommodate two senior teams at peak time. Squares are used by Weymouth CC. Ancillary facilities are in need of modernisation.	Sustain square quality through dedicated levels of maintenance and remedial work. Utilise spare capacity for future demand, latent demand and/or alleviate overplay. Explore the feasibility of improving ancillary provision.	School Council Sports Club ECB DCFA FF EH	Hub site	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
			Football		Two adult, three youth 11v11, three youth 9v9, three mini 7v7 and three mini 5v5 pitches all of which are standard quality. The adult pitches are overplayed by three match equivalent sessions, whereas, the youth 11v11 and mini 7v7 pitches are played to capacity at peak time. The youth 9v9 and mini 5v5 pitches have three and two match equivalent sessions of actual spare capacity, respectively. Ancillary facilities are in need of modernisation.	Sustain pitch quality through dedicated levels of maintenance. Explore the feasibility of improving ancillary provision. Utilise spare capacity for future demand, latent demand and/or alleviate overplay.			L	S	L	
			Football (3G)		One full size floodlit poor quality 3G pitch. Pitch was installed in 2011. Pitch is not registered due to its quality as there are undulations under the carpet. Preliminary discussions between Weymouth College (the operators of Redlands Community Sports Hub) and Dorset FA have taken place regarding a potential resurfacing of the pitch, with aspirations for it to become FA registered.	As priority, explore funding options to refurbish the pitch. Once refurbished look to obtain FA certification. Explore the feasibility of improving ancillary provision.			H	S	H	
			Hockey (AGP)		One poor quality full size hockey suitable AGP that is used by Weymouth HC. The pitch needs refurbishing having been built in 1998. The Club is currently negotiating a long term agreement with Dorset Council for the pitch if sufficient funds can be obtained for resurfacing works.	Protect as a hockey suitable pitch. Secure tenure for Weymouth HC through long term agreement ensuring the Club has protective usage of the pitch. Once tenure has been obtained look to secure relevant funding to resurface the pitch as hockey suitable. Explore the feasibility of improving ancillary provision.			H	S	H	
169	St George's Community Primary School	DT5 2BD	Football	School	Two poor quality mini 5v5 pitches that are not available for community use.	Improve pitch quality for curricular and extra curricular demand as required.	School	Local site	L	L	L	Enhance

<sup>43</sup> (S) -Short (1-2 years); (M) - Medium (3-5 years); (L) - Long (6+ years)

<sup>44</sup> (L) -Low - less than £50k; (M) -Medium - £50k-£250k; (H) -High £250k and above

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Site ID	Site	Postcode	Sport	Management	Current status	Recommended actions	Partners	Site hierarchy tier	Priority	Timescales <sup>45</sup>	Cost <sup>46</sup>	Aim
194	Sweethill Open Space	DT5 2DX	Football	Town Council	One recreational mini 7v7 pitch.	Determine future use of the site based on the following priority order of options: 1) Retain/allocate site as strategic reserve. 2) Explore feasibility to bring back into use. 3) Use as open space to meet local needs. 4) Redevelop site and use developer contributions to improve other playing pitch sites (quantity and/or quality).	Town Council DCFA FF	Local site	L	L	L	Provide
198	The Bowl	DT5 1DB	Football	Sports Club	One youth 9v9, one mini 7v7 and one mini 5v5 pitch that are all standard quality. The mini 7v7 pitch has no actual spare capacity at peak time. The youth 9v9 and mini 5v5 pitch each have actual spare capacity of one match equivalent session. The site is lease to Portland YFC. The Club reports the pitch suffers from animal burrowing. Ancillary facilities are limited due to the remote location of the site. In addition maintenance of the pitches can be problematic due to the site location.	Sustain pitch quality through appropriate levels of dedicated maintenance. Explore effective ways to continue with pitch maintenance given the site remote location. Explore options to reduce animal burrowing. Explore potential solutions to improve ancillary facilities given the sites remote location.	Sports Club DCFA FF	Local site	M	S	L	Protect Enhance
200	The Marsh Playing Fields	DT4 0BT	Football	Sports Club	One adult, two youth 11v11, two youth 9v9, two mini 7v7 and two mini 5v5 pitches all of which are poor quality. The adult pitch is overplayed by 0.5 match equivalent sessions with all remaining pitches having spare capacity discounted due to poor quality. Several pitches are to be relocated to an area which was previously a cinder athletics track in order to accommodate and skatepark/play area. This area of land is poor quality and requires maintenance before pitches are instated. Weymouth Cougars FC reports it is in the process of signing a five year agreement to manage the pitches. If this goes well it has ambitions to establish a longer term agreement.	Improve pitch quality through an enhance maintenance regime. Assist Weymouth Cougars FC in the initial five year management period. If feasible look to extend the management of the site to the Club long term. Ensure the relocation of the pitches, due to site development, is successful making sure pitches are in a usable condition for the start of the 2019/20 season.	Sports Club DCFA FF	Key centre	H	S/L	L	Protect Enhance
206	The Wey Valley School	DT3 5AN	Cricket	School	One standard quality standalone NTP.	Sustain quality and retain as current use.	School	Local site	L	L	L	Protect

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			Football		One youth 11v11, one youth 9v9, one mini 7v7 and one mini 5v5 pitch all of which are poor quality. Actual spare capacity on all pitches is discounted due to unsecure tenure. Jurassic Coast Girls has ambitions to secure tenure on the site through a community use agreement. Pitches receive limited amounts of maintenance and suffer from animal burrowing which cause tripping hazards.	Improve pitch quality through enhance levels of maintenance to better sustain curricular, extra curricular and community demand. Explore implementing a formal community use agreement to secure tenure. Explore potential options to reduce levels of animal burrowing.	ECB DCFA FF					Enhance
220	Westfield Arts College	DT3 6AA	Football	School	One standard quality youth 9v9 pitch that is not available for community use.	Improve pitch quality through enhance levels of maintenance to better sustain curricular and extra curricular demand.	School DCFA FF	Local site	L	S	L	Enhance
221	Weston Street	DT5 2DF	Football	Private	One adult, one youth 9v9, one mini 7v7 and one mini 5v5 pitch all of which are poor quality. The youth 9v9 pitch is played to capacity with all remaining pitches having actual spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure.	Improve pitch quality through enhance levels of dedicated maintenance. Explore options to increase community usage. If community users are found examine implementing a formal community use agreement to secure tenure.	Private DCFA FF	Local site	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
222	Weyline Stadium (Portland United FC)	DT5 1BP	Football	Sports Club	One good quality adult pitch that is played to capacity at peak time. Site is suitable for Step five non league football. Portland United FC lease the site from Crown Estates. The Club indicates it may struggle to meet ground grading requirements if promoted.	Sustain pitch quality through appropriate levels of maintenance. Ensure ancillary facilities and playing provision is suitable for Step 5 football. Examine the requirements needed for the Club to progress through the football pyramid.	Sports Club DCFA FF	Local site	M	S/M	L/H	Protect
			Potential 3G		Site has been identified via the Local Football Facilities Plan for potential full size 3G development to replace 1 <sup>st</sup> team pitch.	In line with the LFFP, consider venue as a suitable location to provide a new full size 3G pitch to replace 1 <sup>st</sup> team pitch.						
223	Weymouth & Portland Rugby Club	DT3 5HZ	Rugby union	Sports Club	Three standard quality (M1/D1) senior pitches on of which is floodlit. The floodlit pitch is overplayed by 0.5 match equivalent sessions whereas the remaining two pitches have minimal spare capacity retained to protect pitch quality. Pitches have suffered from major issues in the past due to being located on an old waste disposal site. Weymouth & Portland RFC has a lease for the site which expires in 2036. The Club is looking to renew its lease to 25 years in order to access grant funding. It has a five year development plan to upgrade its changing facilities and pitch floodlighting.	Improve pitch quality through enhance levels of dedicated maintenance. Assist the Club in extending its lease to beyond 25 years. Once the lease is secure assist the Club in securing relevant funding to improve changing provision and upgrade floodlighting. Monitor pitches on a regular basis to ensure their quality does not decline.	Sports Club RFU	Local site	M	S/M	L/M	Protect Enhance
225	Weymouth College Sports Centre	DT4 7LQ	Football	School	One good quality adult pitch that has no actual spare capacity at peak time.	Sustain pitch quality through dedicated levels of maintenance.	School DCFA	Local site	M	S	L	Protect



