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### ABBREVIATIONS

3G	Third Generation (artificial turf)
AGP	Artificial Grass Pitch
BAFA	British American Football Association
BC	Bowls Club
BCFA	Birmingham County Football Association
BCGBA	British Crown Green Bowling Association
BCLT	Birmingham Community Leisure Trust
BDP	Birmingham Development Plan
BE	Bowls England
BCFA	Birmingham FA
BSUK	Baseball Softball United Kingdom
CAT	Community Asset Transfer
DCMS	Department for Culture, Media and Sport
EA	England Athletics
ECB	England and Wales Cricket Board
EG	England Golf
EH	England Hockey
EL	England Lacrosse
EKA	England Kabaddi Association
EN	England Netball
FA	Football Association
FC	Football Club
FF	Football Foundation
FIFA	Fédération Internationale de Football Association
GAA	Gaelic Athletic Association
GMA	Grounds Management Association
HC	Hockey Club
KKP	Knight, Kavanagh and Page
LMS	Last Man Stands
LFFP	Local Football Facilities Plan
MUGA	Multi Use Games Area
NC	Netball Club
NFFS	National Football Facilities Strategy
NGB	National Governing Body
NPPF	National Planning Policy Framework
PPS	Playing Pitch Strategy
PPOSS	Playing Pitch and Outdoor Sport Strategy
PQS	Performance Quality Standard
RFL	Rugby Football League
RFU	Rugby Football Union
RLFC	Rugby League Football Club
RFC	Rugby Union Football Club
TC	Tennis Club
U	Under
UKU	UK Ultimate
WCB	Warwickshire Cricket Board

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### PART 1: INTRODUCTION

This is the Playing Pitch & Outdoor Sport Strategy (PPOSS) for Birmingham City Council. Building upon the preceding updated Assessment Report, it provides a clear, strategic framework in relation to the provision of playing pitch and outdoor sport facilities. It delivers:

- ◀ A vision for the future protection, improvement and development of provision.
- ◀ A series of sport-by-sport scenarios and recommendations.
- ◀ A series of strategic objectives and recommendations.
- ◀ A prioritised area-by-area and site-by-site action plan that prioritises and can address key issues.
- ◀ Guidance as to how the PPOSS can be delivered.

The Strategy is delivered in accordance with Sport England's Playing Pitch Strategy (PPS) Guidance (for playing pitch sports) and Sport England's Assessing Needs and Opportunities Guide (for "non-pitch" sports). Sport England's PPS Guidance details a stepped approach, separated into five distinct sections:

- ◀ Stage A: Prepare and tailor the approach
- ◀ Stage B: Gather information and views on the supply of and demand for provision
- ◀ Stage C: Assess the supply and demand information and views
- ◀ Stage D: Develop the Strategy
- ◀ Stage E: Deliver the Strategy and keep it robust and up to date

This report represents Stage D of the process, with stages A-C covered in the preceding Assessment Report and Stage E ongoing once the study is complete.

The ANOG has a similar staged approach, as follows:

- ◀ Stage A: Prepare and tailor the approach.
- ◀ Stage B: Gather information on supply and demand.
- ◀ Stage C: Assessment – bringing the information together.
- ◀ Application: Application of an assessment.

Where not already implemented, the recommendations that come out of this strategy should be translated into local planning policy so that there is a mechanism in place to protect existing provision and to secure investment where the opportunity arises. The lifespan of a PPOSS is considered to be three years, although this can be increased if it is regularly kept up to date.

### **Study area**

The study area for the PPOSS is the Birmingham City Council boundary area. Further to this, sub areas have been used to allow for a more localised assessment of provision and examination of supply and demand at a local level. For football and cricket, as these are the most prevalent pitch sports in the authority, 10 analysis areas have been created, with these broadly aligning with other sub areas that are used for planning purposes. These are referred to as:

- ◀ Sutton Coldfield
- ◀ Ladywood
- ◀ Edgbaston
- ◀ Selly Oak
- ◀ Yardley
- ◀ Erdington

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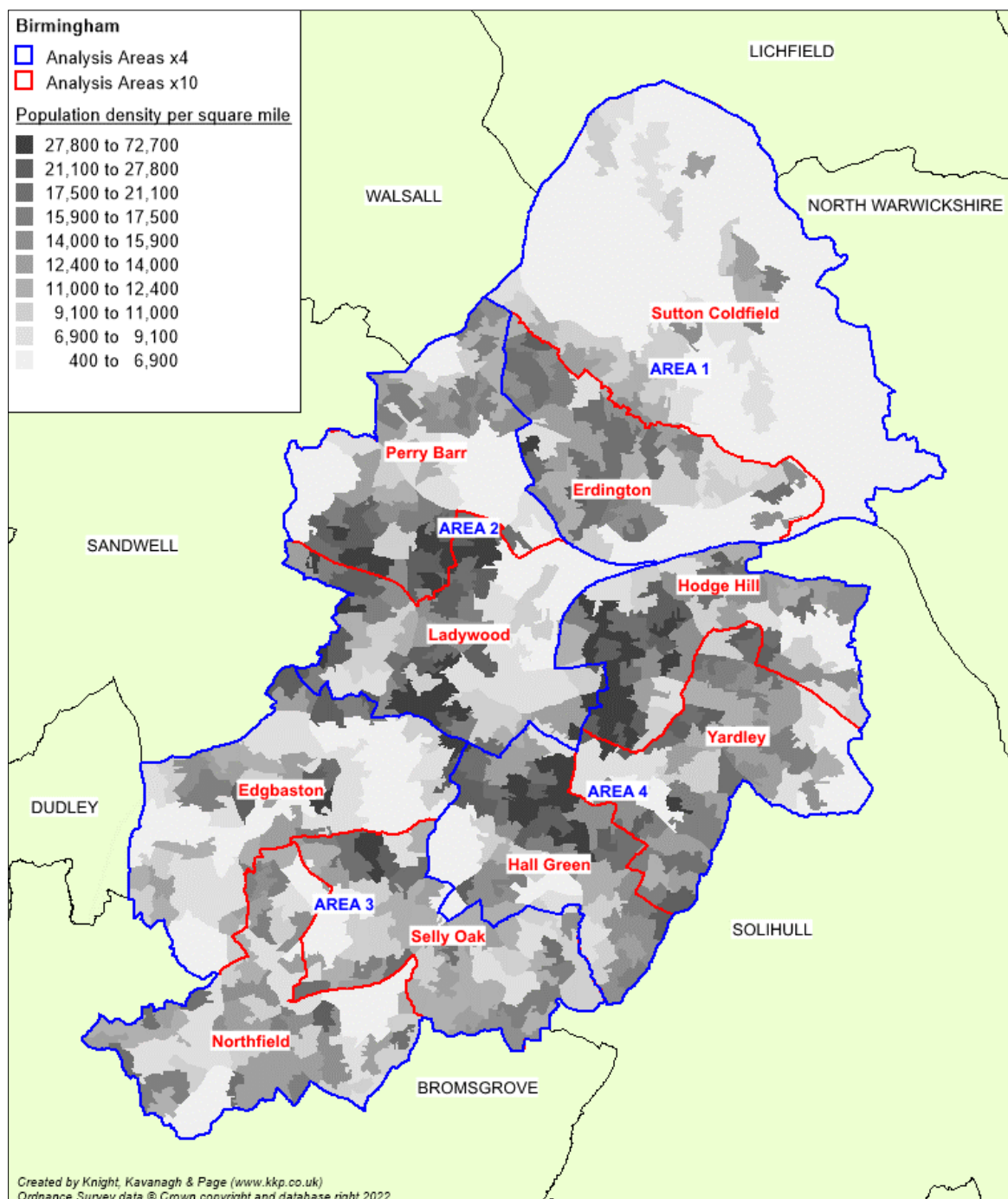
- ◀ Perry Barr
- ◀ Northfield
- ◀ Hall Green
- ◀ Hodge Hill

For the remaining sports, where levels of supply and demand are more dispersed, only four analysis areas are used. These are an amalgamation of the districts as follows:

- ◀ **Area 1** – Sutton Coldfield & Erdington Districts
- ◀ **Area 2** – Ladywood & Perry Barr Districts
- ◀ **Area 3** – Edgbaston, Northfield & Selly Oak Districts
- ◀ **Area 4** – Hall Green, Yardley & Hodge Hill Districts

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Figure 1.1: Analysis areas



In addition, cross-boundary aspects are recognised in regard to neighbouring local authorities including Solihull, North Warwickshire, Lichfield, Walsall, Sandwell, Dudley and Bromsgrove. This includes reference to imported and exported demand into and from Birmingham as well as key sites and developments that sit close to boundary lines.

## Agreed scope

A wide range of playing pitch and outdoor sports and associated facilities are included in the PPOSS in Birmingham. The study covers:

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- ◀ Athletics
- ◀ Cricket
- ◀ Football (including 3G pitches)
- ◀ Hockey (sand/water based AGPs)
- ◀ Rugby union (including 3G pitches)
- ◀ Tennis
- ◀ Bowls
- ◀ Cycling
- ◀ Golf
- ◀ Netball
- ◀ Rugby league (including 3G pitches)

In addition, other grass pitch sports are covered where identified as having a presence. This includes sports such as American football, lacrosse, Gaelic football, baseball/softball, Australian football (Aussie rules), kabaddi and Ultimate (frisbee).

Sport England's PPS guidance applies to football, rugby union, rugby league, cricket and hockey, as well as any other grass pitch sports, whereas the ANOG guidance applies to the remaining sports (as these are "non-pitch").

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## PART 2: VISION AND AIMS

The vision of the PPOSS in Birmingham is to provide:

'An accessible, high quality and sustainable network of sports facilities that provides and promotes local opportunities for participation by all residents at all levels of play from grassroots to elite.'

The following overarching aims are based on the three Sport England themes (see figure 2.1 below). It is recommended that they are adopted by the Council and its partners to enable it to achieve the overall vision of the PPOSS and Sport England planning objectives. Strategy delivery is the responsibility of, and relies upon, all relevant stakeholders.

### AIM 1

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

### AIM 2

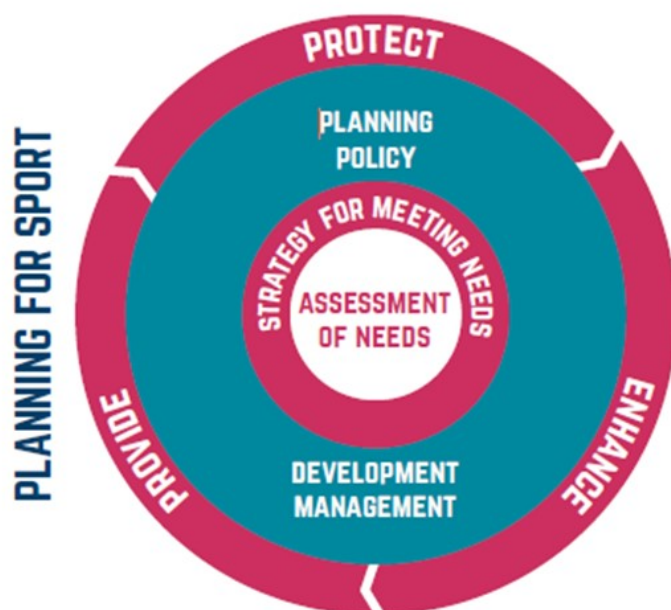
To **enhance** outdoor sport provision and ancillary facilities through improving quality and management of sites.

### AIM 3

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



Figure 2.1: Sport England themes



Source: Sport England, Planning for Sport Guidance (2019)

## PART 3: HEADLINE FINDINGS

The table below highlights the current quantitative shortfalls for each main pitch sport included within the PPOSS, as identified in 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.

Natural turf 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. As the main usage of pitches is for matches, it is appropriate for the comparable unit to be match equivalent sessions. The table below therefore uses this for football, rugby union and cricket, converting both the amount of play a site can accommodate (its carrying capacity) and how much play takes place (its current use) into the same unit of demand to enable an analysis to be undertaken.

Based on how the sports tend to be played, the match equivalent session unit for football, rugby union and rugby league pitches relates to a typical week within the season for each sport, whereas for cricket, the number of match equivalent sessions is over the course of a season. This is because how much play a cricket pitch can accommodate is primarily determined by the number and quality of wickets on a square, with only one match generally played per pitch per day and with the wickets rotated throughout a season to reduce wear and to allow for repair. Each wicket is therefore able to accommodate a certain amount of play per season as opposed to a week.

For artificial surfaces, the carrying capacity of the provision is much higher, meaning how much play can be accommodated is primarily determined by availability, rather than how usage adversely affects quality, as is the case with grass pitches. Therefore, the total number of pitches required is instead used to form an analysis. This is pertinent to 3G and hockey (sand/water-based pitches).

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Table 3.1: Quantitative headline findings (pitch sports)

Analysis area	Pitch/facility type	Current supply/demand balance
<b>Football – Grass</b>		
Erdington	Adult	Shortfall of 1 match equivalent session
Erdington	Youth 11v11	At capacity
Erdington	Youth 9v9	Spare capacity of 1.5 match equivalent sessions
Erdington	Mini 7v7	Spare capacity of 1.5 match equivalent sessions
Erdington	Mini 5v5	Spare capacity of 2.5 match equivalent sessions
Sutton Coldfield	Adult	Shortfall of 2.5 match equivalent sessions
Sutton Coldfield	Youth 11v11	At capacity
Sutton Coldfield	Youth 9v9	Spare capacity of 1.5 match equivalent sessions
Sutton Coldfield	Mini 7v7	Spare capacity of 1.5 match equivalent sessions
Sutton Coldfield	Mini 5v5	Spare capacity of 2.5 match equivalent sessions
Ladywood	Adult	Spare capacity of 1 match equivalent session
Ladywood	Youth 11v11	At capacity
Ladywood	Youth 9v9	At capacity
Ladywood	Mini 7v7	At capacity
Ladywood	Mini 5v5	At capacity
Perry Barr	Adult	Shortfall of 0.5 match equivalent sessions
Perry Barr	Youth 11v11	At capacity
Perry Barr	Youth 9v9	At capacity
Perry Barr	Mini 7v7	At capacity
Perry Barr	Mini 5v5	At capacity
Edgbaston	Adult	Spare capacity of 0.5 match equivalent sessions
Edgbaston	Youth 11v11	Shortfall of 4 match equivalent sessions
Edgbaston	Youth 9v9	Shortfall of 1 match equivalent session
Edgbaston	Mini 7v7	Spare capacity of 1 match equivalent session
Edgbaston	Mini 5v5	At capacity
Northfield	Adult	Spare capacity of 2.5 match equivalent sessions
Northfield	Youth 11v11	At capacity
Northfield	Youth 9v9	Spare capacity of 0.5 match equivalent sessions
Northfield	Mini 7v7	At capacity
Northfield	Mini 5v5	At capacity
Selly Oak	Adult	Shortfall of 3.5 match equivalent sessions
Selly Oak	Youth 11v11	Shortfall of 2 match equivalent sessions
Selly Oak	Youth 9v9	Shortfall of 3 match equivalent sessions
Selly Oak	Mini 7v7	At capacity
Selly Oak	Mini 5v5	At capacity
Hall Green	Adult	Shortfall of 0.5 match equivalent sessions
Hall Green	Youth 11v11	At capacity
Hall Green	Youth 9v9	At capacity
Hall Green	Mini 7v7	At capacity
Hall Green	Mini 5v5	At capacity
Hodge Hill	Adult	Shortfall of 1 match equivalent session
Hodge Hill	Youth 11v11	At capacity
Hodge Hill	Youth 9v9	Spare capacity of 2.5 match equivalent sessions
Hodge Hill	Mini 7v7	Spare capacity of 1 match equivalent session
Hodge Hill	Mini 5v5	At capacity
Yardley	Adult	At capacity
Yardley	Youth 11v11	Shortfall of 6 match equivalent sessions
Yardley	Youth 9v9	Shortfall of 3.5 match equivalent sessions
Yardley		

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Analysis area	Pitch/facility type	Current supply/demand balance
Yardley	Mini 7v7	Spare capacity of 1 match equivalent session
Yardley	Mini 5v5	Spare capacity of 2 match equivalent sessions
<b>Birmingham</b>	<b>Adult</b>	Shortfall of 5 match equivalent sessions
<b>Birmingham</b>	<b>Youth 11v11</b>	Shortfall of 12 match equivalent sessions
<b>Birmingham</b>	<b>Youth 9v9</b>	Shortfall of 1.5 match equivalent sessions
<b>Birmingham</b>	<b>Mini 7v7</b>	Spare capacity of 6 match equivalent sessions
<b>Birmingham</b>	<b>Mini 5v5</b>	Spare capacity of 7 match equivalent sessions
<b>Football – 3G pitches</b>		
Erdington	Full size	Demand is being met
Sutton Coldfield	Full size	Shortfall of 2 pitches
Ladywood	Full size	Demand is being met
Perry Barr	Full size	Shortfall of 2.25 pitches
Edgbaston	Full size	Demand is being met
Northfield	Full size	Demand is being met
Selly Oak	Full size	Shortfall of 2 pitches
Hall Green	Full size	Shortfall of 0.5 pitches
Hodge Hill	Full size	Shortfall of 0.75 pitches
Yardley	Full size	Demand is being met
<b>Birmingham</b>	<b>Full size</b>	Shortfall of 3 pitches (or 7.5 by analysis area)
<b>Cricket squares</b>		
Erdington	Senior (Saturday)	Shortfall of 19 match equivalent sessions
Erdington	Senior (Sunday)	Shortfall of 19 match equivalent sessions
Erdington	Junior (midweek)	Shortfall of 19 match equivalent sessions
Sutton Coldfield	Senior (Saturday)	Shortfall of 24 match equivalent sessions
Sutton Coldfield	Senior (Sunday)	Shortfall of 18 match equivalent sessions
Sutton Coldfield	Junior (midweek)	Shortfall of 16 match equivalent sessions
Ladywood	Senior (Saturday)	At capacity
Ladywood	Senior (Sunday)	At capacity
Ladywood	Junior (midweek)	At capacity
Perry Barr	Senior (Saturday)	Shortfall of 372 match equivalent sessions
Perry Barr	Senior (Sunday)	Shortfall of 360 match equivalent sessions
Perry Barr	Junior (midweek)	Shortfall of 352 match equivalent sessions
Edgbaston	Senior (Saturday)	At capacity
Edgbaston	Senior (Sunday)	At capacity
Edgbaston	Junior (midweek)	At capacity
Northfield	Senior (Saturday)	At capacity
Northfield	Senior (Sunday)	Spare capacity of 6 match equivalent sessions
Northfield	Junior (midweek)	Spare capacity of 12 match equivalent sessions
Selly Oak	Senior (Saturday)	Shortfall of 54 match equivalent sessions
Selly Oak	Senior (Sunday)	Shortfall of 42 match equivalent sessions
Selly Oak	Junior (midweek)	Shortfall of 47 match equivalent sessions
Hall Green	Senior (Saturday)	Shortfall of 83 match equivalent sessions
Hall Green	Senior (Sunday)	Shortfall of 71 match equivalent sessions
Hall Green	Junior (midweek)	Shortfall of 67 match equivalent sessions
Hodge Hill	Senior (Saturday)	At capacity
Hodge Hill	Senior (Sunday)	Spare capacity of 12 match equivalent sessions
Hodge Hill	Junior (midweek)	Spare capacity of 12 match equivalent sessions
Yardley	Senior (Saturday)	Shortfall of 8 match equivalent sessions
Yardley	Senior (Sunday)	Shortfall of 8 match equivalent sessions
Yardley	Junior (midweek)	Shortfall of 8 match equivalent sessions
<b>Birmingham</b>	<b>Senior (Saturday)</b>	Shortfall of 560 match equivalent sessions

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Analysis area	Pitch/facility type	Current supply/demand balance
<b>Birmingham</b>	Senior (Sunday)	Shortfall of 500 match equivalent sessions
<b>Birmingham</b>	Junior (midweek)	Shortfall of 480 match equivalent sessions
<b>Rugby union - Grass</b>		
Area 1	Senior	Shortfall of 10.5 match equivalent sessions
Area 2	Senior	At capacity
Area 3	Senior	Shortfall of 9.5 match equivalent sessions
Area 4	Senior	Shortfall of 2 match equivalent sessions
<b>Birmingham</b>	<b>Senior</b>	Shortfall of 22 match equivalent sessions
<b>Rugby league Grass</b>		
Area 1	Senior	Shortfall of 0.5 match equivalent sessions
Area 2	Senior	Demand is being met
Area 3	Senior	Demand is being met
Area 4	Senior	Demand is being met
<b>Birmingham</b>	<b>Senior</b>	Shortfall of 0.5 match equivalent sessions
<b>Hockey - Sand/water</b>		
Area 1	Full size	Shortfall of 2.5 match equivalent sessions
Area 2	Full size	Spare capacity of 6 match equivalent sessions
Area 3	Full size	Spare capacity of 7.6 match equivalent sessions
Area 4	Full size	Demand is being met
<b>Birmingham</b>	<b>Full size</b>	Demand is being met

The following table identifies the quantitative findings overall across Birmingham after taking into account future demand. This is based on a variety of factors, including population growth and club aspirations, up to the period until 2042 in line with the Council's emerging Local Plan.

Table 3.2: Future quantitative headline findings (pitch sports)

Sport	Pitch/facility type	Future supply/ demand balance (2029)
Football	Adult	Shortfall of 13 match equivalent sessions
Football	Youth 11v11	Shortfall of 21 match equivalent sessions
Football	Youth 9v9	Shortfall of 6.5 match equivalent sessions
Football	Mini 7v7	Spare capacity of 1.5 match equivalent sessions
Football	Mini 5v5	Spare capacity of 4 match equivalent sessions
3G pitches <sup>1</sup>	Full size	Shortfall of 4.75 pitches
Cricket	Senior (Saturday)	Shortfall of 656 match equivalent sessions
Cricket	Senior (Sunday)	Shortfall of 500 match equivalent sessions
Cricket	Junior (midweek)	Shortfall of 504 match equivalent sessions
Rugby union	Senior	Shortfall of 25 match equivalent sessions
Rugby league	Senior	Shortfall of 1.5 match equivalent sessions
Hockey	Full size	Shortfall of 2.5 match equivalent sessions (Area 1)

For the remaining sports, quantitative shortfalls can be more difficult to determine, with capacity guidance differing and with focus often away from formal activity. The current and future picture for each sport across Birmingham is therefore instead summarised in the table below.

<sup>1</sup> Does not include consent 3G pitches which will reduce the shortfalls (see Part 4).

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Table 3.3: Headline findings (remaining sports)

Sport	Headline findings
<b>Tennis</b>	For club-based tennis, there is considered to be sufficient provision to meet demand, with no clubs reporting any capacity issues. However, for non-club courts, it cannot be said that supply is sufficient to meet demand due to the large amount of unmet and latent demand evidenced. There is instead a clear need to improve the supply in ways that can attract and better accommodate more users.
<b>Netball</b>	The current stock of netball courts require investment and need to be better utilised in order to adequately accommodate the demand that exists.
<b>Bowls</b>	Supply is considered sufficient to meet both current and future demand, with no additional greens required. However, with all but two greens in current club use, it is also clear that most of the supply requires protection to ensure that demand can continue to be accommodated.
<b>Cycling</b>	High demand for cycling is identified so protecting and sustaining facilities currently provided should be seen as particularly key. Furthermore, there should be sustained development of the wider cycling infrastructure across the City.
<b>Athletics</b>	Birmingham is very well provided for in relation to athletics tracks, although demand is also notably high, meaning priority should be placed on protecting the provision and ensuring that quality remains sufficient. To further help meet demand, increased provision of informal athletics/running provision and/or smaller track variations could also assist, especially in areas that are not serviced by the 400-metre tracks.
<b>Golf</b>	Existing provision is well placed to meet demand, especially given the variety offered. Whilst this does not necessarily equate to there being a surplus of provision, with seven municipal sites provided across the City, there could be opportunities to rationalise the stock and provide a better facility mix.
<b>Other grass pitch sports</b>	Ultimate frisbee could be better provided for within the City, whilst American football, Aussie rules, baseball/softball, Gaelic football, kabaddi and lacrosse is being adequately supplied.

### Conclusions

The existing position for all pitch sports is either that demand is being met or that there is a shortfall, whereas the future position shows the exacerbation of current shortfalls and the creation of additional shortfalls for some pitch/facility types and in some areas where demand is currently being met.

Where spare capacity exists or 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 shortfalls. As such, there is a clear need to protect all existing 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, in line with national planning policy.

For the most part, the shortfalls identified could be met by better utilising current provision, such as through improving quality, pitch re-configuration, installing additional sports lighting, enabling access to existing unused provision, such as at unavailable school sites, and bringing disused sites back into use. That being said, there could be a need for some new provision in specific areas to completely alleviate existing and future deficits given the considerable shortfalls identified, especially for rugby union and cricket where current shortfalls are significant. This will also be necessary where other forms of eradicating the shortfalls are not possible (e.g., financially) or where they are not the preferred approach.

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In relation to football, there is also a specific shortfall of 3G pitches that can only be met through increased provision, although this is relatively minimal compared to most other local authorities. There is also demand for the creation of new facilities linked to the Football Foundation's PlayZones programme.

For hockey, there is sufficient capacity across the City as a whole; however, there is a localised shortfall within Area 1. As with 3G pitches, this can only be fully overcome through establishing new provision, although the deficit can be minimised through maximising hockey usage of existing pitches as well as by utilising spare capacity in other analysis areas.

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### PART 4: SPORT SPECIFIC ISSUES SCENARIOS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

In this section, in order to help develop actions for each sport, and to understand their potential impact, a number of relevant scenario questions are tested against the findings evidences in the preceding Assessment Report for each sport. This then informs the sport specific recommendations.

The included scenarios focus on the impact that they will have on the shortfalls and key issues identified and how they can be overcome. **However, whilst each can improve the picture to a greater or lesser extent, it should be noted that carrying out some scenarios to the fullest degree is likely to be unviable and that a combination of actions will instead be required to ensure that all current and future demand can be met.**

For some sports, no scenarios are included, although that is not to say that no action is required. Instead, recommendations are clear without the requirement for scenarios to be tested.

#### Football – grass pitches

##### *Assessment Report summary*

###### **Football – supply and demand summary**

- Actual spare capacity totals 41 match equivalent sessions per week across 58 pitches, whereas 46 pitches across 20 sites are overplayed by a combined total of 46.5 match equivalent sessions per week.
- There is a current shortfall of adult, youth 11v11 and youth 9v9 pitch capacity, with overall spare capacity identified on mini 7v7 and mini 5v5 pitches.
- When factoring in future demand, the overall shortfalls worsen, although the spare capacity on the mini pitches remains despite being reduced.

###### **Football – supply summary**

- The audit identifies a total of 353 grass football pitches within Birmingham across 156 sites, with 267 pitches available, at some level, for community use across 92 sites.
- There are 31 sites that are either active sites which previously accommodated grass football pitches, or that are now completely disused.
- Planning applications are in place at Twickenham Park, King Edward VI Sheldon Heath Academy and Waverley School that may impact on grass football pitch provision.
- Cadbury Athletic, Nechells Athletics, Holly Lane United and Bartley Reds football clubs all have aspirations relating to future changes of grass provision, whilst a grass pitch at Transport Stadium is to be converted to 3G.
- Most community available pitches across Birmingham are managed by sports clubs (81 pitches), followed by pitches at education sites (80) and at Council sites (54).
- Of the pitches that are available for community use, 36 are assessed as good quality, 153 as standard quality and 78 as poor quality.
- Compared to 2017 findings, quality has seemingly deteriorated, with more poor quality pitches now evident.
- Of the 72 sites that are actively used for community football, 29 are accompanied by good quality ancillary facilities, 22 by standard quality ancillary facilities and 11 by poor quality ancillary facilities, whilst the remainder are not serviced.
- In addition to professional clubs Aston Villa FC and Birmingham City FC, nine clubs play within the men's football pyramid and have to adhere to ground grading, whilst eight clubs play within the female pyramid.

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## Football – demand summary

- 802 teams from within 193 clubs are identified as currently playing within Birmingham, with this equating to 196 adult men's, 24 adult women's, 340 youth boys, 46 youth girls and 196 mini teams.
- There has been a large increase in demand since 2017, with 174 additional teams now identified and 38% reporting overall growth (only 7% report a decline).
- There are 30 teams based outside of Birmingham which currently play matches at venues in the City, whereas five clubs export demand.
- A total of 11 clubs identify latent and/or unmet in that they express they could field more teams if they had more capacity.
- Future demand from population growth projects an increase of 59 teams, whilst a total of 17 clubs quantify growth aspirations, with this amounting to 70 teams.

## Scenarios

### Improving pitch quality / addressing overplay

In total, there are 46 pitches in Birmingham across 20 sites that are overplayed by a combined total of 46.5 match equivalent sessions per week. Improving quality of such provision will increase capacity across the sites and as a consequence reduce both current and future shortfalls across the City.

To illustrate the above, Table 4.1 highlights that the large majority of existing overplay would be alleviated if quality improved to good at each site. As a reminder, the capacity rating for each type and quality rating is:

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

Table 4.1: Overplay if all pitches were good quality (match equivalent sessions)

Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	Pitch type	No. of pitches	Current quality	Current capacity rating	Good quality capacity rating
29	Boldmere Sports & Social Club	Sutton Coldfield	Adult	2	Standard	3.5	1.5
29	Boldmere Sports & Social Club	Sutton Coldfield	Youth (9v9)	1	Standard	1	1
32	Cadbury Recreation Ground	Selly Oak	Youth (11v11)	2	Standard	2	4
39	Broomhall Playing Fields	Yardley	Youth (11v11)	2	Standard	2	2
39	Broomhall Playing Fields	Yardley	Youth (9v9)	1	Standard	3	1
43	Calthorpe Park	Hall Green	Adult	2	Poor	0.5	3.5
45	Castle Vale Football Stadium	Erdington	Adult	1	Standard	1.5	0.5



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Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	Pitch type	No. of pitches	Current quality	Current capacity rating	Good quality capacity rating
67	Erin Go Bragh Holly Lane Sport	Erdington	Adult	2	Poor	3.5	0.5
81	George Dixon Academy	Edgbaston	Youth (11v11)	1	Poor	1	2
81	George Dixon Academy	Edgbaston	Youth (9v9)	1	Poor	0.5	2.5
90	Great Barr Academy	Perry Barr	Adult	1	Poor	0.5	1.5
100	Handsworth Old Boys Football Club	Perry Barr	Adult	2	Standard	1	1
122	Hollyfields Sports & Social Club	Erdington	Adult	2	Good	0.5	0.5
149	King's Heath Cricket & Sports Club	Selly Oak	Adult	1	Poor	0.5	1.5
215	Rowheath Pavilion	Selly Oak	Adult	4	Standard	4	0
215	Rowheath Pavilion	Selly Oak	Mini (5v5)	1	Standard	0.5	1.5
215	Rowheath Pavilion	Selly Oak	Youth (9v9)	1	Standard	3	1
217	Saltley Wellbeing Centre	Hodge Hill	Adult	3	Standard	2	1
222	Shenley Academy	Edgbaston	Youth (11v11)	1	Poor	3	0
222	Shenley Academy	Edgbaston	Youth (9v9)	1	Poor	0.5	2.5
254	Sutton United Football Club (Hollyfield Road)	Sutton Coldfield	Adult	2	Standard	2.5	0.5
257	Tally Ho Sports	Edgbaston	Adult	3	Standard	1.5	1.5
258	TC Cars Arena (Mackadown Sports Ground)	Yardley	Youth (11v11)	1	Poor	4	1
258	TC Cars Arena (Mackadown Sports Ground)	Yardley	Youth (9v9)	1	Poor	1.5	1.5
270	Twickenham Park	Erdington	Adult	1	Poor	0.5	1.5
270	Twickenham Park	Erdington	Adult	1	Poor	0.5	1.5
270	Twickenham Park	Erdington	Mini (7v7)	1	Poor	0.5	3.5
285	Willclare Sports Society	Yardley	Adult	1	Poor	1	1
295	Yenton Playing Fields	Erdington	Youth (11v11)	1	Poor	0.5	2.5

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As seen, most overplayed pitches could accommodate current demand if quality improved to good, and spare capacity would be created on 36 of the 46. This means that only ten currently overplayed pitches would still display a shortfall even if quality is maximised, with these identified at Boldmere Sports & Social Club, Broomhall Playing Fields, Castle Vale Football Stadium, Hollyfields Sports & Social Club, Rowheath Pavilion, Sutton United Football Club (Hollyfield Road) and TC Cars Arena (Mackadown Sports Ground).

Improving quality as set out above will eradicate existing pitch shortfalls across adult, youth 11v11 and youth 9v9 pitches on a City-wide basis, with overall spare capacity therefore created on each pitch type. The only localised shortfall that would remain is a minimal shortfall of youth 9v9 pitches in Selly Oak.

*Table 4.2: Impact on supply and demand if quality of overplayed pitches improved to good*

Analysis area	Pitch type	Current supply/ demand balance (match equivalent sessions)	Potential supply/ demand balance (match equivalent sessions)
Erdington	Adult	1	8
Erdington	Youth 11v11	0	0
Erdington	Youth 9v9	1.5	1.5
Erdington	Mini 7v7	1.5	5.5
Erdington	Mini 5v5	2.5	2.5
Sutton Coldfield	Adult	2.5	1.5
Sutton Coldfield	Youth 11v11	0	0
Sutton Coldfield	Youth 9v9	1.5	3.5
Sutton Coldfield	Mini 7v7	1.5	1.5
Sutton Coldfield	Mini 5v5	2.5	2.5
Ladywood	Adult	1	1
Ladywood	Youth 11v11	0	0
Ladywood	Youth 9v9	0	0
Ladywood	Mini 7v7	0	0
Ladywood	Mini 5v5	0	0
Perry Barr	Adult	0.5	2
Perry Barr	Youth 11v11	0	0
Perry Barr	Youth 9v9	0	0
Perry Barr	Mini 7v7	0	0
Perry Barr	Mini 5v5	0	0
Edgbaston	Adult	0.5	3.5
Edgbaston	Youth 11v11	4	0
Edgbaston	Youth 9v9	1	0
Edgbaston	Mini 7v7	1	1
Edgbaston	Mini 5v5	0	0
Northfield	Adult	2.5	2.5
Northfield	Youth 11v11	0	0
Northfield	Youth 9v9	0.5	0.5
Northfield	Mini 7v7	0	0
Northfield	Mini 5v5	0	0
Selly Oak	Adult	3.5	2.5
Selly Oak	Youth 11v11	2	4

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Selly Oak	Youth 9v9	3	1
Selly Oak	Mini 7v7	0	0
Selly Oak	Mini 5v5	0	2
Hall Green	Adult	0.5	3.5
Hall Green	Youth 11v11	0	0
Hall Green	Youth 9v9	0	0
Hall Green	Mini 7v7	0	0
Hall Green	Mini 5v5	0	0
Hodge Hill	Adult	1	2
Hodge Hill	Youth 11v11	0	0
Hodge Hill	Youth 9v9	2.5	2.5
Hodge Hill	Mini 7v7	1	1
Hodge Hill	Mini 5v5	0	0
Yardley	Adult	0	2
Yardley	Youth 11v11	6	4
Yardley	Youth 9v9	3.5	1.5
Yardley	Mini 7v7	1	1
Yardley	Mini 5v5	2	2
<b>Birmingham</b>	<b>Adult</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>28.5</b>
<b>Birmingham</b>	<b>Youth 11v11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Birmingham</b>	<b>Youth 9v9</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>8.5</b>
<b>Birmingham</b>	<b>Mini 7v7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Birmingham</b>	<b>Mini 5v5</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>9</b>

In addition, the future shortfall of adult and youth 9v9 pitches would be eradicated and spare capacity would be produced, whilst future spare capacity of mini 7v7 and mini 5v5 pitches would increase. Only a small future shortfall would remain for youth 11v11 pitches, as shown in the table below.

Table 4.3: Future supply and demand if quality improved of overplayed sites to good

Pitch type	Future demand (match equivalent) total	Potential future demand (match equivalent) total
Adult	13	20.5
Youth 11v11	21	1
Youth 9v9	6.5	3.5
Mini 7v7	1.5	5.5
Mini 5v5	4	6

### Local Football Facility Plan (LFFP)

As improving the quality of certain overplayed sites may not be feasible from an investment point of view, an alternative approach is to focus on improving strategic sites. To that end, the Local Football Facility Plan (LFFP) identifies nine sites for grass pitch improvements that are considered to be in need of investment and that are key for football across Birmingham. This was updated in draft form in 2021.

The table below identifies what the impact would be on the supply and demand balance of pitches in Birmingham if quality was improved to good at these sites.

Table 4.4: Impact of LFFP quality improvements

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Site ID	Site name	Pitch type	No. of pitches	Quality	Current capacity rating	Good capacity rating
-	Barrows Lane <sup>2</sup>	-	-	-	-	-
39	Broomhall Playing Fields	Youth (11v11)	2	Standard	2	2
39	Broomhall Playing Fields	Youth (9v9)	1	Standard	3	1
39	Broomhall Playing Fields	Mini (7v7)	1	Standard	3.5	5.5
39	Broomhall Playing Fields	Mini (5v5)	1	Standard	4	6
50	Cofton Park	Adult	2	Standard	3.5	5.5
50	Cofton Park	Youth (9v9)	1	Standard	1.5	3.5
147	King Georges Fields (Sutton Coldfield)	Adult	1	Poor	0.5	2.5
152	Kings Norton Playing Fields	Youth (9v9)	1	Poor	0.5	3.5
152	Kings Norton Playing Fields	Mini (5v5)	1	Poor	1.5	5.5
208	Rectory Park	Adult	2	Standard	4	6
208	Rectory Park	Mini (7v7)	1	Standard	3.5	5.5
217	Saltley Wellbeing Centre	Adult	3	Standard	2	1
217	Saltley Wellbeing Centre	Youth (9v9)	2	Standard	1.5	5.5
219	Senneleys Park	Adult	2	Poor	2	6
230	Spring Lane Playing Fields	Adult	2	Standard	4	6
230	Spring Lane Playing Fields	Youth (9v9)	1	Standard	2	4
230	Spring Lane Playing Fields	Mini (7v7)	1	Standard	4	6
230	Spring Lane Playing Fields	Mini (5v5)	1	Standard	4	6

Improving quality as set out in the table above would create 42 match equivalent sessions of additional capacity and reduce overplay by six match equivalent sessions. Furthermore, it would improve several poor quality sites (such as Kings Norton Playing Fields and Senneleys Park) as well as some unused sites, improvement of which could help attract demand.

The overall impact is shown in the following table. Whilst the impact is not as great as improving all overplayed squares due to many of the sites not currently being overplayed, overall spare capacity is created on adult and youth 9v9 pitches, whilst the shortfall of youth 11v11 pitches decreases.

*Table 4.5: Impact on supply and demand if quality of current LFFP sites improved to good*

<sup>2</sup> No pitches currently marked out.

## BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL PLAYING PITCH & OUTDOOR SPORT STRATEGY

Analysis area	Pitch type	Current supply/ demand balance (match equivalent sessions)	Potential supply/ demand balance (match equivalent sessions)
Erdington	Adult	1	1
Erdington	Youth 11v11	0	0
Erdington	Youth 9v9	1.5	1.5
Erdington	Mini 7v7	1.5	1.5
Erdington	Mini 5v5	2.5	2.5
Sutton Coldfield	Adult	2.5	1.5
Sutton Coldfield	Youth 11v11	0	0
Sutton Coldfield	Youth 9v9	1.5	1.5
Sutton Coldfield	Mini 7v7	1.5	1.5
Sutton Coldfield	Mini 5v5	2.5	2.5
Ladywood	Adult	1	1
Ladywood	Youth 11v11	0	0
Ladywood	Youth 9v9	0	0
Ladywood	Mini 7v7	0	0
Ladywood	Mini 5v5	0	0
Perry Barr	Adult	0.5	0.5
Perry Barr	Youth 11v11	0	0
Perry Barr	Youth 9v9	0	0
Perry Barr	Mini 7v7	0	0
Perry Barr	Mini 5v5	0	0
Edgbaston	Adult	0.5	2.5
Edgbaston	Youth 11v11	4	4
Edgbaston	Youth 9v9	1	1
Edgbaston	Mini 7v7	1	1
Edgbaston	Mini 5v5	0	0
Northfield	Adult	2.5	2.5
Northfield	Youth 11v11	0	0
Northfield	Youth 9v9	0.5	1.5
Northfield	Mini 7v7	0	0
Northfield	Mini 5v5	0	1
Selly Oak	Adult	3.5	3.5
Selly Oak	Youth 11v11	2	2
Selly Oak	Youth 9v9	3	3
Selly Oak	Mini 7v7	0	0
Selly Oak	Mini 5v5	0	0
Hall Green	Adult	0.5	0.5
Hall Green	Youth 11v11	0	0
Hall Green	Youth 9v9	0	0
Hall Green	Mini 7v7	0	0
Hall Green	Mini 5v5	0	0
Hodge Hill	Adult	1	1
Hodge Hill	Youth 11v11	0	0
Hodge Hill	Youth 9v9	2.5	2.5
Hodge Hill	Mini 7v7	1	1
Hodge Hill	Mini 5v5	0	0
Yardley	Adult	0	0
Yardley	Youth 11v11	6	4
Yardley	Youth 9v9	3.5	0.5

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Analysis area	Pitch type	Current supply/ demand balance (match equivalent sessions)	Potential supply/ demand balance (match equivalent sessions)
Yardley	Mini 7v7	1	1
Yardley	Mini 5v5	2	2
<b>Birmingham</b>	<b>Adult</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Birmingham</b>	<b>Youth 11v11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Birmingham</b>	<b>Youth 9v9</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>2.5</b>
<b>Birmingham</b>	<b>Mini 7v7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Birmingham</b>	<b>Mini 5v5</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>

The future impact is then shown in the following table.

*Table 4.6: Future supply and demand if quality improved of overplayed sites to good*

Pitch type	Future total demand (match equivalent sessions)	Potential future total demand (match equivalent sessions)
Adult	13	8
Youth 11v11	21	19
Youth 9v9	6.5	3.5
Mini 7v7	1.5	1.5
Mini 5v5	4	5

As the LFFP is a live document to be informed by an up-to-date PPS, it is recommended that the priority list is updated on the back of this study to account for changes in demand since the report was updated. To that end, it is considered that the majority of sites currently included should remain and that the larger sites featured in Table 4.1 should be added, particularly those in areas with the highest deficits such as Edgbaston, Selly Oak and Yardley.

When adding sites, particular focus should be placed on key sites that provide youth 11v11 provision given that current youth 11v11 shortfalls will remain if all existing sites within the LFFP are improved. To that end, the following sites could be considered:

- ◀ Belton Road Playing Fields
- ◀ Bishop Walsh Catholic School
- ◀ Cadbury Recreation Ground
- ◀ Castle Vale Football Stadium
- ◀ Jaffray Playing Fields
- ◀ Moor Green Playing Field
- ◀ Yenton Playing Fields

### *Providing security of tenure*

Currently, 46.5 match equivalent sessions per week are played on unsecured pitches across Birmingham. If these pitches were to fall out of use, on a City-wide level, shortfalls would exacerbate on adult and youth pitches, whilst spare capacity would diminish on mini pitches. This would have a significant impact, particularly for adult football where a current shortfall of three match equivalent sessions would increase to a deficit of 30 per week.

*Table 4.7: Current supply and demand balance without unsecure sites*

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Analysis area	Pitch type	Current supply/ demand balance (match equivalent sessions)	Potential supply/ demand balance (match equivalent sessions)
Erdington	Adult	1	1
Erdington	Youth 11v11	0	0
Erdington	Youth 9v9	1.5	1.5
Erdington	Mini 7v7	1.5	1.5
Erdington	Mini 5v5	2.5	2.5
Sutton Coldfield	Adult	2.5	3.5
Sutton Coldfield	Youth 11v11	0	0
Sutton Coldfield	Youth 9v9	1.5	1.5
Sutton Coldfield	Mini 7v7	1.5	1.5
Sutton Coldfield	Mini 5v5	2.5	2.5
Ladywood	Adult	1	1
Ladywood	Youth 11v11	0	0
Ladywood	Youth 9v9	0	0
Ladywood	Mini 7v7	0	0
Ladywood	Mini 5v5	0	0
Perry Barr	Adult	0.5	18.5
Perry Barr	Youth 11v11	0	1.5
Perry Barr	Youth 9v9	0	2
Perry Barr	Mini 7v7	0	1
Perry Barr	Mini 5v5	0	0
Edgbaston	Adult	0.5	1
Edgbaston	Youth 11v11	4	8
Edgbaston	Youth 9v9	1	2
Edgbaston	Mini 7v7	1	0.5
Edgbaston	Mini 5v5	0	2
Northfield	Adult	2.5	2
Northfield	Youth 11v11	0	0
Northfield	Youth 9v9	0.5	0.5
Northfield	Mini 7v7	0	0
Northfield	Mini 5v5	0	0
Selly Oak	Adult	3.5	9.5
Selly Oak	Youth 11v11	2	2.5
Selly Oak	Youth 9v9	3	4
Selly Oak	Mini 7v7	0	2.5
Selly Oak	Mini 5v5	0	0.5
Hall Green	Adult	0.5	1
Hall Green	Youth 11v11	0	0
Hall Green	Youth 9v9	0	0
Hall Green	Mini 7v7	0	0
Hall Green	Mini 5v5	0	0
Hodge Hill	Adult	1	1
Hodge Hill	Youth 11v11	0	0
Hodge Hill	Youth 9v9	2.5	2.5
Hodge Hill	Mini 7v7	1	1
Hodge Hill	Mini 5v5	0	0
Yardley	Adult	0	0.5
Yardley	Youth 11v11	6	6
Yardley	Youth 9v9	3.5	4

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Analysis area	Pitch type	Current supply/ demand balance (match equivalent sessions)	Potential supply/ demand balance (match equivalent sessions)
Yardley	Mini 7v7	1	1
Yardley	Mini 5v5	2	2
<b>Birmingham</b>	<b>Adult</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>Birmingham</b>	<b>Youth 11v11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Birmingham</b>	<b>Youth 9v9</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Birmingham</b>	<b>Mini 7v7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Birmingham</b>	<b>Mini 5v5</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4.5</b>

In addition, the future shortfalls of adult, youth 11v11 and youth 9v9 pitches would exacerbate and spare capacity would be eradicated on mini 7v7 pitches. Future spare capacity would only remain on mini 5v5 pitches and to only a minimal level as seen in the table below.