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					Site is suitable for step seven non league football.	Ensure ancillary facilities and playing provision is suitable for Step 7 football. Examine the requirements needed for the Club to progress through the football pyramid. Explore implementing a formal community use agreement to secure tenure for users.	FF					
246	Weston Road	DT5 2EY	Hockey (AGP)	Town Council	One poor quality floodlit small size (20m x 40m) hockey suitable AGP that is available for community use.	Dependant on levels of local recreational demand look to refurbish the pitch.	Town Council EH DCFA FF	Local site	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
			Football		Two recreational adult pitches.	Determine future use of the site based on the following priority order of options: 1) Retain/allocate site as strategic reserve. 2) Explore feasibility to bring back into use. 3) Use as open space to meet local needs. 4) Redevelop site and use developer contributions to improve other playing pitch sites (quantity and/or quality).						
258	Rylands Lane Recreation Ground	DT4 9PY	Football	Town Council	One recreational adult pitch.	Determine future use of the site based on the following priority order of options: 1) Retain/allocate site as strategic reserve. 2) Explore feasibility to bring back into use. 3) Use as open space to meet local needs. 4) Redevelop site and use developer contributions to improve other playing pitch sites (quantity and/or quality).	Town Council DCFA FF	Local site	L	S	L	Protect
259	Fairview Road Recreation Ground	DT4 9BN	Football	Private	One recreational adult pitch of poor quality. The site no officially marked for football and is on a lease to the Town Council, however, the private landowner has recently discussed revoking to lease to develop the site.	No action required.	Private Town Council DCFA FF	Local site	L	L	L	Protect
260	Radipole Park	DT3 5EZ	Football	Town Council	One recreational mini 7v7 pitch.	Determine future use of the site based on the following priority order of options: 1) Retain/allocate site as strategic reserve.	Town Council DCFA FF	Local site	L	S	L	Provide

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						<p>2) Explore feasibility to bring back into use.</p> <p>3) Use as open space to meet local needs.</p> <p>4) Redevelop site and use developer contributions to improve other playing pitch sites (quantity and/or quality).</p>						
262	Southwell Primary School	DT5 2EU	Disused Football	Council	The site closed in 2016 after relocating to the new Southwell Business Park less than half a mile away. The site contained one mini 7v7 pitch. Since its closure the pitch and accompanying building was returned to Dorset Council ownership with Homes England submitting a planning application to develop the entire site for housing.	<p>Determine future use of the site based on the following priority order of options:</p> <p>1) Retain/allocate site as strategic reserve.</p> <p>2) Explore feasibility to bring back into use.</p> <p>3) Use as open space to meet local needs.</p> <p>4) Redevelop site and use developer contributions to improve other playing pitch sites (quantity and/or quality).</p>	Council DCFA FF	Local site	L	S	L	Provide

## PART 7: HOUSING GROWTH SCENARIOS

The PPS provides an estimate of demand for pitch sport based on population forecasts and club consultation to 2036. This year was chosen by the Steering Group as a suitable time period to coincide with the local plans from the former five local authorities (East Dorset, North Dorset, Purbeck, West Dorset and Weymouth & Portland). This future demand is translated into teams likely to be generated, rather than actual pitch provision required.

The Sport England New Development Playing Pitch Calculator (NDC) adds to this, updating the likely demand generated for pitch sports based on housing increases and converts the demand into match equivalent sessions and the number of pitches required. This is achieved via team generation rates (TGRs) in the Assessment Report to determine how many new teams would be generated from an increase in population derived from housing growth and gives the associated costs of supplying the increased pitch provision.

Experience shows that only housing sites with 600 dwellings or more are likely to generate demand for new provision to be created. For large scale developments, it is likely that demand will be potentially generated for larger sports such as football and/or cricket. Consideration should be given to providing multi-pitch sites with suitable ancillary provision, including appropriate clubhouse/changing facilities and carparking. Single pitch sites which have been provided traditionally by developers are not considered to provide long term sustainable provision for pitch sports.

Where demand does not warrant new pitch provision, contributions should be used to enhance existing provision in the locality through, for example, improving quality or providing new or improved ancillary provision. The Action Plan in this document, as well as consultation with appropriate NGBs, should be used to assist in the selection of suitable sites and suitable enhancements.

The scenarios below show the additional demand for pitch sports generated from housing growth. The demand is shown in match equivalent sessions per week for the majority of sports, with the exception of cricket, where match equivalent sessions are by season. Training demand is expressed in either hours or match equivalent sessions. Where expressed in hours, it is expected that demand will be to either a 3G pitch (to accommodate football demand) or an AGP (to accommodate hockey demand). Where expressed in match equivalent sessions, it is expected training will take place on floodlit grass pitches.

The indicative figures assume that population growth will average 2.4 per dwelling and are accumulative housing figures from 2019 to 2036 (17 years) using per annum figures. This is calculated using the standard methodology with 2014 ONS projections and 2018 affordability ratios, rather than Dorset Council 2016 based projections used in the preceding Assessment Report, as these can be separated into the required age boundaries.

It should be noted that the emerging local plan for the new Dorset Council is anticipated to go to 2038, however, this has yet to be approved. Once the plan has been established a separate scenario can be run to the agreed timeframe.

The indicative figures will be applied to five exclusive scenarios as follows:

- ◀ **Scenario One: Population increase of 19,339 forecasted dwellings for East Dorset Sub Area**
- ◀ **Scenario Two: Population increase of 14,484 forecasted dwellings for North Dorset Sub Area**

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- ◀ **Scenario Three: Population increase of 7,303 forecasted dwellings for Purbeck Sub Area**
- ◀ **Scenario Four: Population increase of 23,215 forecasted dwellings for West Dorset Sub Area**
- ◀ **Scenario Five: Population increase of 9,832 forecasted dwellings for Weymouth & Portland Sub Area**

The full scenarios can be found in Appendix Four.

Please note that the scenarios can be updated as required over the Local Plan period throughout the lifespan of the PPS to reflect population projections and projections, changes in the housing requirement and change in the average household size.

The number of pitches required in the following tables has been rounded up or down accordingly, however, capital and revenue costs are based on indicative pitch costs, proportionate to the total match equivalent sessions required rather than just whole pitches required. Though increases in match sessions for some sports are not sufficient to warrant the creation of new pitches, the associated costs have been incorporated and investment into alternative sites could instead be considered to increase capacity to accommodate this new demand.

### Conclusions <sup>47</sup>

The estimated additional population derived from housing growth across the Dorset Council area from 2019-2036 is 74,173 (based on 30,905 dwellings being delivered. This is calculated using the standard methodology with 2014 ONS projections and 2018 affordability ratios). This population increase equates to 58.03 match equivalent sessions of demand per week for grass pitch sports, 3.23 match equivalent sessions of demand per week on AGPs for hockey and 331.96 match equivalent sessions of demand per season for cricket.

Training demand equates to 99.01 hours of use per week for football on 3G pitches and hockey equates to 9.43 hours of use per week on AGPs. There are also 9.76 match equivalent sessions per week of training for rugby union on a floodlit grass pitch.

*Table 7.1: Likely demand for grass pitch sports generated from housing growth (2019 – 2036) across Dorset*

Pitch sport	Estimated demand by sport (2036)	
	Match demand (MES) per week <sup>48</sup>	Training demand <sup>49</sup>
Adult football	17.19	99.01
Youth football	18.44	
Mini soccer	13.88	
Rugby union <sup>50</sup>	8.52	9.76
Adult hockey	2.6	7.77
Junior & mixed hockey	0.63	1.66
Cricket	331.96	-

<sup>47</sup> Figures used within the conclusion for the authority of Dorset have been accumulated from the five former local authorities. A breakdown of these is found in Appendix Four.

<sup>48</sup> As per the PPS Guidance, demand for cricket is considered in terms of match equivalent sessions per season rather than per week.

<sup>49</sup> Hours equate to access to a full size floodlit 3G pitch for football, floodlit natural grass pitch for rugby union and hockey suitable AGP for hockey.

<sup>50</sup> Includes youth and mini demand

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The table below translates estimated demand into new pitch provision with associated capital and lifecycle costs.

*Table 7.2: Estimated demand and costs for new pitch provision (2019 – 2036) in the Dorset Council area*

Pitch type	Estimated demand and costs for new pitches		
	Number of pitches to meet demand	Capital cost <sup>51</sup>	Lifecycle Cost (per annum) <sup>52</sup>
<b>Natural Grass Pitches</b>			
Adult football	16	£1,547,732	£326,572
Youth football	19	£1,382,373	£290,299
Mini soccer	14	£346,964	£72,862
Rugby union	8	£1,150,703	£246,250
Cricket	8	£2,160,563	£436,435
<b>Artificial Grass Pitches</b>			
Sand based AGPs	1 (0.64)	£517,130	£16,033
3G	3 (2.61)	£2,556,560	£94,963

Further to the above, the NDC also estimates that there will be a need to provide 94.72 changing rooms to support new pitch provision which is identified in the table above. The total capital cost to deliver this level of provision is £15,510,089.

<sup>51</sup> Sport England Facilities Costs Second Quarter 2018 – (<https://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/design-and-cost-guidance/cost-guidance/>)

<sup>52</sup> Lifecycle costs are based on the % of the total project cost per annum as set out in Sport England's Life Cycle Costs Natural Turf Pitches and Artificial Surfaces documents (2012)

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

### ***Delivery***

The PPS provides guidance for maintenance/management decisions and investment made across the Dorset Council area. By addressing issues identified in the Assessment Report and using the strategic framework presented in this Strategy, the current and future sporting and recreational needs of the Authority can be met. The Strategy identifies where there is a deficiency in provision and identifies how best to resolve this in the future.

Production of this Strategy is the start of the planning process. Successful implementation and the benefits to be gained depend upon regular engagement between all partners involved and the adoption of a mutually bought into strategic approach. It is important that this document is used in a practical manner, supports engagement with partners and encourages partnerships to be developed. This is to ensure that outdoor sports facilities are regarded as a vital aspect of community life and which contribute to the achievement of Council priorities.

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

To help ensure that the PPS is well used it should be regarded as the key document within the study area guiding the improvement and protection of playing pitch provision. It needs to be the document to which people and agencies regularly turn to for information in respect of how current demand should be met and what actions are required to improve the situation and meet future demand. To ensure that this is achieved the Steering Group need to have a clear understanding of how the PPS can be applied and therefore delivered.

The process of PPS development has already led to a number of benefits that assist its application and delivery. These include enhance partnership work across different agendas and organisations, pooling of resources along with strengthened relationships and understanding between stakeholders, members of the Steering Group and the sporting community. The drivers behind the PPS and the work to develop the recommendations and action plan will have also highlighted, and helped the Steering Group to understand, the key areas to which its influence should be applied and strategy delivered enhanced.

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

It is important that there is regular annual monitoring and review against the actions identified in the Strategy. This should be led by the Council and supported by all members of, and reported back to, the Steering Group. Understanding and learning lessons from how the PPS has been applied should be a key component of monitoring its delivery and be an on-going role of the steering group.

As a guide, if no review and subsequent update has been carried out within three years of the PPS being signed off by the steering group, Sport England and the NGBs will consider the PPS and the information on which it is based to be out of date.

The nature of the supply and in particular the demand for outdoor sports facilities will likely to have changed over the three years. Therefore, without any form of review and update within this time period it would be difficult to make the case that the supply and demand information and assessment work is sufficiently robust.

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The PPS should be reviewed on an annual basis from the date it is formally signed off by the Steering Group. A review will help to maintain the momentum and commitment built up during its development and, taking into account the time to develop the PPS, will ensure that the original supply and demand information is no more than two years old without being reviewed.

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

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

Once the PPS is complete the role of the Steering Group should evolve so that it:

- ◀ Acts as a focal point for promoting the value and importance of the PPS and outdoor sports provision in the area.
- ◀ Monitors, evaluates and reviews progress with the delivery of the recommendations and action plan.
- ◀ Shares lessons learnt from how the PPS has been used and how it has been applied to a variety of circumstances.
- ◀ Ensures that the PPS is used effectively to input into any new opportunities to secure improved provision and influence relevant programmes and initiatives.
- ◀ Maintains links between relevant parties with an interest in local outdoor sports provision;
- ◀ Reviews the need to update the PPS along with the supply and demand information and assessment work on which it is based. Further to review the group should either:
  - ◀ Provide a short annual progress and update paper;
  - ◀ Provide a partial review focussing on particular sport, pitch type and/or sub area; or
  - ◀ Lead a full review and update of the PPS document (including the supply and demand information and assessment details).

Alongside regular Steering Group meetings a good way to keep the PPS up to date and maintain relationships is to hold annual sport specific meetings with pitch sport NGBs and other relevant parties. These could be part of a process of updating key supply and demand information plus, if necessary, amending assessment work, tracking progress in respect of implementing action plan recommendations and highlighting new issues and opportunities.

Meetings could be timed to coincide with annual NGB affiliation processes. This would help to signal changes in the number and nature of sports clubs in the area. Other information that is already collected on a regular basis such as pitch booking records for local authority and other sites should also feed into these meetings.

NGBs will also be able to confirm any further performance quality assessments undertaken within the study area. Discussions with league secretaries may also indicate annual league meetings may be useful to attend to pick up on specific issues and/or enable a review of the relevant club details to be undertaken.



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The Steering Group should regularly review and refresh the Action Plan, taking account of any changes in pitch quality (and hence changes in pitch capacity) and demand as well as new provision that has been created or any new negotiations for community use of education sites in the future.

It is important that the Council maintains the data contained within the accompanying PPS database. This will enable it to refresh and update the work on a regular basis. The accompanying database is intended to be refreshed on a season by season basis and it is important that there is cross-departmental work encompassing, for example, grounds maintenance and sports development departments, to ensure that this is achieved and that results inform subsequent annual sports facility development plans. Results should be shared with partners via a consultative mechanism.

### Checklists

In order for this Strategy to be signed off by the steering group, a Stage D Checklist: Develop the Strategy, is signed off.