*Table 4.8: Future supply and demand without unsecured sites*

Pitch type	Future total demand (match equivalent sessions per week)	Potential future total demand (match equivalent sessions per week)
Adult	13	40
Youth 11v11	21	27
Youth 9v9	6.5	11
Mini 7v7	1.5	3.5
Mini 5v5	4	1.5

Conversely, 33 match equivalent sessions of spare capacity per week are currently discounted due to having unsecure tenure. As such, securing tenure across all sites would provide increased levels of actual spare capacity which would then reduce existing shortfalls.

Across Birmingham as a whole, only a shortfall of youth 11v11 pitches would remain if tenure was secured at all site, as shown in the following table. A localised shortfall of adult pitches would still exist in Selly Oak, whilst a localised shortfall of youth 9v9 pitches would still exist in Selly Oak and Yardley.

*Table 4.9: Current supply and demand balance with all sites secured*

Analysis area	Pitch type	Current supply/ demand balance (match equivalent sessions)	Potential supply/ demand balance (match equivalent sessions)
Erdington	Adult	1	2
Erdington	Youth 11v11	0	0
Erdington	Youth 9v9	1.5	1.5
Erdington	Mini 7v7	1.5	3
Erdington	Mini 5v5	2.5	2.5
Sutton Coldfield	Adult	2.5	0.5
Sutton Coldfield	Youth 11v11	0	0
Sutton Coldfield	Youth 9v9	1.5	1.5



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Analysis area	Pitch type	Current supply/ demand balance (match equivalent sessions)	Potential supply/ demand balance (match equivalent sessions)
Sutton Coldfield	Mini 7v7	1.5	2
Sutton Coldfield	Mini 5v5	2.5	2.5
Ladywood	Adult	1	1
Ladywood	Youth 11v11	0	0
Ladywood	Youth 9v9	0	0.5
Ladywood	Mini 7v7	0	1
Ladywood	Mini 5v5	0	1
Perry Barr	Adult	0.5	2
Perry Barr	Youth 11v11	0	0
Perry Barr	Youth 9v9	0	1
Perry Barr	Mini 7v7	0	1
Perry Barr	Mini 5v5	0	0
Edgbaston	Adult	0.5	0.5
Edgbaston	Youth 11v11	4	3
Edgbaston	Youth 9v9	1	0
Edgbaston	Mini 7v7	1	1
Edgbaston	Mini 5v5	0	1
Northfield	Adult	2.5	2.5
Northfield	Youth 11v11	0	0
Northfield	Youth 9v9	0.5	0.5
Northfield	Mini 7v7	0	1
Northfield	Mini 5v5	0	0
Selly Oak	Adult	3.5	1
Selly Oak	Youth 11v11	2	0
Selly Oak	Youth 9v9	3	2
Selly Oak	Mini 7v7	0	1
Selly Oak	Mini 5v5	0	0.5
Hall Green	Adult	0.5	1
Hall Green	Youth 11v11	0	0
Hall Green	Youth 9v9	0	0
Hall Green	Mini 7v7	0	0
Hall Green	Mini 5v5	0	0
Hodge Hill	Adult	1	0
Hodge Hill	Youth 11v11	0	0
Hodge Hill	Youth 9v9	2.5	2.5
Hodge Hill	Mini 7v7	1	2
Hodge Hill	Mini 5v5	0	1
Yardley	Adult	0	0
Yardley	Youth 11v11	6	6
Yardley	Youth 9v9	3.5	2.5
Yardley	Mini 7v7	1	2.5
Yardley	Mini 5v5	2	2
<b>Birmingham</b>	<b>Adult</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>8.5</b>
<b>Birmingham</b>	<b>Youth 11v11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Birmingham</b>	<b>Youth 9v9</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Birmingham</b>	<b>Mini 7v7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>14.5</b>
<b>Birmingham</b>	<b>Mini 5v5</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>

In addition, the future shortfall across Birmingham of adult match equivalent sessions would be eradicated, whilst the shortfalls of youth 11v11 and youth 9v9 capacity would be reduced as shown below.

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Table 4.10: Future supply and demand with tenure secured at all sites

Pitch type	Future total demand (match equivalent sessions per week)	Potential future total demand (match equivalent sessions per week)
Adult	13	0.5
Youth 11v11	21	18
Youth 9v9	6.5	2
Mini 7v7	1.5	11
Mini 5v5	4	8.5

### Bringing disused pitches back into use

There are 27 sites that are either active sites which previously accommodated grass football pitches, or that are now completely disused. The impact of bringing all football pitches back into use across these sites is shown in the table below, based on what was supplied at the venues prior to them falling out of use. As seen, although some localised shortfalls will remain, spare capacity would be created across Birmingham as a whole on all pitch types.

Table 4.11: Impact of bringing disused pitches back into use

Analysis area	Pitch type	Current supply/ demand balance (match equivalent sessions)	Potential supply/ demand balance (match equivalent sessions)
Erdington	Adult	1	3
Erdington	Youth 11v11	0	1
Erdington	Youth 9v9	1.5	3.5
Erdington	Mini 7v7	1.5	2.5
Erdington	Mini 5v5	2.5	2.5
Sutton Coldfield	Adult	2.5	0.5
Sutton Coldfield	Youth 11v11	0	3
Sutton Coldfield	Youth 9v9	1.5	1.5
Sutton Coldfield	Mini 7v7	1.5	2.5
Sutton Coldfield	Mini 5v5	2.5	5.5
Ladywood	Adult	1	1
Ladywood	Youth 11v11	0	1
Ladywood	Youth 9v9	0	0
Ladywood	Mini 7v7	0	0
Ladywood	Mini 5v5	0	0
Perry Barr	Adult	0.5	8.5
Perry Barr	Youth 11v11	0	2
Perry Barr	Youth 9v9	0	1
Perry Barr	Mini 7v7	0	2
Perry Barr	Mini 5v5	0	0
Edgbaston	Adult	0.5	5.5
Edgbaston	Youth 11v11	4	4
Edgbaston	Youth 9v9	1	1
Edgbaston	Mini 7v7	1	1
Edgbaston	Mini 5v5	0	0
Northfield	Adult	2.5	2.5
Northfield	Youth 11v11	0	0

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Analysis area	Pitch type	Current supply/ demand balance (match equivalent sessions)	Potential supply/ demand balance (match equivalent sessions)
Northfield	Youth 9v9	0.5	0.5
Northfield	Mini 7v7	0	0
Northfield	Mini 5v5	0	0
Selly Oak	Adult	3.5	1.5
Selly Oak	Youth 11v11	2	2
Selly Oak	Youth 9v9	3	3
Selly Oak	Mini 7v7	0	0
Selly Oak	Mini 5v5	0	0
Hall Green	Adult	0.5	0.5
Hall Green	Youth 11v11	0	0
Hall Green	Youth 9v9	0	0
Hall Green	Mini 7v7	0	0
Hall Green	Mini 5v5	0	0
Hodge Hill	Adult	1	3
Hodge Hill	Youth 11v11	0	5
Hodge Hill	Youth 9v9	2.5	2.5
Hodge Hill	Mini 7v7	1	5
Hodge Hill	Mini 5v5	0	1
Yardley	Adult	0	6
Yardley	Youth 11v11	6	5
Yardley	Youth 9v9	3.5	3.5
Yardley	Mini 7v7	1	3
Yardley	Mini 5v5	2	3
<b>Birmingham</b>	<b>Adult</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>24.5</b>
<b>Birmingham</b>	<b>Youth 11v11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Birmingham</b>	<b>Youth 9v9</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>1.5</b>
<b>Birmingham</b>	<b>Mini 7v7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Birmingham</b>	<b>Mini 5v5</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>12</b>

In addition, the future shortfall across Birmingham of adult match equivalent sessions would be eradicated, whilst the shortfalls of youth 11v11 and youth 9v9 capacity would be reduced as shown below.

Table 4.12: Future supply and demand with disused sites brought back into use

Pitch type	Future total demand (match equivalent sessions per week)	Potential future total demand (match equivalent sessions per week)
Adult	13	16.5
Youth 11v11	21	8
Youth 9v9	6.5	3.5
Mini 7v7	1.5	11.5
Mini 5v5	4	9

Actioning all of the above scenarios

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Via a combination of improving pitch quality, securing tenure and bringing disused sites back into use, all current shortfalls in Birmingham would be alleviated, both City-wide and on an analysis area basis.

Table 4.13: Impact of improving quality, securing tenure and bringing disused pitches back

Analysis area	Pitch type	Current supply/ demand balance (match equivalent sessions)	Potential supply/ demand balance (match equivalent sessions)
Erdington	Adult	1	15
Erdington	Youth 11v11	0	1
Erdington	Youth 9v9	1.5	3.5
Erdington	Mini 7v7	1.5	8
Erdington	Mini 5v5	2.5	2.5
Sutton Coldfield	Adult	2.5	6.5
Sutton Coldfield	Youth 11v11	0	3
Sutton Coldfield	Youth 9v9	1.5	3.5
Sutton Coldfield	Mini 7v7	1.5	3
Sutton Coldfield	Mini 5v5	2.5	5.5
Ladywood	Adult	1	1
Ladywood	Youth 11v11	0	1
Ladywood	Youth 9v9	0	0.5
Ladywood	Mini 7v7	0	1
Ladywood	Mini 5v5	0	1
Perry Barr	Adult	0.5	13.5
Perry Barr	Youth 11v11	0	4
Perry Barr	Youth 9v9	0	2
Perry Barr	Mini 7v7	0	2
Perry Barr	Mini 5v5	0	0
Edgbaston	Adult	0.5	8.5
Edgbaston	Youth 11v11	4	1
Edgbaston	Youth 9v9	1	1
Edgbaston	Mini 7v7	1	1
Edgbaston	Mini 5v5	0	1
Northfield	Adult	2.5	2.5
Northfield	Youth 11v11	0	0
Northfield	Youth 9v9	0.5	0.5
Northfield	Mini 7v7	0	1
Northfield	Mini 5v5	0	0
Selly Oak	Adult	3.5	10
Selly Oak	Youth 11v11	2	6
Selly Oak	Youth 9v9	3	0
Selly Oak	Mini 7v7	0	1
Selly Oak	Mini 5v5	0	3.5
Hall Green	Adult	0.5	5
Hall Green	Youth 11v11	0	0
Hall Green	Youth 9v9	0	0
Hall Green	Mini 7v7	0	0
Hall Green	Mini 5v5	0	0
Hodge Hill	Adult	1	7
Hodge Hill	Youth 11v11	0	5
Hodge Hill	Youth 9v9	2.5	2.5
Hodge Hill	Mini 7v7	1	6

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Analysis area	Pitch type	Current supply/ demand balance (match equivalent sessions)	Potential supply/ demand balance (match equivalent sessions)
Hodge Hill	Mini 5v5	0	2
Yardley	Adult	0	8
Yardley	Youth 11v11	6	5
Yardley	Youth 9v9	3.5	2.5
Yardley	Mini 7v7	1	4.5
Yardley	Mini 5v5	2	3
<b>Birmingham</b>	<b>Adult</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>71.5</b>
<b>Birmingham</b>	<b>Youth 11v11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>Birmingham</b>	<b>Youth 9v9</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Birmingham</b>	<b>Mini 7v7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>28.5</b>
<b>Birmingham</b>	<b>Mini 5v5</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>15</b>

Furthermore, all identified future shortfalls across the City would also be eradicated, with considerable spare capacity created on each pitch type as shown below.

Table 4.14: Future supply and demand if all scenarios were actioned

Pitch type	Future total demand (match equivalent sessions)	Potential future total demand (match equivalent sessions)
Adult	13	63.5
Youth 11v11	21	15
Youth 9v9	6.5	11
Mini 7v7	1.5	23
Mini 5v5	4	12

### Accounting for club future demand aspirations

During consultation, 17 clubs report aspirations to increase its number of teams that they provide, equating to a predicted growth of 70 teams. This has previously been discounted from calculations as it is considered to be more aspirational than future growth predicted via population growth; however, if such demand is realised, spare capacity would no longer exist on mini 5v5 pitches, whilst shortfalls would worsen on adult, youth 11v11 and youth 9v9 pitches. Spare capacity would, however, still remain on mini 7v7 pitches.

Table 4.15: Supply and demand with club future demand aspirations accounted for

Analysis area	Pitch type	Current supply/ demand balance (match equivalent sessions)	Potential supply/ demand balance (match equivalent sessions)
Erdington	Adult	1	3.5
Erdington	Youth 11v11	0	1.5
Erdington	Youth 9v9	1.5	2
Erdington	Mini 7v7	1.5	1.5
Erdington	Mini 5v5	2.5	0.5
Sutton Coldfield	Adult	2.5	2.5
Sutton Coldfield	Youth 11v11	0	1
Sutton Coldfield	Youth 9v9	1.5	0.5
Sutton Coldfield	Mini 7v7	1.5	1.5

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Analysis area	Pitch type	Current supply/ demand balance (match equivalent sessions)	Potential supply/ demand balance (match equivalent sessions)
Sutton Coldfield	Mini 5v5	2.5	1.5
Ladywood	Adult	1	1
Ladywood	Youth 11v11	0	1
Ladywood	Youth 9v9	0	0.5
Ladywood	Mini 7v7	0	0
Ladywood	Mini 5v5	0	0
Perry Barr	Adult	0.5	0.5
Perry Barr	Youth 11v11	0	0
Perry Barr	Youth 9v9	0	0
Perry Barr	Mini 7v7	0	0
Perry Barr	Mini 5v5	0	1
Edgbaston	Adult	0.5	0.5
Edgbaston	Youth 11v11	4	4
Edgbaston	Youth 9v9	1	1
Edgbaston	Mini 7v7	1	0
Edgbaston	Mini 5v5	0	0
Northfield	Adult	2.5	2.5
Northfield	Youth 11v11	0	0
Northfield	Youth 9v9	0.5	0.5
Northfield	Mini 7v7	0	0
Northfield	Mini 5v5	0	0
Selly Oak	Adult	3.5	5.5
Selly Oak	Youth 11v11	2	3
Selly Oak	Youth 9v9	3	4
Selly Oak	Mini 7v7	0	0.5
Selly Oak	Mini 5v5	0	2
Hall Green	Adult	0.5	1
Hall Green	Youth 11v11	0	0
Hall Green	Youth 9v9	0	0
Hall Green	Mini 7v7	0	0
Hall Green	Mini 5v5	0	0.5
Hodge Hill	Adult	1	2
Hodge Hill	Youth 11v11	0	2
Hodge Hill	Youth 9v9	2.5	0.5
Hodge Hill	Mini 7v7	1	1
Hodge Hill	Mini 5v5	0	2.5
Yardley	Adult	0	0
Yardley	Youth 11v11	6	7.5
Yardley	Youth 9v9	3.5	4
Yardley	Mini 7v7	1	1
Yardley	Mini 5v5	2	1
<b>Birmingham</b>	<b>Adult</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Birmingham</b>	<b>Youth 11v11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>Birmingham</b>	<b>Youth 9v9</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Birmingham</b>	<b>Mini 7v7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4.5</b>
<b>Birmingham</b>	<b>Mini 5v5</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>

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However, carrying out the scenarios previously referenced would still be sufficient to accommodate this level of growth across Birmingham as a whole. That being said, small localised shortfalls would again be apparent in Erdington (youth 11v11 and mini 5v5 pitches), Perry Barr (mini 5v5 pitches), Hall Green (mini 5v5 pitches), Northfield (youth 9v9 pitches), Selly Oak (youth 9v9 pitches) and Hodge Hill (mini 5v5 pitches).

*Table 4.16: Impact of future demand aspirations in addition to actioning other scenarios*

Analysis area	Pitch type	Current supply/ demand balance (match equivalent sessions)	Potential supply/ demand balance (match equivalent sessions)
Erdington	Adult	3.5	12.5
Erdington	Youth 11v11	1.5	0.5
Erdington	Youth 9v9	2	0
Erdington	Mini 7v7	1.5	8
Erdington	Mini 5v5	0.5	0.5
Sutton Coldfield	Adult	2.5	6.5
Sutton Coldfield	Youth 11v11	1	2
Sutton Coldfield	Youth 9v9	1	3
Sutton Coldfield	Mini 7v7	1.5	3
Sutton Coldfield	Mini 5v5	1.5	4.5
Ladywood	Adult	1	1
Ladywood	Youth 11v11	1	0
Ladywood	Youth 9v9	0.5	0
Ladywood	Mini 7v7	0	1
Ladywood	Mini 5v5	0	1
Perry Barr	Adult	0.5	13.5
Perry Barr	Youth 11v11	0	4
Perry Barr	Youth 9v9	0	2
Perry Barr	Mini 7v7	0	2
Perry Barr	Mini 5v5	1	1
Edgbaston	Adult	0.5	8.5
Edgbaston	Youth 11v11	4	1
Edgbaston	Youth 9v9	1	1
Edgbaston	Mini 7v7	0	0
Edgbaston	Mini 5v5	0	1
Northfield	Adult	2.5	2.5
Northfield	Youth 11v11	0	0
Northfield	Youth 9v9	0.5	0.5
Northfield	Mini 7v7	0	1
Northfield	Mini 5v5	0	0
Selly Oak	Adult	5.5	8
Selly Oak	Youth 11v11	3	5
Selly Oak	Youth 9v9	4	1
Selly Oak	Mini 7v7	0.5	0.5
Selly Oak	Mini 5v5	2	1.5
Hall Green	Adult	1	4.5
Hall Green	Youth 11v11	0	0
Hall Green	Youth 9v9	0	0
Hall Green	Mini 7v7	0	0
Hall Green	Mini 5v5	0.5	0.5
Hodge Hill	Adult	2	6
Hodge Hill	Youth 11v11	2	3
Hodge Hill	Youth 9v9	0.5	0.5

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Analysis area	Pitch type	Current supply/ demand balance (match equivalent sessions)	Potential supply/ demand balance (match equivalent sessions)
Hodge Hill	Mini 7v7	1	6
Hodge Hill	Mini 5v5	2.5	0.5
Yardley	Adult	0	8
Yardley	Youth 11v11	7.5	3.5
Yardley	Youth 9v9	4	2
Yardley	Mini 7v7	1	4.5
Yardley	Mini 5v5	2	3
<b>Birmingham</b>	<b>Adult</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>67.5</b>
<b>Birmingham</b>	<b>Youth 11v11</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>Birmingham</b>	<b>Youth 9v9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>7.5</b>
<b>Birmingham</b>	<b>Mini 7v7</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>Birmingham</b>	<b>Mini 5v5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>

Where shortfalls do remain or develop, this could be alleviated through pitch re-configuration, utilising the spare capacity that has been created. Alternatively, increased usage of existing or new 3G pitches could be sought to enable the transfer of demand away from grass pitches. As such, this would result in there being no requirement for new pitches to be established (other than those that may be needed to, for example, support housing growth).

### **Recommendations**

- ◀ Protect existing quantity of pitches and ensure any existing and future proposals provide replacement provision in line with national planning policy.
- ◀ Improve pitch quality with a focus on overplayed pitches and pitches assessed as poor quality.
- ◀ Utilise the Football Foundation's PitchPower app to assist in the improvement and ongoing maintenance of provision.
- ◀ Provide security of tenure at sites, with a focus on those currently in use by clubs.
- ◀ Seek to gain community access to sites currently unavailable for community use.
- ◀ On a case-by-case basis, consider bringing disused provision back into use, providing there is clear localised demand for the provision.
- ◀ Consider pitch re-configuration where the capacity of one pitch type can be used to reduce shortfalls of another and where it can better accommodate what demand is received.
- ◀ Improve ancillary facilities where there is a demand to do so and where it can benefit the wider footballing offer.
- ◀ Where appropriate, develop partnerships and/or lease arrangements with large, sustainable, development-minded clubs to manage their own sites.
- ◀ Ensure clubs can progress through the football pyramid.
- ◀ Ensure that any large housing developments are provided for and assess the need for new pitch provision through master planning on an individual basis.
- ◀ Where a housing development is not of a size to justify on-site football provision, consider using contributions to improve existing sites within the locality.
- ◀ Where a development is of a size to justify on-site football provision, focus on the creation of multi-pitch sites that reduce existing shortfalls.

### **Third generation turf (3G) pitches**

#### **Assessment Report summary**



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### **3G – supply and demand summary**

- ◀ Based on current demand, there is a shortfall of 3G pitches to meet football training requirements, although this is relatively minimal and could be met via pitches with planning consent.
- ◀ Localised shortfalls may remain (deficits are identified in Sutton Coldfield, Perry Barr, Hall Green and Hodge Hill) as well as additional shortfalls identified via future demand.
- ◀ There is evidence to warrant the creation of additional World Rugby compliant 3G provision given the grass pitch shortfalls evident as this could be a solution to alleviating the deficits.
- ◀ For other sports, rugby league activity needs to be considered as part of future proposals at Alexander Stadium, whilst long-term access for the existing demand at Avery Fields (Sports & Events) and the University of Birmingham (Bournbrook) needs to be ensured.

### **3G – supply summary**

- ◀ In total, there are 21 full size and 45 smaller sized 3G pitches identified in Birmingham, although four full size and eight smaller sized pitches are unavailable for community use.
- ◀ All of the full size pitches are serviced by sports lighting (three smaller size are not).
- ◀ A 3G conversion of the sand-based AGP at Castle Vale Football Stadium is taking place, whilst planning permission has been granted to replace one of the grass pitches at the Transport Stadium with a full size 3G pitch.
- ◀ King Edward VI Sheldon Heath Academy has planning permission for a full size 3G pitch.
- ◀ Aston Villa FC is to create two full size 3G pitches at Brookvale (Witton Road/Tame Road) as part of the development of a new Academy, whilst Shenley Academy has a 3G proposal which has entered into the Football Foundation's framework.
- ◀ Full size 3G aspirations also exist at Bishop Walsh Catholic School, The Priory School (Edgbaston), Shard End No 6 Playing Fields.
- ◀ Section 106 contributions have also been secured (but not delivered) for 3G developments at George Dixon Academy and Senneleys Park and/or Bartley Green Community Centre.
- ◀ Smaller sized pitches are to be established at King Edward VI Handsworth Wood Girls' Academy and Joseph Chamberlain College.
- ◀ 11 of the 21 full size 3G pitches are either FA or FIFA certified, in addition to the smaller sized pitch at Aston University (The Doug Ellis Woodcock Sports Centre).
- ◀ There are currently three World Rugby compliant 3G pitches within the City, located at University of Birmingham (Bournbrook), Avery Fields (Sports & Events) and Hodge Hill College, whilst the pitch at Moseley Rugby Club also now meets the specification.
- ◀ For the full size 3G pitches, there are ten good quality pitches (48%), nine standard quality pitches (43%) and two poor quality pitches identified (9%).

### **3G – demand summary**

- ◀ The 3G pitches currently servicing Birmingham are broadly reported to be operating at or close to capacity at peak times, especially during winter months.
- ◀ This applies not only to midweek training capacity but also to weekend capacity on account of 11 of the full size pitches being FA approved to host competitive matches, with 228 affiliated football teams currently registered as using the provision for regular match play.
- ◀ Some rugby union activity has been identified as well, with the pitch at Avery Fields (Sports & Events) used by Bournville RFC, the pitch at University of Birmingham (Bournbrook) used by the University's teams and the pitch at Moseley Rugby Club used by both Moseley Oak RFC and Moseley RFC.
- ◀ Rugby league and American football demand is identified at Avery Fields (Sports & Events), whilst a variety of sports are utilising the pitch at University of Birmingham (Bournbrook), the majority of which stems from the University itself.
- ◀ It must also be noted that Midlands Hurricanes RLFC is currently utilising the infield of the warm-up track at Alexander Stadium given 3G aspirations at the site.
- ◀ Unmet demand is expressed, with 23 responding football clubs stating that additional 3G pitches are required to better cater for their training requirements, although around 83% of teams are being adequately provided for, and unmet demand has reduced since 2017.
- ◀ If future demand from population projections (and/or club aspirations) is realised, this will further increase 3G requirements for football, rugby union and rugby league.

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## Scenarios

### Accommodating football training demand

If all teams were to utilise 3G pitches to accommodate their training demand (based on the FA's model of one full size pitch being able to cater for 38 teams) there is a need for 21 full size 3G pitch equivalents in Birmingham (rounded down from 21.11). This means a current shortfall of three full size 3G pitch equivalents based on the current supply.

Table 4.17: Current demand for 3G pitches in Birmingham (based on 38 teams per pitch)

Current number of teams	Current 3G pitch requirement <sup>3</sup>	Current number of full size adult 3G pitch equivalents <sup>4</sup>	Current shortfall
802	21	18	<b>3</b>

Alternatively, the table below considers the number of 3G pitches required if every team was to remain training within the respective analysis area that they play in. This shows an overall shortfall of seven full size 3G pitches and identifies that there are specific shortfalls within Sutton Coldfield, Perry Barr, Selly Oak and Hodge Hill. The remaining analysis areas have sufficient capacity of 3G provision to meet the current levels of demand, with some theoretically over-supplied (Hall Green, Ladywood, Edgbaston and Northfield).

Table 4.18: Current demand for 3G pitches in Birmingham by analysis area

Analysis area	Current number of teams	Current 3G pitch requirement <sup>5</sup>	Current number of full size adult 3G pitch equivalents	Current shortfall
Erdington	99	2.5	2.5	-
Sutton Coldfield	217	5.75	3.75	<b>2</b>
Ladywood	8	0.25	2	-
Perry Barr	78	2.25	-	<b>2.25</b>
Edgbaston	100	2.75	3.75	-
Northfield	26	0.75	1	-
Selly Oak	131	3.5	1.5	<b>2</b>
Hall Green	20	0.5	1	-
Hodge Hill	65	1.75	1	<b>0.75</b>
Yardley	58	1.5	1.5	-

A visual representation of the above can be seen in the figure below. This shows where the shortfalls and surpluses are located in proximity to each other as it is possible for an oversupply in some of the areas to meet a shortfall in adjacent areas. It is also identifies where the location of existing pitches are to aid with this (via site IDs).

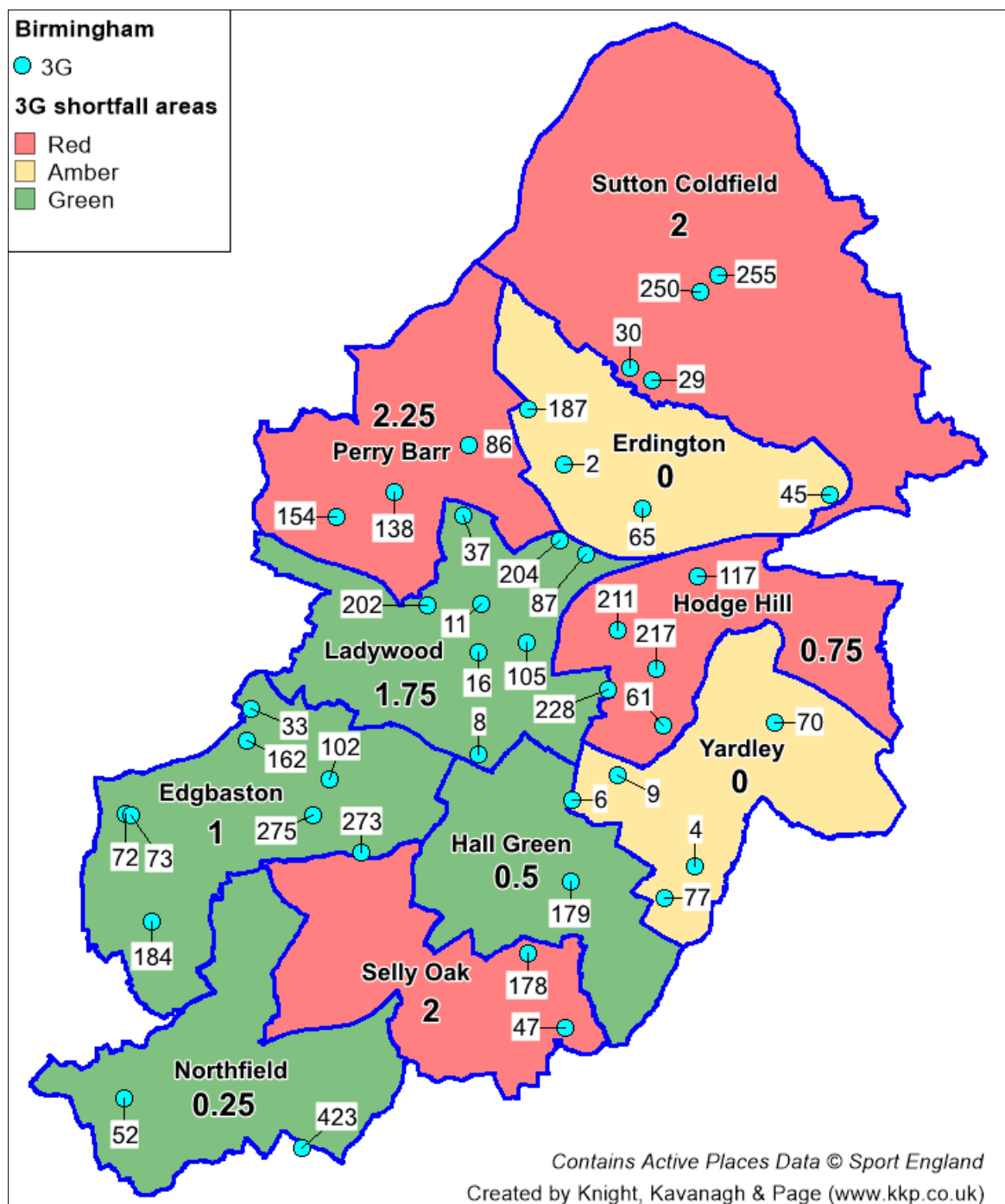
<sup>3</sup> Rounded to the nearest 0.25

<sup>4</sup> Discounts pitches unavailable for community use and without sports lighting

<sup>5</sup> Rounded to the nearest 0.25

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Figure 4.1: Current supply/demand balance for 3G pitches by analysis area<sup>6</sup>



The large oversupply in Ladywood could satisfy the deficit in Hodge Hill, particularly the pitch at North Birmingham Academy (Site ID: 105) given its proximity to the area (it is approximately 15 minutes drive time from the centre). It could also meet some demand in Perry Barr, although none of the existing pitches within Ladywood in close proximity are full size.

<sup>6</sup> The numbers for the existing 3G pitches refer to the Site IDs.

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The oversupply in Edgbaston and Hall Green could meet some of the demand from Selly Oak, with pitches located at Moseley School Health & Fitness (Site ID: 179) and both University of Birmingham campuses (Site ID: 273 and Site ID: 275) located nearby. The shortfall identified in Sutton Coldfield seemingly has no other way of being reduced without new pitches being supplied.

When pitches with planning consent are factored in at Aston Villa FC (Witton Road/Tame Road), Castle Vale Football Stadium, King Edward VI Sheldon Heath Academy and Transport Stadium, the overall shortfall across Birmingham will be alleviated. However, some localised shortfalls will remain in Sutton Coldfield, Perry Barr, Selly Oak and Hodge Hill.

Table 4.19: Demand for 3G pitches by analysis area including pitches with planning consent

Analysis area	Current number of teams	Current 3G pitch requirement <sup>7</sup>	Current number of full size adult 3G pitch equivalents	3G adult pitch equivalents with planning consent	Potential shortfall
Erdington	99	2.5	2.5	1	-
Sutton Coldfield	217	5.75	3.75	-	<b>2</b>
Ladywood	8	0.25	2	1	-
Perry Barr	78	2.25	-	-	<b>2.25</b>
Edgbaston	100	2.75	3.75	-	-
Northfield	26	0.75	1	-	-
Selly Oak	131	3.5	1.5	1	<b>1</b>
Hall Green	20	0.5	1	-	-
Hodge Hill	65	1.75	1	-	<b>0.75</b>
Yardley	58	1.5	1.5	1	-

An increase in provision reduces the shortfall in Selly Oak to one pitch. Furthermore, additional provision in Ladywood and Yardley can be used to further meet excess demand from Perry Barr and Hodge Hill, whilst a theoretical oversupply will also be established in Erdington. This could be used to meet some demand from Sutton Coldfield, although a shortfall will undoubtedly remain.

This is further represented below.

<sup>7</sup> Rounded to the nearest 0.25

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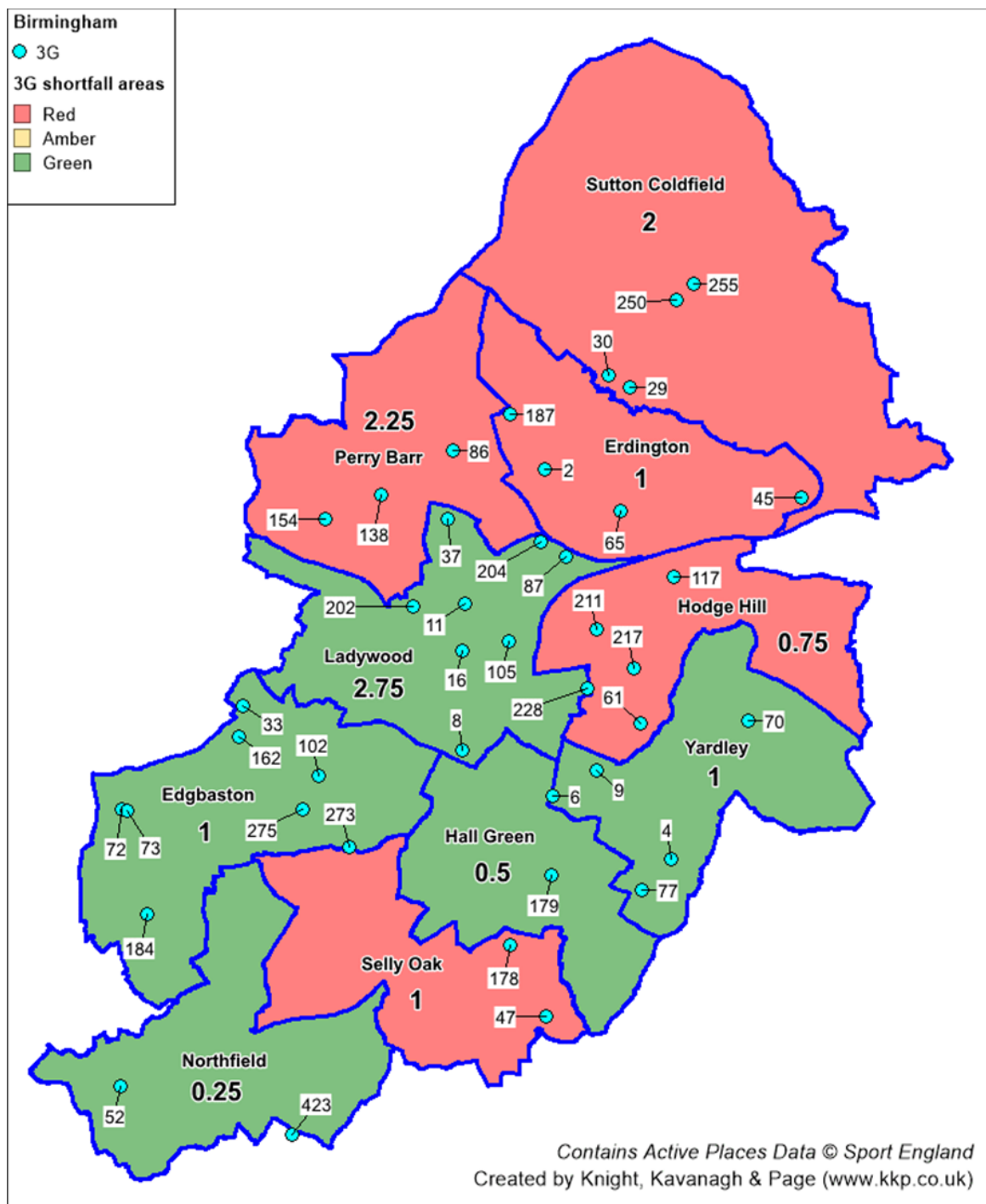


Figure 4.2: Supply/demand balance for 3G pitches including pitches with consent<sup>8</sup>

When factoring in future demand from club consultation, demand for 3G pitches across Birmingham remains relatively unaltered. However, there would be an increased need in Selly Oak, Erdington and Hodge Hill if all growth was to be realised, as shown in the table below. A small shortfall would be created in Erdington, whilst the shortfall will marginally increase in the other two areas.

Future demand from clubs has not previously been factored in as this is seen as being more aspirational.

<sup>8</sup> The numbers for the existing 3G pitches refer to the Site IDs.

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Table 4.20: Future demand for 3G pitches (club aspirations)

Analysis area	Future number of teams	Potential future 3G pitch requirement <sup>9</sup>	Current number of full size adult 3G pitch equivalents	Potential future shortfall
Erdington	120	3	2.5	0.5
Sutton Coldfield	223	5.75	3.75	2
Ladywood	11	0.25	2	-
Perry Barr	80	2.25	-	2.25
Edgbaston	102	2.75	3.75	-
Northfield	26	0.75	1	-
Selly Oak	144	3.75	1.5	2.25
Hall Green	22	0.5	1	-
Hodge Hill	80	2	1	1
Yardley	62	1.5	1.5	-

It remains likely that the shortfalls in most of the analysis areas can be met via an oversupply elsewhere and/or through the consented pitches, other than in Sutton Coldfield and potentially Perry Barr.

### Moving football match play demand to 3G pitches

In Birmingham, currently 189 affiliated teams are registered as using 3G pitches for regular match play, which is a relatively large number. To increase such demand, the FA is particularly keen to work with local authorities to understand the potential demand for full size 3G pitches should all competitive matches that are currently played on council pitches be transferred. At peak time for each format of play, this applies to 78 teams in Birmingham.

Table 4.21: Number of teams currently using council pitches

Pitch type	Pitch size	Peak period	No. of teams
Adult	11v11	Sunday AM	9
Youth	11v11	Sunday AM	36
Youth	9v9	Sunday AM	19
Mini	7v7	Sunday AM	7
Mini	5v5	Sunday AM	7
<b>Total</b>			<b>78</b>

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

<sup>9</sup> Rounded to the nearest 0.25

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Table 4.22: Full size 3G pitches required for the transfer of council pitch demand

Format	No. of teams at peak time	No. of matches at peak time	No. of 3G units required per match <sup>10</sup>	Total 3G units required	No. of 3G pitches required
Adult	9	4.5	32	144	2.25
Youth 11v11	36	18	32	576	9
Youth 9v9	19	9.5	10	95	1.48
Mini 7v7	7	3.5	8	28	0.44
Mini 5v5	7	3.5	4	14	0.22

In total, 13 full size 3G pitches would be required to accommodate all matches played on council pitches. As this is more than the number of pitches currently provided, it is considered that the current stock could achieve this scenario, if programmed efficiently.

An alternative approach to consider is the transfer of all mini football from grass to 3G pitches. As such, the table below tests a scenario that would enable all mini 5v5 and mini 7v7 football to transfer based on a programme of play at current peak time (Sunday AM).

Table 4.23: Moving all mini matches to 3G pitches

Time	AGP	Total games/teams
9.30am – 10.30am	4 x 5v5	4/8
10.30am – 11.30am	2 x 7v7	2/4
11.30am – 12.30pm	2 x 7v7	2/4
12.30pm – 1.30pm	2 x 7v7	2/4

Based on the above programming and separate start times for the formats, the overall need is for 10 full size 3G pitches to accommodate all current mini match play demand. This is calculated based on 78 teams playing 5v5 football and 118 teams playing 7v7 football. Again, this could be accommodated on the current supply of pitches, with considerable spare capacity to also cater for other forms of demand.

Based on the above, there is no clear requirement to increase the number of 3G pitches to accommodate match play demand, with the existing stock able to achieve appropriate targets. Focus should therefore be placed on maximising usage of the current pitches and any new pitches that are installed to alleviate training shortfalls.

### *Increasing the supply of full size 3G pitches*

Based on the previous scenarios, outside of existing pitches and pitches with existing planning consent, there is no clear need for additional developments, other than to service Sutton Coldfield and potentially Perry Barr. This is because other localised shortfalls can be met through a theoretical oversupply of pitches in neighbouring analysis areas, as summarised below.

<sup>10</sup> Based on how pitches are split within a full size 3G pitch

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Table 4.24: Summary of new 3G pitch requirements

Analysis area	Current supply/ demand balance	Comments
Erdington	0	Demand is currently being met, and a small future shortfall will be met via the consented pitch at Castle Vale Football Stadium.
Sutton Coldfield	2	A shortfall of 2 pitches, with no adjacent analysis areas able to meet this based on current supply. A future oversupply in Erdington could reduce the deficit but not fully.
Ladywood	1.75	An oversupply of 1.75 pitches, increasing to 2.75 pitches when including pitches with planning consent. This surplus should be used to meet demand from Hodge Hill and, although less capable, Perry Barr.
Perry Barr	2.25	A shortfall of 2.25 pitches that could be partly met through provision in Ladywood, although no existing pitches are located that closely. Given the level of need there, is a need for additional provision.
Edgbaston	1	An oversupply of one pitch that can be used to reduce shortfalls in Selly Oak.
Northfield	0.25	A minimal oversupply.
Selly Oak	2	A shortfall of two pitches, although this reduces to one when factoring in pitches with planning consent. This could be met through provision in Edgbaston and Hall Green.
Hall Green	0.5	A small oversupply that could be used to meet some demand from Selly Oak.
Hodge Hill	0.75	A small shortfall that can be met via an oversupply in Ladywood and, factoring in pitches with planning consent, Yardley. The shortfall may marginally increase if club growth aspirations are realised, although this could still be met elsewhere.
Yardley	0	Demand is being met, although factoring in pitches with planning consent will result in a theoretical oversupply of one pitch. This could be used to alleviate shortfalls in Hodge Hill.

Notwithstanding the above, it must be noted that there are several proposals and aspirations in place for additional 3G pitches. This includes full size pitch plans at the following sites:

- ✦ Alexander Stadium
- ✦ Bishop Walsh Catholic School
- ✦ George Dixon Academy
- ✦ Senneleys Park and/or Bartley Green Community Centre (two pitches)
- ✦ Shard End No 6 Playing Fields
- ✦ Shenley Academy
- ✦ Signal Hayes (land to the rear of Sutton Rugby Club)



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- ◀ The Pavilion
- ◀ The Priory School (Edgbaston)

The table below explores what impact these developments would have across Birmingham, if they all came to fruition.

*Table 4.25: Demand for 3G pitches by analysis area based on existing aspirations*

Analysis area	Current number of teams	Current 3G pitch requirement <sup>11</sup>	Current number of full size 3G pitch equivalents including those with planning consent	3G pitch proposals/aspirations	Potential shortfall
Erdington	99	2.5	3.5	-	-
Sutton Coldfield	217	5.75	3.75	2	-
Ladywood	8	0.25	3	-	-
Perry Barr	78	2.25	-	2	-
Edgbaston	100	2.75	3.75	4	-
Northfield	26	0.75	1	-	-
Selly Oak	131	3.5	2.5	-	<b>1</b>
Hall Green	20	0.5	1	-	-
Hodge Hill	65	1.75	1	1	-
Yardley	58	1.5	2.5	-	-

In addition, there is a further proposal to potentially develop 3G provision as part of the Langley Sustainable Urban Extension, in Sutton Coldfield, with this currently having a resolution to grant outline planning consent and with a S106 agreement being negotiated. Although some way off, this would also add to the supply, particularly to meet the needs of the related housing growth in the area.

As seen in Table 4.25, existing shortfalls would be eradicated in Sutton Coldfield, Perry Barr and Hodge Hill, with only Selly Oak still expressing a shortfall. However, that is not to say that each aspiration should be supported as a large oversupply would be created (or increased) in some analysis areas, particularly Edgbaston. Across Birmingham, 32 full size 3G pitch equivalents would be provided, despite demand suggesting that 21.5 are required.

Notwithstanding the above, the proposals at both Bishop Walsh Catholic School and Signal Hayes both potentially warrant support due to the recognised shortfall in Sutton Coldfield, whilst plans at Castle Vale Football Stadium could also be warranted given that Erdington neighbours the area and could help meet its demand. This could also meet future demand in Erdington if club growth aspirations are realised.

The aspirations at Alexander Stadium and the Pavilion are also merited due to the shortfalls in Perry Barr.

There is no current evidence to suggest that any of the other proposals/aspirations warrant support at this time. However, they should nevertheless be judged on a case-by-case basis as and when a planning application is submitted. If a robust programme of use and business

<sup>11</sup> Rounded to the nearest 0.25

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plan is put forward, and if the proposals will not negatively impact upon the sustainability of existing pitches, development could still be feasible.

The above includes plans linked to George Dixon Academy and Senneleys Park / Bartley Green Community Centre, whereby Section 106 contributions have been secured (but not delivered) for 3G developments. These sites all reside in Edgbaston, where 3.75 full size pitches are already provided to meet demand for 2.75 pitches.

### *Unavailable 3G pitches*

There are currently four full size 3G pitches that are unavailable for community use and providing availability across this provision could reduce new pitch requirements.

A pitch at Heartlands Academy is unavailable. Securing access to this site would add to the supply in Ladywood, although modelling does not suggest that this is currently required. Nevertheless, it could help further meet demand in neighbouring areas (e.g., Hodge Hill and Perry Barr), although quality improvements are also needed (the pitch is poor).

A pitch at Hodge Hill College is unavailable. Bringing this into use would ensure that no new provision is required within Hodge Hill, although even the existing shortfall can likely be met via provision elsewhere.

The pitch at King Edward VI Handsworth Grammar School for Boys would lessen the requirement for a new pitch within Perry Barr if access could be secured. However, given the private nature of the site, this could be considered more unlikely than at other unavailable venues.

The final unavailable pitch is located at West Hills Training Ground. Gaining access to this site is not considered possible given that it is used by a professional club (Aston Villa FC).

### *World Rugby compliant 3G pitches*

There are currently four 3G pitches within Birmingham built to World Rugby specification, located at University of Birmingham (Bournbrook), Avery Fields (Sports & Events), Moseley Rugby Club and Hodge Hill College. The latter pitch, however, is not available for community use.

Given the rugby union grass pitch shortfalls identified across the City, further provision of World Rugby compliant 3G pitches would be warranted as a means to reducing the deficits. Focus should therefore be placed on accommodating demand from sites with shortfalls, such as Aston Old Edwardians Rugby Club, Sutton Rugby Club and Spring Lane Playing Fields. Pitches could be developed in situ for the host clubs, or nearby providing sufficient access was enabled.

When looking to provide World Rugby compliant pitches, this could be through developing provision primarily for rugby union, providing sufficient demand existed to ensure their sustainability. Alternatively, they could be established via a partnership approach with the Football Foundation, particularly where there is insufficient demand to warrant the creation of a pitch dedicated to football, as is the case for some of the previously referenced aspirations/proposals. However, this may also necessitate the need for more pitches as the outcomes for football would be reduced.

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For Sutton Rugby Club, the S106 funding that is available for land to its rear (known locally as Signal Hayes) could provide the means to establishing a 3G pitch for the Club as well as other rugby union and football clubs locally. This provides further evidence to warrant this, in addition to the previously referenced 3G shortfalls in the area.

### *Other sporting requirements*

Rugby league, American football, Ultimate frisbee, Aussie rules and lacrosse activity is currently recorded as taking place on 3G pitches at University of Birmingham (Bournbrook), Lordswood Girls School and Avery Fields (Sports & Events). It should be ensured that this access can continue and that any future demand can also be accommodated.

In addition, in light of 3G aspirations at Alexander Stadium, it must be noted that Midlands Hurricanes RLFC currently uses the grass pitch that is proposed for conversion. As such, any 3G pitch at the site should be built to a specification that can accommodate rugby league demand, with sufficient access for the Club then needing to be secured.

### **Recommendations**

- ◀ Protect current stock of 3G pitches.
- ◀ Ensure all 3G providers have a sinking fund in place for long-term sustainability and seek to resurface provision when it is required.
- ◀ Encourage more football match play demand to transfer to 3G pitches, where possible, particularly from council sites and for mini demand.
- ◀ Develop additional 3G pitches to alleviate identified shortfalls, with priority placed on establishing pitches in the Sutton Coldfield and Perry Barr (unless access can be secured at King Edward VI Handsworth Grammar School for Boys) analysis areas.
- ◀ Explore creation of 3G pitches that are both football and rugby appropriate when alleviating shortfalls or support the creation of additional 3G pitches above and beyond football training shortfalls if they can satisfy rugby demand.
- ◀ Ensure that any new 3G pitches are constructed to meet FA recommended dimensions (and RFU dimensions where required).
- ◀ Seek FIFA/FA testing of all existing and new 3G pitches so that they can be used for competitive football matches and ensure re-testing when it is required (every three years).
- ◀ For any pitches built to RFU/RFL specifications, seek World Rugby compliancy so that they can be used for full contact activity and ensure re-testing when it is required (every two years).
- ◀ Ensure that any new 3G pitches have community use agreements in place and seek to use this to also tie in access to grass pitch and other sporting provision, where relevant.
- ◀ Ensure continued access to 3G provision for other grass pitch sports where it is currently recorded.

### **Cricket squares**

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##### **Supply and demand summary**

- ◀ No actual spare capacity is identified at peak time for senior men's cricket (Saturday), whereas 60 match equivalent sessions exist on a Sunday and 80 match equivalent sessions midweek.
- ◀ In total, 13 sites are overplayed by a total of 560 match equivalent sessions a season, with a large proportion of this identified on the 13 poor quality squares at Perry Hall Playing Fields.
- ◀ Overall, there is currently an insufficient supply of cricket squares in Birmingham to cater for all forms of cricket (Saturday, Sunday and midweek), with future demand worsening the picture for both Saturday and midweek periods.

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## Supply summary

- ◀ In total, there are 65 grass wicket cricket squares in Birmingham provided across 44 sites, of which 57 squares are available for community use across 38 sites.
- ◀ There are a total of 36 active non-turf pitches (NTPs) across Birmingham with 13 accompanying grass wickets squares and the remaining 23 being standalone.
- ◀ There are also 18 sites that are either active sites which have previously accommodated cricket provision, or which are completely disused cricket sites.
- ◀ Bharat Parivar, Bournville, Sheldon Marlborough, Lyndworth and Moseley Ashfield cricket clubs are considered to have unsecure tenure.
- ◀ Usage at sites operated by the Council is currently subsidised, with concerns existing as to the impact of this being removed, particularly in regards to Perry Hall Playing Fields due to the quantity of squares provided and the demand received.
- ◀ 11 clubs also access secondary or even tertiary venues to meet their levels of demand.
- ◀ The audit of grass wicket cricket squares found 28 to be good quality, 21 to be standard quality and 16 squares to be poor quality (including 13 at Perry Hall Playing Fields).
- ◀ Only four sites have poor quality ancillary provision, with these being Stetchford Road Playing Fields, Spring Lane Playing Fields, Handsworth Park and Lyndworth Cricket Club.

## Demand summary

- ◀ There are 20 clubs playing in Birmingham which collectively provide 211 teams, equating to 91 senior men's, 10 senior women's and 110 junior teams.
- ◀ There has been an increase in demand since the previous study with some clubs seeing significant participation increases.
- ◀ A total of 13 clubs undertake All Stars cricket, whilst seven undertake Dynamo's and seven have women's softball demand.
- ◀ There are also substantial levels of additional demand for cricket, including Last Man Stands, the Birmingham Saturday T20 Cricket League, the Birmingham Cricket League and the Birmingham Local League.
- ◀ Sheldon Marlborough CC and Birmingham Unicorns CC currently plays fixtures outside of the City (exported demand).
- ◀ In total, 11 clubs report that the current provision is insufficient to meet their needs.
- ◀ Future demand from population forecasts equates to the predicted growth of eight senior men's and six junior teams (to 2042).

## Scenarios

### Improving quality

Although a regular, sufficient maintenance regime can sustain sites with minimal levels of overplay (e.g., at Highcroft Community Centre), a reduction in play is recommended to ensure there is no detrimental effect on quality over time. Nevertheless, attempts should be made to reduce identified overplay, although many clubs do not necessarily believe that there is an issue and are able to accommodate such demand.

Improving quality is one way to increase capacity, albeit some of the overplayed sites in Birmingham are already good quality. The impact of improving all overplayed squares to good quality is shown in the table below.

Table 4.26: Overplay if all overplayed squares were good quality

Site ID	Site name	No. of squares	Current quality	Current capacity rating (match equivalent sessions)	Good quality capacity rating (match equivalent sessions)
26	Bishop Vesey's Grammar School	3	Standard	4	15

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43	Calthorpe Park	1	Standard	19	13
75	Four Oaks Saints Cricket Club	1	Good	20	20
100	Handsworth Old Boys Football Club	1	Good	15	15
111	Highcroft Community Centre	1	Standard	1	10
119	Holdings Lane Complex	1	Poor	24	16
120	Holford Drive Community Sports Hub	1	Poor	9	16
164	Lyndworth Cricket Club	1	Poor	54	4
199	Perry Hall Playing Fields	2	Standard	5	7
199	Perry Hall Playing Fields	13	Poor	342	47
221	Sheldon Marlborough Cricket Club	1	Good	8	8
230	Spring Lane Playing Fields	2	Standard	18	6
407	Pickwick Cricket Club	1	Standard	8	3
408	Moseley Ashfield Cricket Club	1	Good	32	32

As seen, overplay would be eradicated and spare capacity produced at:

- ◀ Bishop Vesey's Grammar School
- ◀ Highcroft Community Centre
- ◀ Holdings Lane Complex
- ◀ Holford Drive Community Sports Hub
- ◀ Perry Hall Playing Fields
- ◀ Pickwick Cricket Club

Given the level of overplay currently received at Perry Hall Playing Fields (on account of 13 of its 15 squares being poor quality), focus should be placed on improving this site in particular as this would have a significant impact on reducing overall shortfalls. However, it should also be noted that the site is currently heavily used across both Saturdays and Sundays to the extent of being at saturation point. As such, despite quality improvements being able to alleviate overplay at the site, it is unlikely that any actual spare capacity will be created due to existing usage levels.

In addition to the sites listed above, improving quality would also reduce existing overplay on the squares at Calthorpe Park, Lyndworth Cricket Club and Spring Lane Playing Fields. However, as the squares at Four Oaks Saints Cricket Club Handsworth Old Boys Football Club, Sheldon Marlborough Cricket Club and Moseley Ashfield Cricket Club are already good quality, identified overplay at these sites would not change based on quality improvements alone.

In total, 462 match equivalent sessions of overplay would be alleviated. This would reduce current shortfalls for all forms of cricket, although some deficits would remain, as shown in the following table.

*Table 4.27: Current supply and demand balance if overplayed squares improved to good*

Playing format	Current total demand (match equivalent sessions per week)	Potential total demand (match equivalent sessions per week)
Saturday	560	98
Sunday	500	38
Midweek	480	18

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It would also reduce future shortfalls, as evidenced below.

*Table 4.28: Future supply and demand balance if overplayed squares improved to good*

Playing format	Current future total Demand (match equivalent sessions per week)	Potential future total Demand (match equivalent sessions per week)
Saturday	656	194
Sunday	500	38
Midweek	504	42

### *Installing additional NTPs*

Of the squares that would remain overplayed despite quality improvements, only the one at Moseley Ashfield Cricket Club is currently serviced by an NTP. As such, installing NTPs at Calthorpe Park, Four Oaks Saints Cricket Club, Handsworth Old Boys Football Club, Lyndworth Cricket Club, Sheldon Marlborough Cricket Club and Spring Lane Playing Fields could eradicate overplay at these sites via the transfer of demand from the grass wickets.

Only 32 match equivalent sessions of overplay would then remain. This would be sufficient to eradicate current overall shortfalls for Sunday and midweek cricket, although a deficit for Saturday cricket would remain.

*Table 4.29: Current supply and demand balance if NTPs were installed at overplayed sites*

Playing format	Current total Demand (match equivalent sessions per week)	Potential total Demand (match equivalent sessions per week)
Saturday	560	32
Sunday	500	28
Midweek	480	48

The impact this would have on future shortfalls is shown in the following table. Again, only Saturday cricket has an identified deficit, with this being at a much reduced level.

*Table 4.30: Future supply and demand balance if NTPs were installed at overplayed sites*

Playing format	Current future total Demand (match equivalent sessions per week)	Potential future total Demand (match equivalent sessions per week)
Saturday	656	128
Sunday	500	28
Midweek	504	24

Notwithstanding the above, please note that for NTPs to reduce the level of overplay set out above, this could be subject to league rules allowing usage, particularly for senior fixtures where play is generally not allowed. They can, however, potentially be used for lower league matches as well as junior cricket.

It must also be noted that development aspirations exist at Lyndworth Cricket Club that could entail relocating the Club to a new site. Should this occur, it will need access to a

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good quality square with at least nine wickets in order for it not to be overplayed, or six wickets will be required in addition to an NTP.

### *Enabling increased community access / establishing new provision*

In order to fully alleviate current shortfalls for Saturday cricket, in addition to improving quality and installing NTPs, access to another venue is required in Hall Green. Moseley Ashfield CC, Bharat Parivar CC and the LL Cricket League currently utilise Moseley Ashfield Cricket Club and would therefore need to transfer some demand away from the site. One option could be to try and secure access to provision currently unavailable for community use, such as at King Edward VI Camp Hill School for Boys and King Edward VI Five Ways School. However, if this is not possible, a new square may be required.

In addition, given the extent of the existing shortfalls across Birmingham, there may also be a need for further provision given that it may not be feasible to undertake all the quality improvements and NTP installations required. The table below therefore explores exactly how many squares could be needed within each analysis area, based on no other scenarios being undertaken and based on a site being able to provide an average of 10 good quality grass wickets. This would also build in capacity that could be used to meet the identified future shortfalls that would remain despite undertaking the other scenarios.

*Table 4.31: Number of squares potentially required to alleviate shortfalls*

Analysis area	Current shortfall (match equivalent sessions)	No. of squares potentially required to meet shortfall
Erdington	19	1
Sutton Coldfield	24	1
Ladywood	-	-
Perry Barr	372	7
Edgbaston	-	-
Northfield	-	-
Selly Oak	54	1
Hall Green	83	2
Hodge Hill	-	-
Yardley	8	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>560</b>	<b>13</b>

To lessen the requirements, attempting to secure access to currently unavailable schools could be further explored. In addition to the aforementioned King Edward VI Camp Hill School for Boys and King Edward VI Five Ways School, grass wicket provision at King Edwards School and Waverley School is also unavailable, although none of these are in areas of particular need. The impact of securing access to each of these sites on the potential need for new provision is shown in the following table.

*Table 4.32: Impact of securing community use at currently unavailable sites*

Analysis area	Current shortfall (match equivalent sessions)	No. of squares potentially required to meet shortfall	No. of currently unavailable squares	New requirements
Erdington	19	1	-	1
Sutton Coldfield	24	1	-	1
Ladywood	-	-	-	-

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Perry Barr	372	7	-	7
Edgbaston	-	-	2	-
Northfield	-	-	-	-
Selly Oak	54	1	-	1
Hall Green	83	2	2	-
Hodge Hill	-	-	-	-
Yardley	8	1	-	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>560</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>11</b>

Where new squares are required, bringing disused grass wicket squares back into use could be an option, with 16 identified across Birmingham. If all of these were restored, all requirements would be met other than that identified in Hall Green and Perry Barr.

Table 4.33: Impact of bringing disused squares back into use

Analysis area	Current shortfall (match equivalent sessions)	No. of squares potentially required to meet shortfall	No. of disused squares	New requirements
Erdington	19	1	2	-
Sutton Coldfield	24	1	2	-
Ladywood	-	-	-	-
Perry Barr	372	7	-	7
Edgbaston	-	-	-	-
Northfield	-	-	2	-
Selly Oak	54	1	2	-
Hall Green	83	2	-	2
Hodge Hill	-	-	3	-
Yardley	8	1	5	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>560</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>9</b>

The next step would be determine which of the disused squares are feasible options for being brought back into use in terms of their current condition and the demand that would be received (e.g., their location in relation to clubs). Where fine turf wickets cannot be provided, NTPs offer an alternative and would be more affordable to deliver.

The disused squares located in areas of need are:

- ✦ Billesley Common (Selly Oak)
- ✦ Elmdon Playing Fields (Selly Oak)
- ✦ Gilberstone Recreation Ground (Yardley)
- ✦ Golden Hillock Sports Ground ((Yardley)
- ✦ Hollyfields Sports & Social Club (Erdington)
- ✦ Oaklands Rec (Yardley)
- ✦ Penns Lane Sports Ground (Sutton Coldfield)
- ✦ Romilly Avenue/Wood Lane (Perry Barr)
- ✦ Sutton Rugby Club (Sutton Coldfield)
- ✦ Willclare Sports Society (Yardley)
- ✦ Yenton Playing Fields (Erdington)

In addition, in Sutton Coldfield, there is planned provision of a new square as part of the Langley Sustainable Urban Extension, which would meet the current shortfall in the area without the need to bring disused provision back into use. However, it must be noted that



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this is related to significant housing growth and that this may result in a level of increased demand that could entail the need for both the new provision and the disused provision.

### *Removal of Council subsidy*

Cricket at Perry Hall Playing Fields is currently heavily subsidised by the Council, with concerns existing as to the impact it could have should this be removed or significantly reduced. If demand was unable to afford access to the site, 396 match equivalent sessions of play would be without provision, which is a significant amount, especially given existing shortfalls.

The table below explore the impact this would have. As seen, shortfalls significantly increase.

*Table 4.34: Supply and demand balance with no access to Perry Hall Playing Fields*

Playing format	Current total Demand (match equivalent sessions per week)	Potential total Demand (match equivalent sessions per week)
Saturday	560	780
Sunday	500	676
Midweek	480	480

There would be no realistic means to alleviating the above shortfalls without reasonable access to Perry Hall Playing Fields. A significant number of new squares would need to be provided in the area at an affordable price.

### **Recommendations**

- ◀ Protect existing quantity of cricket squares.
- ◀ Where development plans exist, ensure affected clubs are adequately relocated in line with planning policy and to a site that can accommodate their demand without resultant overplay (e.g., Lyndworth Cricket Club).
- ◀ Improve quality at sites overplayed and/or assessed as standard or poor quality, and ensure quality is sustained at sites assessed as good.
- ◀ Install NTPs at overplayed sites that are not currently serviced by such provision.
- ◀ Seek to secure access to currently unavailable sites, particularly in Hall Green.
- ◀ Consider bringing disused squares back into use as an alternative means to alleviating shortfalls, or establish new provision (e.g., in Perry Barr and Hall Green).
- ◀ Pursue improved security of tenure for clubs without ownership or a long-term lease arrangement in place (e.g., Bournville CC).
- ◀ Ensure any removal of Council subsidy does not negatively impact upon site quality or demand received.
- ◀ Improve the changing facilities where there is a need to do so.
- ◀ Improve existing and provide additional training facilities where there is demand.
- ◀ Continue to support ECB initiatives such as All Stars and Dynamos and ensure unaffiliated demand and recreational cricket is adequately provided for.
- ◀ Ensure that any large housing developments are provided for and assess the need for new pitch provision through master planning on an individual basis.
- ◀ Where a development is of a size to justify on-site cricket provision, ensure that any proposals for new squares will attract adequate demand.
- ◀ Where a development is not of a size to justify on-site cricket provision, consider using contributions to improve existing sites within the locality.
- ◀ Ensure that any developments nearby to existing or new cricket sites do not prejudice the use of the provision (e.g., through ball-strike issues).

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### Rugby union - grass pitches

#### *Assessment report summary*

##### **Rugby union – supply and demand summary**

- ◀ There are 43 pitches across 17 sites that have potential spare capacity in Birmingham; however, only two pitches at Avery Fields (Sports & Events) have actual spare capacity.
- ◀ There are 11 pitches across seven sites that are overplayed by a combined total of 23 match equivalent sessions.
- ◀ There is a capacity shortfall of 22 match equivalent sessions per week on rugby union pitches, increasing to 25 match equivalent sessions when accounting for future demand.

##### **Rugby union - supply summary**

- ◀ There are 49 grass rugby union pitches in Birmingham, with 44 pitches available for use.
- ◀ There are currently five sports-lit pitches across four sites, with these able to accommodate training demand as well as matches, whilst there are also three World Rugby 3G pitches.
- ◀ Disused pitches are identified at Shard End No 6 Playing Fields, Holders Lane Complex, Geore Dixon Academy, Tally Ho, Lordswood School and The Blue Coat School.
- ◀ Tenure is unsecure for Birmingham Bulls, Erdington, Lordswood Dixonian and Moseley Oak rugby clubs.
- ◀ A planning application has been submitted at King Edward's School (Eastern Road) that will result in the loss of the two rugby pitches on site.
- ◀ Of the pitches that are available for community use, 18 are good quality, 25 are standard quality and 16 are poor quality.
- ◀ Ancillary facilities servicing Harborne, Erdington and Yardley & District rugby clubs are poor.

##### **Rugby union - demand summary**

- ◀ There are 13 rugby clubs based in Birmingham collectively providing a total of 111 teams (26 senior men's, seven senior women's, 36 boys', six girls' and 36 mixed teams).
- ◀ Demand has increased over recent years, with overall growth equating to 12%.
- ◀ Five clubs use grass pitches for training, Birmingham Bulls RFC uses a sports lit football pitch, and the rest use 3G (other than Lordswood Dixonians RFC, which does not train).
- ◀ No clubs express imported or exported demand, but the proximity of several clubs to the border means that there will be high levels of cross-border movement within clubs.
- ◀ Birmingham Bulls, Erdington and Yardley & District rugby clubs all indicate that if better quality ancillary provision was available they would accommodate more teams, whilst Moseley RFC reports likewise if had a smaller sized 3G pitch on site (latent/unmet demand).
- ◀ Seven clubs report future aspirations, whilst population projections predict a growth of two senior men's, one senior women's, two age grade boys' and two age grade mixed teams.

### **Scenarios**

#### *Improving pitch quality*

Improving pitch quality through enhanced maintenance and the installation of drainage systems would alleviate overplay on five of the 11 overplayed pitches across Birmingham. This is shown in the following table.

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Table 4.35: Capacity of overplayed pitches if quality was maximised (M2/D3)

Site ID	Site name	Pitch type	No. of pitches	Current quality	Current capacity rating (match equivalent sessions)	Good quality rating (match equivalent sessions)
13	Aston Old Edwardians Rugby Club	Senior	1	Standard	4	2.5
13	Aston Old Edwardians Rugby Club	Senior	1	Poor	2.5	0.5
24	Billesley Common	Senior	2	Poor	4.5	0.5
104	Harborne Rugby Club (Westhill Playing Field)	Senior	1	Poor	0.5	2.5
178	Moseley Rugby Club	Senior	1	Standard	5.5	4
230	Spring Lane Playing Fields	Senior	1	Good	2.5	1.5
230	Spring Lane Playing Fields	Senior	1	Good	1	0
253	Sutton Rugby Club	Senior	1	Standard	0.5	1
291	Yardley & District Rugby Club	Senior	1	Poor	1.5	1
291	Yardley & District Rugby Club	Senior	1	Poor	0.5	2

Overall, this would reduce current shortfalls from 22 match equivalent sessions to 1.5 match equivalent sessions per week across the City as a whole, whilst reducing future shortfalls from 25 match equivalent sessions to 4.5.

Table 4.36: Supply and demand balance with quality improvements

Demand	Current total Demand (match equivalent sessions per week)	Potential total Demand (match equivalent sessions per week)
Current	22	1.5
Future	25	4.5

Two pitches located at Aston Old Edwardians Rugby Club and Billesley Common and one pitch at both Moseley Rugby Club and Spring Lane Playing Fields would remain overplayed even if quality was maximised, although at reduced levels.

### *Increasing access to training provision (sports-lit grass pitches)*

Of the pitches that would remain overplayed despite quality improvements, one at each of Aston Old Edwardians Rugby Club, Moseley Rugby Club and Spring Lane Playing Fields are serviced by sports lighting. Normally, increasing the number of sports-lit pitches available at such sites can further reduce deficits as it can allow training demand to be dispersed; however, this is not the case in this instance. Both pitches at Aston Old Edwardians and Spring Lane Playing Fields will remain overplayed or at capacity even if quality at the site is maximised, meaning increased sports lighting would not assist, whereas no other pitches exist at Moseley Rugby Club.

### *Increasing pitch stock*

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To fully alleviate shortfalls for Aston Old Edwardians RFC, in addition to maximising pitch quality, one additional good quality (M2/D3) pitch which is equipped with sports lighting would need to be made available. Under these circumstances, both the new sports lit pitch and the existing sports lit pitch could be used for training demand, with match demand dispersed across the provision.

For Moseley and Moseley Oak rugby clubs, in addition to maximising pitch quality, two additional pitches would be needed, with one equipped with sports lighting. The pitches would need to be as a minimum standard quality (M2/D1) to eradicate shortfalls at both Moseley Rugby Club and Billesley Common.

For Erdington RFC, one new pitch of at least standard quality (M1/D1) would be needed. During consultation, the Club reports an aspiration to reclaim a disused Gaelic football pitch at the site and establish an additional senior rugby union pitch, which would therefore meet this need.

The table below shows the potential capacity for each relevant club if the above is undertaken.

*Table 4.37: Impact of providing new provision*

Site ID	Site name	Current capacity rating (MES)	Good quality rating (MES)	No. of pitches potentially required	Additional pitch(es) quality rating (MES) <sup>12</sup>
13	Aston Old Edwardians Rugby Club	4	2.5	1	1
24	Billesley Common	4.5	0.5	2	2.5
178	Moseley Rugby Club	5.5	4	2	2.5
230	Spring Lane Playing Fields	3.5	1.5	1	2

Additional pitch provision may also be required for both Bournville RFC and Sutton Coldfield RFC due to the level of demand that exists at their sites and through future demand.

In addition, in Sutton Coldfield, there is planned provision of new rugby union pitches as part of the Langley Sustainable Urban Extension, which would add capacity in the area. However, it must be noted that this is related to significant housing growth that is likely to also result in a level of increased demand.

### *World Rugby compliant 3G pitches*

As an alternative to providing additional pitches, securing access to existing or new World Rugby compliant 3G pitches could be sought, as set out within the 3G pitch scenarios. As such, any developments should first and foremost focus on satisfying demand from Aston Old Edwardians and Erdington rugby clubs given the deficits that exist and therefore be suitably located for such access. Moseley and Moseley Oak rugby clubs are already serviced by provision.

Other clubs that would potentially benefit from 3G provision are Sutton Coldfield RFC (linked to potential development at Signal Hayes), Yardley & District RFC and Harborne RFC. Such

<sup>12</sup> Assumes quality will be maximised (M2/D3).

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developments would lessen the need for pitch quality improvements and enable any future growth to be more easily accommodated.

### *Accommodating future demand from club aspirations*

Future demand expressed through club aspirations and by the RFU based on its own targets projects the number of rugby union teams to grow by 19 teams across Birmingham, which broken down equates to 13 teams in Area 1, one team in Area 2, two teams in Area 3 and three teams in Area 4. This has previously been discounted from calculations as it is considered to be more aspirational than future growth predicted via population growth; however, if such demand is realised, it will increase shortfalls throughout the City.

*Table 4.38: Supply and demand balance with future demand aspirations accounted for*

Analysis area	Current supply/ demand balance (match equivalent sessions)	Future supply/ demand balance (match equivalent sessions)
Area 1	10.5	17
Area 2	0	0.5
Area 3	9.5	10.5
Area 4	2	3.5
<b>Birmingham</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>31.5</b>

The table explores the impact of the future demand on a club-by-club basis and how it can be sufficiently accommodated.

*Table 4.39: Summary of provision required to accommodate future demand aspirations*

Club	Future team aspirations	Future demand (MES)	Comments
Aston Old Edwardians RFC	1 x senior men's, 2 x junior girls, 1 x junior boys	2	To accommodate current demand, the Club needs to improve its current pitch stock and access an additional pitch. This future demand would entail a further pitch being required (or access to a World Rugby compliant 3G pitch).
Birmingham Bulls RFC	1 x senior men's	0.5	The Club's existing pitch stock could meet this demand if quality was maximised.
Bournville RFC	1 x junior girls	0.5	The Club's existing pitch stock could meet this demand if quality was maximised.
Erdington RFC	1 x senior women's, 5 x junior boys, 2 x junior girls	4	To accommodate current demand, the Club needs to improve its current pitch stock and access an additional pitch. This future demand would entail a further pitch being required (or access to a World Rugby compliant 3G pitch).
Moseley RFC	1 x senior men's	0.5	This demand could be accommodated through actioning other scenarios

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			(improving quality and increasing pitch stock).
Sutton Coldfield RFC	1 x junior girls	0.5	This could be met via the existing pitch stock with quality improvements, or through development at Signal Hayes for the Club.
Yardley & District RFC	1 x senior men's, 2 x junior girls	1.5	The Club's existing pitch stock could meet this demand if quality was maximised.

In addition, especially for clubs with future demand for women's and girls' activity, it is imperative that the accompanying ancillary facilities are adequate in quality and inclusive. Aston Old Edwards RFC, Erdington RFC and Yardley RFC all have a target to create female teams yet are currently serviced by only standard quality or poor quality provision.

### **Recommendations**

- ◀ Protect existing quantity of pitches.
- ◀ Improve pitch quality at all sites used by clubs through improved maintenance and/or the installation of drainage systems.
- ◀ Install additional sports lighting where overplay exists as a result of concentrated training demand.
- ◀ Explore options to provide additional pitch provision to Aston Old Edwardians, Bournville, Moseley, Moseley Oak, Erdington and Sutton Coldfield rugby clubs, or explore access to existing or new World Rugby compliant 3G pitches.
- ◀ Ensure future demand can be adequately accommodated, particularly in regards to women's and girls' demand.
- ◀ Improve the ancillary facilities servicing the clubs and ensure facilities are inclusive and have appropriate segregation.
- ◀ Seek to provide increased security of tenure for clubs at their home grounds where it is required.
- ◀ Retain the stock of pitches at education sites for continued curricular and extra-curricular usage and encourage improved club links where possible.
- ◀ Ensure that any large housing developments are provided for and assess the need for new pitch provision through master planning on an individual basis.
- ◀ Where a development is of a size to justify on-site rugby provision, ensure that any proposals for new pitches will attract adequate demand.
- ◀ Where a development is not of a size to justify on-site rugby provision, or if sufficient demand cannot be attracted, consider using contributions to improve existing sites within the locality.

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### Rugby league – grass pitches

#### *Assessment Report summary*

##### **Rugby league – supply and demand summary**

- ◀ There is considered to be a shortfall of dedicated rugby league provision within Birmingham given that the rugby union pitch used by Erdington Griffins Juniors RLFC at Spring Lane Playing Fields is currently overplayed.
- ◀ For Midlands Hurricanes RLFC, the pitch at Alexander Stadium is sufficient to meet its needs; however, long-term access is uncertain given 3G aspirations at the site.
- ◀ Birmingham Bulldogs RLFC is being adequately catered for via the 3G pitch at Avery Fields (Sports & Events) providing it is enabled with long-term access.

##### **Rugby league – supply summary**

- ◀ A rugby league pitch is provided at Alexander Stadium within the infield of the warm-up track, with this used by Midlands Hurricanes RLFC.
- ◀ Erdington Griffins Juniors RLFC does not have access to a dedicated rugby league pitch with its demand instead taking place on a grass rugby union pitch at Spring Lane Playing Fields.
- ◀ Birmingham Bulldogs RLFC utilises the 3G pitch at Avery Fields (Sports & Events)
- ◀ Rugby league is also played by the University of Birmingham. Competitive matches and training demand for this takes place on the full size World Rugby compliant 3G pitch at the University of Birmingham (Bournbrook).
- ◀ The Council is exploring the option of developing a 3G pitch within the infield of the warm-up track facility at Alexander Stadium.
- ◀ Changing Lives Through Rugby has recently obtained a long term lease for the use of Spring Lane Playing Fields and it has plans to develop a dedicated rugby league pitch in the near future to allow for demand to be removed from the rugby union pitch.

##### **Rugby league – demand summary**

- ◀ Erdington Griffins Juniors RLFC has an U8s, U9s, U10s and U11s which train and play in festivals throughout the season at Spring Lane Playing Fields.
- ◀ Midlands Hurricanes RLFC fields a solitary adult men's team at Alexander Stadium and plays at the third tier of the British rugby league system.
- ◀ Birmingham Bulldogs RLFC also fields a solitary team, although it also has a junior setup that partakes in regular training sessions.
- ◀ Erdington Griffins Juniors RLFC has ambitions to increase the number of teams by one adult men's and one women's team as well as creating additional juniors teams.

### **Scenarios**

#### *Improving pitch quality*

The pitch at Spring Lane Playing Fields currently has a carrying capacity of two match equivalent sessions per week, whilst it is used for 2.5 match equivalent sessions currently, thus yielding a small shortfall. Improving pitch quality through enhanced maintenance and the installation of a drainage system, as set out within the rugby union section, would alleviate this. However, it must also be noted that the pitch is also overplayed for rugby union, and the intensive use for both sports is not ideal as it can impact upon post season remedial work. Therefore, whilst enhancing pitch quality would theoretically alleviate the shortfall, a better option could be to transfer the demand elsewhere i.e., to a dedicated rugby league pitch.

#### *Access to 3G pitches*

Midlands Hurricanes RLFC is currently adequately serviced at Alexander Stadium; however, future access is uncertain due to 3G pitch proposals at the site. This can be negated through ensuring that any 3G pitch is built to a specification that can

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accommodate rugby league demand, with sufficient access for the Club then needing to be secured.

Birmingham Bulldogs RLFC requires long-term access to the 3G pitch at Avery Fields (Sports & Events) for its demand to continue to be accommodated.

### **Recommendations**

- ◀ Improve quality at Spring Lane Playing Fields to alleviate overplay for Erdington Griffins RLFC.
- ◀ Explore options to provide the Club with dedicated rugby league provision to better accommodate its demand.
- ◀ Ensure that access to Alexander Stadium is secured for Midlands Hurricanes RLFC provision in light of 3G proposals at the site.
- ◀ Ensure continued access for Birmingham Bulldogs RLFC on the 3G pitch at Avery Fields (Sports & Events).

### **Hockey - artificial grass pitches**

#### **Assessment Report summary**

##### **Supply and demand summary**

- ◀ Overall, it is determined that supply is sufficient to meet match play demand, with spare capacity remaining for growth and an increase in usage; however, a shortfall of provision is identified in Area 1 for Sutton Coldfield HC.
- ◀ In terms of training, capacity issues are identified for Barford Tigers, Edgbaston, Kingswinford, Old Halesonians (imported) and University of Birmingham hockey clubs.
- ◀ Priority should be placed on protecting and improving the pitches currently in use for hockey, whilst focus should also be placed on eradicating the capacity issues that are present, which will likely require the protection and improvement of additional existing pitches and/or the creation of new provision.

##### **Supply summary**

- ◀ There are 18 full size hockey suitable AGPs in Birmingham, with 16 available for community use and 17 serviced by sports lighting.
- ◀ The majority of pitches are sand-based, with the exception of two at University of Birmingham (Bournbrook) and one at Wyndley Leisure Centre, which are water-based.
- ◀ There are also 33 smaller size sand-based pitches provided; however, none of these are suitable for purposeful hockey demand.
- ◀ A planning application has been submitted by King Edward VI Camp Hill School for Boys for the creation of a full size hockey suitable AGP with associated sports lighting, whilst provision could also be included as part of the Langley Sustainable Urban Extension.
- ◀ Barford Tigers HC is exploring the creation of a full size pitch and a smaller sized training pitch at Wood Lane/Romilly Avenue.
- ◀ The majority of the full size AGPs are owned and managed by the education sector and are located at either school or university sites, with the only exceptions being three which are managed by or on behalf of the Council.
- ◀ Security of tenure is limited, with most clubs accessing the pitches through short-term arrangements only (e.g., seasonally).
- ◀ The majority of the pitches that offer community use have relatively good availability, although exceptions are found at Holte School, and King Edward's School (Eastern Road) which are not available for hire during weekdays.
- ◀ Of the full size pitches, five are assessed as good quality, two as standard and 11 as poor.
- ◀ The ancillary provision is problematic at several sites, particularly at Hamstead Hall Academy, Small Heath Leisure Centre, King Edward VI High School for Girls and Aston Park Pavilion & Pitches.



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### Demand summary

- ◀ There are eight hockey clubs based in Birmingham collectively catering for 1,815 members and 91 teams.
- ◀ Compared to data collected in 2017, there are 10 fewer hockey teams currently based in Birmingham and one fewer club; however, membership across the clubs has increased by 86, suggesting an overall increase in participation.
- ◀ Various EH initiatives are implemented in Birmingham by clubs such as Barford Tigers, Sutton Coldfield, Edgbaston and Harborne hockey clubs.
- ◀ Old Halesonians HC imports some demand into Birmingham due to a lack of provision within its home authority, which is Dudley.
- ◀ City of Birmingham HC, Kingswinford HC and Sutton Coldfield HC all report plans to grow their demand in the future.
- ◀ Edgbaston, Kingswinford and Sutton Coldfield hockey clubs all report latent/unmet demand in that current pitch capacity is impacting on demand and potential growth.
- ◀ Based on current demand, many pitches do not have capacity to accommodate additional hockey usage, particularly on Saturdays for matches and on some midweek evenings when demand is at its highest.

### Scenarios

#### *Accommodating match play demand*

For match play, with 18 full size pitches currently provided in Birmingham, there is sufficient provision to cater for existing demand with the current number of pitches being able to accommodate 50 match equivalent sessions per week (100 teams) and with current demand equating to 39 match equivalent sessions per week (78 teams). However, capacity pressures do exist, particularly in Area 1.

To alleviate such capacity pressures, options should be considered to increase the hockey usage at Wyndley Leisure Centre which has the potential to cater for two additional senior hockey teams on a Saturday, should football demand be moved away from the site. If this is achieved (i.e., through increasing 3G provision), shortfalls for hockey will be minimised.

Alternatively, a pitch could be developed as part of the Langley Sustainable Urban Extension, with Sutton Coldfield HC previously reporting that it could potentially be linked with the plans. This option would also create capacity for the Club to grow, as well as allowing access for other clubs in the area.

#### *Accommodating training demand*

Currently, five clubs are unable to gain increased access to the pitches they currently use for training. These are:

- ◀ Barford Tigers HC
- ◀ Edgbaston HC
- ◀ Kingswinford HC
- ◀ Old Halesonians HC
- ◀ University of Birmingham HC

The issue is particularly pressing for Barford Tigers HC, with Hamstead Hall Academy reportedly looking to stop community use in the near future. The Club's aspirations to develop a new pitch therefore warrants support.

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King Edward VI Camp Hill School for Boys also has an aspiration to develop an additional hockey pitch, although no anchor clubs are currently linked to the proposal. If any of the aforementioned clubs would access the site, support for the development would also be warranted. Edgbaston HC utilises other King Edward VI schools and transferring some demand away from the University of Birmingham (Bournbrook) would also have the added benefit of freeing up capacity for University of Birmingham HC.

For Kingswinford HC, there are four pitches within in Area 2 that have capacity for hockey and that are not currently used, with these being at Arena Academy (Priestly Smith School), Aston Park Pavilion & Pitches, Holte School and the Pavilion. These could be accessed by the Club if quality improved (they are not currently suitable for hockey activity).

In specific relation to Old Halesonians HC, given that it is imported into Birmingham, it should be noted that solutions are identified in the Sandwell PPOSS and the Dudley PPOSS that could satisfy the Club. It therefore does not necessarily need additional provision within Birmingham and would in fact rather not play in the City if it can be accommodated in its home authority (Dudley).

### *Accommodating future demand*

When accounting for future demand, clubs in Birmingham aspire to grow by 13 additional teams in total (nine senior and four junior teams), six of which are projected from City of Birmingham HC. The Club states that all future demand can be accommodated at Small Heath Leisure Centre without the need for additional stock.

Elsewhere, in order to accommodate the expressed future demand, in addition to carrying out the other scenarios, there is a clear need to secure tenure at most venues and to improve quality given that many pitches have reached the end of their lifespan and are considered poor quality. In total, 11 pitches have exceeded their recommended lifespan and as such are rated as poor quality, with this provision identified at the following sites:

- ◀ Arena Academy (Priestly Smith School)
- ◀ Aston Park Pavilion & Pitches
- ◀ Bishop Vesey's Grammar School
- ◀ Doug Ellis Sports Centre
- ◀ Edgbaston High School for Girls
- ◀ Hamstead Hall Academy
- ◀ Holte School
- ◀ King Edward VI High School for Girls
- ◀ King Edward's School (Eastern Road)
- ◀ The Pavilion

Of these, seven are in current use for hockey, whilst the remaining four (at Arena Academy, Aston Park Pavilion & Pitches, Holte School and the Pavilion) as mentioned previously could be used to resolve capacity issues if quality improved. At Arena Academy, community use would also need to be enabled and secured, with no availability currently offered.

At Doug Ellis Sports Centre, there is a commitment in replace to surface the pitch in the near future, with this linked to the development of a new school being built adjacent.

### **Recommendations**

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- ◀ Protect all pitches for continued hockey demand where existing hockey activity takes place or could take place in the future.
- ◀ Resurface pitches that have reached the end of their recommended lifespans and ensure a sinking fund is in place for long-term sustainability at all venues.
- ◀ Look to improve security of tenure for all clubs using school sites through long-term community use agreements.
- ◀ Explore options to improve the ancillary facility offer, especially at Hamstead Hall Academy.
- ◀ Seek to increase capacity of pitches for hockey demand where capacity pressures exist through the transfer of football demand to existing and new 3G pitches.
- ◀ Support development aspirations expressed by Barford Tigers HC, as well as at King Edward VI Camp Hill School for Boys if an anchor club/s can be identified.
- ◀ Ensure that any large housing developments are provided for and assess the need for new pitch provision through master planning on an individual basis.
- ◀ Where a development is of a size to justify on-site provision, ensure that any proposals for new pitches will attract adequate demand.
- ◀ Where a development is not of a size to justify on-site provision, or if sufficient demand cannot be attracted, consider using contributions to improve existing sites within the locality.

### Tennis courts

#### **Assessment Report summary**

##### **Supply and demand summary**

- ◀ For club-based tennis, there is considered to be sufficient provision to meet demand, with no clubs reporting any capacity issues and only two clubs having potential capacity issues through using LTA guidelines.
- ◀ For non-club activity, whilst no courts are identified as having any capacity issues, it cannot be said that supply is sufficient to meet demand due to the large amount of unmet and latent demand evidenced both nationally and in Birmingham.
- ◀ There is a clear need to improve the supply in ways that can attract and better accommodate more users, including improving the current quality and accessibility of provision in addition to enhancing levels of sports lighting.

##### **Supply summary**

- ◀ There are 388 tennis courts identified in Birmingham across 91 sites.
- ◀ Of the courts, 286 are categorised as being available for community use at 65 sites, compared to 102 that are unavailable at 26 sites.
- ◀ Further to the courts mentioned above there are also 43 tennis courts that are considered disused in Birmingham, although plans are in place to re-instate three at Tudor Sports Ground.
- ◀ Edgbaston Priory Club and Sutton Coldfield Tennis & Squash Club offer access to Padel tennis courts. In total this amount to two courts with one at each of the sites.
- ◀ Billesley Indoor Tennis Centre, David Lloyd Club, Edgbaston Priory Club and Sutton Coldfield Tennis & Squash Club all accommodate additional indoor provision as well as the outdoor courts.
- ◀ The majority of the courts are operated by schools (197 courts), although only 51% of these are available for community use, with more club operated courts considered to be accessible.
- ◀ There are a low number of courts supplied at local authority operated sites (32 courts).
- ◀ Hamstead TC is currently a nomadic club following the loss of access to its site (Hamstead Lawn Tennis Club), whilst Yardley TC has an expiring lease which it is currently attempting to renegotiate.
- ◀ The majority of community available outdoor tennis courts (178 courts) have a macadam surface.
- ◀ A total of 128 of the 288 community available tennis courts are serviced by sports lights, representing 44% of the provision.

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- Of the courts, 195 are assessed as good quality, 87 as standard quality and 106 as poor quality.
- In total nine clubs through consultation report ancillary facility issues.

### Demand summary

- There are 26 tennis clubs in Birmingham with membership equating to 4,628, where known through consultation.
- For senior membership, a total of nine clubs report an increase participation in comparison to three clubs which indicate a decrease.
- Comparably for junior membership, eight clubs report an increase within the past five years whilst four clubs indicate a decrease.
- Ten sites utilise LTA products, which can increase recreational tennis (e.g., Clubspark).
- There are four Local Tennis Leagues across the City, whilst sites offer Tennis for Free.
- Sport England's Segmentation Tool enables an analysis of the percentage of adults that would like to participate in tennis but that 'are not currently doing so' and identifies latent demand of 17,829 people within Birmingham.
- Future demand is expressed by six clubs and equates to 590 members, whilst the LTA also predicts future growth via its insight tools, with much of this demand likely to include participation outside of the club-environment.

## Scenarios

### Accommodating current and future demand

The LTA suggests that a court without sports lighting can accommodate a maximum of 40 members, whereas a court with sports lighting can accommodate 60 members. Based on this, two clubs could have current capacity issues in Birmingham, with these being at The Circle Tennis Club and Woodlands Northfield Tennis Club.

Of the two clubs operating above the capacity guidance, both are without sports lighting. As such, providing sports lighting at these sites would reduce the shortfall at The Circle Tennis Club and would eradicate it at Woodlands Northfield Tennis Club entirely. This is shown in the following table.

Table 4.40: Impact of providing sports lighting at sites with capacity issues

Site ID	Site name	No. of courts	Sports lighting?	Current Capacity rating (members)	Capacity rating with sports-lit courts (members)
316	The Circle Tennis Club	2	No	140	100
382	Woodlands Northfield Tennis Club	2	No	20	20

The overall shortfall across the sites reduces from 160 members to 100 members.

The only way to fully alleviate capacity issues at The Circle Tennis Club would be to provide the Club with access to additional provision. To that end, the following table explores the number of courts that could be required.

Table 4.41: Additional provision required to satisfy current demand

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Club name	Current capacity rating (members)	Capacity rating with sports-lit courts (members)	No. of additional courts required
The Circle TC	140	100	Two additional courts with sports lighting or if sports lighting is not possible, three additional courts are needed.

Where additional courts are required, this does not necessarily mean that new sites need to be established. Instead, enabling access to existing provision at local authority sites or at school sites could be explored. Furthermore, some clubs are able to manage their provision in such a way that they do not deem there to be capacity issues, despite high levels of demand.

When accounting for future demand expressed by clubs, 83% could accommodate their aspirational future demand, with the only exception identified at Kings Norton TC, as shown in the table below.

*Table 4.42: Impact of clubs' aspirational future demand on capacity*

Club	Current demand (members)	Future demand (members)	No of courts	Sports lighting?	Capacity (members)	Current capacity balance	Future capacity balance
Four Oaks TC	334	100	9	5 Yes 4 No	460	126	26
Kings Norton TC	126	200	3	Yes	180	54	146
Streetly Lawn TC	500	50	10	9 Yes 1 No	580	80	30
Sutton Coldfield TC	367	150	10	9 Yes 1 No	580	213	63
Sutton United TC	70	20	3	2 Yes 1 No	160	90	70
Walmley TC	183	70	7	Yes	420	237	167

If Kings Norton TC achieves its growth target, three additional courts with sports lighting would be required, or four courts without sports lighting. That being said, future demand for 200 members is significant and is therefore not necessarily achievable, at least in the short term. The Club should be monitored to understand this further.

In addition, it must be noted that Hamstead TC is currently nomadic following the loss of access to its site (Hamstead Lawn Tennis Club). Reinstating its use or securing an alternative venue for the Club should therefore be seen as imperative.