Stage D Checklist: Develop the Strategy	Tick ✓	
	Yes	Requires Attention
<b>Step 7: Develop the recommendations and action plan</b>	✓	
1. Have a number of study area specific scenarios been looked at to help explore key issues and findings along with possible recommendations and actions?	✓	
2. Have any recommendations and actions regarding AGP provision taken into account the guidance in the 'Selecting the Right Artificial Surface' document and any NGB specific information?	✓	
3. Do the recommendations reflect the drivers, vision and objectives of the work?	✓	
4. Are the recommendations precise enough to enable the development of clear individual area, sport and site specific actions to help achieve them?	✓	
5. Have all relevant parties been engaged with the development of, and are signed up to the delivery of, the recommendations and actions?	✓	
6. Are the recommendations and actions clearly presented?	✓	
7. Has particular attention been paid to the situation at priority sites and those which are being significantly overplayed?	✓	
8. Have area, sport and site specific solutions been proposed to protect, enhance, and provide playing pitch provision to meet the current and future demand?	✓	
9. Has guidance on the future of any sites highlighted as being at risk been provided?	✓	
10. Do the recommendations and actions seek to make the best use of existing pitches?	✓	
11. Has the detriment and benefit of proposals to relocate provision been presented?	✓	
12. Has the level and type of any new playing pitch provision required been presented?	✓	
13. Has the importance of providing appropriate and fit for purpose ancillary facilities been highlighted in order to maximise the potential benefit to sport of any pitches?	✓	
14. Have the recommendations sought to ensure an adequate amount of spare capacity in the provision of accessible pitches with secured	✓	

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community use?		
15. Does the PPS provide a steer as to the future of any spare capacity and any provision that may be genuinely surplus to requirements (paragraphs D12 to D15)?	✓	
16. Does the action plan cover the points listed in paragraph D17?	✓	
17. Does the action plan provide the most appropriate actions to improve provision in the study area rather than just those which the local authority can deliver?	✓	
18. Does the action plan represent an infrastructure plan for playing pitches with deliverable area, sport and site specific actions and projects?	✓	
<b>Step 8: Write and Adopt the Strategy</b>	✓	
1. Does the PPS document provide the reader with a clear understanding of the areas listed in paragraph D20?		
2. Is it clear from the PPS document why the recommendations and actions have been included, how they are to be delivered and what they will achieve?	✓	
3. Does the PPS document indicate how it should be used and applied in different areas and circumstances along with the benefits of doing so?	✓	
4. Has the PPS document been subject to appropriate consultation?	✓	
5. Do all members of the steering group and other relevant parties endorse the PPS and recognise its lead role in guiding the improvement of pitches in the study area?	✓	
6. Has the PPS document been formally adopted by the local authority and is its status recognised across all relevant departments?	✓	

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

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

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changes?		
6. Have any changes made to the Active Places Power data been fed back to Sport England?		

For more information, see:

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

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## APPENDIX ONE: FUNDING PLAN

### Funding opportunities

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

Awarding body	Description
Big Lottery Fund <a href="http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/">http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/</a>	Big invests in community groups and to projects that improve health, education and the environment. For example, Awards for All which is for small Lottery grants of between £300 and £10,000.
Sport England The current funding streams may change throughout 2018/19 so refer to the website for the latest information: <a href="http://funding.sportengland.org/funding/our-different-funds/">http://funding.sportengland.org/funding/our-different-funds/</a>	Sport England is keen to marry funding with other organisations that provide financial support to create and strengthen the best sports projects. Applicants are encouraged to maximise the levels of other sources of funding, and projects that secure higher levels of partnership funding are more likely to be successful.
Football Foundation <a href="http://www.footballfoundation.org.uk/funding-schemes/">http://www.footballfoundation.org.uk/funding-schemes/</a>	This trust provides financial help for football at all levels, from national stadia and FA Premier League clubs down to grass-roots local development.
Rugby Football Foundation <a href="http://www.rugbyfootballfoundation.org/index.php?option=com_content&amp;view=article&amp;id=14&amp;Itemid=113">http://www.rugbyfootballfoundation.org/index.php?option=com_content&amp;view=article&amp;id=14&amp;Itemid=113</a>	The Grant Match Scheme in particular provides easy-to-access grant funding for playing projects that contribute to the recruitment and retention of community rugby players. Grants are available on a 'match funding' 50:50 basis to support a proposed project. Projects eligible for funding include: 1. Pitch Facilities – Playing surface improvement, pitch improvement, rugby posts, floodlights. 2. Club House Facilities – Changing rooms, shower facilities, washroom/lavatory, and measures to facilitate segregation (e.g. women, juniors). 3. Equipment – Large capital equipment, pitch maintenance capital equipment (e.g. mowers). Other loan schemes are also available.
The England and Wales Cricket Trust <a href="https://www.ecb.co.uk/be-involved/club-support/club-funding">https://www.ecb.co.uk/be-involved/club-support/club-funding</a>	Interest Free Loan Scheme provides finance to clubs for capital projects and the Small Grant Scheme is also open to applications from affiliated cricket clubs.

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Awarding body	Description
Rugby Football League <a href="https://www.rlwc2021.com/facilities">https://www.rlwc2021.com/facilities</a>	Rugby League World Cup 2021 Capital Facilities legacy funding. Small Grants Scheme awards grants of up to £15,000 for the provision of capital items, kit and equipment or to refurbish/improve existing facilities. Large capital grants programme of £15,000 plus focused on supporting the development of new or refurbished local rugby league facilities. The programme is split into four themes: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Welcoming environments</li> <li>2. More players</li> <li>3. Community engagement</li> <li>4. Innovation fund</li> </ol>
EU Life Fund <a href="http://ec.europa.eu/environment/funding/intro_en.htm">http://ec.europa.eu/environment/funding/intro_en.htm</a>	LIFE is the EU's financial instrument supporting environmental and nature conservation projects throughout the EU.
National Hockey Foundation <a href="http://www.thenationalhockeyfoundation.com/">http://www.thenationalhockeyfoundation.com/</a>	The Foundation primarily makes grants to a wide range of organisations that meet one of the areas of focus: Young people and hockey, Enabling the development of hockey at youth or community level.

### Protecting Playing Fields

Sport England's Strategy: Towards an Active Nation (2016-2021) will simplify the funding reducing the number of investment programmes from 30 to 7:

- ◀ Tackling Inactivity
- ◀ Children and Young People
- ◀ Volunteering
- ◀ Taking sport and activity into the mass market
- ◀ Supporting sports core markets
- ◀ Local delivery
- ◀ Creating welcoming sports facilities

The current funding streams listed below will remain operational during 2016/17 but will be phased out and replaced by one or more of the seven listed above.

It launched Protecting Playing Fields (PPF) as part of its Places People Play Olympic legacy mass participation programme and is investing £10 million of National Lottery funding in community sports projects.

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The programme is being delivered via five funding rounds (with up to £2 million being awarded to projects in each round). Its focus is on protecting and improving playing fields and developing community sport. It will fund capital projects that create, develop and improve playing fields for sporting and community use and offer long-term protection of the site for sport. Projects are likely to involve the construction of new pitches or improvement of existing ones that need levelling or drainage works.

Sport England's Community Asset Fund<sup>53</sup> programme will be delivered via funding rounds and replaced its previous Inspired Facilities Fund. The Community Asset Fund opened in late January 2017 with an annual budget of £15 million, anticipating funding applications to range anywhere from £1000 to £150,000.

A key difference of the new programme is that it not only aims to support improvement of facilities within traditional sports clubs and recreational or sporting environments, but seeks explore new ways to invest in communities where improvement of facilities can offer wider benefit for not just sporting groups but other physical activities and local organisations which use or could use the site. The change in approach reflects the Towards an Active Nation Strategy and a contribution to delivering the five outcomes: physical wellbeing, mental wellbeing, individual development, social and community development and economic development.

The four main aims of the Community Asset Fund programme are:

- ◀ Improve and protect existing sports facilities that support the needs of local communities
- ◀ Invest in new and different places that meet the needs of local communities, which include our target audiences
- ◀ Ensure our capital investment reaches organisations who have not accessed our funding before
- ◀ Create a more resilient, sustainable, less grant dependent sport sector

### **Strategic Facilities Fund**

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

The Strategic Facilities Fund will direct capital investment into a number of key local authority projects that are identified through a strategic needs assessment and that have maximum impact on growing and sustaining community sport participation. These projects will be promoted as best practice in the delivery of quality and affordable facilities, whilst demonstrating long-term operational efficiencies. The fund will support projects that bring together multiple partners, including input from the public and private sectors and national governing bodies of sport (NGBs). The fund is also designed to encourage applicants and their partners to invest further capital and revenue funding to ensure sustainability. Sport England has allocated a budget of circa £30m of Lottery funding to award through this fund (2013-17).

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<sup>53</sup> <https://www.sportengland.org/media/11425/community-asset-fund-guide-january-2017.pdf>



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Key features which applications must demonstrate are:

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

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

The Strategic Facilities Fund will prioritise projects that:

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

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

### Funder's requirements

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

- ◀ Identify need (i.e., why the Project is needed) and how the Project will address it.
- ◀ Articulate what difference the Project will make.
- ◀ Identify benefits, value for money and/or added value.
- ◀ Provide baseline information (i.e., the current situation).
- ◀ Articulate how the Project is consistent with local, regional and national policy.
- ◀ Financial need and project cost.
- ◀ Funding profile (i.e., Who's providing what? Unit and overall costs).
- ◀ Technical information and requirements (e.g., planning permission).
- ◀ Targets, outputs and/or outcomes (i.e., the situation after the Project/what the Project will achieve)
- ◀ Evidence of support from partners and stakeholders.
- ◀ Background/essential documentation (e.g., community use agreement).
- ◀ Assessment of risk.

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## Indicative costs

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

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

The costs are for the development of community sports facilities and are based on providing good quality sports facility based on the last quarter. The Facilities Costs are updated on the Sport England website every quarter. These rounded costs are based on schemes most recently funded through the Lottery (and therefore based on economies of scale), updated to reflect current forecast price indices provided by the Building Cost Information Service (BCIS), prepared by Technical Team Lead of Sport England.

## APPENDIX TWO: GLOSSARY

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

**Overplay** is when a pitch is used over the amount that the carrying capacity will allow, (i.e. more than the site can accommodate). Pitches have a limit of how much play they can accommodate over a certain period of time before their quality, and in turn their use, is adversely affected.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## APPENDIX THREE: SPORTING CONTEXT

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

### **National context**

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

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

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

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

### ***Sport England: Towards an Active Nation (2016-2021)***

Sport England has recently released its new five year strategy 'Towards an Active Nation'. The aim is to target the 28% of people who do less than 30 minutes of exercise each week and will focus on the least active groups; typically women, the disabled and people from lower socio-economic backgrounds.

Sport England will invest up to £30m on a plan to increase the number of volunteers in grassroots sport. Emphasis will be on working with a larger range of partners with less money being directed towards National Governing Bodies.

The Strategy will help deliver against the five health, social and economic outcomes set out in the Government's Sporting Future strategy.

- ◀ Physical Wellbeing
- ◀ Mental Wellbeing
- ◀ Individual Development
- ◀ Social & Community Development
- ◀ Economic Development

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### ***The FA National Football Facilities Strategy (2018-28)***

The Football Association's (FA) National Football Facilities Strategy (NFFS) provides a strategic framework that sets out key priorities and targets for the national game (i.e., football) over a ten-year period. The Strategy is presently in draft and is due for publication in 2018.

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

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

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

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

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

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

### *Local Football Facility Plans*

To support in delivery of the NFFS, The FA has commissioned a national project. Over the next two years to 2020, a Local Football Facility Plan (LFFP) will be produced for every local authority across England. Each plan will be unique to its area as well as being diverse in its representation, including currently underrepresented communities.

Identifying strategic priorities for football facilities across the formal, recreational and informal game, LFFPs will establish a ten-year vision for football facilities that aims to transform the playing pitch stock in a sustainable way. They will identify key projects to be delivered and act as an investment portfolio for projects that require funding. As such, around 90% of all will be identified via LFFPs. LFFPs will guide the allocation of 90% of national football investment (The FA, Premier League and DCMS) and forge stronger partnerships with local stakeholders to develop key sites. This, together with local match-funding will deliver over one billion pounds of investment into football facilities over the next 10-years.

It is important to recognise that a LFFP is an investment portfolio of priority projects for potential investment - it is not a detailed supply and demand analysis of all pitch provision in a local area. Therefore, it cannot be used as a replacement for a Playing Pitch Strategy (PPS) and it will not be accepted as an evidence base for site change of use or disposal.

A LFFP will; however, build on available/existing local evidence and strategic plans and may adopt relevant actions from a PPS and/or complement these with additional investment priorities.



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## ***The FA: National Game Strategy (2018-2021)***

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

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

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

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

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

## ***England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) Cricket Unleashed 5 Year Plan (2016-2021)***

The England and Wales Cricket Board unveiled a new strategic five-year plan in 2016 (available at <http://www.cricketunleashed.com>). Its success will be measured by the number of people who play, follow or support the whole game.

The plan sets out five important headline elements and each of their key focuses, these are:

- ◀ **More Play** – make the game more accessible and inspire the next generation of players, coaches, officials and volunteers. Focus on:
  - ◀ *Clubs and leagues*
  - ◀ *Kids*
  - ◀ *Communities*
  - ◀ *Casual*
- ◀ **Great Teams** – deliver winning teams who inspire and excite through on-field performance and off-field behaviour. Focus on:
  - ◀ *Pathway*
  - ◀ *Support*
  - ◀ *Elite Teams*
  - ◀ *England Teams*
- ◀ **Inspired Fans** – put the fan at the heart of our game to improve and personalise the cricket experience for all. Focus on:
  - ◀ *Fan focus*
  - ◀ *New audiences*
  - ◀ *Global stage*
  - ◀ *Broadcast and digital*
- ◀ **Good Governance and Social Responsibility** – make decisions in the best interests of the game and use the power of cricket to make a positive difference. Focus on:
  - ◀ *Integrity*
  - ◀ *Community programmes*
  - ◀ *Our environments*

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- ◀ *One plan*
- ◀ **Strong Finance and Operations** – increase the game’s revenues, invest our resources wisely and administer responsibly to secure the growth of the game. Focus on:
  - ◀ *People*
  - ◀ *Revenue and reach*
  - ◀ *Insight*
  - ◀ *Operations*

### ***ECB Inspiring Generations***

The ECB’s refreshed strategy called “Inspiring Generations” was announced in January 2019. It builds on the strong foundations laid by Cricket Unleashed and supports the growth of cricket in England and Wales between 2020 and 2024. At the heart of this strategy is a single unifying purpose, which gets to the core of what the game can do for society both on and off the field to ensure that cricket is in an even stronger position that it is in 2019.

Inspire Generations has six key priorities and activities including transforming women’s and girls’ cricket to increase the representation of women in every level of cricket by:

- ◀ Growing the base through participation and facilities investment.
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- ◀ Launching centres of excellence and a new elite domestic structure.
- ◀ Investing in girls’ county age group cricket.
- ◀ Delivering a girls’ secondary school programme.

There will be a structured pathway for women and girls in both softball and hardball cricket. At the time of writing the pathways and clubs involved in the Dorset Council area are still in the planning stages.