### *Improving the recreational tennis offer*

Increasing recreational tennis demand is currently a priority for the LTA, with twice as many people playing casually rather than at clubs. To enable this, it has secured a £22 million investment fund to be put into public tennis courts across Britain, together with an £8.5

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million investment from the LTA. This will see thousands of public park tennis courts that are in poor or unplayable condition improved for the benefit of the local communities.

In Birmingham, nine local authority sites offering tennis courts have been identified for investment from the LTA. This relates to the following sites:

- ◀ Cadbury Recreation Ground
- ◀ Brookvale Park
- ◀ Gilbertstone Recreation Ground
- ◀ Mere Green Community Centre
- ◀ Summerfield Park
- ◀ Cannon Hill Park
- ◀ Lickey Hills Park
- ◀ Pype Hayes Park
- ◀ Rookery Park

These still need to go to cabinet approval before developments can take place. Based on the findings of this study, such investment should be supported in order to better provide for and increase recreational demand, with quality and a lack of sports lighting currently a significant barrier to participation.

### *Disused tennis courts*

There are several disused tennis courts across Birmingham. However, with club demand mostly satisfied and with recreational tennis able to be better catered for via the abovementioned investment, there is no clear requirement to bring any of the provision back into use, except where proposals already exist (e.g., at Four Oaks Tennis Club and Tudor Sports Ground). Consideration could therefore be given to utilising the areas for other sporting needs.

Disused courts and potential actions are summarised in the following table.

*Table 4.43: Disused tennis courts within Birmingham*

Site ID	Site	Analysis area	Disused tennis courts	Comments
44	Cardinal Wiseman Catholic Technology College	Area 2	4	Retain as MUGAs.
98	Hamstead Hall Academy	Area 2	3	Retain for netball.
134	King Edward VI Balaam Wood Academy	Area 3	3	Currently used for car parking, with no demand recorded for the provision to be brought back into use for tennis.
139	King Edward VI Handsworth School for Girls	Area 2	3	Currently used for car parking, with no demand recorded for the provision to be brought back into use for tennis.
146	King George V Playing Fields (Sheldon)	Area 4	3	Consider bringing back into use as MUGA space.
149	King's Heath Cricket & Sports Club	Area 3	3	Retain area as strategic reserve should club demand increase.

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151	Kings Norton Girls School	Area 3	2	Retain as generic area for school use.
154	Laurel Road Community Sports Centre	Area 2	1	Retain area as strategic reserve should demand increase.
249	Sutton Coldfield Grammar School for Girls	Area 1	1	Currently used for car parking, with no demand recorded for the provision to be brought back into use for tennis.
257	Tally Ho Sports	Area 3	3	Consider repurposing for other sporting requirements at the site or for ancillary needs.
306	Four Oaks Tennis Club	Area 1	2	Support aspirations to convert space into padel courts.
328	Tudor Sports Ground	Area 1	4	Support proposal for the courts and a bowling green to be established.
380	Cadbury Park	Area 3	2	No longer formally maintained based on non-technical assessment.
409	Wylde Green Church Tennis Club	Area 1	2	Retain area as strategic reserve should demand increase.
432	Leycroft Academy	Area 4	7	Retain as generic area for school use.

### **Recommendations**

- ◀ Protect existing quantity of courts.
- ◀ Improve court quality at club sites assessed as poor or standard quality and sustain quality at sites assessed as good.
- ◀ Support investment into local authority courts to better provide for recreational tennis and seek to maximise usage following funding.
- ◀ Explore the installation of sports lighting where it is not currently provided to increase the capacity of courts.
- ◀ Explore the possibility of providing additional courts to clubs with capacity issues, either via existing provision or new provision.
- ◀ Improve security of tenure where required (e.g., for Yardley TC) and seek to secure a venue for Hamstead TC given its current nomadic nature.
- ◀ Improve ancillary provision servicing courts where demand is, or could be, high.
- ◀ Explore options to further improve the recreational tennis offer via further utilisation of technology provided by the LTA (e.g., Clubspark) to support the customer journey and through investment into facilities and accompanying ancillary provision.
- ◀ Ensure sinking funds are put into place by providers for long-term sustainability.
- ◀ Repurpose disused courts to meet other sporting needs, where possible, or retain area as strategic reserve should tennis demand grow.
- ◀ Support opportunities to provide padel courts given its growing demand, providing that no existing in-use traditional courts are lost as a result.

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### Netball courts

#### *Assessment Report summary*

##### **Supply and demand summary**

- ◀ The current supply of provision is likely to be sufficient in quantitative terms due to the large number of courts in place; however, improvements are needed to better meet demand and to ensure that the sport can continue to grow.
- ◀ Investment into courts and better utilisation is required to adequately accommodate the demand that exists; this can be achieved via securing tenure at key sites, gaining access to a greater number of sites, improving quality and through installing sports lighting.

##### **Supply summary**

- ◀ There are 183 netball courts identified in Birmingham across 63 sites, with 122 courts at 40 sites available for community use.
- ◀ There are also 21 netball courts that are now considered disused in Birmingham across seven sites.
- ◀ 167 courts are operated by education providers, with nine managed by clubs, three by the Council, two by a community organisation and two commercially.
- ◀ A total of 16 sites are reported as being in use for netball activity across the City; however, no long-term security of tenure is provided at any of the venues.
- ◀ All but five of the outdoor netball courts have a macadam surface, with 178 being of this type and 119 of these being available for community use (the remaining five have an artificial surface).
- ◀ Only 39 courts (21%) are serviced by sports lighting across 12 sites, which represents a low number.
- ◀ 146 netball courts are overmarked (e.g., by tennis courts) compared to only 37 that are dedicated for netball use (standalone).
- ◀ Of the courts, 48 are assessed as good quality, 56 as standard quality and 79 as poor quality, with 41 good quality courts available to the community as well as 41 standard quality courts and 40 poor quality courts.

##### **Demand summary**

- ◀ The Birmingham Netball League is a heavily participated in league structure in Birmingham, catering for 111 teams in the winter and 72 teams in the Summer and using Shenley Academy, Billesley Indoor Tennis Centre, King Edward VI Aston School Playing Pitches and North Birmingham Academy as central venues.
- ◀ The League previously utilised the University of Birmingham (Bournbrook); however, it has not been welcomed back following the 2022 Commonwealth Games due to resultant quality issues, although court repairs have now taken place.
- ◀ Various intermediate and little leagues are also in operation, with University of Birmingham (Bournbrook), Fairfax School, Sutton Coldfield Grammar School for Girls, St Edmund Champion School (indoor) and Doug Ellis Sports Centre (indoor) utilised.
- ◀ Several clubs also hire out provision for training demand and whilst indoor provision is predominately used, this is likely to be in part due to a lack of outdoor courts with sports lighting.
- ◀ Commercial operators have netball leagues operating out of outdoor courts King Edwards VI Five Ways School and University of Birmingham (Bournbrook), with indoor courts used elsewhere.
- ◀ England Netball initiatives such as Back to Netball are being operated at Beechcroft Tennis & Multi Sports Centre, Christ Church Secondary Academy, Doug Ellis Sports Centre, Erdington Academy, Lordswood Girls School, Nechells Wellbeing Centre, Prince Albert High School, Shenley Academy and University of Birmingham (Bournbrook).
- ◀ Whilst some exported demand is identified due to the use of central venues in Sandwell by leagues operating outside of Birmingham, more imported demand is considered likely due to the popularity of leagues such as the Birmingham Netball League.



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- ◀ Potential latent/unmet demand is identified by the Birmingham Netball League and the Bournville & Selly Oak Little League due to capacity issues, with this likely to also impact on club specific growth plans.

### **Scenarios**

#### *Accommodating current and future demand*

Across Birmingham, there is a sufficient quantity of netball courts to meet demand; however, improvements are needed to better meet activity and to ensure that the sport can continue to grow. This can be achieved through providing a sufficient number of well located central venues, improving quality, securing tenure, increasing the number of courts that are sports-lit and increasing the number of courts that are community accessible.

#### *Central venues*

A key factor in adequately accommodating netball demand is the presence of central venues with multiple courts that can be accessed by leagues, with smaller sites then able to support supplementary activity (e.g., training). England Netball suggests that for a site to be used a central venue for a large league, at least six good quality courts with sports lighting are needed.

In Birmingham, Shenley Academy (six courts) is currently being used as a central venue by the Birmingham Netball League; however, the quality of the courts at the site is poor. Improving these should therefore be seen as a priority in order to more adequately accommodate the demand received and to retain it as a suitable central venue.

Previously, the Birmingham Netball League accessed courts at University of Birmingham (Bournbrook) prior to the 2022 Commonwealth Games and resultant quality issues. Now that quality improvements have taken place, re-enabling access for netball should be sought, especially given the large number of courts provided (10). The site is also used by the Birmingham Intermediate Netball League.

With the abovementioned sites servicing the central and southern parts of Birmingham, it must be noted that there is no central venue currently accommodating demand in the north. As such, establishing a suitable site would help better cater for demand and ensure it is more evenly dispersed. No sites currently provided more enough courts to enable; however, Stockland Green School (four courts), Action Indoor Sports (two courts) and the Pines School (one court) share land and could collectively be used. All three have courts currently assessed as good quality, meaning improvements are required.

#### *Securing tenure*

The following courts are currently in use for community netball:

- ◀ Beechcroft Tennis & Multi Sports Centre
- ◀ Billesley Indoor Tennis Centre
- ◀ Bishop Vesey's Grammar School
- ◀ Christ Church Secondary Academy
- ◀ Edgbaston High School for Girls
- ◀ Erdington Academy
- ◀ Fairfax School
- ◀ King Edward VI Aston School Playing Pitches

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- ◀ King Edwards VI Five Ways School
- ◀ Lordswood Girls School
- ◀ Nechells Wellbeing Centre
- ◀ North Birmingham Academy
- ◀ Prince Albert High School
- ◀ Shenley Academy
- ◀ Sutton Coldfield Grammar School for Girls
- ◀ University of Birmingham (Bournbrook)

None of these sites presently provide security of tenure, with no long-term usage agreements in place. As such, these should be the focus for providing security of tenure to first and foremost ensure that all existing demand can continue to be provided for. Stockland Green School, Action Indoor Sports and the Pines School should also be included within this due to their aforementioned suitability to be used as a central venue.

In addition, any sites with multiple courts that are not currently available for community use should be engaged to understand if they could be accessible as this will provide more capacity to accommodate demand. Archbishop Isley Catholic School is a good example of this as sports lighting is also provided, yet no community use is currently allowed.

### *Improving quality*

Of the courts currently in use for community netball, the following are assessed as poor quality:

- ◀ Erdington Academy
- ◀ Nechells Wellbeing Centre
- ◀ North Birmingham Academy
- ◀ Shenley Academy

These should therefore be prioritised for improvement, as should Stockland Green School, Action Indoor Sports and the Pines School given their quality issues and suitability to accommodate demand.

### *Installing sports lighting*

England Netball suggests that for a site to be used a central venue for a large league, at least six good quality courts with sports lighting are needed (with smaller sites then used to supplement activity through accommodating training demand and any initiatives). Any sites with six or more courts but that are without sports lighting could therefore be explored to understand if provision could be serviced as this would then provide more useable venues.

In Birmingham, this relates to provision at:

- ◀ Arks Kings Academy
- ◀ Bartley Green Community Leisure Centre
- ◀ Bournville School

Quality across these sites would also need to improve as all courts are currently only assessed as standard.

In addition, of the courts at Stockland Green School, Action Indoor Sports and the Pines School, only those at Action Indoor Sports are currently sports lit.

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### **Recommendations**

- ◀ Protect existing quantity of courts.
- ◀ Secure community use at sites that are currently in use or that could be used in the future.
- ◀ Improve court quality at sites assessed as poor or standard quality and sustain quality at sites assessed as good, especially at sites in use by clubs and for England Netball initiatives.
- ◀ Improve ancillary provision servicing courts where demand is, or could be, high.
- ◀ Seek to ensure sufficient access at University of Birmingham (Bournbrook) following its quality improvements and that central venue netball demand can return to the site.
- ◀ Establish a central venue in the north of the City via use of Stockland Green School, Action Indoor Sports and the Pines School and undertake any improvements required to enable this.
- ◀ Consider establishing additional sports lighting at venues in use for netball or at venues that could attract netball demand following installation.

### **Bowling greens**

#### **Assessment Report summary**

##### **Supply and demand summary**

- ◀ Only two crown greens are currently operating above the capacity limit, with these being at Goldeslie Club (used by Goldeslie BC) and Weoley Hill Bowling Club (used by Weoley Hill BC).
- ◀ For flat green bowls, no provision is operating above the guidance and high membership at Erdington Court is not considered to be an issue due to the green's artificial surface.
- ◀ At the other end of the scale, seven crown greens are operating below the recommended capacity range, with the sustainability of this provision therefore questionable (no flat greens are operating below the threshold).
- ◀ Whilst there are some capacity pressures on the bowling greens in Birmingham, this is relatively minimal and no affected clubs report any issues, meaning that supply is considered sufficient to meet demand.
- ◀ Whilst no shortfalls are identified, with all but two greens in current club use, it is also clear that most of the supply requires protection to ensure that demand can continue to be accommodated.

##### **Supply summary**

- ◀ There are 57 crown green bowls greens in Birmingham provided across 53 sites, in addition to six flat greens across six individual sites.
- ◀ The flat green at Handsworth Wood is subject to an ongoing development proposal that will, if it goes ahead, result in the loss of the provision.
- ◀ Further to the active greens, there are also 16 crown greens identified at 14 disused sites as well as a further five greens that are disused at sites which remain active.
- ◀ The crown green at Erdington Court has an artificial playing surface, which increases its capacity.
- ◀ There are 14 crown greens across 13 sites that are supported by sports lighting (no flat greens are).
- ◀ Across the city, 28 crown greens are assessed as good quality, 21 as standard quality and seven as poor quality, whereas three flat greens are good quality and three are standard (none are poor).
- ◀ Planning consent is in place at Tudor Sports Ground to refurbish the poor quality green and to provide an extended clubhouse.
- ◀ Nine crown green and two flat green clubs state a need for their ancillary facilities to improve.

##### **Demand summary**

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- ◀ There are 60 clubs using bowling greens in Birmingham, with membership totalling 2,542 members and equating to 1.826 senior men, 685 senior women and 40 juniors.
- ◀ For crown green bowls, there are 53 clubs and 2,290 members (1,677 senior men, 579 senior women and 34 juniors), whilst for flat green bowls, there are seven clubs and 262 overall members (150 senior men, 106 senior women and six juniors).
- ◀ The average membership across the clubs is 38 for crown greens and 36 for flat greens.
- ◀ In line with a national trend of declining membership, 13 clubs (10 crown and three flat) that responded to consultation report that membership has decreased in recent years, whilst seven (six crown and one flat) identify recent increases.
- ◀ Five crown green and two flat green clubs report that their greens are also available for pay and play, although take-up is seemingly low.
- ◀ All clubs report that existing membership can be accommodated on the current level of provision and that no potential members are being turned away, suggesting that there is no latent or unmet demand.
- ◀ 21 crown green clubs report future demand aspirations, with this equating to an overall growth of 201 members (145 senior and 56 junior), whilst three flat green clubs have ambitions to collectively grow by 65 members (50 senior and 15 junior).

### Scenarios

#### *Impact of accommodating current and future demand*

Neither BCGBA nor Bowls England does have any specific guidance on bowling green capacity, stating that it can vary from site-to-site and from club-to-club. However, as a guide, it states that any green operating with a membership of over 80 may need additional resource to ensure that it is meeting its required level of demand.

In Birmingham, where membership is known, two greens are currently operating above the membership threshold, located at Goldieslie Club and Weoley Hill Bowling Club. However, neither of these clubs express any capacity issues and they do not report any latent or unmet demand. As such, despite high levels of demand, there is no identified requirement for additional green space, although support is required to ensure that this remains the case.

#### *Achieving club sustainability*

It is suggested that clubs operating with a membership of below 20 members per green available could be unsustainable. Six clubs in Birmingham have less than this. These are:

- ◀ Central Edgbaston BC (Area 3)
- ◀ M&B Portland Road BC (Area 2)
- ◀ Mere Green BC (Area 3)
- ◀ Royal Sutton Coldfield British Legion BC (Area 2)
- ◀ Tyseley Working Mens BC (Area 1)
- ◀ Walmley BC (Area 1)

For some authorities, an amalgamation of clubs can often be a solution when numerous clubs are struggling for membership within a locality; however, this is not considered feasible within Birmingham given the size of the authority and the distance between the relevant sites. Instead, the clubs should be supported to try and grow membership to more sustainable levels.

#### *The loss of bowling greens*

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Whilst no provision shortfalls are identified, it is also clear that most of the supply requires protection to ensure that demand can continue to be accommodated. However, this does not relate to the two greens that are not in use (at Lickey Hills Golf Course and Laurel Road Community Sports Centre) or in regards to disused provision as no demand for access has been identified. There are 21 disused bowling greens across the City.

Should any other greens be proposed for loss, it will need to be robustly demonstrated that demand can be absorbed at another site in the locality. In such circumstances, evidence would be required to show that the proposal is supported by the impacted club/s and that there would not be any negative impact or any additional capacity pressures created (e.g., total membership would need to remain comfortably below 80 members per green).

In addition, where existing greens can be demonstrated to be surplus to requirements for bowls, consideration should firstly be given to their capacity to meet the needs for other sports. It is also recommended that mitigation is secured towards investing in improving the quality of existing provision locally where there is no need to re-use greens for other sports.

### **Recommendations**

- ◀ Protect all existing greens, unless it can be robustly demonstrated that demand can be met elsewhere and that appropriate mitigation is provided where provision is justified to be surplus.
- ◀ Improve green quality at sites assessed as poor and standard quality and sustain quality at sites assessed as good.
- ◀ Seek to improve ancillary facility quality where it is necessary.
- ◀ Support clubs operating with a high membership to ensure demand continues to be met on their existing provision.
- ◀ Support clubs operating with a low membership to ensure that they remain sustainable.
- ◀ Support and signpost activities and initiatives that will enable clubs to grow membership, such as Bowls Big Weekend.

### **Cycling**

#### **Assessment Report summary**

##### **Cycling – supply and demand summary**

- ◀ High demand for cycling is identified within Birmingham, especially when taking into account latent demand.
- ◀ Whilst most of this demand will fall outside of the club environment and will not require dedicated provision, protecting and sustaining what is provided at Birmingham BMX Club and Perry Hall Playing Fields should be seen as particularly key given the off-road facilities offered (they should be seen as destination venues for cyclists in the area).
- ◀ Implementation of initiatives promoted by British Cycling should also be explored to encourage more people to get into cycling.

##### **Cycling – supply summary**

- ◀ In Birmingham there are two purpose built outdoor cycling facilities at Perry Hall Playing Fields and Birmingham BMX Club. The former is standard quality whereas the latter is good quality.
- ◀ In addition to the above, there are also two designated blue cycle routes known as A34 (New Town Road/High Street) and A38 (Bristol Road/Bristol Street) in Birmingham.
- ◀ Wider plans via Changing Lives Through Rugby CIC at Spring Lane Playing Fields include the creation of a pump track.
- ◀ British Cycling and Ordnance Survey have teamed up create five family friendly riding routes across the City.

##### **Cycling – demand summary**

- ◀ There are 11 prominent cycling clubs based in Birmingham.

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- ◀ Birmingham BMX Club is only club with its own dedicated facility, of the same name.
- ◀ Birmingham Bike Polo plays cycle polo in Birmingham, using tennis courts and MUGA space at Cotteridge Park.
- ◀ There are Breeze sessions taking place at Sutton Park, Port Loop and Harborne Cycleway and South Parade (Sutton Coldfield); throughput was 288 in 2022.
- ◀ The Guided Rides initiative led to a throughput of 863 in Birmingham in 2022, with 38 ride leaders registered.
- ◀ As part of the City Academy Programme, the Birmingham Hub has been established, with Holford Drive and Sporting elite used as venues and with throughput of 422 people aged 7-14 in 2022.
- ◀ There are also 29 clubs affiliated to Cycling UK, a charity with a mission to enable more people to cycle.
- ◀ Sport England's Segmentation Tool identifies latent demand for cycling of 40,199 people within Birmingham, which represents approximately 3.5% of the City's population compared to a national average of 3.4%.

### Scenarios

N/A

### Recommendations

- ◀ Protect existing provision.
- ◀ Ensure continued access to sites and routes used for formal cycling.
- ◀ Ensure all clubs/groups have home bases to operate from and pursue improved security of tenure where it is required.
- ◀ Consider creation of a Cycling Network that can link up with school and park sites.
- ◀ Support British Cycling initiatives and ensure appropriate infrastructure is in place to accommodate such demand.
- ◀ Explore the potential creation of a pump track as part of the wider plans at Spring Lane Playing Fields.

### Athletics

#### Assessment Report summary

##### Supply and demand summary

- ◀ Birmingham is very well provided for in relation to athletics tracks, with five synthetic 400-metre facilities available to the community. However, demand is also high, especially given latent demand identified for Alexandra Stadium and Wyndley Leisure Centre.
- ◀ As such, with each of the available facilities used to some extent by community users, priority should be placed on protecting the provision and ensuring that quality remains sufficient to accommodate the level of demand received.
- ◀ Away from track and field activity, emphasis should also be placed on supporting the other activities taking place in Birmingham, with a focus on retaining and increasing participation and growing the various initiatives that are in place.

##### Supply summary

- ◀ There are a total of seven dedicated athletics facilities across six sites in the City, of which six are purpose-built 400-metre athletics tracks.
- ◀ The tracks at both Fox Hollies Leisure Centre and Wyndley Leisure Centre operated by Birmingham Community Leisure Trust (BCLT) and its managing agent Serco Leisure on behalf of Birmingham City Council.
- ◀ The facilities at Alexander Stadium are operated directly through the Council, whereas the remaining provision at Deanery C of E Primary School, King Edward's School Running Track and University of Birmingham Athletics Track are operated by schools.

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- ◀ In total, five tracks are good quality, two are standard quality and one is poor quality (King Edward's Running Track).

### **Demand summary**

- ◀ Formal athletics demand is generated from Birchfield Harriers, Kings Heath Running Club, Sparkhill Harriers, Birmingham Swifts LGBT+ Running Club, Royal Sutton Coldfield Athletics Club, Birmingham Running & Triathlon, Bournville Harriers and University of Birmingham.
- ◀ Birchfield Harriers is the prominent athletics club within Birmingham and has national and international recognition for the level of athletes it produces.
- ◀ Sport England's Segmentation Tool enables analysis of 'the percentage of adults that would like to participate in athletics but 'are not currently doing so'. The tool identifies significant latent demand amounting to 21,506 people within Birmingham, which works out at just over 1.8% of the population which is just below the 2% national average.
- ◀ All clubs consulted with express an aspiration to grow membership, although the majority state that this is difficult to quantify as they will do their utmost not turn demand away. This includes Birchfield Harriers and Royal Sutton Coldfield Athletics Club, which both indicate plans to increase demand despite not currently being able to achieve this due to a waiting list.
- ◀ In total, there are six Park Run events, which is a considerable number, as well as two Junior Park Run events.

### **Scenarios**

N/A

### **Recommendations**

- ◀ Protecting existing track facilities.
- ◀ Sustain quality and look to make improvements when necessary (e.g., at King Edward's Running Track) to ensure that demand can continue to be met.
- ◀ Explore options to increase access for clubs expressing latent demand and monitor the impact of the second track at Alexander Stadium to understand if it has relieved capacity pressures.
- ◀ Explore if an opportunity exists in areas without purpose-built facilities for the creation of alternative forms of provision linked to England Athletics' current priorities.
- ◀ Support clubs, running groups, events and England Athletics initiatives such as Park Run and pursue increased participation, where possible.
- ◀ Ensure all clubs/groups continue to have home bases to operate from and pursue improved security of tenure where it is required.

### **Golf courses**

#### **Assessment Report summary**

##### **Golf – supply and demand summary**

- ◀ With 14 golfing sites in Birmingham and a mix of 18-hole courses, a 9-hole course and two well equipped driving ranges, the City is well placed to meet demand.
- ◀ Based on the above, it is considered that supply is sufficient to meet demand, especially with the current average membership across the sites equating to a level that is below the national average, albeit only slightly.
- ◀ Whilst this does not necessarily equate to there being a surplus of provision, it could be argued that the City would be better serviced by a better mix of provision, with facilities that are of better quality and strategically located to meet all demand.

##### **Golf – supply summary**

- ◀ Within Birmingham, there are 14 golf venues that provide facilities (discounting a pitch and putt course at New Hall Spa & Health Club and a miniature golf offering at West Hills Golf Centre).

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- ◀ There is also an additional golf course within Birmingham known as Hilltop Golf Club that is currently being developed to provide a 9-hole course, a Par 3 course and a driving range.
- ◀ In total, there are 12 18-hole courses and one 9-hole course provided across 12 sites.
- ◀ Accumulatively, there are 51 covered driving range bays across Birmingham with 24 at Hatchford Brook Golf Course & Gym and 27 at West Hills Golf Centre.
- ◀ Of the standard hole courses, six are members clubs, whilst six are municipal facilities (managed by Mytime Active) and one (Wishaw Golf Club) is a proprietary site.
- ◀ Membership costs are above the national average (£904) at all members clubs, but below it at the municipal sites, where access to all six is enabled.
- ◀ Quality of the golf courses in Birmingham is relatively good, with no significant issues identified, especially at the members club sites such as Edgbaston Golf Club and Harborne Golf Club.

### **Golf – demand summary**

- ◀ In Birmingham, the average membership across the clubs that affiliate to England Golf is currently 355, falling just below the national average (384).
- ◀ Membership has increased significantly since 2015, when the club average was just 294.
- ◀ Whilst pay and play usage is not known as it is not something that is tracked by England Golf, it would be expected that demand would be highest at the municipal courses.
- ◀ Out of the municipal courses, usage of Pype Hayes Golf Course is shown to be the highest, followed by Hatchford Brook Golf Centre. At the other end of the scale, usage is lowest at Harborne Church Farm Golf Course, followed by Cocks Moors Woods Golf Course.
- ◀ Imported demand into the City is expected to be higher than what would ordinarily be considered given the number and variety of golf courses that are provided across the City.
- ◀ Sport England's Segmentation Tool enables analysis of 'the percentage of adults that would like to participate in golf but 'are not currently doing so' and identifies latent demand of 10,027 people within Birmingham, although no clubs express any capacity issues.
- ◀ Harborne Golf Club is identified as having the largest potential demand, whereas Pype Hayes Golf Club has the smallest potential demand, equating to 116,532 people.

### **Scenarios**

N/A

### **Recommendations**

- ◀ Strategically review municipal facility stock in order to provide better quality facilities that can sustainably meet all demand across the City whilst recognising that each site could still have its place based on the type of provision that is (or could be) offered.
- ◀ Protect all remaining courses for continued golf activity and ensure a sufficient number of municipal facilities are retained in appropriate locations.
- ◀ Sustain course and ancillary facility quality and seek improvements where necessary.
- ◀ Support clubs in membership retention and potential growth and encourage clubs and providers to work more collaboratively in terms of creating pathways for players.

### **Other sports**

#### **Assessment Report summary**

##### **Supply and demand summary**

- ◀ Given the gradual increase in demand for Ultimate within Birmingham, it is clear that the sport could be better provided for. An improvement in the quality of the two football pitches at Selly Park is therefore required in order to better sustain activity, or, alternatively, the creation of dedicated provision could be explored to offset any dual use issues.
- ◀ As there is a limited amount of demand in the City it is identified that access to the full size 3G pitch at University of Birmingham (Bournbrook) is sufficient to meet the requirements.



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- ◀ Considering there are no dedicated facilities nor any significant demand currently existing within Birmingham for baseball/softball, there is no requirement for any supply of pitches. As such, in the short term, any isolated demand that does exist should be directed to Birmingham Baseball Club playing within Solihull.
- ◀ It is considered that there is sufficient provision to cater for current levels of American football within Birmingham on the premise that there is continued access for Birmingham Lions Women and Birmingham Lions (University Team) to the 3G pitches at Avery Fields (Sports & Events) and University of Birmingham (Bournbrook), respectively.
- ◀ Both Erin Go Bragh GAA and University of Birmingham Gaelic Football are being adequately accommodated through dedicated provision and the use of 3G pitches. However, this is not the case for St Brendan's GAA due to it using a dual use football pitch. A 3G proposal at Transport Stadium may provide a means to resolving this.
- ◀ Kabaddi is generally played indoor across Birmingham with any outdoor demand utilising open grass spaces rather than any formal designated pitches. As a result, it is considered there is room to accommodate current and future levels of demand for the sport without any issues, although Barford Tigers HC has a proposal at Wood Avenue/Romilly Avenue which would result in dedicated provision being provided.
- ◀ It is considered that current and future levels of lacrosse demand can be catered for on the assumptions that access to the 3G is sustained.

## Scenarios

N/A

## Recommendations

- ◀ Ensure continued access to existing sites and pitches to enable continued access for all relevant sports.
- ◀ Look to improve pitch quality at Selly Park to better cater for Ultimate frisbee demand or look to create dedicated provision.
- ◀ Should a 3G pitch be developed at Transport Stadium, seek for this to resolve existing capacity issues for St Brendan's GAA.
- ◀ Support plans for dedicated kabaddi provision at Spring Lane Playing Fields and/or Wood Lane/Romilly Avenue to be established and seek to utilise as a central venue.

## PART 5: STRATEGIC RECOMMENDATIONS

The strategic recommendations reflect overarching and common areas to be addressed across Birmingham based on the sport-by-sport and overall findings. As such, they apply across outdoor sports facilities in the City and may not be specific to just one sport or one area.

### OBJECTIVE 1

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

#### Recommendations:

- a) Ensure, through the use of the PPOSS, that playing pitches and 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.

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**Recommendation (a) – Ensure, through the use of the PPOSS, that playing pitches and outdoor sport facilities are protected through the implementation of local planning policy.**

The PPOSS shows that all existing playing field and outdoor sport sites cannot be deemed surplus to requirements because of shortfalls now and in the future. As such, all provision requires protection or appropriate mitigation until all identified shortfalls have been overcome. This includes underused and poor quality sites as there is a requirement for such provision to help meet and alleviate the identified shortfalls i.e., following improvements.

When shortfalls are evident, provision 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 appropriate mitigation is provided and agreed upon by all stakeholders, in line with national planning policy. NPPF paragraph 99 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 benefits of which clearly outweigh the loss of the current or former use.

Should facilities be taken out of use for any reason (e.g., council budget restraints), it is imperative that the land is retained so that it can be brought back into use in the future. This means that land containing provision should not be altered (except to improve play) and should remain free from tree cover and permanent built structures, unless the current picture changes to the extent that the site in question is no longer needed (subject to being informed by a review of the PPOSS or a separate needs assessment), or unless replacement provision is provided to an equal or greater quantity and quality.

The PPOSS should be used to help inform development management decisions that affect existing or new playing pitch and outdoor sport provision as well as accompanying ancillary facilities. All applications should be assessed 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 provision used within the last five years and will use the PPOSS to help assess that planning application against its Playing Fields Policy.

### *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’.<sup>13</sup>

### *Policy Exception E2*

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<sup>13</sup> The catchment can align with the analysis areas used within the PPOSS.

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'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'.

Disused sites that have been unused for more than five years 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. As such, any disused sites are included within the Action Plan together with a recommendation in relation to bringing the site back into use or to mitigate permanent loss via a replacement site to address the shortfalls identified. This is despite Sport England not being a statutory consultee on such applications.

It may be appropriate to consider rationalisation of certain low value 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 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 Birmingham for competitive play, predominantly for football and netball. In some cases, use of such facilities has been classified as secure; however, it is not necessarily formalised and relevant organisations should seek to establish appropriate community use agreements, including

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access to changing provision where required/available. This is especially the case for sites that have unsecured community use despite receiving high levels of use.

Not having fully formalised usage presents a risk for those clubs using these sites as community use could technically be terminated at any time. Securing community use will therefore help to create additional capacity and could help to address deficiencies.

For unsecure sites, NGBs, Sport England and other appropriate bodies such as Sport Birmingham and the Football Foundation can often 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 funding from these bodies or are going to receive funding in the future as community access can be a condition of any agreement.

Given current budgetary pressures, 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, it should support and enable clubs to generate sufficient funds for the acquisition and development of sites, providing that this is to the benefit of sport.

The Council should also further explore opportunities where security of tenure could be granted via lease agreements (minimum 25 years as recommended by Sport England and NGBs) so that clubs are in a position manage assets and to apply for external funding for site improvements. This is particularly the case at poor quality local authority sites, possibly with inadequate or no ancillary facilities, so that quality can be enhanced and sites developed.

Local sports clubs that could be able to manage their own assets 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. For example, club development should be supported and clubs should be encouraged to develop business and sports development plans to show how facilities can be sustainable and to maximise income generation.

Relevant clubs could also be encouraged to look at different management models such as registering as Community Amateur Sports Clubs (CASC)<sup>14</sup>. They should also be signposted to work with partners locally, such as volunteer support agencies or local businesses. Each club interested in leasing a council site should be required to meet service and/or strategic recommendations. An additional set of criteria should also be considered, which takes into account club quality, aligned to its long-term development objectives and sustainability, as seen in the table below.

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

Club	Site
<p>Clubs should have Clubmark/NGBs accreditation award.</p> <p>Clubs commit to meeting demonstrable local demand and show pro-active commitment to developing school-club links.</p> <p>Clubs are sustainable, both in a financial sense and via their internal management structures in relation to recruitment and retention policy for both players and volunteers.</p>	<p>Sites should be those identified as 'Local Sites' (recommendation d) for new clubs (i.e., not those with a City-wide significance) but that offer development potential.</p> <p>For established clubs which have proven success in terms of self-management 'Key Centres' are also appropriate.</p> <p>As a priority, sites should acquire capital investment to improve (which can be</p>

<sup>14</sup> <http://www.cascinfo.co.uk/cascbenefits>

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<p>Ideally, clubs should have already identified any match funding required for initial capital investment identified.</p> <p>Clubs have processes in place to maintain sites to the existing or better standards.</p>	<p>attributed to the presence of an accreditation award).</p> <p>Sites should be leased with the intention that investment can be sourced to contribute towards the improvement of the site.</p>
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Furthermore, the Council could establish a series of core outcomes to derive from clubs taking on a lease arrangement to ensure that the most appropriate clubs are assigned to sites. As an example, outcomes may include:

- ◀ Increasing participation, particularly in target areas such as women’s and girls’ activity.
- ◀ Supporting the development of coaches and volunteers.
- ◀ Commitment to quality standards.
- ◀ Improvements (where required) to facilities, or as a minimum retaining existing standards.

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

For clubs with lease arrangements already in place, these should be reviewed when fewer than 25 years remain so that extensions can be secured, thus improving security of tenure and helping them attract funding for site development. Any club with less than 25 years remaining on an agreement is unlikely to gain any external funding (unless the agreement has been recently entered into).

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

To maximise community use, 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. In Birmingham, pricing policies at facilities can be a barrier to access at some education sites but physical access, poor quality and resistance from providers to open up provision is also an issue, especially at academies and independent schools.

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 venues and local clubs, as well helping to reduce identified shortfalls. It is, however, common for provision not to be fully maximised for community use, even on established community use sites.

In some instances, 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 facilities 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.

As a priority, community use options should be explored at large education sites offering several pitches, with focus therefore placed predominately on secondary schools rather than primary schools. Securing access to such sites will significantly reduce shortfalls throughout the analysis areas that they are based within.

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Although there are 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 providers where there are opportunities for community use. In addition, relevant NGBs have a role to play in supporting the Council to deliver upon this recommendation and communicating with schools where necessary to address shortfalls in provision.

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

Where new schools are provided in major new residential developments, these should be designed to facilitate community access, with opportunities for meeting the community's outdoor sports needs explored at the outset to maximise the potential for facility provision to be made within the developments, if appropriate. An example of this is ensuring the provision of youth 11v11 and/or youth 9v9 grass football pitches, given current shortfalls and their suitability for the playing format of students, or multi-use provision such as courts that can accommodate both tennis and netball activity.

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### OBJECTIVE 2

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

#### Recommendations:

- d) Improve quality
- 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 sites and/or sites that are overplayed which should be prioritised for improvement.

Notwithstanding the above, with pressures on budgets, any wide-ranging direct investment into quality is unlikely and other options for improvements should therefore also be considered. This could be via clubs leasing/managing sites as highlighted in Objective 1, with clubs taking on maintenance, whilst other options may include the use of equipment banks and the pooling of resources for maintenance.

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

Quality in Birmingham is variable but generally facilities are assessed as standard quality, although poor quality provision is more prevalent than good quality provision. 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 pitches is also essential.

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. For the purposes of quality assessments, the Strategy refers to pitches and ancillary facilities separately as being of 'good', 'standard' or 'poor' quality. However, some good quality sites have poor quality elements and vice versa (e.g., a good quality pitch may be serviced by poor quality changing facilities).

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

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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 (thus reducing capacity issues). Where this occurs, it is vital that the improvements are advertised and marketed towards potential users as their perception of the provision may need altering.

In addition, without appropriate, fit for purpose ancillary facilities, good quality provision may be underutilised, especially by adults and female users who have more of a requirement. Changing facilities form the most essential part of this offer (although other provision can be key for income generation) and therefore key sites should be given priority for improvement. For the majority of sports, no senior league matches can take place without appropriate changing facilities and the same also applies to women's and girls' demand.

For football, The FA has a Pitch Improvement Programme aimed at improving the standard of grass pitches across the Country. For provision included in the programme, clubs can utilise the services of the Football Foundation's PitchPower app to carry out a free on-site assessment of their pitches. This then provides the Grounds Management Association (GMA) with the detail needed to create a personalised, informative report to advise on how improvements can be made. Clubs then receive bespoke advice and support to help with any future actions, funding applications and equipment, with clubs getting access to discounted rates for machinery and consumables through local partnerships.

The tool is available across mobile apps and desktop and is open to access by all providers, including clubs, schools and local authorities. Following a PitchPower report, organisations can work towards the recommended dedicated maintenance regime identified to improve the quality of their pitches. Applicants are required to submit a PitchPower assessment for each of their pitches as a condition of a grant funding application for Football Foundation grass pitch investment, such as the Grass Pitch Maintenance fund.

For rugby union, rugby league and cricket, the respective NGBs are now also utilising Pitch Power, with reports being produced similar to those for football.

Specifically for tennis, the LTA has secured a £22 million investment fund to be put into public tennis courts across Britain, together with an £8.5 million investment from the LTA. This will see thousands of public park tennis courts that are in poor or unplayable condition improved for the benefit of the local communities.

For the improvement/replacement of 3G and hockey provision, this is most commonly linked to age, with any surfaces older than 10 years generally requiring replacement. Where pitches are provided, sinking funds should be put into place to ensure that refurbishment can take place when it is required.

### ***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/usage limit to each.

The FA, RFU, RFL, ECB and EH all recommend a maximum 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.



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Table 5.2: Carrying capacity of pitches

Sport	Pitch type	No. of matches. Good quality	No. of matches. Standard quality	No. of matches. Poor quality
Football	Adult pitches	3 per week	2 per week	1 per week
Football	Youth pitches	4 per week	2 per week	1 per week
Football	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
Rugby union	Natural Adequate (D1)	3 per week	2 per week	1.5 per week
Rugby union	Pipe Drained (D2)	3.25 per week	2.5 per week	1.75 per week
Rugby union	Pipe and Slit Drained (D3)	3.5 per week	3 per week	2 per week
Rugby league	Senior pitches	3 per week	2 per week	1 per week
Rugby league	Junior pitches	3 per week	2 per week	1 per week
Cricket	One grass wicket	5 per season	4 per season	0 per season
Cricket	One synthetic wicket	60 per season	60 per season	0 per season
Hockey	Sand/water based AGP	4 per day	4 per day	N/A

For non-pitch sports, capacity is not linked to the number of matches taking place but rather the number of members (and other users) attracted to a site. For example, for tennis, a hard court is said to have capacity for 60 members if it is serviced by sports lighting, whereas a non-lit has court has capacity for 40 members (this varies for grass courts). For bowls, a green is considered at capacity if it has over 80 members, whilst a membership of under 20 could be unsustainable.

It is imperative to engage with clubs to ensure that sites are not played beyond their capacity. Where overplay is identified, play should be encouraged, where possible, to be transferred to alternative venues that are not operating at capacity, or quality should be improved to increase capacity to appropriate levels. Where play is transferred, this may include transferring play to 3G pitches or to sites not currently available for community use but which may be in the future.

For rugby union and rugby league, additional sports lighting, in conjunction with quality improvements, can further reduce levels of overplay at club sites as it allows clubs to spread training demand across a greater number of pitches or unmarked areas. If permanent sports lighting is not possible, portable sports lighting can be provided as an alternative.

Similarly, additional sports lighting can help resolve capacity issues for both tennis and netball as it can allow for greater court usage, especially during winter months.

For cricket, an increase in 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 with existing squares.

As mentioned earlier, there are also sites that are poor quality but which are not overplayed. These should not be overlooked as often poor quality sites have less demand than others but demand could increase if the quality was improved. It does, however, work both ways as potential improvements may make sites more attractive and therefore more popular, which in the long run can lead again to them becoming poor quality pitches if not properly maintained.

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

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

The identification of sites is based on their strategic importance in a City-wide and sporting context. As such, this takes into account the level of demand accommodated and the potential impact the recommended actions will have on addressing the identified shortfalls/issues. The proposed site-hierarchy is summarised in the following table.

Table 5.3: Proposed tiered site criteria

Criteria	Hub sites	Key centres	Local sites
Site location	Strategically located in the City. Priority sites for NGBs.	Strategically located within the analysis area.	Serves the local community.
Site layout	Accommodates three or more grass pitches / facility types, generally including provision of an AGP (or with the potential).	Accommodates two or more grass pitches / facility types.	Accommodates one or two pitches.
Type of sport	Multi-sport provision. Could also operate as a central venue.	Single or multi-sport provision.	Generally single sport provision but may cater for more at a basic level.
Management	Management control allows for wide community use, i.e., through the local authority, a leisure operator or a school/college/university with a community use agreement.	Management control generally allows for wide community use but may include sites that are owned or leased by clubs/other organisations.	Management control can be via the local authority, schools, clubs and other providers.
Maintenance regime	Maintenance regime aligns or could align with NGB guidelines.	Maintenance regime aligns or could align with NGB guidelines.	Standard maintenance regime or an in-house maintenance contract.
Ancillary facilities	Good quality ancillary facilities on site (or potential), with sufficient changing rooms and car parking to serve the number of pitches; may include wider social/function facilities.	Good quality ancillary facility on site (or potential), with sufficient changing rooms and car parking to serve the number of pitches.	Limited or no changing room access on site.

**Hub sites** are of City-wide importance where users are willing to travel to access the range and high quality of facilities offered and are likely to be multi-sport. Actions at these sites are likely to have a greater impact on addressing the issues identified in the PPOSS.

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

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It is considered that some financial investment may be necessary to improve the facilities at both hub sites and key sites. This could be to improve the provision, create additional provision (e.g., a 3G pitch) or to enhance the ancillary facilities in terms of access, flexibility (i.e., single-sex changing if necessary) and quality as well as ensuring 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 pitch/facility or a low number of pitches/facilities that service just one or two sports.

For council sites in this tier, 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 it is anticipated that one of the conditions of offering a hire/lease is that the Club would be in a position to source external funding to improve/extend the provision.

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

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

Partners, led by the Council, should ensure that appropriate funding is secured for improved sports provision and directed to areas of need. This should be underpinned by a robust strategy for improvement in outdoor sport provision and accompanying ancillary facilities, with the PPOSS able to be used as an evidence base for attracting investment.

Furthermore, 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 PPOSS Steering Group as well as with neighbouring local authorities. Cross-border developments can accommodate demand from with Birmingham (and vice versa) and lessen requirements within the City.

To attract investment, the Council should stay informed in relation to relevant and appropriate funding pots, both in regard to what it can directly attract as well as to what clubs could attract independently (with the Council able to assist with this process). This can also be helped through the PPOSS Steering Group signposting partners to what could be available.

Although some investment in new provision will not be made by the Council directly, it is important that the Steering Group seeks to direct and lead a strategic and co-ordinated approach to facility development. This includes delivery from education sites, NGBs, sports clubs and the commercial sector.

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

It is important that this strategy informs policies and supplementary planning documents by setting out the approach to securing sport and recreational facilities through new housing developments.

For playing pitches, it is recommended the Council uses Sport England's Playing Pitch Calculator as a tool for helping to determine the additional demand for pitches and to

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estimate the likely developer contribution required. This should form the basis of the Council working with Sport England to develop a process and guidance for obtaining developer contributions and should aid the negotiation process with developers.

The calculator uses the current number of teams by sport and by pitch type and calculates the percentage within each age group that play that sport and on that provision. That percentage is then applied to the population growth and the additional teams likely to be generated are then converted into match equivalent sessions. This then provides the associated pitch requirements in the peak period, with the associated costs (both for providing the pitch/facility and for its life cycle) provided. The calculator splits the requirement into peak time demand for natural turf pitches, training demand for artificial grass pitches, and the number of new changing rooms required.

The PPOSS should be used to help determine the likely impact of a new development (or group of developments) on demand and the capacity of existing sites in the area, and whether there is a need for contributions to be put towards improvements to increase the capacity of existing provision, or if new provision is required (or a combination of both). Where development is located within access of existing high-quality provision, this does not necessarily mean that there is no need for further provision or improvement to existing provision, as additional demand arising from the development is likely to result in increased usage (which can result in overplay or quality deterioration).

Where it is determined that new provision is required to accompany development, priority should be placed on providing facilities that also contribute towards alleviating existing shortfalls within the locality. To determine what supply of provision is provided, it is imperative that the PPOSS findings are taken into consideration and that for particularly large developments consultation takes place with the relevant NGBs and Sport England. This is due to the importance of ensuring that the stock of facilities provided is correct to avoid provision becoming unsustainable and unused.

The preference from Sport England and the NGBs is for multi-pitch and potentially multi-sport sites to be developed, supported by a clubhouse and adequate parking facilities which consider the potential for further development in the future. This is because single-pitch facilities are more likely to become under-used (or unused), unviable and unsustainable.

Where new provision is not required but where contributions to existing sites is instead to be sought, the PPOSS Action Plan should be used to identify suitable sites within the locality that should receive the funding. This may involve directing investment into provision most likely to receive demand from the housing development, or into provision that is most in need (e.g., due to quality issues).

Sport England recommends that a number of objectives which should be implemented to enable best use of the Calculator:

- ◀ Planning consent should include appropriate conditions and/or be subject to specific planning obligations. Where developer contributions are applicable, a S106 agreement or equivalent must be completed that should specify, when applied, the amount that will be linked to Sport England's Building Cost Information Service 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 (lifecycle costs), the cost of which is indicated by the Calculator. 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 facility enhancement, alongside other open space provision, and its subsequent maintenance.

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- ◀ Where new provision is provided, appropriate changing rooms and associated car parking should be located on site.
- ◀ All new or improved outdoor sports facilities on school sites should be subject to community use agreements.

For further information, please see Part 7 of this report.

### **OBJECTIVE 3**

To provide new outdoor sport provision and ancillary facilities where there is current or future demand to do so

#### **Recommendations:**

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

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

The Council and its partners should work to rectify identified inadequacies and meet identified shortfalls as outlined in the preceding Assessment Report and the sport-by-sport specific recommendations (Part 4) as well as the following Action Plan (Part 6). First and foremost, it is imperative that the current levels of provision are protected and maintained to ensure that the overall picture does not worsen in the future.

To reduce the identified shortfalls, there is not necessarily a need for a significant level of new provision, with the current provision instead able to be better utilised to overcome most deficits. Maximising use of existing provision through a combination of the following will help to reduce shortfalls and accommodate future demand:

- ◀ Improving quality in order to improve the capacity to accommodate more demand.
- ◀ Transferring demand from overplayed sites to sites with spare capacity and/or to artificial surfaces.
- ◀ The re-designation of facilities e.g., converting an unused pitch (or pitch type) for one sport to instead cater for another sport (or another pitch type).
- ◀ Securing community use at education sites including those currently unavailable.
- ◀ Working with commercial and private providers to increase usage and secure tenure.
- ◀ Exploring lease/management arrangements with appropriate clubs/organisations.
- ◀ Establishing additional sports lighting.
- ◀ Installing artificial surfaces (e.g., NTPs).

The PPOSS identifies priority sites that should be focused upon, including those that are presently overplayed and/or poor quality as well as unused and unsecure sites that are particularly large. It also advises how issues can be overcome. This is done on a site-by-site basis in the preceding Action Plan.

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

Better utilising the stock of provision across Birmingham will lessen the need for new provision. Although there are identified shortfalls, most current and future demand is currently being met and most existing shortfalls can be addressed via quality improvements and/or improved access to sites that are presently used minimally or that are currently unavailable. Adding to the current stock is therefore not recommended as a priority solution across the City, although for certain sports and in specific areas it could be required. This is especially the case for cricket and rugby union given the substantial deficits identified.

In relation to football and hockey, there is also a specific shortfall of artificial pitches that can only be met through increased provision. However, this is relatively minimal compared to most other local authorities.

There is also demand for the creation of new facilities linked to the Football Foundation's PlayZones programme.

Large scale housing developments and the establishment of new schools may also necessitate the need for new provision, especially for developments as large as the Langley Sustainable Urban Development. Where new schools are developed, there is an opportunity to combine the building of the School to the development of a new multi-sport site that can be of a benefit to the School as well as the wider community.

For housing developments, as outlined in Recommendation (g), Sport England's Playing Pitch Calculator can be used as a guide to inform requirements. See Part 7 for further information.

#### *Greater Birmingham Deaf Hub*

Although the PPOSS document primarily focuses on affiliated sports demand there is a requirement to consider other specific issues surrounding sport across the City and potential new provision (or the development of existing sites) to tie in with this. An example of this is via the Greater Birmingham Deaf Hub, which, in addition to the City Council, identifies an aspiration to develop a dedicated Deaf Hub within the Greater Birmingham area.

The aspirations are for the facility to have a mixture of indoor and outdoor sporting facilities with appropriate changing provision, to cater for a variety of disabilities, in particular those within the deaf community. In addition, there would be areas/rooms within the building for other activities to take place. The development of such a facility would allow for competitions/events to occur, with such occurrences reportedly reducing significantly over recent years, both regionally and nationally, due to a lack of appropriate facilities and organisers within the community.

The Greater Birmingham Deaf Hub reports that current facilities and booking methods present accessibility issues, meaning there are often limited options for groups/teams to hire provision at peak time as slots are primarily booked by affiliated/recreational demand online or via phone. This is primarily why the Hub aspires to own or lease a facility as it can then manage the booking process appropriately and reduce any barriers to participation.

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An exact requirement surrounding sporting provision at such a facility is difficult to confirm at this stage. The Hub is open to discuss where the facility could be located, although it has shown a preference to a site within the vicinity of the M6, with decent public transport links, for accessibility purposes. It should also be noted that it is also open to work with the Council to incorporate the requirements mentioned into a new facility if an appropriate project arises.

With the above being said, in ideal circumstances, the facility would have a mixture of artificial provision (3G for health initiatives) and grass playing fields in order to accommodate key sports such as football and cricket. It would also have a sports hall meeting the relevant specification for futsal, which is also more generally required due to growing demand. Although these are at present only aspirations, there are evidently options to discuss exact provision details with relevant stakeholders (Greater Birmingham Deaf Hub / Birmingham City Council / NGBs).

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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 is separated by analysis area and includes information pertaining to the sub sections below.

#### ***Site hierarchy***

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. As stated in Recommendation (e), to allow for facility developments to be programmed within a phased approach, the Council should adopt a tiered approach to the management and improvement of playing pitch sites and associated facilities. This is done via classifying sites as hub sites, key centres or local sites.

#### ***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 the actions identified but where the action is a priority and resource is available the partner will endeavour to assist.

As all sites sit within the local authority area, the Council is considered to be a partner for each identified action (as the column indicates partners for the Council) and is therefore not included. However, it is acknowledged that it will take on more of a leading role for some specific sites and some specific actions (e.g., at council-operated venues).

#### ***Priority***

Although hub sites are most likely to have **high** priority actions, as they have wider importance, these have been identified on the basis of the impact that the site will have on addressing the key issues identified in the assessment. Therefore, some key centres and local sites are on occasion also identified as having a high priority level. It is these projects/sites which should generally, if possible, be addressed within the short term (1-2 years).

**Medium** priority actions have analysis area importance and are identified on the basis of the impact that they will have on addressing the issues identified in the assessment, although not to the same extent as high priority actions.

The **low** priority actions tend to be where little work is required, or where the status quo can be maintained, or they are for single pitch or single sport sites with only local specific importance. However, the actions may still contribute to addressing issues for specific users and there may also be opportunities to action some of the recommendations made against such sites relatively quickly e.g., through S106 funding.



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### **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: [Sport England Cost Guidance](#)

### **Timescales**

The Action Plan has been created to be delivered over a ten-year period and 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**

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

**AREA 1 - ERDINGTON**

Site ID	Site	Postcode	Sport	Management	Current status	Recommended actions	Partners	Site hierarchy tier	Priority	Timescales	Cost	Aim
2	Action Indoor Sports	B23 7EY	3G	Commercial	A standard quality smaller sized 3G pitch which is available for community use and has sports lighting.	Retain for continued recreational use.	BCFA FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect
2	Action Indoor Sports	B23 7EY	Netball	Commercial	Two poor quality macadam courts that are sports lit and are available for community use. Identified to be refurbished for football and netball as part of the PlayZone proposals.	Refurbish provision with a suitable surface for netball; however, consider that England Netball does not believe that the site is suitable for PlayZone investment. Seek to utilise as a central venue in combination with the Pines School and Stockland Green School given lack of other suitable provision in the area.	EN BCFA FF	Local	H	S	M	Protect Enhance
13	Aston Old Edwardians Rugby Club	B44 0HP	Football	Sports club	A standard quality adult pitch that has actual spare capacity of 0.5 match equivalent sessions.	Sustain pitch quality with appropriate levels of maintenance. Look to utilise spare capacity to accommodate future demand / alleviate shortfalls.	Club BCFA FF	Local	L	M	L	Protect
13	Aston Old Edwardians Rugby Club	B44 0HP	Rugby union	Sports club	One standard quality pitch with no sports lighting that is overplayed by four match equivalent sessions and one poor quality pitch that has sports lighting which is overplayed by 2.5 match equivalent sessions. The latter pitch has been damaged by a chafer grub infestation. Accompanied by standard quality ancillary facilities that need modernising and made to be more inclusive.	Improve pitch quality to reduce overplay and explore options to improve the quality of ancillary provision. To fully alleviate overplay, explore options such as access to additional pitch provision or a World Rugby compliant 3G pitch.	Club RFU	Local	M	S	M	Protect Enhance
13	Aston Old Edwardians Rugby Club	B44 0HP	NTP	Sports club	A standalone NTP.	Retain as required.	Club WCB ECB	Local	L	L	L	Protect
45	Castle Vale Football Stadium	B35 7LQ	Football	Sports club	One adult, two youth 11v11, one youth 9v9 and one mini 5v5 pitch all of which are standard quality. The adult pitch is overplayed by 1.5 match equivalent sessions, the mini 5v5 is played to capacity at peak time and the two youth 11v11 and single youth 9v9 pitch each have 0.5 match equivalent sessions of spare capacity. The site has been subject to Enhanced Grass Pitch Maintenance and has good quality ancillary provision.	Improve pitch quality to alleviate overplay.	Club BCFA FF	Key centre	M	S	M	Protect Enhance

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45	Castle Vale Football Stadium	B35 7LQ	3G	Sports club	One standard quality, full size pitch built in 2017.	Ensure a sinking fund is in place for long-term sustainability and ensure the pitch remains FIFA accredited via testing every three years.	Club BCFA FF	Key centre	M	M	M	Protect
45	Castle Vale Football Stadium	B35 7LQ	Hockey (disused)	Sports club	A disused hockey suitable AGP which fell out of use in 2013. It is currently being converted to 3G.	Support 3G creation given local shortfalls in Sutton Coldfield and future demand expressed in Erdington. Ensure it is provided to a good quality, with a sinking fund in place, and seek FA testing so that it can be used for competitive matches.	Club EH BCFA FF	Key centre	H	S	H	Protect Enhance
65	Erdington Academy	B24 8RE	Football	School	One poor quality youth 11v11 pitch that is played to capacity by curricular/extracurricular demand. In 2020, planning consent was granted for the extension of the School and a commitment was secured for a scheme of playing field quality improvements, although not in relation to existing football pitches.	Look to improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance.	School BCFA FF	Local	M	S	L	Protect Enhance
65	Erdington Academy	B24 8RE	3G	School	One poor quality smaller sized 3G pitch that is sports lit and available for community use.	Look to refurbish pitch so that it can continue to meet its current demand.	School BCFA FF	Local	L	S	M	Protect Enhance
65	Erdington Academy	B24 8RE	Tennis	School	Three poor quality macadam courts that are available for community use but not sports lit.	Improve quality and explore if sports lighting can be installed to better cater for community demand.	School LTA	Local	L	S	M	Protect Enhance
65	Erdington Academy	B24 8RE	Netball	School	Two poor quality macadam courts that are available for community use but not sports lit.	Improve quality and explore if sports lighting can be installed to better cater for community demand.	School EN	Local	L	S	M	Protect Enhance
66	Erdington Court Sports Club	B23 5QU	Cricket	Sports club	One standard quality grass wicket square used by Walmley CC. The Club indicates ancillary provision (changing rooms) needs to be improved and the square is used to capacity.	Improve square quality to increase capacity and improve ancillary provision.	Club WCB ECB	Local	M	M	M	Protect Enhance
66	Erdington Court Sports Club	B23 5QU	Bowls	Sports club	One good quality flat green with an artificial surface. Used by Erdington Court BC.	Sustain green quality.	Club BE	Local	L	L	L	Protect
67	Erin Go Bragh Holly Lane Sport	B24 9LH	Football	Sports club	Two poor quality adult pitches overplayed by 3.5 match equivalent sessions. Ancillary provision needs enhancing/modernising.	Improve pitch quality to alleviate overplay and improve ancillary provision.	Club BCFA FF	Local	M	M	L	Protect Enhance
67	Erin Go Bragh Holly Lane Sport	B24 9LH	Gaelic football	Sports club	One poor quality Gaelic football pitch, leased from the Council by Erin Go Bragh. The ancillary provision needs enhancing/modernising.	Improve pitch and ancillary facility quality.	Club GAA	Local	M	M	L	Protect Enhance
67	Erin Go Bragh Holly Lane Sport	B24 9LH	Bowls	Sports club	One good quality crown green that is rented by Brookhill BC.	Sustain green quality.	Club BCGBA	Local	L	L	L	Protect

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69	Featherstone Primary School	B23 6PR	Football	School	One poor quality mini 5v5 pitch that is unavailable for community use.	Improve quality to better accommodate curricular demand.	School BCFA FF	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
89	Grange Road Playing Fields	B24 0DG	Football	Council	Two standard quality adult pitches which each have one match equivalent sessions of actual spare capacity.	Utilise actual spare capacity via the transfer of demand from overplayed sites or through future demand.	BCFA FF	Local	L	M	L	Protect
89	Grange Road Playing Fields	B24 0DG	Tennis	Council	Two poor quality macadam courts which are not accompanied by sports lighting.	Improving quality to better accommodate recreational demand.	LTA	Local	M	S	M	Protect Enhance
93	Greenwood Academy	B35 7NL	Netball	School	Three standard quality netball courts that are neither sports lit nor available for community use.	Explore installation of sports lighting to enable community access.	School EN	Local	L	S	M	Protect Enhance
111	Highcroft Community Centre	B23 7JG	Cricket	Sports club	A standard quality grass wicket square that is accompanied by an NTP. Leased to Highcroft & Great Barr CC and overplayed by one match equivalent session.	Improve square quality to alleviate overplay and ensure lease is renegotiated when required to provide the Club with security of tenure.	Club WCB ECB	Local	M	S	L	Protect Enhance
111	Highcroft Community Centre	B23 7JG	Bowls (disused)	Community Centre	A crown green which is now being marked out as a recreational 5v5 football pitch.	Retain for recreational football use.	BCGBA	Local	L	L	L	Protect
122	Hollyfields Sports & Social Club	B24 0JT	Football	Sports club	Two adult, one youth 9v9 and one mini 7v7 pitch all of which are good quality. The adult pitches are overplayed by 0.5 match equivalent sessions whereas the remaining provision is played to capacity at peak time.	Explore options to transfer some demand off the adult pitches to a site with spare capacity in order to alleviate overplay.	Club BCFA FF	Local	L	S	L	Protect
122	Hollyfields Sports & Social Club	B24 0JT	Cricket (disused)	Sports club	Site is still actively used for football; however, the grass cricket square and an NTP has not been maintained since 2018/19.	Protect the provision in accordance with Sport England and NPPF guidelines and consider bringing the square back into use given local shortfalls, should demand be identified.	Club ECB WCB	Local	L	S	L	Protect
122	Hollyfields Sports & Social Club	B24 0JT	Bowls	Sports club	One good quality crown green rented by Hollyfields BC.	Sustain green quality.	Club BCGBA	Local	L	L	L	Protect
128	Jaffray Playing Fields	B24 8BD	Football	Sports club	One adult, one youth 11v11 (overmarked by a youth 9v9 pitch), one mini 7v7 and two mini 5v5 pitches, all of which are standard quality. The overmarked pitch is played to capacity and the mini 7v7 pitch is played to capacity at peak time, whilst the mini 5v5 pitches and adult pitch have actual spare capacity of 0.5 and one match equivalent sessions, respectively. Leased to Phoenix United FC. The site has poor quality ancillary provision.	Improve ancillary facilities.	Club BCFA FF	Local	M	M	M	Protect Enhance

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165	Greek Orthodox Church of the Holy Trinity & St Luke (Park Approach)	B23 7SJ	Football (disused)	Church	Site has historically had two adult and one youth 11v11 marked out, lastly in 2021. Site is identified as a possible development site for the Birmingham Municipal Housing Trust, whilst clubs also have an aspiration to bring it back into use and develop pitches.	Consider bringing pitches back into use given local shortfalls and the demand that exists and protect the site in accordance with Sport England and NPPF guidelines.	BCFA FF	Local	M	S	M	Protect Enhance
187	North Birmingham Academy	B44 0HF	Football	School	One standard quality adult pitch that is not available for community use.	Explore community use aspects given local shortfalls.	School BCFA FF	Local	L	S	L	Protect
187	North Birmingham Academy	B44 0HF	3G	School	One full size (105x72m) FIFA certified pitch with sports lighting. Built in 2018 and is good quality.	Sustain quality and ensure a sinking fund is in place for long-term sustainability. Also ensure the pitch remains on the FIFA register via testing every three years.	School FF BCFA	Key centre	M	L	L	Protect
187	North Birmingham Academy	B44 0HF	Rugby union	School	One poor quality senior pitch that is not available for community use.	Retain to meet curricular/extracurricular demand.	School RFU	Key centre	L	L	L	Protect
187	North Birmingham Academy	B44 0HF	Tennis	School	Four poor quality macadam courts that a neither sport lit nor available for community use. A planning application will secure community access to the provision moving forward.	Look to improve court quality in conjunction with planning application to secure community use and seek to maximise demand.	School LTA	Key centre	M	M	M	Protect Enhance
187	North Birmingham Academy	B44 0HF	Netball	School	Four poor quality macadam courts that are not sport lit but are used by Parkside NC. A planning application will secure community access to the provision moving forward.	Improve quality and ensure community use is secured as set out via the planning application.	School EN	Key centre	M	M	M	Protect Enhance Provide
206	Queensbury School	B24 8BL	Football	School	One poor quality mini 7v7 pitch that is not available for community use.	Improve quality to better accommodate curricular demand.	BCFA FF	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
213	Rookery Park	B24 9BJ	Football (disused)	Council	One youth 9v9 pitch which is no longer formally marked but is still used recreationally.	Consider bringing pitches back into use given local shortfalls and the demand that exists and protect the site in accordance with Sport England and NPPF guidelines.	BCFA FF	Local	M	S	M	Protect Enhance
213	Rookery Park	B24 9BJ	Tennis	Council	One poor quality tennis court that is not sports lit. Site has been identified for potential investment.	Improve court quality to better accommodate and attract recreational demand.	LTA	Local	M	S	L	Protect Enhance
213	Rookery Park	B24 9BJ	Netball	Council	One poor quality netball court that is not sports lit. Site has been identified for potential investment.	Improve court quality to better accommodate and attract recreational demand.	LTA	Local	M	S	L	Protect Enhance
216	Saint Barnabas CE Primary School	B24 9BY	Football	School	Two mini 5v5 pitches of poor quality unavailable for community use.	Improve quality to better accommodate curricular demand.	BCFA FF	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
225	Short Heath Playing Fields	B23 6JX	Football (disused)	Council	Accommodated a variety of pitch types over the previous decade, with use last recorded in 2016.	Consider bringing pitches back into use given local shortfalls and the demand that exists and protect the site in accordance with Sport England and NPPF guidelines.	BCFA FF	Local	M	S	M	Protect Enhance

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227	Sorrel Park	B24 0RR	Football (disused)	Council	One youth 11v11 pitch last marked circa 2017.	Consider bringing pitches back into use given local shortfalls and the demand that exists and protect the site in accordance with Sport England and NPPF guidelines.	BCFA FF	Local	M	S	M	Protect Enhance
230	Spring Lane Playing Fields	B24 9BT	Football	Charity	Two adult, one mini 5v5, one mini 7v7 and one youth 9v9 pitch all of which are standard quality. Each pitch has actual spare capacity of one match equivalent session. Accompanied by poor quality ancillary provision.	Utilise actual spare capacity via the transfer of demand from overplayed sites or through future demand. Also improve ancillary facilities.	BCFA FF	Hub site	M	M	M	Protect Enhance
230	Spring Lane Playing Fields	B24 9BT	Cricket	Sports club	Two standard quality squares that are accumulatively overplayed by 18 match equivalent sessions. Leased to Erdington/Aston Unity CC and the Club aspires to create an NTP on the site. Accompanied by poor quality ancillary provision.	Improve square quality to reduce and install an NTP on the site in order to fully alleviate it. Also improve ancillary facilities.	Club ECB WCB	Hub site	H	M	M	Protect Enhance
230	Spring Lane Playing Fields	B24 9BT	Rugby union	Charity	Two good quality senior pitches, one of which has sports lighting. One of the pitches is also used for rugby league. Sports lit pitch is overplayed by 2.5 match equivalent sessions, with the other pitch overplayed by one match equivalent session. Erdington RFC indicates that it wants to also reclaim a disused Gaelic football pitch in order establish an additional senior pitch. Accompanied by poor quality ancillary provision.	Sustain quality to ensure overplay does not worsen and support plans to create an additional pitch in order to eradicate it. Also improve ancillary provision.	Club RFU	Hub site	H	M	H	Protect Provide Enhance
230	Spring Lane Playing Fields	B24 9BT	Rugby league	Charity	A rugby league pitch overmarks one of the rugby union pitches and is used by Griffins Juniors RLFC. Aspirations exist to create a dedicated rugby league pitch.	Support aspirations for developing a dedicated rugby league pitch given capacity issues at the site, but also ensure continued access until such a time that this is provided.	RFL	Hub site	H	M	M	Provide
230	Spring Lane Playing Fields	B24 9BT	Cycling / athletics	Charity	A planning application has been submitted which includes the development of a perimeter track for walking/running and a pump track.	Support plans as a means to providing for recreational athletics and cycling activity.	British Cycling EA	Hub site	M	M	M	Provide
230	Spring Lane Playing Fields	B24 9BT	Kabaddi	Charity	A planning application has been submitted which includes the development of a sand area. It states that this will be for multi-sport access and includes reference to Kabaddi.	Support plans a means to providing a formal facility for kabaddi activity.	EKA	Hub site	M	M	M	Provide
230	Spring Lane Playing Fields	B24 9BT	Gaelic football (disused)	Charity	In previous years, Sean McDermott's GAA trained on a dedicated Gaelic pitch at the site. However, through the consultation process, it became evident that the Club has moved its operations and is now training and competing	As the pitch is no longer required for Gaelic football, look to repurpose for rugby union in order to alleviate identified shortfalls on the site.	GAA RFU	Hub site	H	M	M	Protect Provide

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					exclusively in Solihull, at Old Damson Lane and at Páirc na hÉireann.							
232	St Edmund Campion Catholic School	B23 5XA	Hockey	School	One smaller sized sand-based AGP which is not accompanied by sports lit nor available for community use.	Retain to meet curricular/extracurricular demand.	School EH	Local	L	L	L	Protect
270	Twickenham Park	B44 0AJ	Football	Sports club	Two adult pitches each overmarked youth 9v9 pitches, as well as one mini 7v7 pitch and two mini 5v5 pitches. All pitches are poor quality. Each overmarked adult pitch is overplayed by 0.5 match equivalent sessions and the mini 7v7 pitch is also overplayed by the same amount. Leased to FC Elite Academy from the Council and a planning application has been submitted to develop the facilities, with this recently approved by the Council subject to conditions. The proposal is for improvement works to the site, including the creation of car parking, erection of cladded container units, dug out shelters, boundary treatments and associated landscaping	Improve pitch quality in order to alleviate overplay and support plans to improve the ancillary facilities on the site.	Club BCFA FF	Local	M	S	M	Protect Enhance
295	Yenton Playing Fields	B24 0AH	Football	Council	One adult pitch that has spare capacity discounted due to its poor quality. Also one poor quality youth 11v11 pitch that is overplayed by 0.5 match equivalent sessions.	Improve quality to alleviate overplay and create actual spare capacity.	BCFA FF	Local	M	S	L	Protect Enhance
295	Yenton Playing Fields	B24 0AH	Cricket (disused)	Council	Site previously accommodated a four wicket grass square; however, upon non-technical assessments, the provision seems not to have been actively maintained or used for an extended period of time.	Protect the provision in accordance with Sport England and NPPF guidelines and consider bringing the square back into use given local shortfalls, should demand be identified.	ECB WCB	Local	L	S	L	Protect
301	Brookvale Park	B23 7YT	Tennis	Council	Two poor quality macadam courts that do not have sports lighting. Courts are used by the Erdington Tennis League.	Improve court quality and explore if sports lighting could be installed to better accommodate demand.	LTA	Local	L	S	M	Protect Enhance
301	Brookvale Park	B23 7YT	Bowls (disused)	Council	A green not formally maintained since circa 2014. Was used by Brookvale Sons of Rest BC, which has now relocated to Aston Manor Cricket Club.	No demand has been identified. Consider repurposing for other sporting needs, development in line with planning policy, or retain as strategic reserve.	BCGBA	Local	L	L	L	-
311	Pype Hayes Park	B24 0HG	Tennis	Council	Four good quality macadam courts that are not sports lit. Used by the Erdington and Sutton Coldfield Tennis Leagues and identified for potential investment.	Explore if sports lighting could be installed to better accommodate demand and support wider investment plans.	LTA	Local	M	S	L	Protect Enhance
311	Pype Hayes Park	B24 0HG	Bowls (disused)	Council	A green formally maintained since circa 2013.	No demand has been identified. Consider repurposing for other sporting needs, development in	BCGBA	Local	L	L	L	-

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						line with planning policy, or retain as strategic reserve.						
334	Greyhound	B23 5JX	Bowls	Public house	One good quality crown green rented by Greyhound BC.	Sustain green quality and look to secure tenure for the Club.	BCGBA	Local	L	S	L	Protect
359	Erdington Conservative Club	B24 9HU	Bowls	Sports club	One poor quality crown green used by Erdington Conservative BC.	Improve green quality.	BCGBA	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
375	Highclare School	B23 6QL	Tennis	School	Two poor quality courts that are not sports lit nor available for community use.	Improve quality to better accommodate curricular demand.	School LTA	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
375	Highclare School	B23 6QL	Netball	School	One poor quality court that is not sports lit nor available for community use.	Improve quality to better accommodate curricular demand.	School EN	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
437	Stockland Green School	B23 7JH	Netball	School	Four poor quality courts that available for community use but not sports lit.	Improve court quality to attract demand and explore if sports lighting could be installed to further enhance the provision. Seek to utilise as a central venue in combination with Action Indoor Sports and the Pines School given lack of other suitable provision in the area.	School EN	Key centre	M	S	M	Protect Enhance
438	The Pines School	B23 7EY	Netball	School	A poor quality court that is neither sports lit nor available to the community.	Improve court quality to attract demand and explore if sports lighting could be installed to further enhance the provision. Seek to utilise as a central venue in combination with Action Indoor Sports and Stockland Green School given lack of other suitable provision in the area.	School LTA	Key centre	L	S	L	Protect Enhance



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Site ID	Site	Postcode	Sport	Management	Current status	Recommended actions	Partners	Site hierarchy tier	Priority	Timescales	Cost	Aim
3	Alcoa Sports Ground	B72 1XJ	Football (disused)	Private	Two youth 11v11, one mini 7v7 and one mini 5v5 pitch last marked circa 2017.	Consider bringing pitches back into use given local shortfalls and the demand that exists and protect the site in accordance with Sport England and NPPF guidelines.	BCFA FF	Local	M	S	M	Protect Enhance
10	Arthur Terry School	B74 4RZ	Football	School	One poor quality youth 11v11 pitch that is unavailable for community use.	Improve pitch quality and explore community use aspects given local shortfalls.	School BCFA FF	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
10	Arthur Terry School	B74 4RZ	Hockey	School	A smaller sized sand-based pitch which is not accompanied by sports lights nor available for community use.	Retain for curricular demand.	School EH	Local	L	L	L	Protect
26	Bishop Vesey's Grammar School	B74 2NH	Football	School	One standard quality youth 11v11 pitch that is not available for community use.	Improve pitch quality and explore community use aspects given local shortfalls.	School BCFA FF	Key centre	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
26	Bishop Vesey's Grammar School	B74 2NH	Cricket	School	Three standard quality cricket squares, one accompanied by an NTP. Used by the LL Cricket League and accumulatively overplayed by four match equivalent sessions.	Improve square quality to alleviate overplay and look to secure community usage.	School WCB ECB	Key centre	M	S	L	Protect Enhance
26	Bishop Vesey's Grammar School	B74 2NH	Rugby union	School	Seven standard quality senior pitches that are available for community use. Actual spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure.	Retain as community available should demand exist in the future.	School RFU	Key centre	L	L	L	Protect
26	Bishop Vesey's Grammar School	B74 2NH	Hockey	School	One poor quality full size sand based pitch used by Sutton Coldfield HC. Restricted hours of usage on a Sunday.	As a priority refurbish the pitch with a hockey suitable surface and ensure a sinking fund is in situ once refurbished. Ensure hockey usage is protected through a secure agreement and explore options to extend usage on a Sunday.	School EH	Key centre	H	S	H	Enhance Protect
26	Bishop Vesey's Grammar School	B74 2NH	Tennis	School	Four good quality macadam courts which are available for community use but are not sports lit.	Sustain court quality and explore if sports lighting could be provided to better accommodate and attract community use.	School LTA	Key centre	M	S	M	Protect Enhance
26	Bishop Vesey's Grammar School	B74 2NH	Netball	School	Two good quality macadam courts which are available for community use but are not sports lit. Used by Little Sutton NC, Stockland Belles NC and Sutton United NC.	Sustain court quality and explore if sports lighting could be provided to better accommodate and attract community use. Also seek to provide security of tenure to users.	School EN	Key centre	M	S	M	Protect Enhance

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27	Bishop Walsh Catholic School	B76 1QT	Football	School	One adult, two youth 11v11, two youth 9v9, three mini 7v7 and two mini 5v5 pitches all of which are good quality. All used to capacity at peak time. Community usage agreement is in situ with Sutton Coldfield Town Juniors FC. The site has received Grass Pitch Maintenance Funds and has new ancillary provision.	Sustain quality.	School BCFA FF	Key centre	M	L	L	Protect
27	Bishop Walsh Catholic School	B76 1QT	3G	School	Sutton Coldfield Town Juniors FC wants to create a full size 3G pitch, although it is yet to formally submit any official plans.	Support aspiration given 3G pitch shortfalls in the area.	School BCFA FF	Key centre	H	M	H	Provide
27	Bishop Walsh Catholic School	B76 1QT	Rugby union	School	One standard quality senior pitch that is unavailable for community use.	Retain for curricular demand.	School RFU	Key centre	L	L	L	Protect
27	Bishop Walsh Catholic School	B76 1QT	Hockey	School	One smaller sized sand-based pitch which is sports lit and available for community use.	Retain for recreational demand.	School FA FF	Key centre	L	L	L	Protect
27	Bishop Walsh Catholic School	B76 1QT	Tennis	School	Three standard quality artificial courts that are sports lit and available for community use. Used by the Sutton Coldfield Tennis League.	Improve quality to better accommodate demand and look to secure usage.	School LTA	Key centre	M	S	L	Protect
27	Bishop Walsh Catholic School	B76 1QT	Netball	School	Two standard quality artificial courts that are sports lit and available for community use.	Improve quality to better accommodate demand and look to secure usage.	School LTA	Key centre	M	S	L	Protect
28	Boldmere Junior School	B73 5SD	Football	School	One poor quality mini 5v5 pitch that is not available for community use.	Improve pitch quality for curricular demand.	School BCFA FF	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
29	Boldmere Sports & Social Club	B73 5HQ	Football	Sports club	Two adult, one youth 9v9, one mini 7v7 and two mini 5v5 pitches all of which are standard quality. The adult pitches are overplayed by 3.5 match equivalent sessions, whereas the youth 9v9 pitch is overplayed by one match equivalent session. The mini 7v7 pitch is played to capacity at peak time, whilst the mini 5v5 pitches have actual spare capacity of one match equivalent session. Used by a team in the Regional Feeder League.	Improve pitch quality to alleviate overplay and ensure the site meets relevant requirements to allow for progression through the non-league football pyramid.	Club BCFA FF	Key centre	M	M	M	Protect Enhance
29	Boldmere Sports & Social Club	B73 5HQ	3G	Sports club	One smaller sized 3G pitch that is sports lit and available for community use. Surface exceeds its recommended lifespan.	Resurface the pitch and ensure a sinking fund is put in place.	Club	Key centre	M	S	M	Protect Enhance
29	Boldmere Sports & Social Club	B73 5HQ	Bowls	Sports club	One good quality crown green rented by Boldmere Sports & Social BC	Sustain green quality.	Club BCGBA	Key centre	L	L	L	Protect
30	Boldmere St Michaels Football & Athletic Club Ltd	B73 5RY	3G	Sports club	One standard quality full size FIFA certified sports lit pitch in addition to two smaller sized sports lit pitches. Boldmere St	Sustain pitch quality and ensure a sinking fund is in place for long-term sustainability. Also ensure relevant testing so that it stays FIFA certified, every three	Club BCFA FF	Local	M	M	L	Protect Enhance

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					Michaels FC uses the full size pitch (at Step 4).	years. Ensure the site meets relevant requirements to allow for progression through the non-league football pyramid.							
56	Langley School (Coppice Primary School)	B75 6TJ	Hockey	School	One smaller sized sand-based pitch which is not accompanied by sports lights or available for community use.	Retain for curricular demand.	School EH	Local	L	L	L	L	Protect
57	Deanery C of E Primary School	B76 2RD	Football	School	One standard quality youth 11v11 pitch that is not available for community use.	Explore community use options given local shortfalls.	School BCFA FF	Local	L	S	L	L	Protect
57	Deanery C of E Primary School	B76 2RD	Hockey	School	One smaller sized sand-based pitch which is not accompanied by sports lights or available for community use.	Retain for curricular demand.	School EH	Local	L	L	L	L	Protect
57	Deanery C of E Primary School	B76 2RD	Athletics	School	A mini 200-metre track. Unavailable for community use.	Sustain quality and examine if demand warrants the opening of the provision for community use.	School EH	Local	L	S	L	L	Protect
68	Fairfax School	B75 7JT	Football	School	One poor quality youth 9v9 pitch that is not available for community use.	Improve quality and explore community use options given local shortfalls.	School BCFA FF	Local	L	S	L	L	Protect Enhance
68	Fairfax School	B75 7JT	Cricket	School	A standalone NTP.	Sustain quality and retain for curricular use.	School WCB ECB	Local	L	L	L	L	Protect
68	Fairfax School	B75 7JT	Rugby union	School	Two junior and one senior pitch all of which are poor quality. Not available for community use.	Improve quality for curricular use.	School BCFA FF	Local	L	S	L	L	Protect Enhance
68	Fairfax School	B75 7JT	Netball	School	Two standard quality macadam courts that are available for community use but do not have sports lighting.	Sustain court quality and explore if sports lighting could be added to better accommodate and attract demand.	School EN	Local	L	S	L	L	Protect Enhance
75	Four Oaks Saints Cricket Club	B74 4LT	Football (disused)	Sports club	Previously accommodated one adult pitch. Site remains used for cricket	No requirement for the pitch as it could impact on the quality of the outfield of the cricket square.	Club BCFA FF	Local	L	L	L	L	-
75	Four Oaks Saints Cricket Club	B74 4LT	Cricket	Sports club	One good quality grass wicket and a standalone NTP. Overplayed by 20 match equivalent sessions and Four Oaks Saints CC aspires for bigger changing rooms.	Explore options to alleviate overplay, potentially via adding an accompanying NTP or through the transfer of demand. Also support aspirations to improve the size of onsite changing rooms.	Club WCB ECB	Local	M	M	L	L	Protect Enhance
76	Four Oaks Saints Cricket Club (Prince of Wales Ground)	B75 6DH	Cricket	Sports club	One good quality square with which has spare capacity to accommodate more demand on a Sunday and Midweek.	Sustain quality and look to utilise the capacity to accommodate future demand.	Club WCB ECB	Local	L	S	L	L	Protect
110	Highclare Sports Field (unattached Playing Fields)	B73 6LN	Football	School	Two adult, one youth 9v9 and one mini 7v7 pitch all of which are standard quality. Spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure. Planning consent was provided in 2018 for a new pavilion; however, this was not implemented and the site remains serviced by poor quality provision.	Look to secure community usage to provide actual spare capacity and improve ancillary facilities in line with previous planning consent.	School BCFA FF	Local	M	M	M	M	Protect Enhance

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114	Hill West Primary School	B74 4LD	Football	School	Two poor quality mini 7v7 pitches which have spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure.	Improve pitch quality and explore options to secure any future community demand.	School BCFA FF	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
121	Hollyfield Primary School	B75 7SG	Football	School	One poor quality mini 7v7 pitch that is not available for community use.	Improve pitch quality for curricular demand.	School BCFA FF	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
130	John Findlay Memorial Ground	B76 1LT	Football	Sports club	One youth 9v9, one mini 7v7 and one mini 5v5 pitch, all of which are standard quality. The youth 9v9 pitch has actual spare capacity of one match equivalent session whereas the remaining pitches are played to capacity at peak time. Walmley Colron FC reports that the pitches suffer from waterlogging and drain poorly.	Explore issues with waterlogging and explore potential options to improve the situation.	Club BCFA FF	Local	L	S	M	Protect Enhance
130	John Findlay Memorial Ground	B76 1LT	Cricket	Sports club	One good quality square which has no spare capacity to accommodate further demand. Owned by Walmley CC.	Sustain quality.	Club WCB ECB	Local	L	L	L	Protect
131	John Willmott School	B75 7DY	Football	School	One standard quality adult pitch that is available for community use but played to capacity through curricular demand.	Improve pitch quality to provide actual spare capacity.	School BCFA FF	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
131	John Willmott School	B75 7DY	Cricket	School	A standalone NTP.	Retain for curricular use.	School WCB ECB	Local	L	L	L	Protect
131	John Willmott School	B75 7DY	Rugby union	School	One poor quality senior pitch that has spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure.	Improve pitch quality to better accommodate curricular demand	School RFU	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
131	John Willmott School	B75 7DY	Tennis	School	Four poor quality macadam courts that are available for community use but are not sports lit.	Improve court quality and explore if sports lighting could be installed to better accommodate and attract demand.	School LTA	Local	L	S	M	Protect Enhance
131	John Willmott School	B75 7DY	Netball	School	Three poor quality macadam courts that are available for community use but are not sports lit.	Improve court quality and explore if sports lighting could be installed to better accommodate and attract demand.	School EN	Local	L	S	M	Protect Enhance
147	King Georges Field (Sutton Coldfield)	B73 6TQ	Football	Council	One adult pitch that has spare capacity discounted due to poor quality. Serviced by poor quality ancillary facilities.	Improve pitch and ancillary facility quality.	BCFA FF	Local	L	S	M	Protect Enhance
159	Little Sutton Primary School	B75 5NL	Football	School	One mini 7v7 and one mini 5v5 both of which are poor quality and not available for community use.	Improve pitch quality to better accommodate curricular demand	School BCFA FF	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
167	Maney Hill Primary School	B72 1JU	Football	School	One mini 5v5 which is poor quality and not available for community use.	Improve pitch quality to better accommodate curricular demand	School BCFA FF	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
174	Minworth Junior and Infant School	B76 9BU	Football	School	One mini 5v5 which is poor quality and not available for community use.	Improve pitch quality to better accommodate curricular demand	School BCFA FF	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance

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175	Monmouth Drive	B73 6JQ	Football	Council	One mini 7v7 and one mini 5v5 both of which are standard quality. Each pitch has actual spare capacity of one match equivalent session.	Look to utilise the actual spare capacity to accommodate future demand.	BCFA FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect
177	Moor Hall Primary School	B75 6RE	Football	School	One mini 5v5 which is poor quality and not available for community use.	Improve pitch quality to better accommodate curricular demand	School BCFA FF	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
181	New Hall Primary & Children's Centre	B75 7NQ	Football	School	One mini 5v5 which is poor quality and not available for community use.	Improve pitch quality to better accommodate curricular demand	School BCFA FF	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
182	New Oscott Primary School	B73 6QR	Football	School	Two mini 5v5 pitches that are poor quality and not available for community use.	Improve pitch quality to better accommodate curricular demand	School BCFA FF	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
183	Newdigate Playing Field	B75 7ER	Football (disused)	Council	One youth 11v11 pitch last marked circa 2013.	Consider bringing pitches back into use given local shortfalls and the demand that exists and protect the site in accordance with Sport England and NPPF guidelines.	BCFA FF	Local	M	S	M	Protect Enhance
196	Penns Lane Sports Ground	B76 1WF	Football	Community	One youth 9v9, two mini 7v7 and one mini 5v5 pitches, all of which are standard quality. The youth 9v9 and mini 5v5 each have actual spare capacity of 0.5 match equivalent sessions of actual spare capacity, whilst the mini 7v7 pitches are played to capacity at peak time. Accompanied by poor quality ancillary provision.	Look to utilise the actual spare capacity to accommodate future demand and improve the ancillary facilities.	BCFA FF	Local	M	M	M	Protect Enhance
196	Penns Lane Sports Ground	B76 1WF	Cricket (disused)	Community	A disused grass square that is no longer maintained after Walmley CC relocated to use a different secondary/tertiary venue, circa 2019. Site is still used for football.	No requirement for the pitch as it could impact on the quality of the football pitches.	Club BCFA FF ECB	Local	L	L	L	-
196	Penns Lane Sports Ground	B76 1WF	Tennis	Community	Two standard quality macadam courts that are not sports lit.	Explore installation of sports lighting to better accommodate and attract recreational demand.	LTA	Local	L	S	M	Protect Enhance
197	Penns Primary School	B72 1BS	Football	School	One mini 5v5 which is poor quality and not available for community use.	Improve pitch quality to better accommodate curricular demand	School BCFA FF	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
201	Plantsbrook School	B72 1RB	Football	School	One youth 9v9 which is poor quality and not available for community use.	Improve pitch quality and explore community use options given local shortfalls.	School BCFA FF	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
208	Rectory Park	B75 7RS	Football	Sports club	Two adult and one mini 7v7 pitch, all of standard quality. The adult pitches have actual spare capacity of two match equivalent sessions whereas the mini 7v7 pitch has actual spare capacity of 0.5 match equivalent sessions. Leased to Sutton Coldfield Town FC.	Look to utilise the actual spare capacity to accommodate demand from overplayed sites or via future demand.	Club BCFA FF	Key centre	M	M	L	Protect Enhance

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208	Rectory Park	B75 7RS	Cricket	Sports club	Two good quality grass wicket squares, with one accompanied by an NTP. Neither has capacity to accommodate any further demand. Sutton Coldfield CC aspires to make ancillary provision more disability friendly. It also wants to refurbish its practice nets.	Sustain square quality and improve ancillary and practice facilities.	Club WCB ECB	Key centre	M	S	M	Protect Enhance
212	Romulus Football Club	B75 7HU	Football	Sports club	Two standard quality adult pitches with actual spare capacity of one match equivalent session. Romulus FC is currently renegotiating a new lease with the Council.	Ensure a new lease is agreed to secure tenure for Romulus FC.	Club BCFA FF	Local	M	S	L	Protect
238	St Josephs Catholic Primary School	B75 6PB	Football	School	One mini 7v7 which is poor quality and not available for community use.	Improve pitch quality to better accommodate curricular demand	School BCFA FF	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
249	Sutton Coldfield Grammar School for Girls	B73 5PT	Tennis	School	Three standard quality macadam courts that are not sports lit nor available for community use.	Explore if sports lighting could be added to enable community use.	School LTA	Local	L	S	M	Protect Enhance
249	Sutton Coldfield Grammar School for Girls	B73 5PT	Netball	School	Three standard quality macadam courts that are not sports lit but are available for community use and are actively used for community netball.	Seek to provide security of tenure to users and explore if sports lighting could be added to better accommodate it.	School EN	Local	M	S	M	Protect Enhance
249	Sutton Coldfield Grammar School for Girls	B73 5PT	Tennis (disused)	School	Loss of one tennis court for car parking.	No demand has been identified for the provision, but the area should be retained so that it can be brought back into use for sport if required.	School LTA	Local	L	L	L	Protect
249	Sutton Coldfield Grammar School for Girls	B73 5PT	Netball (disused)	School	Loss of one netball court for car parking.	No demand has been identified for the provision, but the area should be retained so that it can be brought back into use for sport if required.	School EN	Local	L	L	L	Protect
250	Sutton Coldfield Town Football Club	B72 1NL	3G	Sports club	One good quality full size (FIFA certified sports lit pitch. Used by Sutton Coldfield Town FC (at Step 4). Built in 2021.	Ensure a sinking fund is in place for long-term sustainability and ensure the pitch remains FIFA certified via re-testing every three years. Also ensure the site meets relevant requirements to allow for progression through the non-league football pyramid.	Club BCFA FF	Local	H	M	L	Protect
252	Sutton Park Primary School	B73 6UE	Football	School	One youth 9v9 which is poor quality and not available for community use.	Improve pitch quality and explore community use options given local shortfalls.	School BCFA FF	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
253	Sutton Rugby Club	B76 2QA	Rugby union	Sports club	Two good and three standard quality pitches which are utilised to capacity at peak time and one standard quality pitch overplayed by 0.5 match equivalent sessions. The good quality pitches are serviced by sports lighting. Land to the rear of the site (known as Signal Hayes) has S106 funding for the development of provision.	Improve quality to alleviate overplay and explore options to provide increased pitch capacity to meet any future demand. This could be through the development of new provision at Signal Hayes, either via grass pitches or a World Rugby compliant 3G pitch.	Club RFU	Local	M	S	L	Protect Enhance