### ***The Rugby Football Union Strategic Plan (2017-2021)***

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

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

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

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

### ***The Rugby Football League Facility Strategy***

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The RFL's Facilities Strategy was published in 2011. The following themes have been prioritised:

- ◀ Clean, Dry, Safe & Playable
- ◀ Sustainable clubs
- ◀ Environmental Sustainability
- ◀ Geographical Spread
- ◀ Non-club Facilities

The RFL Facilities Trust website [www.rffacilitiestrust.co.uk](http://www.rffacilitiestrust.co.uk) provides further information on:

- ◀ The RFL Community Facility Strategy
- ◀ Clean, Dry, Safe and Playable Programme
- ◀ Pitch Size Guidance
- ◀ The RFL Performance Standard for Artificial Grass Pitches
- ◀ Club guidance on the Annual Preparation and Maintenance of the Rugby League Pitch

Further to the 2011 Strategy detail on the following specific programmes of particular relevance to pitches and facility planning are listed below and can be found via the trust link (see above):

- ◀ The RFL Pitch Improvement Programme 2013 – 2017
- ◀ Clean, Dry and Safe programmes 2013 - 2017

### ***Rugby League World Cup 'Inspired by 2021' Legacy Programme***

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

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

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

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

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

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

Underpinning all this is the infrastructure which makes our sport function. We know the importance of our volunteers, coaches, officials, clubs and facilities. The more inspirational

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our people can be, the more progressive we can be and the more befitting our facilities can be, the more we will achieve for our sport. England Hockey will enable this to happen and we are passionate about our role within the sport. We will lead, support, counsel, focus and motivate the Hockey Nation and work tirelessly towards our vision.

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

The core objectives are as follows:

1. Grow our Participation
2. Deliver International Success
3. Increase our Visibility
4. Enhance our Infrastructure
5. For England Hockey to be proud and respected custodians of the sport

### *Club participation*

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

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

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

### ***England Hockey Facilities Strategy***

England Hockey's Facilities Strategy can be found [here](#).

**Vision:** For every hockey club in England to have appropriate and sustainable facilities that provide excellent experiences for players.

**Mission:** More, Better, Happier Players with access to appropriate and sustainable facilities

The 3 main objectives of the facilities strategy are:

1. **PROTECT: To conserve the existing hockey provision**

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- There are currently over 800 pitches that are used by hockey clubs (club, school, universities) across the country. It is important to retain the current provision where appropriate to ensure that hockey is maintained across the country.

### **2. IMPROVE: To improve the existing facilities stock (physically and administratively)**

- The current facilities stock is ageing and there needs to be strategic investment into refurbishing the pitches and ancillary facilities. England Hockey works to provide more support for clubs to obtain better agreements with facilities providers & education around owning an asset.

### **3. DEVELOP: To strategically build new hockey facilities where there is an identified need and ability to deliver and maintain. This might include consolidating hockey provision in a local area where appropriate.**

England Hockey has identified key areas across the country where there is a lack of suitable hockey provision and there is a need for additional pitches, suitable for hockey. There is an identified demand for multi pitches in the right places to consolidate hockey and allow clubs to have all of their provision catered for at one site.

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## APPENDIX FOUR: HOUSING GROWTH SCENARIOS BY SUB AREAS

### Scenario 1: Population increase of 19,215 forecasted dwellings in the East Dorset Sub Area

The estimated additional population derived from housing growth from 2019-2036 is 19,215 (based on 8,006 dwellings being delivered. This is calculated using the standard methodology with 2014 ONS projections and 2018 affordability ratios). This population increase equates to 15.14 match equivalent sessions of demand per week for grass pitch sports, 0.87 match equivalent sessions of demand per week on AGPs for hockey and 106.07 match equivalent sessions of demand per season for cricket.

Training demand equates to 28.03 hours of use per week for football on 3G pitches and hockey equates to 2.36 hours of use per week on AGPs. There are also 1.29 match equivalent sessions per week of training for rugby union on a floodlit grass pitch.

Table 7.3: Likely demand for grass pitch sports generated from housing growth (2019 – 2036)

Pitch sport	Estimated demand by sport (2036)	
	Match demand (MES) per week <sup>54</sup>	Training demand <sup>55</sup>
Adult football	4.20	28.03 hours
Youth football	5.61	
Mini soccer	4.20	
Rugby union <sup>56</sup>	1.13	1.29 match equivalent sessions
Adult hockey	0.65	1.94 hours
Junior & mixed hockey	0.22	0.40 hours
Cricket	106.07	-

The table below translates estimated demand into new pitch provision with associated capital and lifestyle costs.

Table 7.4: Estimated demand and costs for new pitch provision (2019 – 2036) in East Dorset Sub Area

Pitch type	Estimated demand and costs for new pitches		
	Number of pitches to meet demand	Capital cost <sup>57</sup>	Lifecycle Cost (per annum) <sup>58</sup>
<b>Natural Grass Pitches</b>			
Adult football	4	£378,351	£79,832
Youth football	6	£420,390	£88,282
Mini soccer	4	£105,097	£22,070
Rugby union	1	£152,795	£32,698

<sup>54</sup> As per the PPS Guidance, demand for cricket is considered in terms of match equivalent sessions per season rather than per week.

<sup>55</sup> Hours equate to access to a full size floodlit 3G pitch for football, floodlit natural grass pitch for rugby union and hockey suitable AGP for hockey.

<sup>56</sup> Includes youth and mini demand

<sup>57</sup> Sport England Facilities Costs Second Quarter 2018 – (<https://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/design-and-cost-guidance/cost-guidance/>)

<sup>58</sup> Lifecycle costs are based on the % of the total project cost per annum as set out in Sport England's Life Cycle Costs Natural Turf Pitches and Artificial Surfaces documents (2012)

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Pitch type	Estimated demand and costs for new pitches		
Cricket	2	£689,023	£139,183
<b>Artificial Grass Pitches</b>			
Sand based AGPs	0 (0.16)	£129,351	£4,010
3G	1 (0.74)	£726,463	£26,879

Further to the above, the NDC also estimates that there will be a need to provide 23.77 changing rooms to support new pitch provision which is identified in the table above. The total capital cost to deliver this level of provision is £3,892,770.

### **Scenario 2: Population increase of 14,484 forecasted dwellings in the North Dorset Sub Area**

The estimated additional population derived from housing growth from 2019-2036 is 14,484 (based on 6,035 dwellings being delivered. This is calculated using the standard methodology with 2014 ONS projections and 2018 affordability ratios). This population increase equates to 9.76 match equivalent sessions of demand per week for grass pitch sports, 1.43 match equivalent sessions of demand per week on AGPs for hockey and 77.44 match equivalent sessions of demand per season for cricket.

Training demand equates to 16.30 hours of use per week for football on 3G pitches and hockey equates to 3.75 hours of use per week on AGPs. There are also 1.89 match equivalent sessions per week of training for rugby union on a floodlit grass pitch.

*Table 7.5: Likely demand for grass pitch sports generated from housing growth (2019 – 2036)*

Pitch sport	Estimated demand by sport (2036)	
	Match demand (MES) per week <sup>59</sup>	Training demand <sup>60</sup>
Adult football	2.45	16.30 hours
Youth football	3.57	
Mini soccer	2.14	
Rugby union <sup>61</sup>	1.60	1.89 match equivalent sessions
Adult hockey	1.02	3.06 hours
Junior & mixed hockey	0.41	0.69 hours
Cricket	77.44	-

The table overleaf translates estimated demand into new pitch provision with associated capital and lifestyle costs.

<sup>59</sup> As per the PPS Guidance, demand for cricket is considered in terms of match equivalent sessions per season rather than per week.

<sup>60</sup> Hours equate to access to a full size floodlit 3G pitch for football, floodlit natural grass pitch for rugby union and hockey suitable AGP for hockey.

<sup>61</sup> Includes youth and mini demand



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Table 7.6: Estimated demand and costs for new pitch provision (2019 – 2036) in North Dorset Sub Area

Pitch type	Estimated demand and costs for new pitches		
	Number of pitches to meet demand	Capital cost <sup>62</sup>	Lifecycle Cost (per annum) <sup>63</sup>
<b>Natural Grass Pitches</b>			
Adult football	2	£220,103	£46,442
Youth football	4	£267,486	£56,172
Mini soccer	2	£53,497	£11,234
Rugby union	2	£216,664	£46,366
Cricket	2	£485,406	£98,052
<b>Artificial Grass Pitches</b>			
Sand based AGPs	0 (0.25)	£203,799	£6,318
3G	0 (0.43)	£422,615	£15,637

Further to the above, the NDC also estimates that there will be a need to provide 17.36 changing rooms to support new pitch provision which is identified in the table above. The total capital cost to deliver this level of provision is £2,842,462.