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253	Sutton Rugby Club	B76 2QA	Cricket (disused)	Sports club	Historically there has been a grass cricket square with nine grass wickets and an NTP; however, this has not been in use since <i>circa</i> 2007. The area of land where it was situated is now a senior rugby union pitch.	No requirement for the pitch as it could impact on the quality of the rugby union pitches.	Club RFU ECB	Local	L	L	L	-
254	Sutton United Football Club (Hollyfield Road)	B75 7SN	Football	Sports club	Two adult and one youth 9v9 pitch, all of standard quality. The adult pitches are overplayed by 2.5 match equivalent sessions whereas the youth 9v9 has actual spare capacity of 0.5 match equivalent sessions.	Improve pitch quality to eradicate overplay.	Club BCFA FF	Local	M	S	L	Protect Enhance
255	Sutton United Football Club (Coleshill Road Nurseries)	B75 7BA	Football	Sports club	One full size FA certified pitch and one smaller sized pitch. Both are good quality having been built in 2022. Used by Sutton United FC (Regional feeder league).	Ensure a sinking fund is in place for long-term sustainability and ensure the pitch remains FA certified via re-testing every three years. Also ensure the site meets relevant requirements to allow for progression through the non-league football pyramid.	Club BCFA FF	Local	M	M	L	Protect
266	Town Junior School	B72 1NX	Football	School	One mini 5v5 which is poor quality and not available for community use.	Improve pitch quality to better accommodate curricular demand	School BCFA FF	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
278	Walmley Junior School	B76 1JB	Football	School	One youth 9v9 and two mini 7v7 pitches all of which are standard quality. Spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure.	Look to provide security of tenure in order to provide actual spare capacity.	School BCFA FF	Local	L	S	L	Protect
287	Wishaw Lane Playing Fields	B76 9AR	Football	Sports club	One adult overmarked by a youth 9v9 which is played to capacity and three adult pitches with actual spare capacity of 0.5 match equivalent sessions. Also one youth 9v9 with 0.5 match equivalent sessions of actual spare capacity and two mini 5v5 pitches used to capacity at peak time. Leased to Sportsco FC from the Council. The Club has received Enhanced Grass Pitch Maintenance funding.	Improve pitch quality in line with Enhanced Grass Pitch Maintenance Funding.	Club BCFA FF	Local	M	M	L	Protect Enhance
289	Wylde Green Primary School	B73 5JL	Football	School	One mini 7v7 which is poor quality and not available for community use.	Improve pitch quality to better accommodate curricular demand	School BCFA FF	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
290	Wyndley Leisure Centre	B73 6EB	Football	Council	One youth 9v9 overmarked with a mini 7v7 pitch. The pitch has no actual spare capacity at peak time.	Ensure maintenance is sufficient to support over markings to ensure no future overplay.	BCFA FF	Key centre	L	L	L	Protect
290	Wyndley Leisure Centre	B73 6EB	Hockey	Council	A full size water based pitch with sports lighting used by Sutton Coldfield HC and local football clubs. Refurbished in 2022 and assessed as good quality.	Sustain pitch quality and ensure a relevant sinking fund is in place for long-term sustainability. Encourage football demand to transfer away from the site to provide increased capacity for hockey.	EH	Key centre	H	L	L	Protect

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290	Wyndley Leisure Centre	B73 6EB	Athletics	Council	A 400-metre eight lane synthetic athletics track with sports lighting. Good quality having been refurbished in 2022. The track is working towards TrackMark accreditation. Home to Royal Sutton Coldfield AC.	Sustain quality and obtain TrackMark accreditation.	EA	Key centre	H	L	L	Protect
298	Boldmere Tennis Club	B73 6LZ	Tennis	Sports club	Two good quality sports lit macadam courts and two standard quality artificial courts that do not have sports lighting.	Sustain quality and seek to refurbish artificial courts in the near future.	Club LTA	Local	L	M	M	Protect Enhance
306	Four Oaks Tennis Club	B74 2RB	Tennis	Sports club	Five sports lit artificial courts and three artificial and one macadam court that do not have sports lighting. All provision is good quality.	Sustain quality.	Club LTA	Local	L	L	L	Protect
306	Four Oaks Tennis Club	B74 2RB	Tennis (disused)	Sports club	Disused clay courts, not used since 2020. The Club aspires to turn this area into bespoke Padel courts.	Support the proposals to create padel courts given there is no requirement for the traditional courts to be reinstated.	Club LTA	Local	M	S	M	Protect Provide
310	New Hall Spa & Health Club	B76 1QX	Tennis	Commercial	One good quality court with sports lighting.	Retain for continued commercial use.	LTA	Local	L	L	L	Protect
310	New Hall Spa & Health Club	B76 1QX	Golf	Proprietary	A standalone Par 3 course.	Retain for continued commercial use.	EG	Local	L	L	L	Protect
313	Streetly Lawn Tennis Club	B74 4PT	Tennis	Sports club	Seven good quality artificial courts with sports lighting, two standard quality artificial courts with sports lighting and one good quality artificial court without sports lighting. Streetly TC has plans to upgrade it sports lighting and standard quality court.	Sustain good quality courts and support the Club with its improvement plans.	Club LTA	Local	M	S	M	Protect Enhance
314	Sutton Coldfield Tennis & Squash Club	B73 5QB	Tennis	Sports club	Four artificial, two polymeric, and three macadam courts all with sports lighting and one shale court with no sports lighting. There are also two indoor courts and padel courts. All provision is good quality.	Sustain court quality.	Club LTA	Local	M	L	L	Protect
315	Sutton United Tennis Club	B75 6UH	Tennis	Sports club	Two artificial clay courts with sports lighting and one macadam court without sports lighting. All provision is good quality and used by Sutton United TC. Sutton United TC indicates plans to carry out some general modernisation including painting and purchasing of new furniture.	Sustain good quality courts and support the Club with its improvement plans.	Club LTA	Local	M	S	L	Protect Enhance
326	Ley Hill Recreation Ground (Sutton)	B75 5BP	Bowls	Council	One standard quality crown green used by Mere Green BC.	Improve quality to better accommodate demand.	BCGBA	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
328	Tudor Sports Ground	B73 6AB	Bowls	Council	One poor quality crown green which is to be enhanced as part of the approved planning permission which also involves the redevelopment on clubhouse provision.	Improve the site in accordance with approved planning permission.	BCGBA	Local	M	S	M	Protect Enhance



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328	Tudor Sports Ground	B73 6AB	Tennis (disused)	Council	Four tennis courts that are no longer formally maintained. Planning consent is in place to develop three tennis/netball courts and a bowling green as well as additional parking and an extended clubhouse facility. As such, this will entail the loss of one court compared to the disused provision currently in place.	Develop the site in accordance with approved planning permission.	LTA	Local	M	S	M	Protect Enhance
328	Tudor Sports Ground	B73 6AB	Netball (disused)	Council	Three netball courts that are no longer formally maintained. Planning consent is in place to develop three tennis/netball courts and a bowling green as well as additional parking and an extended clubhouse facility. As such, this will entail the loss of one court compared to the disused provision currently in place.	Develop the site in accordance with approved planning permission.	EN	Local	M	S	M	Protect Enhance
356	Boldmere St Michaels	B73 5RY	Bowls	Sports club	One good quality crown green with sports lighting used by Boldmere St Michaels BC.	Sustain green quality.	Club BCGBA	Local	L	L	L	Protect
357	The Sutton Park Hotel	B73 5UY	Bowls	Private	One good quality crown green used by Sutton Park BC.	Sustain green quality.	BCGBA	Local	L	L	L	Protect
358	Sutton Coldfield Cons	B73 5PP	Bowls	Social club	One good quality crown green used by Sutton Coldfield Conservatives BC.	Sustain green quality.	Club BCGBA	Local	L	L	L	Protect
367	Walmley Social Club	B76 2RJ	Bowls	Social club	One good quality crown green used by Walmley Social BC.	Sustain green quality.	Club BCGBA	Local	L	L	L	Protect
370	Miniworth Social Club	B76 9BB	Bowls (disused)	Social club	A crown green not formally maintained since circa 2013.	No demand has been identified. Consider repurposing for other sporting needs, development in line with planning policy, or retain as strategic reserve.	BCGBA	Local	L	L	L	-
373	Goldieslie Club	B73 5PF	Tennis	Sports club	Two good quality macadam courts with no sports lighting, Used by Goldieslie TC, which aspires to improve the quality of the ancillary provision at the site.	Assist the Club where possible to improve is ancillary provision.	Club LTA	Local	M	M	M	Protect Enhance
373	Goldieslie Club	B73 5PF	Bowls	Sports club	One good quality crown green used by Goldieslie BC.	Sustain green quality.	Club BCGBA	Local	L	L	L	Protect
374	Walmley Tennis Club	B76 2QA	Tennis	Sports club	Two mini macadam courts that are not sports lit in addition to two artificial clay and five macadam courts with sports lighting. All courts are good quality. Walmley TC has secured planning permission to upgrade the sports lighting.	Sustain court quality and upgrade sports lighting.	Club LTA	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
391	Boldmere Golf Course	B73 6JJ	Golf	Municipal Mytime Active	An 18-hole municipal golf course operating via Mytime Active.	Consideration should be given to a wider piece of work to review the current stock of municipal courses across Birmingham to ensure long term	Mytime Active EG	Local	H	M	H	Protect Enhance

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						sustainability and viability. This could include opportunities to rationalise the stock and provide a better, well-located facility mix, providing that all demand can continue to be met.						
395	Pype Hayes Golf Course & Gym	B76 1EP	Golf	Municipal Mytime Active	An 18 hole municipal golf course operating via Mytime Active.	Consideration should be given to a wider piece of work to review the current stock of municipal courses across Birmingham to ensure long term sustainability and viability. This could include opportunities to rationalise the stock and provide a better, well-located facility mix, providing that all demand can continue to be met.	Mytime Active EG	Local	H	M	H	Protect Enhance
396	Walmley Golf Club	B72 1HR	Golf	Sports club	A members owned 18-hole golf course.	Sustain quality.	Club EG	Local	L	L	L	Protect
405	Walmley Bowls Club (St Johns Church)	B76 1QN	Bowls	Church	Two good quality crown greens used by Walmley BC.	Sustain green quality and aim to secure tenure the Club.	BCGBA	Local	L	L	L	Protect
409	Wylde Green Church Tennis Club	B73 5SW	Tennis (disused)	Sports club	Two macadam courts no longer actively marked out since <i>circa</i> 2013.	No demand has been identified. Consider repurposing for other sporting needs or retain as strategic reserve.	Club LTA	Local	L	L	L	-
411	New Inns Four Oaks	B74 4BL	Bowls	Public house	One standard quality crown green used by New Inns Four Oaks BC.	Improve quality to better accommodate demand and look to secure tenure for the Club.	BCGBA	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
413	Moor Hall Golf Club	B75 6LN	Golf	Sports club	A members owned 18-hole golf course.	Sustain quality.	Club EG	Local	L	L	L	Protect
414	Wishaw Golf Club	B76 9QW	Golf	Proprietary	A proprietary owned 18-hole golf course.	Sustain quality.	EG	Local	L	L	L	Protect

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Site ID	Site	Postcode	Sport	Management	Current status	Recommended actions	Partners	Site hierarchy tier	Priority	Timescales	Cost	Aim
8	Ark St Albans Academy	B12 0YH	3G	School	A smaller size 3G pitch that is available for community use and serviced by sports lighting.	Retain for continued recreational demand.	School BCFA FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect
11	Aston Manor Academy	B6 4PZ	3G	School	A smaller size 3G pitch that is serviced by sports lighting but is not available for community use.	Given presence of sports lighting, explore community use options with the School to provide a facility for recreational demand.	School BCFA FF	Local	L	S	L	Protect
14	Aston Park Pavilion & Pitches	B6 6JD	Cricket	Council	A standard quality grass wicket square with an accompanying NTP. Used for LMS and by the LL Cricket League and played to capacity as a result.	Improve quality to increase capacity in order to allow for an increase in usage from LMS and the LL Cricket League. Also consider providing ancillary facilities given lack of existing provision.	ECB WCB	Key centre	M	S	L	Protect Enhance
14	Aston Park Pavilion and Pitches	B6 6JD	Hockey	Council	A full size sand-based AGP with sports lighting that is assessed as poor quality. Currently unused for hockey as the surface is not suitable in its present condition.	Resurface pitch for hockey given capacity issues in the area and explore transfer of demand from other pitches. Also ensure a sinking fund is in place for long-term sustainability and consider providing ancillary facilities given lack of existing provision.	EH	Key centre	H	S	M	Protect Enhance
15	Aston Tower Community Primary School	B6 5BE	Football	School	A poor quality mini 7v7 pitch that is unavailable for community use.	Improve quality to better accommodate curricular demand.	School BCFA FF	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
16	Aston University (The Sir Doug Ellis Woodcock Sports Centre)	B4 7ET	3G	University	A smaller sized 3G pitch that is available for community use and serviced by sports lighting. Also FA tested for competitive matches.	Retain for continued recreational demand and seek to also maximise usage for training and match play given its accreditation.	University BCFA FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect
17	Aston Villa Football Club (Villa Park)	B6 6HE	Football	Sports club	A stadia adult pitch used for Premier League football.	Retain.	Club BCFA FF	Key centre	L	L	L	Protect
23	Benson Community School	B18 5TD	Football	School	A poor quality mini 7v7 pitch that is unavailable for community use.	Improve quality to better accommodate curricular demand.	School BCFA FF	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
25	Birmingham City Football Club (St Andrews Stadium)	B9 4RL	Football	Sports club	A stadia adult pitch used for professional football (in the Championship).	Retain.	Club BCFA FF	Key centre	L	L	L	Protect
37	Broadway School	B20 3DP	3G	School	A smaller size 3G pitch that is available for community use and serviced by sports lighting. Assessed as poor quality as it has reached the end of its recommended lifespan.	Resurface pitch for continued recreational demand.	School BCFA FF	Local	M	S	M	Protect Enhance
87	Goals (Star City)	B7 5SA	3G	Commercial	10 smaller size 3G pitches with sports lighting.	Retain for continued commercial and small-sided usage.	BCFA FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect

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105	Heartlands Academy	B7 4QR	3G	School	A full size 3G pitch that is serviced by sports lighting but unavailable for community use. Assessed as poor quality.	Improve quality and seek to secure community use. Also ensure a sinking fund is in place for long-term sustainability.	School BCFA FF	Local	M	S	M	Protect Enhance
125	Holte School	B19 2EP	Hockey	School	A full size sand-based AGP with sports lighting that is assessed as poor quality. Currently unused for hockey as the surface is not suitable in its present condition.	Resurface pitch for hockey given capacity issues in the area and explore transfer of demand from other pitches in the area. Also ensure a sinking fund is in place for long-term sustainability and consider providing ancillary facilities given lack of existing provision.	School EH	Local	M	S	M	Protect Enhance
127	Holy Trinity Catholic School	B10 0AX	Football	School	A poor quality adult pitch that is unavailable to the community.	Improve pitch quality and explore community use aspects given local shortfalls.	School BCFA FF	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
129	James Watt Primary School	B21 0RE	Football	School	A poor quality youth 9v9 pitch that is unavailable to the community.	Improve pitch quality and explore community use aspects given local shortfalls.	School BCFA FF	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
133	King Edward VI Aston School Playing Pitches	B6 6LS	Cricket	School	A standard quality grass wicket square with an accompanying NTP. Used by Aston Manor CC as a secondary venue and by the LL Cricket League. Spare capacity remains but this is discounted due to unsecure tenure.	Secure tenure at the School to provide actual spare capacity.	School ECB WCB	Local	M	S	L	Protect
133	King Edward VI Aston School Playing Pitches	B6 6LS	Rugby union	School	Two standard quality senior pitches that are available to the community but unused.	Retain as community available should club demand exist in the future.	School RFU	Local	L	L	L	Protect
133	King Edward VI Aston School Playing Pitches	B6 6LS	Tennis	School	Four standard quality macadam courts that are available to the community but without sports lighting.	Explore possibility of providing sports lighting in order to attract and better accommodate community demand.	School LTA	Local	M	S	M	Protect Enhance
133	King Edward VI Aston School Playing Pitches	B6 6LS	Netball	School	Three standard quality macadam courts that are available to the community but without sports lighting. Used by the Birmingham Netball League.	Explore possibility of providing sports lighting to better accommodate community demand and seek to provide security of tenure to users.	School EN	Local	M	S	M	Protect Enhance
180	Nechells Wellbeing Centre	B7 4AR	Football	Council	A poor quality adult pitch with actual spare capacity discounted.	Improve quality to provide actual spare capacity.	BCFA FF	Local	M	S	L	Protect Enhance
180	Nechells Wellbeing Centre	B7 4AR	Hockey	Council	A smaller sized sand-based pitch with sports lighting.	Retain for continued recreational demand.	BCFA FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect
180	Nechells Wellbeing Centre	B7 4AR	Netball	Council	A poor quality macadam court with sports lighting. Used by Linden NC and for Back to Netball and Netball Now.	Improve quality to better cater for demand.	EN	Local	M	S	L	Protect Enhance
190	Oasis Academy Foundry	B18 4LP	Football	School	A poor quality youth 9v9 pitch that is unavailable to the community.	Improve pitch quality and explore community use aspects given local shortfalls.	School BCFA FF	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
202	Playfootball Birmingham Indoor	B19 2LF	3G	Commercial	Four smaller size 3G pitches with sports lighting.	Retain for continued commercial and small-sided usage.	BCFA FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect
203	Edgbaston Foundation Sports	B17 8LS	Cricket	Sports club	A good quality square used for county fixtures.	Sustain quality.	ECB	Local	L	L	L	Protect

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	Ground (Portland Road Ground)											
204	Powerleague Birmingham	B6 7TG	3G	Commercial	Four smaller size 3G pitches with sports lighting.	Retain for continued commercial and small-sided usage.	BCFA FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect
204	Powerleague Birmingham	B6 7TG	Tennis	Commercial	An application for the creation of padel courts.	Support proposal given growing demand for padel tennis and given that this does not impact on traditional provision.	LTA	Local	M	S	M	Protect Provide
226	Small Heath Leisure Centre	B10 9RX	Hockey	Council	A full size sand-based pitch with sports lighting. Used by City of Birmingham HC and assessed as good quality.	Sustain quality and ensure a sinking fund is in place for long term sustainability.	EH	Key centre	M	L	L	Protect
228	South and City College Birmingham (Bordesley Green Campus)	B9 5NA	3G	College	A smaller sized 3G pitch that is neither sports lit nor available for community use.	Retain for continued internal usage.	BCFA FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect
229	South Aston Community Association	B6 5BZ	Hockey	Community	A smaller sized sand-based pitch without sports lighting. Available for community use regardless.	Retain for continued recreational demand.	BCFA FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect
231	St Chads Catholic Primary School	B19 3XD	Football	School	A poor quality mini 7v7 pitch that is unavailable for community use.	Improve quality to better accommodate curricular demand.	School BCFA FF	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
235	St George's Academy	B19 3JG	Football	School	A poor quality youth 11v11 pitch that is unavailable to the community.	Improve pitch quality and explore community use aspects given local shortfalls.	School BCFA FF	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
236	St Georges C of E Primary School (Edgbaston)	B16 8HY	Hockey	School	A smaller sized sand-based pitch with sports lighting but unavailable for community use.	Retain for continued curricular demand.	BCFA FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect
242	St Thomas CE Academy Playing Field	B1 1QP	Football	School	A standard quality youth 9v9 pitch that is unavailable to the community.	Explore community use aspects given local shortfalls.	School BCFA FF	Local	L	S	L	Protect
246	Summerfield Junior and Infant School	B18 4AH	Football	School	A poor quality mini 7v7 pitch that is unavailable for community use.	Improve quality to better accommodate curricular demand.	School BCFA FF	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
247	Summerfield Park	B16 0HG	Football	Council	A standard quality adult pitch with actual spare capacity.	Utilise actual spare capacity via the transfer of demand from overplayed sites or through future demand.	BCFA FF	Local	L	M	L	Protect
247	Summerfield Park	B16 0HG	Cricket	Council	A standalone NTP used by LMS.	Retain for continued LMS usage.	ECB	Local	L	L	L	Protect
284	Holyhead School	B21 0HN	Hockey	School	A full size sand-based AGP with sports lighting that is assessed as good quality. Currently unused for hockey.	Retain as hockey suitable and explore lack of current demand to understand if it could offer a solution to resolving capacity pressures in the area.	School EH	Key centre	M	S	L	Protect
284	Holyhead School	B21 0HN	Tennis	School	Three standard quality macadam courts that are sports lit and available to the community.	Sustain quality and seek to maximise community usage.	School LTA	Key centre	M	L	L	Protect
286	Winson Green	B18 5SD	Netball	School	Two standard quality macadam courts that are sports lit and available to the community although no existing netball demand is identified.	Sustain quality and seek to maximise community usage.	School LTA	Key centre	M	L	L	Protect

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419	King Edward VI Aston School (Site 1)	B6 6DJ	Tennis	School	Three good quality macadam courts that are neither sports lit nor available for community use.	Explore installation of sports lighting to enable community access.	School LTA	Local	L	M	M	Protect Enhance
435	Oaklands Young Peoples Centre	B21 0NA	Football (disused)	Council	Disused playing field are that has not been used for some time, with a youth 11v11 sized pitch previously provided. The provision is now poor quality and the Council are looking at the site for the potential expansion of Hamilton School, allowing it to house children with special needs.	Given its low value from a football perspective, support plans providing appropriate mitigation is provided to offset the loss of the pitch.	BCFA FF	Local	L	S	M	Enhance
442	Burbury Park	B19 2DB	Football	Council	An existing MUGA is proposed for refurbishment for football and basketball as part of the Football Foundation's PlayZones programme.	Support development and seek to maximise usage for recreational and multi-sport demand.	BCFA FF	Local	M	S	L	Protect Enhance

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**AREA 2 - PERRY BARR**

Site ID	Site	Postcode	Sport	Management	Current status	Recommended actions	Partners	Site hierarchy tier	Priority	Timescales	Cost	Aim
1	610 Community Centre	B44 9SH	Hockey	Community organisation	A smaller sized sand-based pitch that has sports lighting and is available for community use. Plans exist to convert it to 3G as part of the Football Foundation's PlayZones programme.	Prioritise the provision to be converted in line with the PlayZone proposals in order to better cater for recreational and multi-sport demand.	BCFA FF	Local	M	S	M	Protect Enhance
5	Arena Academy	B42 2PY	Hockey	School	A full size sand-based pitch which is neither available for community use nor sports lit. Assessed as poor quality having not been resurfaced since 2020.	Resurface pitch and explore if community use can be enabled and if sports lighting can be installed due to local shortfalls.	School EH	Local	H	S	M	Protect Enhance
5	Arena Academy	B42 2PY	Tennis	School	Four macadam courts that are neither available for community use nor sports lit. Assessed as standard quality.	Explore if community use can be enabled and if sports lighting can be installed	School LTA	Local	M	S	M	Protect Enhance
5	Arena Academy	B42 2PY	Netball	School	Three macadam courts that are neither available for community use nor sports lit. Assessed as standard quality.	Explore if community use can be enabled and if sports lighting can be installed	School EN	Local	M	S	M	Protect Enhance
12	Aston Manor Cricket Club	B42 2LA	Cricket	Sports club	A good quality square with an accompanying NTP. The Club reports aspirations to develop a separate changing facility, whilst ball strike issues are also noted. Spare capacity exists for increase in Sunday and midweek cricket.	Support ancillary facility improvements and seek a resolution to ball-strike issues.	Club ECB	Local	M	S	M	Protect Enhance
12	Aston Manor Cricket Club	B42 2LA	Bowls	Sports club	A poor quality crown green used by Aston Manor BC and Brookvale Sons of Rest BC.	Improve green quality to better accommodate demand.	Club BCGBA	Local	M	S	M	Protect Enhance
41	Burford Road	B44 8JU	Football (disused)	Council	Two adult, one youth 9v9 and one mini 7v7 pitch last marked out circa 2018. Site is identified as a possible development site for the Birmingham Municipal Housing Trust.	Ensure appropriate mitigation in accordance with Sport England and NPPF guidelines should the site be developed. Given local shortfalls, replacement provision will be required.	BCFA FF	Local	M	M	M	Protect
44	Cardinal Wiseman Catholic Technology College	B44 9SR	Football	School	A poor quality pitch that is available to the community but is unused. Used to capacity internally.	Improve pitch quality and seek to provide security of tenure to future users in order to establish actual spare capacity.	School BCFA FF	Local	M	S	L	Protect Enhance
44	Cardinal Wiseman Catholic Technology College	B44 9SR	Rugby union	School	A poor quality junior pitch that is available to the community but is unused.	Improve pitch quality to better accommodate curricular demand.	School RFU	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
44	Cardinal Wiseman Catholic Technology College	B44 9SR	Tennis (disused)	School	Area previously used for tennis is now separated into three dedicated MUGAs	Retain as MUGA space.	School LTA	Local	L	L	L	Protect
44	Cardinal Wiseman Catholic Technology College	B44 9SR	Netball (disused)	School	Area previously used for netball is now separated into three dedicated MUGAs	Retain as MUGA space.	School EN	Local	L	L	L	Protect
55	Cooksey Lane Playing Fields	B44 9QU	Football	Council	Three adult pitches with spare capacity discounted due to poor quality.	Improve quality to provide actual spare capacity.	BCFA FF	Local	M	S	M	Protect Enhance

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58	Dorrington Academy	B42 1QR	Hockey	School	A smaller sized sand-based pitch which is not accompanied by sports lights nor available for community use.	Retain for curricular demand.	School EH	Local	L	L	L	Protect
59	Doug Ellis Sports Centre	B42 2SY	3G	University	A smaller-sized 3G pitch that is FA test for competitive matches.	Ensure a sinking fund is in place for long-term sustainability and seek FA testing every three years so that the pitch remains certified.	University BCFA FF	Key centre	M	L	L	Protect
59	Doug Ellis Sports Centre	B42 2SY	Hockey	University	A full size sand-based pitch used by City of Birmingham HC and Kingswinford HC. Assessed as poor quality having not been resurfaced since 2010, although an agreement is in place to carry out works in 2023.	Refurbish pitch as hockey suitable and ensure a sinking fund is in place for long-term sustainability. Also seek to provide security of tenure to club users.	University EH	Key centre	M	S	M	Protect Enhance
84	Glenmead (unattached School Playing Field)	B44 8UE	Football (disused)	School	One youth 11v11 and one mini 7v7 pitch last marked circa 2011. Still used as playing field land.	Consider bringing pitches back into use given local shortfalls and the demand that exists and protect the site in accordance with Sport England and NPPF guidelines.	BCFA FF	Local	L	S	M	Protect Enhance
85	Glenmead Primary School	B44 8UQ	Football	School	One poor quality mini 7v7 pitch that is not available for community use.	Improve pitch quality for curricular demand.	School BCFA FF	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
86	Goals Perry Barr	B42 2UB	3G	Commercial	Eight smaller size 3G pitches with sports lighting.	Retain for continued commercial and small-sided usage.	BCFA FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect
90	Great Barr Academy	B44 8NU	Football	School	A poor quality adult pitch that is overplayed by 0.5 match equivalent sessions.	Improve quality to eradicate overplay and provide users with security of tenure via a community use agreement.	School BCFA FF	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
90	Great Barr Academy	B44 8NU	Cricket (disused)	School	A disused NTP.	Replace wicket to accommodate curricular demand.	School ECB	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
90	Great Barr Academy	B44 8NU	Rugby union	School	A poor quality senior pitch that is available to the community but unused.	Improve quality to better accommodate curricular demand.	School RFU	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
98	Hamstead Hall Academy	B20 1HL	Cricket	School	A standalone NTP that is unavailable for community use.	Retain for curricular demand.	School ECB	Key centre	L	L	L	Protect
98	Hamstead Hall Academy	B20 1HL	Hockey	School	A full size pitch (sand/water mix) that is used by Barford Tigers HC; however, the Club has reportedly been told that it will need to vacate the site. Pitch and ancillary facilities are assessed as poor quality.	Improve pitch quality via resurfacing for continued hockey use and seek to secure a resolution so that Barford Tigers HC can remain on site. Also improve ancillary facilities.	School EH	Key centre	H	S	M	Protect Enhance
98	Hamstead Hall Academy	B20 1HL	Tennis (disused)	School	Three macadam courts that are now solely used for netball.	Explore options to re-provide tennis markings, first and foremost for curricular demand.	School LTA	Key centre	M	S	L	Protect
98	Hamstead Hall Academy	B20 1HL	Netball	School	Two poor quality netball courts that are neither available to the community nor sports lit.	Improve quality for curricular demand and then re-examine community use options.	School EN	Key centre	M	S	L	Protect Enhance
99	Hamstead Site	B20 1BX	Football (disused)	Council	Previously accommodated two adult pitches but remains used for cricket.	Consider bringing pitches back into use given local shortfalls.	BCFA FF	Local	M	S	M	Protect Enhance



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99	Hamstead Site	B20 1BX	Cricket	Council	Three standalone NTPs used for LMS activity.	Retain for LMS usage and seek to maximise recreational activity.	BCFA FF	Local	M	S	L	Protect
100	Handsworth Old Boys Football Club	B20 2AT	Football	Network Rail	Two adult and one mini 7v7 pitch assessed as standard quality. The adult pitches are overplayed by one match equivalent sessions. The site has reportedly been sold to Network Rail and the belief is that it will therefore not be available for community use post-2023.	Ensure appropriate mitigation in accordance with Sport England and NPPF guidelines should the site be developed. Given local shortfalls, replacement provision will be required.	BCFA FF	Local	M	M	M	Protect
101	Handsworth Park	B20 2EU	Cricket	Network Rail	A good quality square used by Bridge Trust CC and overplayed by 15 match equivalent sessions. The site has reportedly been sold to Network Rail and the belief is that it will therefore not be available for community use post-2023.	Ensure appropriate mitigation in accordance with Sport England and NPPF guidelines should the site be developed. Given local shortfalls, replacement provision will be required. If community use continues, seek to relive overplay via the installation of NTP and/or the transfer or some demand to a site with spare capacity.	ECB WCB	Local	M	M	M	Protect
116	Hilltop Golf Club	B21 8LJ	Golf	Municipal Mytime Active	Currently being developed and is closed for community access. It closed in January 2020 and will result in the creation of nine-hole par 3 course, a 22-bay floodlit driving range and a footgolf offering in addition to making the site more accessible and user friendly.	Ensure provision is provided to a good quality and seek to maximise demand.	Mytime Active EG	Key centre	M	S	L	Protect Enhance
120	Holford Drive Community Sports Hub	B42 2TU	Football	Trust	Two poor quality adult and one poor quality youth 9v9 pitch. The adult pitches are played to capacity whilst spare capacity of the youth 9v9 pitch is discounted due to quality issues.	Improve quality to provide actual spare capacity.	BCFA FF	Local	M	S	M	Protect Enhance
120	Holford Drive Community Sports Hub	B42 2TU	Cricket	Trust	A poor quality square with an accompanying NTP which is used by Handsworth CC and overplayed.	Improve quality to alleviate overplay.	ECB WCB	Local	M	S	M	Protect Enhance
120	Holford Drive Community Sports Hub	B42 2TU	Tennis	Trust	Four good quality macadam courts used by Holford Drive Community TC and the Erdington Tennis League.	Sustain quality.	LTA	Local	M	L	L	Protect
137	King Edward VI Handsworth Grammar School for Boys	B21 9ET	Football	School	One good quality adult and one good quality youth 11v11 pitch with actual spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure.	Provide security of tenure to club users via a community use agreement in order to establish actual spare capacity.	School BCFA FF	Local	M	S	L	Protect
137	King Edward VI Handsworth Grammar School for Boys	B20 2AT	3G	School	A full size 3G pitch that is sports lit but unavailable for community use. Assessed as good quality.	Seek to secure community use as a means to reducing 3G shortfalls. Also ensure a sinking fund is in place for long-term sustainability.	School BCFA FF	Local	M	S	L	Protect

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137	King Edward VI Handsworth Grammar School for Boys	B20 2AT	Hockey	School	A smaller sized sand-based pitch that is neither sports lit nor available for community use.	Retain for curricular demand.	School EH	Local	L	L	L	Protect
138	King Edward VI Handsworth Grammar School for Boys (Wood Lane)	B20 2AT	Cricket	School	Two standalone NTPs that are unavailable for community use.	Retain for curricular demand.	School ECB WCB	Local	L	L	L	Protect
138	King Edward VI Handsworth Grammar School for Boys (Wood Lane)	B20 2AT	Cricket	School	A smaller sized sand-based pitch that is neither sports lit nor available for community use.	Retain for curricular demand.	School EH	Local	L	L	L	Protect
139	King Edward VI Handsworth School for Girls	B21 9AR	Football	School	A good quality adult pitch used to capacity at peak time.	Provide security of tenure to club users via a community use agreement.	School BCFA FF	Local	L	S	L	Protect
139	King Edward VI Handsworth School for Girls	B21 9AR	Cricket	School	A good quality square used by the LL Cricket League and played to capacity.	Provide security of tenure to club users via a community use agreement.	School ECB WCB	Local	L	S	L	Protect
139	King Edward VI Handsworth School for Girls	B21 9AR	Tennis	School	Nine poor quality macadam courts that are neither sports lit nor available for community use. An additional three courts have been lost for car parking.	Improve quality and explore whether community use could be enabled and sports lighting installed, especially given quantity of courts supplied.	School LTA	Local	L	S	M	Protect Enhance
139	King Edward VI Handsworth School for Girls	B21 9AR	Netball	School	Two poor quality macadam courts that are neither sports lit nor available for community use. An additional three courts have been lost for car parking.	Improve quality and explore whether community use could be enabled and sports lighting installed.	School EN	Local	L	S	M	Protect Enhance
140	King Edward VI Handsworth Wood Girls' Academy	B20 2HL	Hockey	School	A smaller sized sand-based pitch that is to be lost as part of a re-build of the School before being replaced by a 3G pitch. The pitch is neither sports lit not available to the community.	Ensure pitch is re-provided as a 3G pitch following school re-build.	School BCFA FF	Local	M	M	M	Protect Enhance
154	Laurel Road Community Sports Centre	B21 9PB	3G	Community	Two smaller sized 3G pitches with sports lighting. Assessed as poor quality as they have reached the end of their recommended lifespans.	Resurface pitches and seek to maximise recreational use of the provision.	School BCFA FF	Key centre	L	S	M	Protect Enhance
154	Laurel Road Community Sports Centre	B21 9PB	Tennis	Community	Two standard quality macadam courts without sports lighting and a further disused court that is no longer maintained.	Seek to improve court quality to better accommodate demand, and retain disused court as strategic reserve should sufficient demand for access exist in the future.	LTA	Key centre	M	S	M	Protect Enhance
154	Laurel Road Community Sports Centre	B21 9PB	Tennis	Community	Two standard quality macadam courts without sports lighting and a further disused court that is no longer maintained.	Seek to improve court quality to better accommodate demand, and retain disused court as strategic reserve should sufficient demand for access exist in the future.	LTA	Key centre	M	S	M	Protect Enhance
154	Laurel Road Community Sports Centre	B21 9PB	Bowls	Community	An unused crown green assessed as standard quality.	With no demand identified, explore alternative sporting uses or retain as strategic reserve.	BCGBA	Key centre	M	S	L	Protect

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170	Maryvale Catholic Primary School	B44 9AG	Football	School	A poor quality mini 5v5 pitch that is unavailable for community use.	Improve quality to better accommodate curricular demand.	School BCFA FF	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
199	Perry Hall Playing Fields	B42 2NE	Football (disused)	Council	Previously accommodated two adult pitches but site remains used for cricket.	Retain as a cricket specific site given importance for the sport and to ensure quality is not further impacted upon.	BCFA FF	Hub site	L	L	L	Protect
199	Perry Hall Playing Fields	B42 2NE	Cricket	Council	15 squares, with 13 assessed as poor quality and the remaining two assessed as standard. Used by the Birmingham Cricket League and overplayed by 348 match equivalent sessions. Also at saturation point on both Saturdays and Sundays due to substantial usage levels.	Improve quality across the site to eradicate overplay, although it should be noted that this will not create any actual spare capacity for an increase in demand due to existing usage levels. Also ensure any removal of Council subsidy does not negatively impact upon site quality or demand received.	ECB WCB	Hub site	H	S	M	Protect Enhance
199	Perry Hall Playing Fields	B42 2NE	Cycling	Council	A shale cycle speedway track assessed as standard quality.	Retain track and explore options to improve quality and usage.	British Cycling	Hub site	H	S	L	Protect Enhance
200	Perry Park	B42 2LW	Football	Council	A standard quality adult pitch with actual spare capacity.	Utilise actual spare capacity via the transfer of demand from overplayed sites or through future demand.	BCFA FF	Local	L	M	L	Protect
214	Rookery School	B21 9PY	Football	School	A poor quality mini 5v5 pitch that is unavailable for community use.	Improve quality to better accommodate curricular demand.	School BCFA FF	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
248	Sundridge Primary School	B44 9NY	Football	School	A poor quality mini 5v5 pitch that is unavailable for community use.	Improve quality to better accommodate curricular demand.	School BCFA FF	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
262	The Pavilion	B6 7AA	Football	University	10 good quality adult pitches with actual spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure.	Provide security of tenure to club users via a community use agreement.	University BCFA FF	Key centre	M	S	L	Protect
262	The Pavilion	B6 7AA	3G	University	The University has an aspiration to develop a full size 3G pitch on site.	Consider 3G proposals against plans at Alexander Stadium as only one additional pitch is required in the area, unless it can be robustly demonstrated that both would be sustainable and not to the detriment of existing facilities.	University BCFA FF	Key centre	M	S	H	Protect Enhance Provide
262	The Pavilion	B6 7AA	Rugby union	University	A standard quality pitch used by Birmingham Bulls RFC, which does not have security of tenure. Played to capacity.	Provide security of tenure to club users via a community use agreement.	University RFU	Key centre	M	S	L	Protect
262	The Pavilion	B6 7AA	Hockey	University	A full size sand-based AGP with sports lighting that is assessed as poor quality. Currently unused for hockey as the surface is not suitable in its present condition. The University has plans to refurbish the provision.	Resurface pitch for hockey given capacity issues in the area and explore transfer of demand from other pitches. Also ensure a sinking fund is in place for long-term sustainability.	University EH	Key centre	H	S	M	Protect Enhance
296	Alexander Stadium	B42 2LR	3G	Council	A proposal exists to develop a full size 3G pitch on site, within the infield of the second athletics track. Midlands Hurricanes RLFC	Consider 3G proposals against plans at the Pavilion as only one additional pitch is required in the area, unless it can be robustly demonstrated that both would	University BCFA FF RFL	Hub site	M	S	H	Protect Enhance Provide

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					currently use the grass pitch that will be converted.	be sustainable and not to the detriment of existing facilities. If development goes ahead, ensure the pitch is compliant for rugby league so that the existing club is not displaced.						
296	Alexander Stadium	B42 2LR	3G	Council	Two 400-metre tracks, with one used for elite level competition and the other recently established as a warm-up track to support the 2022 Commonwealth Games. Both are good quality. England Athletics, with Sport England, has recently commissioned a study to understand if establishing an air dome structure over the warm up track is considered strategically feasible.	Sustain quality and adhere to the findings of the report to determine the future development of the warm-up track.	EA	Hub site	H	S	H	Protect Enhance Provide
297	Birmingham BMX Club	B42 2LA	Cycling	Sports club	A sports lit macadam BMX track assessed as good quality.	Sustain quality and seek to maximise demand.	Club British Cycling	Local	M	L	L	Protect
304	David Lloyd Club	B44 9ER	Tennis	Commercial	Four good quality polymeric courts (in addition to seven indoor courts).	Retain for continued commercial use.	LTA	Local	L	L	L	Protect
312	Springfield Tennis & Squash Club	B20 2ER	Tennis	Sports club	Two sports lit macadam courts and one artificial court without sports lighting. All assessed as good quality. Serviced by poor quality changing rooms.	Sustain court quality and improve ancillary facilities.	Club LTA	Local	M	S	M	Protect Enhance
319	Handsworth Wood	B20 2PB	Bowls	Sports club	A standard quality flat green used by Handsworth Wood BC. Subject to an ongoing development proposal that will, if it goes ahead, result in the loss of the provision. The Club has recently been unable to field any teams due to dwindling demand.	Carry out a separate needs assessment to identify if the provision can be lost to development and what mitigation would be required to enable this.	Club BE	Local	M	S	L	Protect
344	Moor Lane	B6 7AA	Bowls	Sports club	A standard quality crown green used by Moor Lane BC.	Improve quality to better accommodate demand.	Club BCGBA	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
353	Lea Hall	B20 2AP	Bowls	Sports club	A good quality crown green used by Lea Hall BC.	Sustain green quality.	Club BCGBA	Local	L	L	L	Protect
354	The Drakes Drum	B44 8TR	Bowls	Sports club	A standard quality crown green leased by Drakes Drum BC. Serviced by poor quality ancillary facilities.	Improve green and ancillary facility quality to better accommodate demand.	Club BCGBA	Local	L	S	M	Protect Enhance
355	Beeches	B42 2AE	Bowls	Public house	A good quality crown green rented and used by Beeches BC.	Sustain green quality and seek to provide long-term security of tenure to the Club.	Club BCGBA	Local	L	M	L	Protect
360	The Towers Inn	B42 1EY	Bowls	Public house	A good quality crown green rented and used by Towers Inn BC.	Sustain green quality and seek to provide long-term security of tenure to the Club.	Club BCGBA	Local	L	M	L	Protect
361	The Deer's Leap	B43 7EE	Bowls	Public house	A good quality crown green rented and used by Deers Leap BC.	Sustain green quality and seek to provide long-term security of tenure to the Club.	Club BCGBA	Local	L	M	L	Protect
377	Hamstead Lawn Tennis Club	B20 2NT	Tennis	Sports club	Three poor quality macadam courts without sports lighting. Planning history exists to develop	Seek to reinstate usage from Hamstead TC or secure an alternative suitable venue.	Club LTA	Local	M	S	M	Protect Enhance

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					the site for housing; however, an agreed mitigation package has not been established, despite various options being explored. The last planning application was refused in February 2021.	Ensure appropriate mitigation is provided should the site come forward for development again, in line with planning policy.						
394	Handsworth Golf Club	B20 1NP	Golf	Sports club	A members owned 18-hole golf course.	Sustain quality.	Club EG	Local	L	L	L	Protect
427	Romilly Avenue/Wood Lane	B20 2AT	Football (disused)	Council	Disused site which forms part of playing fields used by King Edward VI Handsworth Grammar School for Boys. The area of land has previously accommodated two youth 11v11 pitches. Barford Tigers HC is exploring the potential of developing the site for hockey although its draft proposal includes provision of a youth 11v11 pitch.	Support development aspirations given hockey shortfalls and the capacity pressures that could be created for Barford Tigers HC if it is to lose access to Hamstead Hall Academy.	BCFA FF EH	Key centre	H	M	H	Provide Enhance
427	Romilly Avenue/Wood Lane	B20 2AT	Cricket (disused)	Council	A disused NTP which forms part of playing fields used by King Edward VI Handsworth Grammar School for Boys. Barford Tigers HC is exploring the potential of developing the site for hockey although its draft proposal includes provision of a youth 11v11 pitch.	Support development aspirations given hockey shortfalls and the capacity pressures that could be created for Barford Tigers HC if it is to lose access to Hamstead Hall Academy. Explore if reinstating the NTP could form part of the facility mix.	ECB WCB EH	Key centre	H	M	H	Provide Enhance
427	Romilly Avenue/Wood Lane	B20 2AT	Hockey	Council	Barford Tigers HC is exploring potential for new a pitch to be provided at the disused site. The Club's draft proposal includes provision of a full size hockey AGP, a smaller sized hockey training pitch and a pavilion/changing room block.	Support development aspirations given hockey shortfalls and the capacity pressures that could be created for Barford Tigers HC if it is to lose access to Hamstead Hall Academy.	EH	Key centre	H	M	H	Provide Enhance
427	Romilly Avenue/Wood Lane	B20 2AT	Kabaddi	Council	The proposal from Barford Tigers HC includes kabaddi facilities.	Support plans a means to providing a formal facility for kabaddi activity.	EKA EH	Key centre	H	M	H	Provide Enhance
428	Land to the East of Romilly Avenue/Wood Lane	B20 2AT	Football (disused)	Council	Disused site which forms part of playing fields use by King Edward VI Handsworth Grammar School for Boys. The area of land has previously accommodated one adult grass pitch.	Consider bringing pitches back into use given local shortfalls and the demand that exists and protect the site in accordance with Sport England and NPPF guidelines.	BCFA FF	Local	H	M	H	Provide Enhance
429	Land to the West of Romilly Avenue/Wood Lane	B20 2AT	Football (disused)	Council	Disused site which forms part of playing fields use by King Edward VI Handsworth Grammar School for Boys. The area of land has previously accommodated one adult grass pitch and an NTP.	Consider bringing pitches back into use given local shortfalls and the demand that exists and protect the site in accordance with Sport England and NPPF guidelines.	BCFA FF	Local	H	M	H	Provide Enhance
431	Prince Albert High School	B42 2TU	Tennis	School	Three good quality macadam courts that are available to the community and sports lit.	Sustain court quality.	School LTA	Local	L	L	L	Protect
431	Prince Albert High School	B42 2TU	Netball	School	Three good quality macadam courts that are available to the community and sports lit. In use for Back to Netball sessions.	Sustain court quality and ensure security of tenure is provided for long-term usage.	School EN	Local	L	L	L	Protect