### Scenario 3: Population increase of 7,303 forecasted dwellings in the Purbeck Sub Area

The estimated additional population derived from housing growth from 2019-2036 is 7,303 (based on 3,042 dwellings being delivered. This is calculated using the standard methodology with 2014 ONS projections and 2018 affordability ratios). This population increase equates to 6.52 match equivalent sessions of demand per week for grass pitch sports, 0.32 match equivalent sessions of demand per week on AGPs for hockey and 25.53 match equivalent sessions of demand per season for cricket.

Training demand equates to 10.40 hours of use per week for football on 3G pitches and hockey equates to 1.11 hours of use per week on AGPs. There are also 1.46 match equivalent sessions per week of training for rugby union on a floodlit grass pitch.

Table 7.7: Likely demand for grass pitch sports generated from housing growth (2019 – 2036)

Pitch sport	Estimated demand by sport (2036)	
	Match demand (MES) per week <sup>64</sup>	Training demand <sup>65</sup>
Adult football	1.65	10.40 hours
Youth football	1.97	
Mini soccer	1.58	
Rugby union <sup>66</sup>	1.32	1.46 match equivalent sessions

<sup>62</sup> Sport England Facilities Costs Second Quarter 2018 – (<https://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/design-and-cost-guidance/cost-guidance/>)

<sup>63</sup> Lifecycle costs are based on the % of the total project cost per annum as set out in Sport England's Life Cycle Costs Natural Turf Pitches and Artificial Surfaces documents (2012)

<sup>64</sup> As per the PPS Guidance, demand for cricket is considered in terms of match equivalent sessions per season rather than per week.

<sup>65</sup> Hours equate to access to a full size floodlit 3G pitch for football, floodlit natural grass pitch for rugby union and hockey suitable AGP for hockey.

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Pitch sport	Estimated demand by sport (2036)	
Adult hockey	0.32	0.95 hours
Junior & mixed hockey	-	0.16 hours
Cricket	25.53	-

The table below translates estimated demand into new pitch provision with associated capital and lifecycle costs.

*Table 7.8: Estimated demand and costs for new pitch provision (2019 – 2036) in Purbeck Sub Area*

Pitch type	Estimated demand and costs for new pitches		
	Number of pitches to meet demand	Capital cost <sup>67</sup>	Lifecycle Cost (per annum) <sup>68</sup>
<b>Natural Grass Pitches</b>			
Adult football	2	£148,928	£31,424
Youth football	2	£147,746	£31,027
Mini soccer	2	£39,399	£8,274
Rugby union	1	£178,182	£38,131
Cricket	1	£158,806	£32,079
<b>Artificial Grass Pitches</b>			
Sand based AGPs	0 (0.08)	£63,038	£1,954
3G	0 (0.27)	£269,614	£9,976

Further to the above, the NDC also estimates that there will be a need to provide 10.45 changing rooms to support new pitch provision which is identified in the table above. The total capital cost to deliver this level of provision is £1,710,835.

### **Scenario 4: Population increase of 23,215 forecasted dwellings in the West Dorset Sub Area**

The estimated additional population derived from housing growth from 2019-2036 is 23,215 (based on 9,672 dwellings being delivered. This is calculated using the standard methodology with 2014 ONS projections and 2018 affordability ratios). This population increase equates to 18.98 match equivalent sessions of demand per week for grass pitch sports, 0.23 match equivalent sessions of demand per week on AGPs for hockey and 115.40 match equivalent sessions of demand per season for cricket.

Training demand equates to 29.99 hours of use per week for football on 3G pitches and hockey equates to 0.72 hours of use per week on AGPs. There are also 4.52 match equivalent sessions per week of training for rugby union on a floodlit grass pitch.

<sup>66</sup> Includes youth and mini demand

<sup>67</sup> Sport England Facilities Costs Second Quarter 2018 – (<https://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/design-and-cost-guidance/cost-guidance/>)

<sup>68</sup> Lifecycle costs are based on the % of the total project cost per annum as set out in Sport England's Life Cycle Costs Natural Turf Pitches and Artificial Surfaces documents (2012)

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Table 7.9: Likely demand for grass pitch sports generated from housing growth (2019 – 2036)

Pitch sport	Estimated demand by sport (2036)	
	Match demand (MES) per week <sup>69</sup>	Training demand <sup>70</sup>
Adult football	6.41	29.99 hours
Youth football	4.81	
Mini soccer	3.78	
Rugby union <sup>71</sup>	3.98	4.52 match equivalent sessions
Adult hockey	0.23	0.69 hours
Junior & mixed hockey	0	0.03 hours
Cricket	115.40	-

The table below translates estimated demand into new pitch provision with associated capital and lifecycle costs.

Table 7.10: Estimated demand and costs for new pitch provision (2019 – 2036) in West Dorset Sub Area

Pitch type	Estimated demand and costs for new pitches		
	Number of pitches to meet demand	Capital cost <sup>72</sup>	Lifecycle Cost (per annum) <sup>73</sup>
<b>Natural Grass Pitches</b>			
Adult football	6	£576,998	£121,747
Youth football	5	£360,624	£75,731
Mini soccer	4	£94,449	£19,834
Rugby union	4	£537,072	£114,933
Cricket	3	£773,746	£156,297
<b>Artificial Grass Pitches</b>			
Sand based AGPs	0 (0.06)	£45,739	£1,420
3G	1 (0.79)	£777,495	£28,767

Further to the above, the NDC also estimates that there will be a need to provide 33.63 changing rooms to support new pitch provision which is identified in the table above. The total capital cost to deliver this level of provision is £5,506,245.

### Scenario 5: Population increase of 9,832 forecasted dwellings in the Weymouth & Portland Sub Area

The estimated additional population derived from housing growth from 2019-2036 is 9,832 (based on 4,096 dwellings being delivered. This is calculated using the standard methodology with 2014 ONS projections and 2018 affordability ratios). This population increase equates to 7.63 match equivalent sessions of demand per week for grass pitch

<sup>69</sup> As per the PPS Guidance, demand for cricket is considered in terms of match equivalent sessions per season rather than per week.

<sup>70</sup> Hours equate to access to a full size floodlit 3G pitch for football, floodlit natural grass pitch for rugby union and hockey suitable AGP for hockey.

<sup>71</sup> Includes youth and mini demand

<sup>72</sup> Sport England Facilities Costs Second Quarter 2018 – (<https://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/design-and-cost-guidance/cost-guidance/>)

<sup>73</sup> Lifecycle costs are based on the % of the total project cost per annum as set out in Sport England's Life Cycle Costs Natural Turf Pitches and Artificial Surfaces documents (2012)

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sports, 0.38 match equivalent sessions of demand per week on AGPs for hockey and 7.52 match equivalent sessions of demand per season for cricket.

Training demand equates to 14.29 hours of use per week for football on 3G pitches and hockey equates to 1.51 hours of use per week on AGPs. There are also 1.13 match equivalent sessions per week of training for rugby union on a floodlit grass pitch.