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Site ID	Site	Postcode	Sport	Management	Current status	Recommended actions	Partners	Site hierarchy tier	Priority	Timescales	Cost	Aim
19	Bartley Green Community Leisure Centre (Bartley Green School)	B32 3QJ	Football	School	A poor quality adult pitch that is played to capacity through school usage. Available to the community but unused.	Improve quality to provide actual spare capacity and to attract demand.	School BCFA FF	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
19	Bartley Green Community Leisure Centre (Bartley Green School)	B32 3QJ	Tennis	School	Six poor quality macadam courts that are available for community use but without sports lighting.	Improve quality for curricular demand and explore whether sports lighting can be established to better accommodate community usage.	School LTA	Local	L	S	M	Protect Enhance
19	Bartley Green Community Leisure Centre (Bartley Green School)	B32 3QJ	Tennis	School	Six poor quality macadam courts that are available for community use but without sports lighting.	Improve quality for curricular demand and explore whether sports lighting can be established to better accommodate community usage.	School EN	Local	L	S	M	Protect Enhance
33	Avery Fields (Sports & Events)	B17 8DT	Football	Sports club	Two good quality adult pitches with actual spare capacity. Site by site action plan for Area 1 Erdington	Utilise actual spare capacity via the transfer of demand from overplayed sites or through future demand.	BCFA FF	Key centre	M	M	L	Protect
33	Avery Fields (Sports & Events)	B17 8DT	3G	Sports club	A full size 3G pitch that is both FA and World Rugby compliant. Assessed as good quality and also used for American football and rugby league.	Ensure a sinking fund is in place for long-term sustainability and ensure regular FA and World Rugby testing so that it remains compliant for both sports. Also ensure continued American football and rugby league access.	Club BCFA FF RFU RFL BAFA	Key Centre	M	L	L	Protect
33	Avery Fields (Sports & Events)	B17 8DT	Rugby union	Sports club	Two good quality senior pitches used by Bournville RFC. Actual spare capacity remains.	Utilise actual spare capacity via the transfer of demand from overplayed sites or through future demand. Explore options to provide increased pitch capacity to meet any future demand.	BCFA FF	Key centre	M	M	L	Protect
46	Chad Vale Primary School	B15 3JU	Football	School	A poor quality mini 7v7 pitch that is unavailable for community use.	Improve quality to better accommodate curricular demand.	School BCFA FF	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
62	Edgbaston Cricket Ground	B5 7QU	Cricket	Sports club	A first class ground used by Warwickshire County CC.	Retain.	Club BCFA FF	Key centre	L	L	L	Protect
63	Edgbaston High School for Girls	B15 3TS	Hockey	School	A full size sand-based pitch used by Barford Tigers HC and Edgbaston HC as a secondary venue. Assessed as poor quality having not been resurfaced since 2007.	Improve quality to ensure long-term hockey usage and seek to provide tenure to clubs.	School EH	Key centre	H	S	M	Protect Enhance
63	Edgbaston High School for Girls	B15 3TS	Tennis	School	Three good quality courts that are available to the community and sports lit.	Sustain quality.	School LTA	Key centre	M	L	L	Protect
63	Edgbaston High School for Girls	B15 3TS	Netball	School	Three good quality courts that are available to the community and sports lit.	Sustain quality and seek to provide security of tenure to users.	School EN	Key centre	M	S	L	Protect

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72	Four Dwellings Academy	B32 1RJ	3G	School	A full size 3G pitch that is FIFA certified and assessed as standard quality. Available to the community and sports lit.	Resurface pitch in the near future and ensure a sinking fund is in place for long-term sustainability. Also ensure FA testing takes place every three years.	School BCFA FF	Key centre	H	M	M	Protect Enhance
73	Four Dwellings Primary Academy	B32 1PJ	3G	School	A smaller sized 3G pitch that is unavailable to the community but is sports lit.	Retain for curricular use and explore community use options for recreational demand given the presence of sports lighting.	School BCFA FF	Local	L	M	L	Protect
81	George Dixon Academy	B16 9GD	Football	School	One youth 11v11, one youth 9v9, one mini 7v7 and one mini 5v5 pitch, all of poor quality. The youth 11v11 and youth 9v9 pitches are overplayed.	Improve quality to alleviate overplay and look to provide security of tenure to clubs via a community use agreement.	School BCFA FF	Local	M	S	M	Protect Enhance
81	George Dixon Academy	B16 9GD	3G	School	S106 funding is in place as part of the Port Loop development for 3G provision at the School; however, there is no additional 3G demand in the area.	Explore options to reassign S106 funding for other playing pitch requirements.	School BCFA FF	Local	M	M	L	Provide
81	George Dixon Academy	B16 9GD	Cricket	School	A standalone NTP that is unavailable for community use.	Retain for curricular demand.	School ECB	Local	L	L	L	Protect
97	Hallfield School	B15 3SJ	Cricket	School	A standard quality square used by Harborne CC and the LL Cricket League. Played to capacity.	Improve quality to provide additional capacity for an increase in usage and look to provide users with security of tenure via a community use agreement.	School ECB	Local	M	S	L	Protect Enhance
97	Hallfield School	B15 3SJ	Hockey	School	A smaller size sand based pitch that is available for community use but not serviced by sports lighting.	Retain for continued recreational demand.	School	Local	L	L	L	Protect
97	Hallfield School	B15 3SJ	Baseball/softball	School	Site previously used by Birmingham Bobcats prior to the Club folding.	Retain option of re-providing provision should demand reform in the future.	School BSUK	Local	L	L	L	Protect
102	Harborne Academy	B15 3JL	Football	School	Two standard quality mini 7v7 pitches that are available for community use and used. Played to capacity at peak time.	Seek security of tenure for club users via a long-term community use agreement.	School BCFA FF	Local	M	S	L	Protect
102	Harborne Academy	B15 3JL	3G	School	A smaller sized 3G pitch that is available to the community and sports lit.	Retain for recreational demand.	School BCFA FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect
102	Harborne Academy	B15 3JL	Tennis	School	Five poor quality macadam courts that are available to the community but without sports lighting.	Improve quality and explore if sports lighting can be installed to better accommodate and attract community usage.	School LTA	Local	L	S	M	Protect Enhance
102	Harborne Academy	B15 3JL	Netball	School	Three poor quality macadam courts that are available to the community but without sports lighting.	Improve quality and explore if sports lighting can be installed to better accommodate and attract community usage.	School LTA	Local	L	S	M	Protect Enhance
103	Harborne Cricket Club	B17 0BE	Football	Sports club	Three mini 7v7 and one mini 5v5 pitch of standard quality. Actual spare capacity exists on the mini 7v7 pitches.	Utilise actual spare capacity via the transfer of demand from overplayed sites or through future demand.	Club BCFA FF	Local	L	M	L	Protect



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103	Harborne Cricket Club	B17 0BE	Cricket	Sports club	Two good quality squares leased by Harborne CC in an agreement that has 20 years remaining. Provision is played to capacity. The Club has an aspiration to develop its clubhouse, specifically to better cater for female users.	Sustain square quality and improve ancillary facilities. Also seek to extend lease to provide increased security of tenure.	Club WCB ECB	Local	M	M	M	Protect Enhance
112	Highfield Farm Recreation Ground	B32 1QY	Football (disused)	Council	One adult pitch last marked out circa 2017.	Consider bringing pitches back into use given local shortfalls and the demand that exists and protect the site in accordance with Sport England and NPPF guidelines.	BCFA FF	Local	M	S	M	Protect Enhance
136	King Edward VI Five Ways School	B32 4BT	Cricket	School	A good quality grass wicket square and a standalone NTP, neither of which are available for community use.	Explore community use options with the School given local shortfalls.	School WCB ECB	Key centre	M	S	L	Protect
136	King Edward VI Five Ways School	B32 4BT	Rugby union	School	Five standard quality senior pitches that are available to the community but unused.	Retain as community available should demand exist in the future.	School RFU	Key centre	L	L	L	Protect
136	King Edward VI Five Ways School	B32 4BT	Hockey	School	A full size sand based pitch used by Harborne HC. Assessed as standard quality but nearing the end of its lifespan.	Resurface pitch in the near future and ensure a sinking fund is in place for long-term sustainability. Also seek to provide the Club with security of tenure.	School EH	Key centre	H	M	M	Protect Enhance
136	King Edward VI Five Ways School	B32 4BT	Tennis	School	Four standard quality macadam courts that are available to the community and with sports lighting.	Improve quality to better accommodate demand.	School LTA	Key centre	M	M	L	Protect Enhance
136	King Edward VI Five Ways School	B32 4BT	Netball	School	Three standard quality macadam courts that are available to the community and with sports lighting.	Improve quality to better accommodate demand.	School EN	Key centre	M	M	L	Protect Enhance
141	King Edward VI High School for Girls	B15 2UB	Hockey	School	Two full size sand based pitches that are used by Bournville HC and Harborne HC. Assessed as poor quality having not been resurfaced since 2007.	Improve quality via resurfacing the pitches for hockey and ensure a sinking fund is in place for long-term sustainability. Also seek to provide the clubs with security of tenure.	School EH	Key centre	H	M	M	Protect Enhance
141	King Edward VI High School for Girls	B15 2UB	Tennis	School	Five good quality macadam courts and two poor quality macadam courts. None are available for community use or sports lit. The poor quality courts have a planning application on them to install a temporary education block, with them to be reinstated and refurbished following this.	Improve quality of poor courts and explore if sports lighting could be installed to establish community use.	School LTA	Key centre	M	S	M	Protect Enhance

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141	King Edward VI High School for Girls	B15 2UB	Netball	School	Four good quality macadam courts and one poor quality macadam court. None are available for community use or sports lit. The poor quality court has a planning application on it to install a temporary education block, with it to be reinstated and refurbished following this.	Improve quality of poor court and explore if sports lighting could be installed to establish community use.	School EN	Key centre	M	S	M	Protect Enhance
143	King Edwards School Birmingham	B15 2UA	Cricket	School	Three good quality squares that are unavailable for community use.	Explore community use options with the School given local shortfalls.	School WCB ECB	Key centre	M	S	L	Protect
143	King Edwards School Birmingham	B15 2UA	Rugby union	School	Four good quality senior pitches that are available to the community but unused.	Retain as community available should demand exist in the future.	School RFU	Key centre	L	L	L	Protect
145	King Edward's School Running Track	B5 7SN	Cricket	School	A good quality square that is unavailable for community use.	Explore community use options with the School given local shortfalls.	School WCB ECB	Key centre	M	S	L	Protect
145	King Edward's School Running Track	B5 7SN	Rugby union	School	A good quality senior pitch that is available for community use but unused.	Retain as community available should demand exist in the future.	School RFU	Key centre	L	L	L	Protect
145	King Edward's School Running Track	B5 7SN	Tennis	School	Five good quality macadam courts that are neither sports lit nor available to the community.	Explore if sports lighting could be installed to establish community use.	School LTA	Key centre	M	S	M	Protect Enhance
145	King Edward's School Running Track	B5 7SN	Athletics	School	A standard quality 400-metre track that is unavailable for community use.	Retain for continued curricular use and explore community use options.	School EA	Key centre	M	S	L	Protect
157	Ley Hill	B31 1TT	Football (disused)	Council	One adult pitch marked in 2017; however, more recently used for mini 7v7 football up until 2021.	Consider bringing pitches back into use given local shortfalls and the demand that exists and protect the site in accordance with Sport England and NPPF guidelines.	BCFA FF	Local	M	S	M	Protect Enhance
160	Long Nuke	B31 1DX	Football (disused)	Council	One adult pitch last marked circa 2011. Site has an approved planning application, subject to conditions, to develop it for housing. Agreed mitigation for the disposal of the site will go towards the improving quality and creating new changing provision and a community room at Senneleys Park.	Ensure mitigation carried out in line with planning application and planning policy.	BCFA FF	Local	M	S	M	Protect Enhance
162	Lordswood Girls School	B17 8QB	3G	School	A full size 3G pitch with sports lighting that is FIFA certified. Assessed as good quality and available to the community. Also used for lacrosse.	Sustain quality and ensure a sinking fund is in place for long-term sustainability. Also ensure the pitch remains on the FIFA register via testing every three years.	School FF BCFA EL	Key centre	M	L	L	Protect
162	Lordswood Girls School	B17 8QB	Netball	School	Three standard quality macadam courts that are available to the community but without sports lighting. Used by Ashanti NC.	Explore installation of sports lighting to better accommodate and attract community demand.	School EN	Key centre	M	S	M	Protect Enhance
184	Newman University Sports Centre	B32 3NT	3G	University	A full size 3G pitch with sports lighting that is FIFA certified.	Sustain quality and ensure a sinking fund is in place for long-	School FF	Key centre	M	M	L	Protect

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					Assessed as standard quality and available to the community.	term sustainability. Also ensure the pitch remains on the FIFA register via testing every three years.	BCFA EL					
192	Oasis Academy Woodview	B15 2HU	Football	School	A poor quality youth 9v9 pitch that is unavailable for community use.	Improve quality and explore community use aspects given local shortfalls.	School BCFA FF	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
193	Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Primary School	B17 8TR	Football	School	A poor quality youth 9v9 pitch that is unavailable for community use.	Improve quality and explore community use aspects given local shortfalls.	School BCFA FF	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
210	Richmond Hill	B15 3RJ	Cricket	Private	A standard quality square used by Harborne CC with only minimal spare capacity remaining.	Improve quality to provide actual spare capacity and seek to secure usage.	ECB WCB	Local	M	S	L	Protect Enhance
219	Senneleys Park	B32 3BD	Football	Council	Site has two marked adult pitches but has also previously accommodated a further two adult pitches and one mini 7v7 pitch. Agreed mitigation monies for the disposal of Long Nuke Road will go towards improving pitch quality and the creation of new changing provision and community room on site. This will go towards improving the current pitch provision as well as reinstating the disused provision. The pitches are poor quality with actual spare capacity discounted due to this.	Improve pitch quality to provide actual spare capacity and reinstate disused pitches given local shortfalls. Also improve ancillary facilities.	BCFA FF	Local	M	S	M	Protect Enhance
219	Senneleys Park	B32 3BD	3G	Council	The Council has secured a Section 106 contribution from the development of North Worcestershire Golf Club which is required to be spent on the provision of two pitches at Senneleys Park and/or Bartley Green Community Centre.	Explore options to reassign S106 funding for other playing pitch requirements given lack of 3G demand in the area.	BCFA FF	Local	M	M	L	Provide
222	Shenley Academy	B29 4HE	Football	School	Two adult, one youth 11v11, one youth 9v9, one mini 7v7 and one mini 5v5 pitch, all of poor quality. The youth 11v11 and youth 9v9 pitches are overplayed. Ancillary provision is also poor.	Improve pitch quality to alleviate overplay and improve ancillary facilities to better cater for demand. Also provide security of tenure to users via a community use agreement.	School BCFA FF	Key centre	M	S	M	Protect Enhance
222	Shenley Academy	B29 4HE	3G	School	The development of a 3G pitch at Shenley Academy has recently entered the Football Foundation's 3G Framework. This is for a possible submission in January 2024 and for a funding decision in April 2024. Car parking issues are identified.	Given lack of shortfalls in the area, ensure a robust business plan and programme of use is in place to ensure sustainability of the pitch and others in the area. Also improve car parking, especially if a 3G pitch is delivered to the added demand this will result in.	School BCFA FF	Key centre	M	S	H	Protect Provide
222	Shenley Academy	B29 4HE	Tennis	School	Eight poor quality macadam courts, with four having sports lighting.	Improve quality, predominately for netball given its use as a central venue.	School LTA	Key centre	M	S	M	Protect Enhance

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222	Shenley Academy	B29 4HE	Netball	School	Nine poor quality macadam courts, with six having sports lighting. Available for community use and used by the Birmingham Netball League. Car parking issues are identified.	Improve quality to better cater for demand and look to secure usage via a community use agreement. Also improve car parking.	School LTA	Key centre	M	S	M	Protect Enhance
237	St George's School Edgbaston	B15 1RX	Football	School	A poor quality youth 11v11 pitch that is unavailable for community use.	Improve quality and explore community use aspects given local shortfalls.	School BCFA FF	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
241	St Paul's School for Girls	B16 9SL	Football	School	One poor quality mini 5v5 pitch that is not available for community use.	Improve pitch quality for curricular demand.	School BCFA FF	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
257	Tally Ho Sports	B5 7RN	Football	Calthorpe	Three standard quality adult pitches that are overplayed by 1.5 match equivalent sessions.	Improve quality to eradicate overplay.	BCFA FF	Key centre	M	S	M	Protect Enhance
257	Tally Ho Sports	B5 7RN	Cricket	Calthorpe	A good quality square used by Kings Heath CC. Actual spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure.	Seek to provide security of tenure to establish actual spare capacity.	ECB WCB	Key centre	M	S	L	Protect
257	Tally Ho Sports	B5 7RN	Tennis (disused)	Calthorpe	Three disused tennis courts	No demand has been identified for the provision, but the area should be retained so that it can be brought back into use for sport if required.	LTA	Key centre	L	L	L	Protect
257	Tally Ho Sports	B5 7RN	Bowls	Calthorpe	A good quality crown green and a standard quality flat green used by several clubs.	Sustain crown green quality and improve flat green quality.	BCGBA BE	Key centre	M	S	M	Protect Enhance
260	The Blue Coat School	B17 0HR	Football	School	One youth 9v9 and two mini 7v7 pitches of standard quality but unavailable for community use.	Explore community use aspects given local shortfalls.	School BCFA FF	Local	L	S	L	Protect
260	The Blue Coat School	B17 0HR	Cricket	School	A standard quality square used by Harborne CC and played to capacity.	Seek to provide security of tenure and improve quality to establish actual spare capacity.	School ECB WCB	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
263	The Priory School (Edgbaston)	B15 2UR	Football	School	A poor quality adult pitch that is unavailable for community use.	Improve quality and explore community use aspects given local shortfalls.	School BCFA FF	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
273	University of Birmingham (Bournbrook)	B5 7SW	3G	University	A full size 3G pitch that is both FA and World Rugby compliant. Assessed as good quality and also used for other grass pitch sports by the University. Sports lit and available to the community.	Ensure a sinking fund is in place for long-term sustainability and ensure regular FA and World Rugby testing so that it remains compliant for both sports as well as other grass pitch sports.	University BCFA FF RFU	Hub site	H	L	L	Protect
273	University of Birmingham (Bournbrook)	B5 7SW	Hockey	University	Two good quality water-based pitches used by Edgbaston HC and University of Birmingham HC. Played to capacity.	Ensure a sinking fund is in place for long-term sustainability.	University EH	Hub site	H	L	L	Protect
273	University of Birmingham (Bournbrook)	B5 7SW	Tennis	University	10 good quality macadam courts that are available to the community and with sports lighting.	Improve court quality following the impact of the Commonwealth Games to reinstate previous usage levels.	University LTA	Hub site	H	S	M	Protect Enhance

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273	University of Birmingham (Bournbrook)	B5 7SW	Netball	University	10 good quality macadam courts that are available to the community and with sports lighting. Previously used by the Birmingham Netball League as a central venue; however, demand has not returned to the site following the Commonwealth Games.	Seek to reinstate previous usage levels via central venue demand and look to secure this usage via a long-term agreement.	University EN	Hub site	H	S	M	Protect Enhance
275	University of Birmingham (Metchley Lane)	B15 2PQ	3G	University	A full size 3G pitch that is both sports lit and available to the community. Assessed as standard quality but not currently FIFA/FA approved. Primarily used internally.	Resurface pitch in the near future to improve quality and ensure a sinking fund is in place for long-term sustainability. Also seek FA testing so that it can be used for competitive matches, and explore if community usage levels can be increased.	University BCFA FF	Key centre	H	M	M	Protect Enhance
275	University of Birmingham (Metchley Lane)	B15 2PQ	Rugby union	University	Three good quality senior pitches used by Birmingham Medics RFC and Birmingham Engineers RFC. Actual spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure.	Seek to provide security of tenure via a community use agreement in order to establish actual spare capacity.	University RFU	Key centre	M	S	L	Protect
283	West House School Playing Fields	B15 3RJ	Football	School	One youth 9v9 and one mini 7v7 pitch, both of standard quality. Actual spare capacity is discounted due to unsecure tenure. Calthorpe Estates reports and aspiration to swap the land.	Seek to provide security of tenure via a community use agreement in order to establish actual spare capacity. Should the land swap take place, ensure no overall loss of playing field and that the pitches are re-established to an equal or better quantity and quality.	School BCFA FF	Local	L	S	L	Protect
288	Woodgate Valley Country Park	B32 3DS	Football	Council	An adult pitch with spare capacity discounted due to poor quality.	Improve quality to create actual spare capacity.	BCFA FF	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
288	Woodgate Valley Country Park	B32 3DS	Athletics	Council	Site is used for ParkRun.	Retain for long-term access for ParkRun.	EA	Local	L	L	L	Protect
305	Edgbaston Archery & Lawn Tennis Society	B15 3TR	Tennis	Sports club	Six grass, four clay and two artificial courts, all of a good quality. The artificial courts are serviced by sports lighting.	Sustain court quality and explore if capacity can be increased through sports lighting additional courts.	Club LTA	Local	L	M	M	Protect Enhance
308	Lordswood Tennis Club	B17 8PR	Tennis	Sports club	Five good quality macadam courts with sports lighting.	Sustain court quality.	Club LTA	Local	L	L	L	Protect
316	The Circle Tennis Club	B17 9DY	Tennis	Sports club	Two good quality macadam courts. The Club has an aspiration to develop sports lighting and to improve its changing facilities. It is currently operating over capacity.	Sustain court quality and support plans to establish sports lighting in order to relieve capacity pressures. Also improve changing facilities.	Club LTA	Local	M	S	M	Protect Enhance
317	University of Birmingham Athletics Track	B15 2RB	Athletics	University	A 400-metre synthetic track assessed as good quality.	Sustain quality.	EA	Key centre	M	L	L	Protect
329	Bell Inn	B17 0BB	Bowls	Public house	A standard quality sports lit crown green used by Bell Inn BC. Serviced by poor quality ancillary facilities.	Improve green and ancillary facility quality to better accommodate demand and seek to establish improved security of tenure.	BCGBA	Local	M	S	M	Protect Enhance

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333	Central Edgbaston Bowling Club	B15 3HE	Bowls	Calthorpe	A good quality crown green rented from Calthorpe Estates. Members is below a sustainable level.	Sustain green quality and support the Club to increase its membership to more sustainable levels.	BCGBA	Local	M	S	M	Protect
337	Queen's Park	B17 9AH	Tennis	Council	Three poor quality macadam courts without sports lighting.	Improve quality to better accommodate recreational demand.	LTA	Local	M	S	L	Protect Enhance
337	Queen's Park	B17 9AH	Bowls (disused)	Council	A crown green no longer formally maintained.	No demand has been identified. Consider repurposing for other sporting needs, development in line with planning policy, or retain as strategic reserve.	BCGBA	Local	L	L	L	-
338	Highfield Bowling Club	B32 1QX	Bowls	Sports club	A standard quality crown green.	Improve quality to better accommodate demand.	Club BCGBA	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
350	Green Man Public House	B17 9NE	Bowls	Sports club	A standard quality crown green with sports lighting leased by Harborne (Green Man) BC. Aspirations exist to improve the ancillary facilities.	Improve green and ancillary facility quality to better accommodate demand.	Club BCGBA	Local	M	S	M	Protect Enhance
363	Weoley Castle Working Men's Club	B29 5TY	Bowls (disused)	Sports club	A crown green no longer formally maintained.	No demand has been identified. Consider repurposing for other sporting needs, development in line with planning policy, or retain as strategic reserve.	Club BCGBA	Local	L	L	L	-
379	Edgbaston Priory Club	B15 2UZ	Tennis	Sports club	Eight grass, eight clay, five macadam and one artificial court, all of good quality. The artificial and macadam courts are serviced by sports lighting, as are four of the clay courts. Indoor and padel provision is also on site.	Sustain quality.	Club LTA	Key centre	M	L	L	Protect
381	Moorpool Tennis Club	B17 9HN	Tennis	Sports club	Two standard quality clay courts that are not serviced by sports lighting.	Improve quality to better accommodate demand and explore if sports lighting could be installed to increase capacity.	Club LTA	Local	L	S	M	Protect Enhance
385	Hillcrest School & Sixth Form Centre	B32 3AE	Tennis	School	Six poor quality macadam courts that are neither sports lit nor available for community use.	Improve quality and explore if sports lighting could be installed and whether community access could be enabled.	School LTA	Local	L	S	M	Protect Enhance
385	Hillcrest School & Sixth Form Centre	B32 3AE	Netball	School	Five poor quality macadam courts that are neither sports lit nor available for community use.	Improve quality and explore if sports lighting could be installed and whether community access could be enabled.	School EN	Local	L	S	M	Protect Enhance
389	Harborne Golf Club	B32 2JE	Golf	Sports club	A members owned 18-hole golf course.	Sustain quality.	Club EG	Local	L	L	L	Protect
392	Edgbaston Golf Club	B15 3TB	Golf	Sports club	A members owned 18-hole golf course.	Sustain quality.	Club EG	Local	L	L	L	Protect
393	Harborne Church Farm Golf Course	B17 0SN	Golf	Municipal Mytime Active	An 18-hole municipal golf course operating via Mytime Active.	Consideration should be given to a wider piece of work to review the current stock of municipal courses across Birmingham to ensure long term sustainability and viability. This could include opportunities to rationalise the stock and provide a better, well-	Mytime Active EG	Local	H	M	H	Protect Enhance

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						located facility mix, providing that all demand can continue to be met.						
402	Moorpool Bowls Club	B17 9DR	Bowls	Sports club	A standard quality crown green.	Improve green quality to better accommodate the Club.	Club BCGBA	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance

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Site ID	Site	Postcode	Sport	Management	Current status	Recommended actions	Partners	Site hierarchy tier	Priority	Timescales	Cost	Aim
7	Ark Kings Academy	B38 9DE	Football	School	One adult and one youth 11v11 pitch both of which are poor quality. Pitches are not available for community use and are played to capacity through curricular demand.	Improve pitch quality to create spare capacity and explore community use options with the School.	School BCFA FF	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
7	Ark Kings Academy	B38 9DE	Tennis	School	Six standard quality macadam courts that are available for community use but are not sports lit.	Explore if sports lighting could be added to better accommodate and attract community use.	School LTA	Local	L	M	L	Protect Enhance
7	Ark Kings Academy	B38 9DE	Netball	School	Six standard quality macadam courts that are available for community use but are not sports lit.	Explore if sports lighting could be added to better accommodate and attract community use.	School EN	Local	L	L	L	Protect
18	Austin Sports & Social Club	B31 2SF	Football	Sports club	One poor quality adult pitch that is played to capacity.	Improve pitch quality..	Club BCFA FF	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
22	Belton Road Playing Fields	B45 9PD	Football	School	One adult and one youth 11v11 pitch that is overmarked by a youth 9v9 pitch. Pitches are standard quality and have spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure. Accompanied by poor quality ancillary provision.	Provide security of tenure to establish actual spare capacity and improve ancillary provision.	School BCFA FF	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
42	Cadbury Sixth Form College	B38 8QT	Football	School	One standard quality adult pitch that is not available for community use.	Sustain pitch quality as appropriate to meet curricular/extracurricular demand.	School BCFA FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect
42	Cadbury Sixth Form College	B38 8QT	Tennis	School	Two poor quality macadam courts that are not available for community use or sports lit. The two courts are subject to a planning application which will see them developed for an additional educational block. S106 monies has been secured from the loss of provision to invest in the refurbishment of the courts at Cotteridge Park.	Ensure planning conditions are adhered to with refurbishments carried out at Cotteridge Park.	School LTA	Local	M	S	M	Enhance
42	Cadbury Sixth Form College	B38 8QT	Netball	School	Two poor quality macadam courts that are not available for community use or sports lit. The two courts are subject to a planning application which will see them developed for an additional educational block. S106 monies has been secured from the loss of provision to invest in the refurbishment of the courts at Cotteridge Park.	Ensure planning conditions are adhered to with refurbishments carried out at Cotteridge Park.	School EN	Local	M	S	M	Enhance



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50	Cofton Park	B45 8UN	Football	Council	Two adult and one youth 9v9 pitch all of which are standard quality. The adult pitches have actual spare capacity of 1.5 match equivalent sessions whereas the youth 9v9 pitch has actual spare capacity of 0.5 match equivalent sessions.	Utilise actual spare capacity via the transfer of demand from overplayed sites or through future demand.	BCFA FF	Local	L	M	L	Protect
50	Cofton Park	B45 8UN	Cricket (disused)	Council	Site previously accommodated two grass squares, one accompanied by an NTP, circa 2017. Grass wickets are no longer maintained with the NTP also considered disused. Site is still used for football.	Explore potential of re-establishing cricket provision if demand can be identified given local shortfalls.	ECB WCB	Local	L	M	L	Protect Provide
51	Cofton Primary School	B31 4ST	Football	School	One poor quality mini 7v7 pitch that is not available for community use.	Improve pitch quality for curricular demand.	School BCFA FF	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
52	Colmers 3G	B45 9WA	3G	Council	One full size sports lit 3G pitch which is good quality having been built in 2019.	Sustain pitch quality and ensure there is a sinking fund in place for long term sustainability. Also examine the potential for FA/FIFA certification to allow for competitive match play.	BCFA FF	Key centre	H	S	L	Protect
53	Colmers Farm Junior School	B45 9PB	Football	School	One poor quality mini 5v5 pitch that is not available for community use.	Improve pitch quality for curricular demand.	School BCFA FF	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
134	King Edward VI Balaam Wood Academy	B45 0EU	Football	School	Two poor quality adult pitches that are not available for community use.	Improve pitch quality and explore community use options given local shortfalls.	School BCFA FF	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
134	King Edward VI Balaam Wood Academy	B45 0EU	Cricket (disused)	School	A disused NTP.	Explore replacing the NTP to meet curricular demand.	School WCB ECB	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
134	King Edward VI Balaam Wood Academy	B45 0EU	Tennis (disused)	School	Three disused tennis courts which are now used for carparking.	No demand has been identified for the provision, but the area should be retained so that it can be brought back into use for sport if required.	School LTA	Local	L	L	L	Protect
134	King Edward VI Balaam Wood Academy	B45 0EU	Netball (disused)	School	Three disused netball courts which are now used for carparking.	No demand has been identified for the provision, but the area should be retained so that it can be brought back into use for sport if required.	School EN	Local	L	L	L	Protect
152	Kings Norton Playing Fields	B30 3EU	Football	Council	One youth 9v9 and one mini 5v5 pitch both of which are poor quality. Spare capacity discounted due to poor quality. Accompanied by poor quality ancillary provision.	Improve pitch quality to provide actual spare capacity and improve ancillary facilities.	BCFA FF	Local	M	S	L	Protect Enhance
173	Merrits Brook	B31 1PD	Football	Council	Two youth 9v9 pitches which have spare capacity discounted due to poor quality. Identified ancillary improvements.	Improve pitch quality to provide actual spare capacity and improve ancillary facilities.	BCFA FF	Local	M	S	L	Protect Enhance
209	Rednal Hill Junior School	B45 8QY	Football	School	One poor quality mini 7v7 pitch that is not available for community use.	Improve pitch quality for curricular demand.	School BCFA	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance

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223	Shenley Lane Community Association & Sports Centre	B29 4HZ	Football	Community organisation	Two adult, one youth 9v9 (overmarked), one mini 7v7 and one mini 5v5 pitch all of which are standard quality. The mini 7v7 pitches have one match equivalent session of actual spare capacity, whilst the remaining pitches are played to capacity. The clubhouse reportedly needs modernising, and the site is not suitable for a higher level of football despite Northfield Town Juniors FC expressing a need.	Modernise clubhouse, particularly to better accommodate female demand. Also explore opportunities to develop the site for a higher level of football if required and seek to provide the Club with better 3G pitch access.	BCFA FF	Key centre	M	M	L	Protect Enhance
223	Shenley Lane Community Association & Sports Centre	B29 4HZ	Cricket	Community organisation	A grass wicket square that is standard quality. Spare capacity for additional cricket on Sunday and midweek. Leased to Shenley Fields CC.	Utilise actual spare capacity via the transfer of demand from overplayed sites or through future demand.	WCB ECB	Key centre	M	M	L	Protect
223	Shenley Lane Community Association & Sports Centre	B29 4HZ	Hockey	Community organisation	A smaller sized standard quality sand-based pitch which is sports lit and available for community use.	Retain for recreational demand.	BCFA FF	Key centre	L	L	L	Protect
240	St Pauls Catholic Primary School	B38 9JB	Football	School	One poor quality mini 5v5 pitch that is not available for community use.	Improve pitch quality for curricular demand.	School BCFA FF	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
268	Triplex Sports Association	B38 8SS	Football	Sports club	One standard quality adult pitch that has sports lighting. Actual spare capacity of one match equivalent session.	Utilise actual spare capacity via the transfer of demand from overplayed sites or through future demand.	Club BCFA FF	Local	L	M	L	Protect
269	Turves Green Boys School	B31 4BS	Hockey	School	A smaller sized standard quality sand-based AGP which is sports lit but not available for community use.	Explore community use options with the School to provide an additional facility for recreational demand.	School BCFA FF EH	Local	L	M	L	Protect
269	Turves Green Boys School	B31 4BS	Tennis	School	Three poor quality macadam courts that are available for community use but not sports lit.	Improve quality.	School LTA	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
269	Turves Green Boys School	B31 4BS	Netball	School	Two poor quality macadam courts that are available for community use but not sports lit.	Sustain quality with appropriate levels of maintenance to improve quality.	School EN	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
281	Weoley Hill Cricket Club	B29 4BN	Cricket	Sports club	A good quality square accompanied by an NTP. Leased to Weoley Hill CC. Toilets and showering facilities need modernising, and there are potential issues with ball strike. There is no spare capacity on the square for additional demand.	Sustain square quality, modernise the showering and toilet facilities and seek resolution to ball strike issues.	Club WCB ECB	Local	M	S	L	Protect Enhance
282	West Heath Park	B31 3BQ	Football	Council	One adult pitch that has spare capacity discounted due to poor quality.	Improve pitch quality to provide actual spare capacity.	BCFA FF	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance

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318	Weoley Hill Tennis Club	B29 4AS	Tennis	Sports club	Four artificial courts, two of which have sports lights, and two macadam courts that do not have sports lights. All courts are good quality.	Sustain court quality.	Club LTA	Local	M	L	L	Protect
330	Black Horse	B31 2QT	Bowls	Public house	One standard quality crown green rented by Black Horse BC.	Improve green quality to better accommodate demand and seek to secure tenure for Black Horse BC.	BCGBA	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
335	Royal Austin British Legion	B31 2PY	Bowls (disused)	Community	Last used in 2018 before being taken out of use to enable a housing development. Following this, plans are place to restore the provision.	Look to reinstate the bowling green following the completion of the housing development and ensure sufficient demand exists to make it sustainable.	BCGBA	Local	M	M	M	Protect Provide
340	Weoley Castle Pub	B29 4HA	Bowls	Public house	One standard quality crown green rented by Weoley Castle BC.	Improve green quality to better accommodate demand and seek to secure tenure for Black Horse BC.	BCGBA	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
348	The Triplex Club	B38 8SS	Bowls	Sport club	One good quality crown green used by Triplex BC	Sustain green quality. .	Club BCGBA	Local	L	L	L	Protect
382	Woodlands Northfield Tennis Club	B31 2DX	Tennis	Bournville Village Trust	Two good quality macadam courts that do not have sports lights. Rented annually by Woodlands Northfield TC.	Sustain court quality and examine installing sports lights on the courts to provide additional capacity.	Club LTA	Local	M	S	M	Protect Enhance
384	Kings Norton Tennis Club	B38 8RE	Tennis	Sports club	Three good quality macadam courts that are sports lit. Kings Norton TC has plans to improve the disability access to both its clubhouse and courts.	Sustain court quality and look to improve disability access to the site.	Club LTA	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
399	Wast Hills Golf Centre	B38 9EL	Golf	Proprietary	A 27-bay driving range with sports lighting.	Protect and sustain quality for current use.	EG	Local	L	L	L	Protect
404	Kings Norton Sports & Social Club	B38 8AH	Bowls (disused)	Sports club	A crown green not formally maintained since circa 2018.	No demand has been identified. Consider repurposing for other sporting needs, development in line with planning policy, or retain as strategic reserve.	Club BCGBA	Local	L	L	L	-
417	Weoley Hill Bowling Club	B29 4AS	Bowls	Sports club	One good quality crown green leased to Weoley Hill BC from the Bournville Trust. Green is operating capacity. Serviced by poor quality ancillary facilities.	Sustain green quality and improve ancillary provision. Also monitor levels of demand to ensure provision remains sufficient.	Club BCGBA	Local	M	S	L	Protect Enhance
423	Wast Hills Training Ground	B38 9EL	Football	Sports club	A mixture of grass pitches and 3G provision. The training ground for Birmingham City FC.	Retain for continued elite clubs use.	Club BCFA FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect
430	King Edward VI Northfield School	B31 4BP	Tennis	School	Three good quality macadam courts that are available for community use but are not sports lit.	Sustain court quality. .	School LTA	Local	L	L	L	Protect
430	King Edward VI Northfield School	B31 4BP	Netball	School	Three good quality macadam courts that are available for community use but are not sports lit.	Sustain court quality.	School EN	Local	L	L	L	Protect
433	Licky Hills Golf Course	B45 8RR	Golf	Municipal Mytime Active	An 18 hole municipal golf course operating via Mytime Active.	Consideration should be given to a wider piece of work to review the current stock of municipal courses across	Mytime Active EG	Local	H	M	H	Protect Enhance

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						Birmingham to ensure long term sustainability and viability. This could include opportunities to rationalise the stock and provide a better, well-located facility mix, providing that all demand can continue to be met.						
434	St Thomas Aquinas Catholic School	B38 8AP	Netball	School	Three standard quality macadam courts that are available to the community use and used by Play Netball. Without sports lighting.	Consider installation of sports lighting to better accommodate demand and seek to provide users with long-term security of tenure.	School EN	Local	M	S	M	Protect Enhance
N/A	North Worcestershire Golf Club	B31 5LP	Golf (disused)	-	The site has planning permission for the development of approximately 800 houses following closure in 2016. The Council has secured a S106 contribution from the development which is required to be spent on the provision of two 3G pitches at Senneleys Park and/or Bartley Green Community Centre.	Ensure S106 is obtained in line with planning policy, but with no clear requirement for 3G provision, explore if this could be directed towards other projects that will have a similar benefit. This is unless it can be robustly demonstrated that the provision would be sustainable.	EG BCFA FF	Local	H	S	H	Provide Enhance

**AREA 3 - SELLY OAK**

Site ID	Site	Postcode	Sport	Management	Current status	Recommended actions	Partners	Site hierarchy tier	Priority	Timescales	Cost	Aim
21	Bells Farm Primary School	B14 5QP	Football	School	One poor quality mini 5v5 pitch which is unavailable for community use.	Improve quality for curricular demand.	School BCFA FF	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
24	Billesley Common	B13 0JD	Football (disused)	Council	Previously accommodated three adult pitches.	Consider bringing provision back into use given local shortfalls.	BCFA FF	Key centre	M	S	M	Protect
24	Billesley Common	B13 0JD	Cricket (disused)	Council	Site previously accommodated four NTPs and a number of accompanying grass wickets.	Consider bringing provision back into use given local shortfalls.	ECB WCB	Key centre	M	S	M	Enhance
24	Billesley Common	B13 0JD	Rugby union	Council	Two poor quality senior pitches, both of which of without sports lighting. Both pitches are overplayed by a combined total of 4.5 match equivalent sessions.	Improve quality and explore sports lighting potential in order to reduce overplayed, and explore opportunities to provide an additional pitch or access to a World Rugby compliant 3G pitch in order to fully alleviate it.	RFU	Key centre	H	S	M	Protect Enhance
32	Cadbury Recreation Ground	B30 1JR	Football	Trust	One adult, two youth 11v11 (one over marked by a youth 9v9 pitch) and two mini 5v5 pitches, all of which are standard quality. The adult pitch has actual spare capacity of one match equivalent session whilst the two youth 11v11 pitches are overplayed. Serviced by poor quality and limited ancillary facilities. Cadbury Athletic FC is without security of tenure at the site and its first team has previously been demoted from Step 6 due to not meeting ground grading requirements. It is looking for a site of its own that it can develop for all its demand.	Improve pitch quality to alleviate overplay and seek ancillary facility improvements. Also look to provide security of tenure for Cadbury Athletic FC and explore options to enable it to progress through the football pyramid, or support the transfer of its demand to an alternative site which can more adequately meet its needs.	BCFA FF	Key centre	M	S	M	Protect Enhance
32	Cadbury Recreation Ground	B30 1JR	Cricket	Trust	One good quality square with actual spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure.	Look to provide security of tenure for Bournville CC in order to provide actual spare capacity.	ECB WCB	Local	M	S	L	Protect
32	Cadbury Recreation Ground	B30 1JR	Bowls	Trust	One standard quality crown green which Bournville Sports BC rents for its use.	Improve quality to better accommodate and demand and seek to provide improved security of tenure the Club.	BCGBA	Local	M	S	L	Protect Enhance
34	Bournville School	B30 1QJ	Tennis	School	Six standard quality macadam courts that are unavailable for community use and are without sports lighting.	Explore community use options and sports lighting potential given quantity of courts.	School LTA	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
34	Bournville School	B30 1QJ	Netball	School	Six standard quality macadam courts that are unavailable for community use and are without sports lighting.	Explore community use options and sports lighting potential given quantity of courts.	School EN	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance

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47	Christ Church Secondary Academy	B14 4HN	Football	School	Two standard quality adult pitches that are available for community use. Played to capacity at peak time.	Provide users with security of tenure via a community use agreement.	School BCFA FF	Key centre	M	S	L	Protect
47	Christ Church Secondary Academy	B14 4HN	3G	School	One full size pitch which is available for community use and is serviced by sports lighting. Assessed as good quality having recently been resurfaced in 2021. FA tested.	Sustain quality and ensure a sinking fund is in place for long term sustainability. Also ensure FA testing every three years so that it does not lose its accreditation.	School BCFA FF	Key centre	M	L	L	Protect
47	Christ Church Secondary Academy	B14 4HN	Tennis	School	Three good quality macadam courts that are available for community use but without sports lighting.	Sustain quality and explore sports lighting potential to better accommodate demand.	School LTA	Key centre	M	S	M	Protect Enhance
47	Christ Church Secondary Academy	B14 4HN	Netball	School	Three good quality macadam courts that are available for community but without sports lighting.	Sustain quality and explore sports lighting potential to better accommodate demand.	School EN	Key centre	M	S	M	Protect Enhance
64	Elmdon Playing Field	B29 7LF	Football	Council	Two poor quality adult pitches that are played to capacity.	Improve quality to avoid future shortfalls.	BCFA FF	Local	M	S	L	Protect Enhance
64	Elmdon Playing Field	B29 7LF	Cricket (disused)	Council	Site previously accommodated a grass square with six wickets circa 2019.	Consider bringing provision back into use given local shortfalls if demand exists.	ECB WCB	Local	M	S	L	Protect Provide
95	Grove Unattached School Playing Field	B14 6ST	Football	School	One youth 11v11, one youth 9v9, one mini 7v7 and one mini 5v5 pitch, all of which are standard quality and available for community use. The youth 11v11 pitch has spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure and the site offers no ancillary facilities.	Look to provide security of tenure to clubs to establish actual spare capacity and provide appropriate ancillary facilities on site.	School BCFA FF	Local	M	S	M	Protect Provide
104	Harborne Rugby Club (Westhill Playing Field)	B29 6QQ	Rugby Union	Council	One poor quality senior pitch that is overplayed by 0.5 match equivalent sessions. Serviced by poor quality ancillary facilities.	Improve quality to eradicate overplay and look to provide improved ancillary facilities.	RFU	Local	M	S	M	Protect Enhance
148	Kings Heath Boys School	B13 0RJ	Football	School	One poor quality youth 9v9 pitch that is unavailable for community use.	Improve pitch quality and explore community use options given local shortfalls.	School BCFA FF	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
148	Kings Heath Boys School	B13 0RJ	Cricket (disused)	School	Site previously accommodated an NTP.	Consider reinstating provision to meet curricular demand.	School ECB WCB	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
148	Kings Heath Boys School	B13 0RJ	Hockey	School	Two smaller size sand-based pitches; available for community use but without sports lighting.	Retain for curricular demand. .	School	Local	L	S	L	Protect
149	King's Heath Cricket & Sports Club	B14 6DT	Football	Sports club	One adult and one mini 7v7 pitch that are both poor quality, as well as one youth 9v9 and one mini 5v5 pitch that are both standard quality. The adult pitch is overplayed by 0.5 match equivalent sessions.	Improve quality to eradicate overplay.	Club BCFA FF	Key centre	M	S	M	Protect Enhance
149	King's Heath Cricket & Sports Club	B14 6DT	Cricket	Sports club	One good quality square. The square is owned by Kings Heath	Sustain quality.	Club ECB WCB	Key centre	M	L	L	Protect

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					CC and played to capacity at peak time.							
149	King's Heath Cricket & Sports Club	B14 6DT	Tennis	Sports club	Three good quality artificial courts that are serviced with sports lighting. The courts are used by King's Heath TC. Also three disused shale courts.	Sustain quality and retain disused courts as strategic reserve should sufficient demand exist in the future.	Club LTA	Key centre	M	L	L	Protect
149	King's Heath Cricket & Sports Club	B14 6DT	Bowls	Sports club	One standard quality flat green that is used by King's Heath BC.	Improve quality to better accommodate demand.	Club BE	Key centre	M	S	L	Protect Enhance
150	Kings Norton Boys School	B30 1DY	Football	School	One adult, one youth 9v9 and one mini 7v7 pitch, all of which are poor quality and unavailable for community use. The site is serviced by poor quality ancillary facilities.	Improve pitch and ancillary facility quality and explore community use options given local shortfalls.	School BCFA FF	Local	L	S	M	Protect Enhance
150	Kings Norton Boys School	B30 1DY	Cricket	School	A standalone NTP that is unavailable for community use.	Retain for curricular demand.	School ECB WCB	Local	L	L	L	Protect
150	Kings Norton Boys School	B30 1DY	Rugby Union	School	One poor quality age grade pitch; unavailable for community use and without sports lighting.	Improve quality to better accommodate curricular demand.	School RFU	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
151	Kings Norton Girls School	B30 1HW	Tennis	School	Four poor quality macadam courts that are unavailable for community use and without sports lighting. Also two disused courts.	Improve quality and explore sports lighting potential as a means to establishing community use. Retain disused courts as strategic reserve.	School LTA	Local	L	S	M	Protect Enhance
151	Kings Norton Girls School	B30 1HW	Netball	School	Four poor quality macadam courts that are unavailable for community use and without sports lighting. Also two disused courts.	Improve quality and explore sports lighting potential as a means to establishing community use. Retain disused courts as strategic reserve.	School EN	Local	L	S	M	Protect Enhance
164	Lyndworth Cricket Club	B30 2UG	Cricket	Trust	One poor quality square that is overplayed by 54 match equivalent sessions and serviced by poor quality ancillary facilities. Lyndworth CC leases the pitch from the Trust; however, due to the purchase of the site and potential development of housing, the Club's tenure is deemed unsecure. Work is ongoing to identify appropriate relocation and mitigation.	Ensure any development accords with planning policy and that the Club is adequately relocated to a site that meets its need. Should the development not take place, improve the current site to eradicate overplay and look to secure long-term tenure.	ECB	Local	H	M	M	Protect Enhance
171	Maypole Football Club	B14 4JL	Football	Sports club	Two mini 7v7 and two mini 5v5 pitches that are standard quality, with the latter offering actual spare capacity of 0.5 match equivalent sessions. The site is serviced by poor quality ancillary facilities. Maypole FC leases the site from the Council.	Look to utilise the actual spare capacity to accommodate demand from overplayed sites or via future demand and provide improved ancillary provision.	BCFA FF	Local	M	S	M	Protect Enhance
178	Moseley Rugby Club	B13 0HN	3G	Sports club	One full size pitch that is available for community use and is serviced by sports lighting. Pitch is assessed as good quality having been resurfaced	Sustain quality and ensure a sinking fund is in place for long-term sustainability. Also test for World Rugby compliancy and seek to maximise usage for the	Club BCFA FF RFU	Key centre	H	S	L	Protect