*Table 7.11: Likely demand for grass pitch sports generated from housing growth (2019 – 2036)*

Pitch sport	Estimated demand by sport (2036)	
	Match demand (MES) per week <sup>74</sup>	Training demand <sup>75</sup>
Adult football	2.48	14.29 hours
Youth football	2.48	
Mini soccer	2.18	
Rugby union <sup>76</sup>	0.49	0.60 match equivalent sessions
Adult hockey	0.38	1.13 hours
Junior & mixed hockey	0	0.38 hours
Cricket	7.52	-

The table below translates estimated demand into new pitch provision with associated capital and lifestyle costs.

*Table 7.12: Estimated demand and costs for new pitch provision (2019 – 2036) in Weymouth & Portland Sub Area*

Pitch type	Estimated demand and costs for new pitches		
	Number of pitches to meet demand	Capital cost <sup>77</sup>	Lifecycle Cost (per annum) <sup>78</sup>
<b>Natural Grass Pitches</b>			
Adult football	2	£223,352	£47,127
Youth football	2	£186,127	£39,087
Mini soccer	2	£54,522	£11,450
Rugby union	0	£65,990	£14,122
Cricket	0	£53,582	£10,824
<b>Artificial Grass Pitches</b>			
Sand based AGPs	0 (0.09)	£75,203	£2,331
3G	0 (0.38)	£370,373	£13,704

Further to the above, the NDC also estimates that there will be a need to provide 9.51 changing rooms to support new pitch provision which is identified in the table above. The total capital cost to deliver this level of provision is £1,557,777.

<sup>74</sup> As per the PPS Guidance, demand for cricket is considered in terms of match equivalent sessions per season rather than per week.

<sup>75</sup> Hours equate to access to a full size floodlit 3G pitch for football, floodlit natural grass pitch for rugby union and hockey suitable AGP for hockey.

<sup>76</sup> Includes youth and mini demand

<sup>77</sup> Sport England Facilities Costs Second Quarter 2018 – (<https://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/design-and-cost-guidance/cost-guidance/>)

<sup>78</sup> Lifecycle costs are based on the % of the total project cost per annum as set out in Sport England's Life Cycle Costs Natural Turf Pitches and Artificial Surfaces documents (2012)



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### APPENDIX FIVE: FOOTBALL SITES WITH UNSECURE TENURE

*Summary of discounted peak time spare capacity at sites with insecure tenure*

Site ID	Site name	Sub area	Community use?	Pitch type	Number of pitches	Amount of peak time spare capacity discounted due to insecure tenure <sup>79</sup>
55	Dumpton School	East Dorset	Yes - unused	11v11	1	1
80	Hillside Community First School	East Dorset	Yes - unused	5v5	2	2
125	Parley Sports Club	East Dorset	Yes	5v5	1	1
125	Parley Sports Club	East Dorset	Yes	7v7	1	0.5
125	Parley Sports Club	East Dorset	Yes	9v9	1	1
138	Queen Elizabeth's School Sports Field	East Dorset	Yes - unused	11v11	1	1
180	St Michaels Middle School	East Dorset	Yes	11v11	1	1
228	Wimborne First School	East Dorset	Yes - unused	7v7	1	1
16	Blandford Camp (HM Forces)	North Dorset	Yes - unused	Adult	2	2
82	HMP Guys Marsh	North Dorset	Yes	Adult	1	1
82	HMP Guys Marsh	North Dorset	Yes	7v7	1	0.5
82	HMP Guys Marsh	North Dorset	Yes	11v11	2	1
93	Kington Magna Football Pitches	North Dorset	Yes	Adult	1	1
93	Kington Magna Football Pitches	North Dorset	Yes	5v5	1	1
93	Kington Magna Football Pitches	North Dorset	Yes	9v9	1	1
111	Milton Abbey School	North Dorset	Yes - unused	Adult	2	2
148	Shaftesbury Church of England Primary School	North Dorset	Yes - unused	7v7	2	2
151	Shaftesbury School	North Dorset	Yes - unused	7v7	2	2
151	Shaftesbury School	North Dorset	Yes - unused	11v11	1	1
189	Sturminster Newton High School	North Dorset	Yes	5v5	1	1
197	The Blandford School	North Dorset	Yes	Adult	1	0.5
197	The Blandford School	North Dorset	Yes	5v5	1	1
254	St Andrews CE Primary School Shaftesbury	North Dorset	Yes - unused	7v7	1	1
257	The Abbey C of E Primary School, Shaftesbury	North Dorset	Yes - unused	7v7	1	1
43	Corfe Castle Sports Field	Purbeck	Yes	7v7	1	0.5
43	Corfe Castle Sports Field	Purbeck	Yes	9v9	1	1
99	Lytchett Manor Sports Centre	Purbeck	Yes - unused	Adult	1	1

<sup>79</sup> Match equivalent sessions

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Site ID	Site name	Sub area	Community use?	Pitch type	Number of pitches	Amount of peak time spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure <sup>79</sup>
99	Lytchett Manor Sports Centre	Purbeck	Yes - unused	9v9	1	1
135	Purbeck Sports Centre	Purbeck	Yes	Adult	2	1.5
135	Purbeck Sports Centre	Purbeck	Yes	11v11	1	1
146	Sandford St Martins Ceva Primary School	Purbeck	Yes	5v5	1	1
1	1610 Beaminster Sport & Leisure	West Dorset	Yes - unused	11v11	2	2
1	1610 Beaminster Sport & Leisure	West Dorset	Yes - unused	9v9	1	1
25	Broadmayne First School	West Dorset	Yes - unused	5v5	2	2
26	Broadmayne Playing Field	West Dorset	Yes	Adult	1	0.5
30	Budmouth Community Sports Centre	West Dorset	Yes	5v5	1	1
30	Budmouth Community Sports Centre	West Dorset	Yes	9v9	1	0.5
35	Chickerell Primary Academy	West Dorset	Yes - unused	7v7	1	1
49	Dorchester Middle School	West Dorset	Yes - unused	9v9	1	1
66	Frome Valley C of E VA First School	West Dorset	Yes - unused	5v5	1	1
72	Greenford C of E Primary School	West Dorset	Yes	5v5	1	0.5
92	Kingston Maurward College	West Dorset	Yes	Adult	1	1
96	Leweston School	West Dorset	Yes - unused	Adult	1	1
143	Salway Ash C of E Primary School	West Dorset	Yes	5v5	1	1
166	St Catherines RC Primary School	West Dorset	Yes - unused	5v5	1	1
174	St Marys C of E Primary School	West Dorset	Yes - unused	7v7	1	1
182	St Osmunds Community Sports Centre	West Dorset	Yes - unused	11v11	1	1
203	The Sir John Colfox Academy	West Dorset	Yes - unused	11v11	2	1
203	The Sir John Colfox Academy	West Dorset	Yes - unused	9v9	1	1
208	Thomas Hardye School	West Dorset	Yes	Adult	2	1
208	Thomas Hardye School	West Dorset	Yes	9v9	1	1
253	The Prince of Wales School	West Dorset	Yes - unused	5v5	1	1
253	The Prince of Wales School	West Dorset	Yes - unused	7v7	1	1
5	All Saints Church of England School	Weymouth & Portland	Yes - unused	Adult	1	1
9	Atlantic Academy Portland	Weymouth & Portland	Yes - unused	Adult	1	1



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Site ID	Site name	Sub area	Community use?	Pitch type	Number of pitches	Amount of peak time spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure <sup>79</sup>
206	The Wey Valley School	Weymouth & Portland	Yes	5v5	1	1
206	The Wey Valley School	Weymouth & Portland	Yes	7v7	1	1
206	The Wey Valley School	Weymouth & Portland	Yes	11v11	1	1
206	The Wey Valley School	Weymouth & Portland	Yes	9v9	1	1
221	Weston Street	Weymouth & Portland	Yes	Adult	1	1
221	Weston Street	Weymouth & Portland	Yes	5v5	1	1
221	Weston Street	Weymouth & Portland	Yes	7v7	1	1