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					in 2022, although it is yet to be tested for World Rugby compliancy. Moseley RFC has a lease agreement with the Council for use of the pitch, whilst Moseley Oak RFC rents use.	sport to relieve grass pitches of overplay.						
178	Moseley Rugby Club	B13 0HN	Rugby Union	Sports club	One standard quality senior pitch which is serviced by sports lighting. The pitch is overplayed by 5.5 match equivalent sessions.	Improve quality to reduce overplay and look to transfer training demand to the 3G pitch when tested to fully eradicate it.	Club RFU	Key centre	H	S	L	Protect Enhance
195	Pebble Mill	B29 7NP	Football	Council	Two adult pitches, both of which have spare capacity discounted due to poor pitch quality. The site does not offer any ancillary facilities.	Improve quality to establish actual spare capacity and look to provide appropriate ancillary facilities.	BCFA FF	Local	M	S	M	Protect Enhance
215	Rowheath Pavilion	B30 1HH	Football	Trust	Four adult, one youth 9v9, two mini 7v7 and one mini 5v5 pitch, all of which are standard quality. The adult, youth 9v9 and mini 5v5 pitches are all overplayed by a combined total of 7.5 match equivalent sessions.	Improve quality to eradicate overplay.	BCFA FF	Key centre	M	S	M	Protect Enhance
215	Rowheath Pavilion	B30 1HH	Rugby Union	Trust	One poor quality senior pitch which is without sports lighting. The pitch has spare capacity discounted due to poor pitch quality. Lordswood Dixonians RFC rents use.	Improve quality to provide actual spare capacity and look to provide Lordswood Dixonians RFC with a longer-term agreement to secure tenure.	RFU	Key centre	M	S	M	Protect Enhance
215	Rowheath Pavilion	B30 1HH	Bowls	Trust	One good quality flat green rented by Rowheath BC. Two disused greens also on site.	Sustain quality of active green and look to provide greater security of tenure. Also retain disused greens as strategic reserve, or look to repurpose to meet other sporting needs.	BE	Key centre	M	S	L	Protect
215	Rowheath Pavilion	B30 1HH	Athletics	Trust	An informal 400-metre cinder athletics track that is available for community use.	Retain for continued use.	EA	Key centre	M	L	L	Protect
218	Selly Park Recreation Ground	B29 7QS	Football (disused)	Council	Two adult pitches which were last marked out in 2021.	Consider bringing provision back into use given local shortfalls.	BCFA FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect
218	Selly Park Recreation Ground	B29 7QS	Bowls (disused)	Council	Site previously accommodated a crown green which is no longer maintained.	No demand has been identified. Consider repurposing for other sporting needs, development in line with planning policy, or retain as strategic reserve.	Club BCGBA	Local	L	L	L	-
233	St Edwards Catholic Primary School	B29 7PN	Football	School	Two poor quality mini 5v5 pitches that are unavailable for community use.	Improve quality for curricular demand.	School BCFA FF	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
234	St Francis CE Infants and Junior School	B30 1LZ	Football	School	One poor quality mini 7v7 pitch that is unavailable for community use.	Improve quality for curricular demand.	School BCFA FF	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
256	Swanshurst School	B13 0TW	Football	School	One poor quality adult pitch that is unavailable for community use.	Improve quality and explore community use options given local shortfalls.	School BCFA FF	Local	L	S	L	Protect



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256	Swanshurst School	B13 0TW	Tennis	School	Eight macadam courts, four of which are standard quality whilst the remaining four are poor quality. All courts are unavailable for community use and without sports lighting.	Improve quality to better cater for curricular demand, whilst exploring community use options and sports lighting potential given quantity of courts.	School LTA	Local	L	S	M	Enhance
256	Swanshurst School	B13 0TW	Netball	School	Eight macadam courts, four of which are standard quality whilst the remaining four are poor quality. All courts are unavailable for community use and without sports lighting.	Improve quality to better cater for curricular demand, whilst exploring community use options and sports lighting potential given quantity of courts.	School EN	Local	L	S	M	Protect
267	Transport Stadium	B13 0ST	Football	Sports club	Three standard quality adult pitches that are played to capacity, with one overmarked by a Gaelic football pitch. Planning permission has been granted to replace one with a full size sports-lit 3G pitch.	Support development plans for a full size 3G pitch and seek to utilise it to reduce local grass pitch shortfalls.	Club BCFA FF	Key centre	H	S	H	Protect Enhance Provide
267	Transport Stadium	B13 0ST	Hockey	Sports club	Two smaller size sand-dressed pitches that are both available for community use and serviced with sports lighting.	Retain for recreational use.	Club BCFA FF EH	Key centre	L	L	L	Protect
267	Transport Stadium	B13 0ST	Bowls	Sports club	One good quality crown green and one standard quality crown green. West Midlands Travel BC leases use, whilst New Warstock BC rents.	Sustain quality of the good quality green and look to bring the standard quality green in line with the provision.	Club BCGBA	Key centre	M	M	L	Protect Enhance
267	Transport Stadium	B13 0ST	Gaelic football	Sports club	Gaelic football pitch over marks a grass football pitch.	Ensure planned 3G pitch resolves capacity issues caused by the over markings.	Club GAA	Key centre	M	M	L	Protect
300	Bournville Park	B30 1UG	Tennis	Council	Three standard quality macadam courts that are available for community use but without sports lighting.	Explore sports lighting potential to better accommodate recreational demand.	LTA	Local	L	M	M	Protect Enhance
300	Bournville Park	B30 1UG	Bowls (disused)	Council	Site previously accommodated two crown greens that are no longer maintained.	No demand has been identified. Consider repurposing for other sporting needs, development in line with planning policy, or retain as strategic reserve.	Club BCGBA	Local	L	L	L	-
322	Woodlands Park Bowling Club	B30 1ED	Bowls	Sports club	Two standard quality crown greens owned by Woodlands Park BC.	Improve quality to better accommodate demand.	Club BCBGA	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
332	British Oak	B30 2XS	Bowls	Sports club	One standard quality crown green leased by British Oak BC. It aspires to improve clubhouse and provide sports lighting.	Improve quality to better accommodate demand and support the Club with its ancillary facility aspirations.	Club BCBGA	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
346	Yardley Wood Social Club	B14 4JR	Bowls	Sports club	A poor quality crown green rented by Yardley Wood Social BC.	Improve quality to better cater for demand and seek to provide longer term security of tenure.	BCGBA	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
347	Kings Norton Ex-Service	B30 3DJ	Bowls	Sports club	One good quality crown green.	Sustain quality.	BCGBA	Local	L	L	L	Protect
378	Billesley Indoor Tennis Centre	B13 0ST	Tennis	Sports club	Eight good quality macadam courts, all of which are available for community use and serviced	Sustain quality.	Club LTA	Local	L	L	L	Protect

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					with sports lighting. Also six indoor courts on site.							
378	Billesley Indoor Tennis Centre	B13 0ST	Netball	Sports club	Four good quality macadam courts, all of which are available for community use and serviced with sports lighting.	Sustain quality.	Club EN	Local	L	L	L	Protect
380	Cadbury Park	B30 2DJ	Bowls	Council	Two good quality crown greens.	Sustain quality.	BE	Local	L	L	L	Protect
380	Cadbury Park	B30 2DJ	Tennis (disused)	Council	Site previously accommodated two macadam courts.	Consider bringing back into use to cater for recreational demand in the area, retain as strategic reserve, or repurpose for other sporting needs.	LTA	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
383	Cotteridge Park	B30 2HY	Tennis	Council	Two poor quality macadam courts, both of which are available for community use but without sports lighting. The courts are set to be refurbished via S106 monies.	Improve court quality in line with S106 agreement to better accommodate demand.	LTA	Local	M	L	M	Protect Enhance
390	Cocks Moors Woods Golf Course	B14 6ER	Golf	Municipal/ Mytime Active	An 18-hole municipal golf course operated via Mytime Active.	Consideration should be given to a wider piece of work to review the current stock of municipal courses to ensure long term sustainability and viability. This could include opportunities to rationalise the stock and provide a better, well-located facility mix, providing that all demand can continue to be met.	Mytime Active EG	Local	H	M	H	Protect Enhance
401	Selly Park Tavern Bowling Green	B29 7HQ	Bowls (disused)	Public house	Site previously accommodated a crown green.	No demand has been identified. Consider repurposing for other sporting needs, development in line with planning policy, or retain as strategic reserve.	BCGBA	Local	L	L	L	-
412	Weoley Hill Oval	B29 6TZ	Cricket	Council	One good quality square which is accompanied by an NTP. The square has spare capacity for additional cricket usage on Sundays and midweek.	Sustain quality and look to utilise the actual spare capacity to accommodate demand from overplayed sites or via future demand.	ECB WCB	Local	L	M	L	Protect
420	Wheeler Lane Technology College	B13 0SF	Tennis	School	Four poor quality macadam courts, all of which are unavailable for community use and without sports lighting.	Improve quality and then explore both community use options and sports lighting potential.	School LTA	Local	L	L	M	Protect Enhance

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Site ID	Site	Postcode	Sport	Management	Current status	Recommended actions	Partners	Site hierarchy tier	Priority	Timescales	Cost	Aim
20	Beechcroft Tennis & Multi Sports Community Club	B28 9ER	Hockey	Sports club	A smaller sized sand-based pitch which has sports lights and is available for community use.	Retain for recreational demand.	Club BCFA FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect
20	Beechcroft Tennis & Multi Sports Community Club	B28 9ER	Tennis	Sports club	Three good quality artificial courts that have sports lights. Used by Beechcroft TC. The Club wants to improve the sports lighting and establish carparking.	Sustain court quality and assist the Club in upgrading sports lighting and car parking provision.	Club LTA	Local	M	S	M	Protect Enhance
20	Beechcroft Tennis & Multi Sports Community Club	B28 9ER	Netball	Sports club	One good quality artificial court that has sports lights.	Sustain court quality.	Club EN	Local	L	L	L	Protect
43	Calthorpe Park	B12 9LJ	Football	Calthorpe estates	Two poor quality adult pitches overplayed by 0.5 match equivalent sessions. Accompanied by poor quality ancillary provision.	Improve pitch quality to eradicate overplay and improve ancillary provision.	BCFA FF	Key centre	M	S	M	Protect Enhance
43	Calthorpe Park	B12 9LJ	Cricket	Calthorpe estates	A standard quality grass square overplayed by 19 match equivalent sessions. Used by Lyndworth CC and LL Cricket League.	Improve square quality to reduce overplay and explore installing an NTP in order to fully alleviate it.	WCB ECB	Key centre	M	S	L	Protect Enhance
48	Clifton Primary School	B12 8NX	Hockey	School	A smaller sized sand-based pitch which is not sports lit nor available for community use.	Retain for curricular demand.	School EH	Local	L	L	L	Protect
94	Greet Primary School	B11 3ND	Football	School	One mini 7v7 which is poor quality and not available for community use.	Improve quality for curricular demand.	School BCFA FF	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
96	Hall Green School	B28 0AA	Hockey	School	A smaller sized sand-based pitch which is not sports lit nor available for community use.	Retain for curricular demand.	School EH	Local	L	L	L	Protect
119	Holdings Lane Complex	B13 8NL	Football	Council	One adult pitch that has spare capacity discounted due to its poor quality. Serviced by poor quality ancillary facilities.	Improve pitch quality to establish actual spare capacity and improve ancillary facilities.	BCFA FF	Key centre	M	S	M	Protect Enhance
119	Holdings Lane Complex	B13 8NL	Cricket	Council	One square accompanied by an NTP and a separate standalone NTP. Provision is overplayed by 24 match equivalent sessions a season as it is poor quality. Used by Attock CC and Last Man Stands.	Improve square quality to alleviate overplay.	WCB ECB	Key centre	M	S	M	Protect Enhance
135	King Edward VI Camp Hill School	B14 7QJ	Football	School	One good quality youth 11v11 pitch that is not available for community use.	Explore community use options given local shortfalls.	School BCFA FF	Key centre	L	S	L	Protect

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135	King Edward VI Camp Hill School	B14 7QJ	Cricket	School	A good quality standalone NTP and a grass wicket square, neither of which are available for community use. A planning application was submitted in May 2022 by the School for the creation of a full size hockey suitable AGP with associated sports lighting. The proposed development, if it goes ahead, will see the non-turf cricket wicket relocated between two rugby union training pitches.	Explore community use options given local shortfalls and relocate NTP in accordance with planning application if approved.	School WCB ECB	Key centre	H	M	M	Protect
135	King Edward VI Camp Hill School	B14 7QJ	Rugby union	School	A planning application was submitted in May 2022 by the School for the creation of a full size hockey suitable AGP with associated sports lighting. The proposed development, if it goes ahead, will see one of its senior rugby union pitches replaced.	Ensure rugby demand can continue to be adequately accommodate if the proposal goes ahead.	School RFU	Key centre	H	M	M	Protect
135	King Edward VI Camp Hill School	B14 7QJ	Hockey	School	A planning application was submitted in May 2022 by the School for the creation of a full size hockey suitable AGP with associated sports lighting.	Support proposals given shortfall of provision and seek to establish an anchor hockey club at the site.	School EH	Key centre	H	S	H	Protect Provide
135	King Edward VI Camp Hill School	B14 7QJ	Tennis	School	A total of 14 standard quality macadam courts which are available for community use but do not have sports lights.	Explore if sports lighting could be provided to better accommodate and attract community demand.	School LTA	Key centre	L	S	M	Protect Enhance
135	King Edward VI Camp Hill School	B14 7QJ	Netball	School	A total of five standard quality macadam courts which are available for community use but do not have sports lights.	Explore if sports lighting could be provided to better accommodate and attract community demand.	School EN	Key centre	L	S	M	Protect Enhance
176	Moor Green Playing Field	B13 8NE	Football	School	One adult and one youth 11v11 pitch both of which are standard quality. The adult pitch is played to capacity at peak time whereas the youth 11v11 pitch has spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure. No ancillary provision.	Provide security of tenure to club users to establish actual spare capacity and provide ancillary facilities on site.	School BCFA FF	Local	L	S	L	Protect
179	Moseley School Health and Fitness Centre	B13 9LR	3G	School	A full size sports lit pitch that is available for community use. FA certification has expired. It is standard quality having been built in 2017.	Sustain pitch quality and ensure a sinking fund is in place for long-term sustainability. Also examine the pitch and make sure it meets relevant requirements to obtain its FA certification and retest.	School BCFA FF	Local	M	M	L	Protect
179	Moseley School Health & Fitness Centre	B13 9LR	Tennis	School	Three poor quality macadam courts that are not available for community use nor sports lit.	Improve court quality as required to meet curricular demand and then explore community use options.	School LTA	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
179	Moseley School Health & Fitness Centre	B13 9LR	Netball	School	Three poor quality macadam courts that are not available for community use nor sports lit. Overmarked for tennis.	Improve court quality as required to meet curricular demand and then explore community use options.	School EN	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
205	Queensbridge School	B13 8QB	Cricket	School	A standalone NTP.	Retain for curricular use.	School WCB	Local	L	L	L	Protect

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205	Queensbridge School	B13 8QB	Hockey	School	A smaller sized sand-based pitch that has sports lighting and is available for community use.	Retain for continued recreational use.	School EH	Local	L	L	L	Protect
205	Queensbridge School	B13 8QB	Tennis	School	One standard quality macadam court that is not sports lit nor available for community use.	Retain for curricular use.	School LTA	Local	L	L	L	Protect
205	Queensbridge School	B13 8QB	Netball	School	One standard quality macadam court that is not sports lit nor available for community use.	Retain for curricular use.	School EN	Local	L	L	L	Protect
277	Wake Green Playing Fields	B13 9JP	Football	Council	One standard quality adult pitch that is played to capacity at peak time. No ancillary provision.	Explore creation of appropriate ancillary provision to better service the pitch.	BCFA FF	Local	L	S	M	Protect Enhance
302	Cannon Hill Park	B13 8RD	Tennis	Council	Two good quality sports lit macadam courts and two standard quality macadam courts with no sports lighting. Site has been identified for potential investment. Used by the Edgbaston Tennis League.	Improve court quality in line with investment plans to better service and to attract recreational demand.	LTA	Local	M	M	M	Protect Enhance
302	Cannon Hill Park	B13 8RD	Bowls (disused)	Council	A crown green not formally maintained since circa 2014.	No demand has been identified. Consider repurposing for other sporting needs, development in line with planning policy, or retain as strategic reserve.	BCGBA	Local	L	L	L	-
303	Chantry Tennis Club	B13 8DJ	Tennis	Sports club	Five poor quality clay courts that are not sports lit, used by Chantry TC. The Club aspires to install sports lighting. It also has to resurface the courts seasonally due to issues with adjacent trees/moss.	Improve court quality and support plans to install sports lighting in order to better accommodate demand.	Club	Local	M	S	M	Protect Enhance
307	Hall Green Tennis Club	B28 0AR	Tennis	Sports club	Six good quality artificial courts that are sports lit. Hall Green TC reports that it has recently funded the renovation of the changing rooms and it is also having a new boiler put in as well as other general refurbishments.	Sustain court quality and assist the Club, where possible, in clubhouse refurbishments.	Club LTA	Local	L	M	L	Protect Enhance
309	Moseley Tennis Club	B13 9QT	Tennis	Sports club	Four sports lit clay courts, two sports lit macadam courts and two macadam courts with no sports lighting. All of the courts are good quality but the Club indicates that the courts, clubhouse and sports lighting will need refurbishing in the near future.	Sustain court quality and support the Club with improvement plans when required.	Club LTA	Local	L	M	L	Protect Enhance
320	Sherwood Park	B28 0YD	Bowls	Sports club	One good quality flat green used by Sherwood Park BC.	Sustain green quality.	Club BE	Local	L	L	L	Protect
321	Hall Green Bowling Club	B28 9EF	Bowls	Sports club	One good quality crown green used by Hall Green BC and leased from Mitchells & Butlers. The Club has demand for a shelter to be installed.	Sustain green quality and assist the Club in developing shelter facilities.	Club BCGBA	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance

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323	The Maggies Bowling Club	B28 9JZ	Bowls	Public house	One poor quality crown green rented by Maggies BC. Green has sports lighting.	Improve green quality and explore securing appropriate tenure for the Club.	BCGBA	Local	M	S	L	Protect Enhance
325	King Heath Park	B14 7TQ	Bowls	Council	One poor quality crown green rented by Kings Heath Park BC from the Council.	Improve green quality.	BCGBA	Local	M	S	L	Protect Enhance
325	King Heath Park	B14 7TQ	Bowls	Council	One disused crown green is present alongside a green that is still in use.	Sustain green quality and retain second green as strategic reserve should demand increase, or repurpose for other sporting needs.	BCGBA	Local	L	L	L	Protect
345	Baldwin Arms	B28 0QB	Bowls	Public house	One standard quality crown green used by Baldwin BC.	Improve quality and explore securing tenure for the Club.	BCGBA	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
351	College Arms	B28 8BJ	Bowls	Public house	A poor quality crown green rented from College Arms BC.	Improve green quality and explore securing appropriate tenure for the Club.	BCGBA	Local	M	S	L	Protect Enhance
397	Moseley Golf Club	B14 7DX	Golf	Sports club	An 18-hole members golf course.	Sustain quality.	Club EG	Local	L	L	L	Protect
400	Woodlands Bowling & Social Club	B13 9LH	Bowls	Sports club	One good quality crown green used by Woodlands Bowling & Social BC.	Sustain green quality.	Club BCGBA	Local	L	L	L	Protect
407	Pickwick Cricket Club	B13 9QD	Cricket	Sports club	One standard quality square that is overplayed by eight match equivalent sessions. Used by Pickwick CC and the LL Cricket League, although only between 6-10 years remain on the lease. The Club has submitted a planning application to extend and improve the ancillary facilities at the site.	Improve square quality to eradicate overplay and ensure the lease is renegotiated to provide the Club with long term security of tenure. Also assist the Club in extending and improving its ancillary provision.	Club WCB ECB	Local	M	M	M	Protect Enhance
408	Moseley Ashfield Cricket Club	B13 9LB	Cricket	Sports club	A good quality square with an accompanying NTP. Overplayed by 32 match equivalent sessions a season. Used by Moseley Ashfield CC, Bharat Parivar CC and the LL Cricket League.	Transfer more demand onto the NTP in order to reduce overplay and seek to transfer more demand to a secondary site in order to fully eradicate it.	Club WCB ECB	Local	M	S	L	Protect
415	Moseley Ashfield Second Pitch	B13 8NE	Cricket	Sports club	A standard quality square that is used by Moseley Ashfield CC. Spare capacity exists on Sundays and Midweek.	Improve quality to better accommodate demand and utilise actual spare capacity via the transfer of demand from overplayed sites.	Club WCB ECB	Local	M	S	L	Protect Enhance
418	Gospel Lane Bowling Green	B13 9LR	Bowls (disused)	Council	Disused bowling green not formally used since circa 2007.	No demand has been identified. Consider repurposing for other sporting needs, development in line with planning policy, or retain as strategic reserve.	BCGBA	Local	L	L	L	-

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38	Brockhurst Road Playing Field	B36 8DX	Football	Sports club	One adult, one youth 11v11, one youth 9v9, three mini 7v7 and one mini 5v5 pitch all of which are standard quality. The mini 7v7 pitches have actual spare capacity of one match equivalent session whereas all the remaining pitches are played to capacity at peak time. Leased to Sporting FC from the Council, but it is trying to renegotiate this arrangement.	Utilise actual spare capacity via the transfer of demand from overplayed sites or through future demand. Also assist the Club in securing a long-term lease.	Club BCFA FF	Local	M	S	L	Protect
40	Brownmead Academy	B34 6SS	Football	School	One mini 7v7 which is poor quality and not available for community use.	Improve quality for curricular demand.	School BCFA FF	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
60	Eden Boys Leadership Academy Birmingham East	B8 3DT	Football	School	One adult and one youth 9v9 both of which are standard quality. Pitches have secure tenure and each offer one match equivalent of actual spare capacity at peak time.	Utilise actual spare capacity via the transfer of demand from overplayed sites or through future demand.	School BCFA FF	Local	L	M	L	Protect Provide
60	Eden Boys Leadership Academy Birmingham East	B8 3DT	Tennis	School	Two good quality macadam courts that are available for community use but do not have sports lighting.	Sustain court quality.	School LTA	Local	L	L	L	Protect
60	Eden Boys Leadership Academy Birmingham East	B8 3DT	Netball	School	Two good quality macadam courts that are available for community use but do not have sports lighting.	Sustain court quality.	School EN	Local	L	L	L	Protect
61	Eden Girls Leadership Academy Birmingham	B10 9HH	3G	School	One smaller sized sports lit pitch that is not available for community use.	Explore community use option with the School in order to provide increased provision for recreational demand.	School BCFA FF	Local	L	S	L	Protect
61	Eden Girls Leadership Academy Birmingham	B10 9HH	Tennis	School	Two good quality macadam courts that are available for community use and have sports lighting.	Sustain court quality.	School LTA	Local	L	L	L	Protect
61	Eden Girls Leadership Academy Birmingham	B10 9HH	Netball	School	Two good quality macadam courts that are available for community use and have sports lighting.	Sustain court quality.	School EN	Local	L	L	L	Protect
83	Glebe Farm Recreation Ground	B33 9ND	Football (disused)	Council	Two adult and two mini 7v7 pitches last marked circa 2012.	Consider bringing pitches back into use given local shortfalls and the demand that exists and protect the site in accordance with Sport England and NPPF guidelines.	BCFA FF	Local	M	S	M	Protect Enhance
91	Green Lane Playing Fields	B9 5RR	Football	Council	Two poor quality adult pitches played to capacity. Lease agreement for 35 years drawn up via the Council, with this soon to be signed with Saltley Stallions FC. No ancillary provision.	Ensure lease is signed that provides the Club with long term tenure and then improve pitch quality and provide appropriate ancillary facilities.	Club BCFA FF	Local	H	S	M	Protect Enhance

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107	Heathlands Primary Academy	B34 6NB	Football	School	One standard quality youth 11v11 that is not available for community use.	Explore community use options given local shortfalls.	School BCFA FF	Local	L	S	L	Protect
109	Heybarnes Recreation Ground	B10 9HP	Football (disused)	Council	Two youth 11v11 pitches last marked out circa 2017.	Consider bringing pitches back into use given local shortfalls and the demand that exists and protect the site in accordance with Sport England and NPPF guidelines.	BCFA FF	Local	M	S	M	Protect Enhance
115	Hillstone Primary School	B34 7PY	Football	School	One mini 7v7 which is poor quality and not available for community use.	Improve quality for curricular demand.	School BCFA FF	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
117	Hodge Hill College	B36 8HB	3G	School	One full size pitch with sports lights that is not available for community use. Pitch is FIFA and WR compliant and is standard quality (built in 2017).	Explore community use options with the School to further help meet demand in the area. Also ensure a sinking fund is in place for long-term sustainability and ensure regular FIFA and RFU testing (every three and two years, respectively).	School BCFA FF RFU	Key centre	H	S	L	Protect
155	Lea Forest Primary Academy	B33 9RD	Football	School	One mini 7v7 which is poor quality and not available for community use.	Improve quality for curricular demand.	School BCFA FF	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
156	Leaford Playing Fields	B33 9TX	Football (disused)	School	Unattached school playing field with two youth 11v11 and two mini 7v7 pitches last marked out circa 2012.	Consider bringing pitches back into use given local shortfalls and the demand that exists and protect the site in accordance with Sport England and NPPF guidelines.	School BCFA FF	Local	M	S	M	Protect Enhance
186	Norman Chamberlain Playing Field	B34 7PD	Football (disused)	Council	Two adult, one youth 11v11 and one mini 5v5 pitch last marked out circa 2017.	Consider bringing pitches back into use given local shortfalls and the demand that exists and protect the site in accordance with Sport England and NPPF guidelines.	BCFA FF	Local	M	S	M	Protect Enhance
211	Rockwood Academy	B8 3HG	3G	School	One smaller sized sports lit pitch that is not available for community use.	Explore community use options with the School in order to provide increased provision for recreational demand.	School BCFA FF	Local	L	S	L	Protect
217	Saltley Wellbeing Centre	B9 5YD	Football	Council	Three adult pitches overplayed by two match equivalent sessions and two youth 9v9 pitches that have actual spare capacity of 1.5 match equivalent sessions. All pitches are standard quality. A planning application in 2019 for the extension of the School secured a financial contribution for improving the playing pitch provision.	Improve pitch quality to eradicate overplay and seek to utilise actual spare capacity via the transfer of demand.	BCFA FF	Key centre	H	S	M	Protect Enhance
217	Saltley Wellbeing Centre	B9 5YD	3G	Council	A full size sports lit community available pitch which is poor quality having been built in 2006.	As a priority refurbish the pitch and ensure a sinking fund is in place for long term sustainability. Then, seek FA testing so that it can be used for competitive matches	BCFA FF	Key centre	H	S	M	Protect Enhance



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217	Saltley Wellbeing Centre	B9 5YD	Cricket	Council	A standalone NTP.	Sustain quality and retain for current use.	WCB ECB	Key centre	L	L	L	Protect
220	Shard End No 6 Playing Field	B34 7SD	Football	Council	One sport lit adult pitch played to capacity, one adult pitch with no sports lighting played to capacity, one youth 9v9, one mini 7v7 and one mini 5v5 all with no actual spare capacity at peak time. All provision is standard quality. Holly Lane United FC aspires for a long term lease on the site. If obtained, it plans to improve pitch quality.	Explore securing a long term lease with Holly Lane United FC at the site and then support the Club to enhance quality in order to increase capacity.	Club BCFA FF	Key centre	M	S	M	Protect Enhance
224	Shirestone Academy	B33 0DH	Football	School	One mini 7v7 which is poor quality and not available for community use.	Improve pitch quality for curricular demand.	School BCFA FF	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
244	Starbank School (Hob Moor Road)	B10 9BT	Football	School	Two poor quality youth 9v9 pitches that are not available for community use.	Improve quality and explore community use options with the School given local shortfalls.	School BCFA FF	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
245	Stechford Road Playing Field	B34 6BJ	Football	Sports club	One adult and one youth 9v9 pitch both of which are poor quality. The youth 9v9 pitch is played to capacity and the adult pitch has spare capacity discounted due to quality issues. Leased to Birmingham Impact FC from the Council on a short term basis. The Club aspires for some form of basic changing facilities as the site currently has none.	Improve pitch quality to provide actual spare capacity and aim to secure longer term tenure for Birmingham Impact FC. Also support the Club to improve its ancillary facilities.	Club BCFA FF	Local	M	S	M	Protect Enhance
245	Stechford Road Playing Field	B34 6BJ	Cricket	Sports club	A good quality square with nine grass wickets with spare capacity to accommodate more demand on Sundays and midweek. Used and owned by Ward End Unity CC.	Sustain square quality and seek to utilise actual spare capacity via the transfer of demand from overplayed sites or through future demand.	Club WCB ECB	Local	L	M	L	Protect
265	Timberley Academy	B34 7RL	Football	School	Two mini 7v7 pitches which are poor quality and not available for community use.	Improve pitch quality for curricular demand.	School BCFA FF	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
279	Washwood Heath Academy	B8 2AS	Football	School	Two adult and one youth 9v9 pitch all of which are standard quality. Actual spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure.	Provide security of tenure to club users in order to establish actual spare capacity.	School BCFA FF	Local	L	S	L	Protect
279	Washwood Heath Academy	B8 2AS	Cricket	School	A standalone NTP.	Retain for curricular demand.	School WCB ECB	Local	L	L	L	Protect

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280	Waverley School	B9 5QA	Football	School	Planning permission was granted to use part of the playing field as a compound area for construction for a development at Heartlands Hospital. There is a requirement to provide two new pitches on the existing land as mitigation for this, although this has yet to be implemented.	Ensure agreed mitigation is carried out as agreed upon and in line with planning policy.	School BCFA FF	Key centre	H	S	M	Protect Provide
280	Waverley School	B9 5QA	Cricket	School	A standard quality grass square with six wickets and a disused NTP. Spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure.	Explore securing community use in order to provide actual spare capacity.	School WCB ECB	Key centre	L	S	L	Protect
280	Waverley School	B9 5QA	Hockey	School	A full size sports lit pitch that is not available for community use. Pitch is standard quality having been built in 2013.	Explore community use options with the School to further help meet demand in the area. Also ensure a sinking fund is in place for long-term sustainability and seek imminent resurfacing given the age of the pitch.	School EH	Key centre	M	M	M	Protect Enhance
280	Waverley School	B9 5QA	Tennis	School	Two poor quality macadam courts that are not sports lit nor available for community use.	Improve court quality for curricular demand and then explore community use options.	School LTA	Key centre	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
280	Waverley School	B9 5QA	Netball	School	One poor quality macadam court that are not sports lit nor available for community use.	Improve court quality for curricular demand and then explore community use options.	School EN	Key centre	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
291	Yardley & District Rugby Club	B34 6HE	Football	Council	One poor quality adult pitch that is played to capacity at peak time.	Improve pitch quality.	BCFA FF	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
291	Yardley & District Rugby Club	B34 6HE	Rugby union	Sports club	Two poor quality senior pitches, one of which has sports lighting. The unlit pitch is overplayed by 0.5 match equivalent sessions whereas the lit pitch is overplayed by 1.5 match equivalent sessions. The Club has a licence on the pitches and leases the clubhouse, although it is trying to extend its lease on the clubhouse to access funding. The Club reports that the area of land located next to its clubhouse, which is located across the road from its pitches, is to be developed for affordable housing.	Improve pitch quality to alleviate overplay and assist the Club in extending its lease on its clubhouse in order to potentially access funding. Also monitor the situation surrounding the nearby development to ensure it does not impact on the site, and to understand if any potential S106 monies could be obtained.	Club RFU	Local	M	S	M	Protect Enhance
341	Ward End Social	B8 2HF	Bowls	Sports club	One standard quality crown green owned by West End Social BC.	Improve quality to better accommodate demand.	Club BCGBA	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
342	Ward End Cons	B8 2HB	Bowls	Sports club	One standard quality crown green owned by Ward End Cons BC.	Improve quality to better accommodate demand.	Club BCGBA	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
343	The Raven	B34 6DR	Bowls	Public house	One standard quality crown green rented by Raven BC.	Improve quality to better accommodate demand and seek to provide longer term security of tenure for the Club.	BCGBA	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance

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364	Small Heath Amateur Gardeners	B10 9BS	Bowls (disused)	Council	One crown green no longer formally maintained.	No demand has been identified. Consider repurposing for other sporting needs, development in line with planning policy, or retain as strategic reserve.	BCGBA	Local	L	L	L	-
388	Hodge Hill Girls School	B36 8HB	Netball	School	Four poor quality netball courts that are not available for community use or sports lit.	Improve court quality to meet curricular demand and explore sports lighting potential as a means to establishing community use	School EN	Local	L	S	M	Protect Enhance
406	Kingfisher Country Park	B34 7RD	Bowls (disused)	Council	One crown green no longer formally maintained.	No demand has been identified. Consider repurposing for other sporting needs, development in line with planning policy, or retain as strategic reserve.	BCGBA	Local	L	L	L	-
424	Ward End Rec Park	B8 2DY	Hockey	Council	Two smaller sized pitches that are not sports lit but are available for community use.	Retain for recreational demand.	BCFA FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect
432	Leycroft Academy	B33 9UF	Tennis	School	One poor quality macadam court that is not available for community use.	Improve court quality for curricular demand.	School LTA	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
432	Leycroft Academy	B33 9UF	Netball	School	Five poor quality courts that are not available for community use.	Improve court quality to meet curricular demand and explore sports lighting potential as a means to establishing community use	School EN	Local	L	S	M	Protect Enhance
432	Leycroft Academy	B33 9UF	Tennis (disused)	School	Macadam area no longer actively used. Previously had seven tennis courts	No demand has been identified, so the area can be preserved as is, retained as strategic reserve, or repurposed for other sporting needs.	School LTA	Local	L	L	L	Protect
432	Leycroft Academy	B33 9UF	Netball (disused)	School	Macadam area no longer actively used. Previously had seven tennis courts	No demand has been identified, so the area can be preserved as is, retained as strategic reserve, or repurposed for other sporting needs.	School EN	Local	L	L	L	Protect
436	Saltley Academy	B9 5YD	Tennis	School	Two good quality macadam courts that are available for community use but not sports lit.	Explore potential of installing sports lighting to better accommodate and attract community demand.	School LTA	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
436	Saltley Academy	B9 5YD	Netball	School	Two good quality macadam courts that are available for community use but not sports lit.	Explore potential of installing sports lighting to better accommodate and attract community demand.	School EN	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
439	Ward End Park	B8 2XA	Tennis	Council	It is proposed that existing tennis courts will be refurbished into two PlayZones; one hard court for football and basketball and a smaller size 3G pitch for football.	Support plans and seek to maximise recreational and multi-sport use.	LTA BCFA FF	Local	M	S	M	Protect Enhance
440	Adderley Park	B8 1DY	3G	Council	It is proposed that smaller sized 3G pitch will be established next to an existing MUGA.	Support plans and seek to maximise recreational and multi-sport use.	BCFA FF	Local	M	S	M	Protect Enhance

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441	Batchelors Farm Recreation Ground	B9 5XA	Football	Council	It is proposed that an existing macadam area will be upgraded for football, cricket and basketball as part of the Football Foundation's PlayZones programme.	Support plans and seek to maximise recreational and multi-sport use.	BCFA FF ECB WCB	Local	M	S	M	Protect Enhance
445	Bromford and Firs Estate	B36 8QD	Football	Council	Park land through estate is utilised for street-based games and connected with over 100 children over the last six months, despite there being no formal football space. This is linked to Firs & Bromford Together, which has invested into the area, and Worth Unlimited, which has provided a range of services to young people in the area.	Ensure provision is suitable for such activity and seek investment and improvements where required to better accommodate and grow demand.	BCFA FF	Local	M	M	L	Protect Enhance

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Site ID	Site	Postcode	Sport	Management	Current status	Recommended actions	Partners	Site hierarchy tier	Priority	Timescales	Cost	Aim
4	Archbishop Ilsley Catholic School	B27 7XY	3G	School	A smaller sized pitch that is available for community use and is serviced by sports lighting. The pitch has exceeded its recommended lifespan.	Resurface pitch to improve quality so that it can continue to cater for recreational demand.	School BCFA FF	Local	M	S	M	Protect Enhance
4	Archbishop Ilsley Catholic School	B27 7XY	Tennis	School	Two standard artificial courts, both of which are unavailable for community use. Serviced by sports lighting.	Explore community use options.	School LTA	Local	M	S	L	Protect
4	Archbishop Ilsley Catholic School	B27 7XY	Netball	School	Two standard artificial courts, both of which are unavailable for community use. Serviced by sports lighting.	Explore community use options.	School EN	Local	M	S	L	Protect
6	Ark Boulton Academy	B11 2QG	3G	School	Two smaller sized pitches, both of which are unavailable for community use and without sports lighting.	Retain for curricular demand.	School BCFA FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect
9	Ark Victoria Academy	B10 0HJ	3G	School	One smaller sized pitch that is unavailable for community use but is serviced with sports lighting.	Explore community use options for recreational demand.	School BCFA FF	Local	L	S	L	Protect
39	Broomhall Playing Fields	B28 8PT	Football	Council	Two 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 pitches are both overplayed by a combined total of five match equivalent sessions, whereas the mini 7v7 and mini 5v5 pitches both offer actual spare capacity, amounting to two match equivalent sessions. The site is not serviced by any ancillary facilities.	Improve quality to alleviate overplay and look to provide an appropriate standard of ancillary facilities.	BCFA FF	Local	M	S	M	Protect Enhance
49	Cockshut Hill Technology College Grass Pitches	B26 2AE	Football	School	One adult and one youth 11v11 pitch, both of which are poor quality. available for community use and played to capacity.	Improve quality and seek to provide security of tenure to users in order to establish actual spare capacity.	School BCFA FF	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
70	Fives Yardley	B26 2AX	Football	Commercial	One poor quality adult pitch that has spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure and poor pitch quality.	Improve quality and look to provide security of tenure in order to establish actual spare capacity.	BCFA FF	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
70	Fives Yardley	B26 2AX	3G	Commercial	Seven smaller sized pitches, all of which are available for community use and are serviced with sports lighting. Two of the pitches have exceeded their recommended lifespan.	Resurface pitches which have exceeded their lifespan to improve quality for commercial use.	BCFA FF	Local	L	S	M	Protect Enhance

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71	Flaxley Rd Playing Fields	B33 9EZ	Football	Council	One adult, one youth 11v11, one youth 9v9, one mini 7v7 and one mini 5v5 pitch, all of which are standard quality. The youth 9v9 and mini 5v5 pitches offer actual spare capacity amounting to two match equivalent sessions.	Look to utilise the actual spare capacity to accommodate demand from overplayed sites or via future demand.	BCFA FF	Local	L	M	L	Protect
77	Fox Hollies Leisure Centre	B27 7NS	3G	Trust	One full size pitch that is available for community use and is serviced with sports lighting. Pitch is assessed as standard quality but is not currently FA tested for competitive matches.	Ensure a sinking fund is in place for long-term sustainability and seek FA testing so that it can be used for competitive matches.	BCFA FF	Key centre	H	S	L	Protect
77	Fox Hollies Leisure Centre	B27 7NS	Tennis	Trust	One standard quality macadam court that is without sports lighting.	Explore sports lighting potential.	LTA	Key centre	M	S	L	Protect Enhance
77	Fox Hollies Leisure Centre	B27 7NS	Netball	Trust	One standard quality macadam court that is without sports lighting.	Explore sports lighting potential.	EN	Key centre	M	S	L	Protect Enhance
77	Fox Hollies Leisure Centre	B27 7NS	Athletics	Trust	One 400-metre synthetic track that is available for community use and is serviced by sports lighting. Track is assessed as standard quality having been refurbished in 2013.	Sustain quality and seek to resurface in the near future to enable this.	EA	Key centre	M	M	M	Protect Enhance
78	Fox Hollies Park	B27 7AG	Football (disused)	Council	Site previously accommodated one adult, one youth 11v11 and one mini 7v7 pitch circa 2006; however, it has more recently (2011) been marked with just one adult pitch.	Consider bringing pitches back into use given local shortfalls and the demand that exists and protect the site in accordance with Sport England and NPPF guidelines.	BCFA FF	Local	M	S	M	Protect Enhance
82	Gilberstone Recreation Ground	B26 1TN	Football (disused)	Council	Site previously accommodated an adult pitch, last maintained in 2016.	Consider bringing pitches back into use given local shortfalls and the demand that exists and protect the site in accordance with Sport England and NPPF guidelines.	BCFA FF	Local	M	S	M	Protect Enhance
82	Gilberstone Recreation Ground	B26 1TN	Cricket (disused)	Council	Site previously accommodated two grass squares (one with eight and one with ten wickets). Provision was last maintained in 2013.	Consider bringing provision back into use given local shortfalls and protect the site in accordance with Sport England and NPPF guidelines.	ECB WCB	Local	M	S	M	Protect Enhance
82	Gilberstone Recreation Ground	B26 1TN	Tennis	Council	Three standard quality macadam courts that are available for community use but without sports lighting.	Improve quality and explore sports lighting potential to better accommodate recreational demand.	LTA	Local	M	S	L	Protect Enhance
88	Golden Hillock Sports Ground (Ackers Trust)	B11 2QB	Football	Council	Two poor quality adult pitches that have spare capacity discounted due to poor pitch quality. Site also previously accommodated an additional one adult and one youth 11v11 pitch, last maintained in 2018.	Improve quality to create actual spare capacity and consider re-establishing additional pitches given local shortfalls.	BCFA FF	Local	M	S	M	Protect Enhance
88	Golden Hillock Sports Ground (Ackers Trust)	B11 2QB	Cricket (disused)	Council	Site previously accommodated a grass square with six wickets in 2013.	Consider bringing provision back into use given local shortfalls should demand be identified.	ECB	Local	M	S	M	Protect Enhance

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108	Henry Road	B25 8AJ	Football (disused)	School	Site lastly accommodated one adult pitch and previously several more.	Consider bringing pitches back into use given local shortfalls and the demand that exists and protect the site in accordance with Sport England and NPPF guidelines.	BCFA FF	Local	M	S	M	Protect Enhance
142	King Edward VI Sheldon Heath Academy	B26 2RZ	Football	School	One adult and one youth 9v9 pitch, both of which are good quality and available for community use. Each pitch has spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure. Following the 3G pitch development plans, the supply will be reduced to one youth 9v9 and one mini 7v7 pitch.	Ensure that 3G pitch development plans at the School does not hinder the quality of the grass pitches. Also secure community use as part of the development.	School BCFA FF	Key centre	M	S	L	Protect
142	King Edward VI Sheldon Heath Academy	B26 2RZ	3G	School	The School has planning permission for the creation of a full size 3G pitch and MUGA.	Support the School's 3G pitch development plans given shortfalls and seek to maximise usage. Also ensure a sinking fund is in place for long-term sustainability and that FA testing takes place so that it can be used for competitive matches.	School BCFA FF	Key centre	H	S	H	Protect Provide
142	King Edward VI Sheldon Heath Academy	B26 2RZ	Cricket	School	A standalone NTP.	Retain for curricular demand.	School ECB WCB	Key centre	L	L	L	Protect
142	King Edward VI Sheldon Heath Academy	B26 2RZ	Tennis	School	Three standard quality macadam courts that are available for community use but without sports lighting.	Explore sports lighting potential to better accommodate and attract community demand.	School LTA	Key centre	M	S	M	Protect Enhance
142	King Edward VI Sheldon Heath Academy	B26 2RZ	Netball	School	Two standard quality macadam courts that are available for community use but without sports lighting.	Explore sports lighting potential to better accommodate and attract community demand.	School EN	Key centre	M	S	M	Protect Enhance
146	King George V Playing Fields (Sheldon)	B26 3XX	Football (disused)	School	Site previously accommodated three adult pitches last marked out circa 2018.	Consider bringing pitches back into use given local shortfalls and the demand that exists and protect the site in accordance with Sport England and NPPF guidelines.	BCFA FF	Local	M	S	M	Protect Enhance
146	King George V Playing Fields (Sheldon)	B26 3XX	Tennis (disused)	School	Site previously accommodated three macadam courts last marked out circa 2016.	No demand has been identified, so the area can be preserved as is, retained as strategic reserve, or repurposed for other sporting needs.	School LTA	Local	L	L	L	Protect
163	Lyndon Green Junior School	B26 1LU	Hockey	School	One smaller size sand-based pitch that is neither available for community use or sports lit.	Retain for curricular demand.	School EH	Local	L	L	L	Protect
169	Mapledene Primary School	B26 3XE	Football	School	One poor quality mini 5v5 pitch that is unavailable for community use.	Improve quality for curricular demand.	School BCFA FF	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
185	Ninestiles School & Academy	B27 7QG	Football	School	One adult and one youth 9v9 pitch, both of which are standard quality but unavailable for community use.	Explore community use options given local shortfalls.	School BCFA FF	Local	L	S	L	Protect

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185	Ninestiles School & Academy	B27 7QG	Cricket (disused)	School	Site previously accommodated an NTP.	Consider reinstating provision to cater for curricular demand.	School ECB WCB	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
189	Oaklands Rec	B25 8AS	Football	Council	Two standard quality adult pitches that are available for community use and offer one match equivalent session of actual spare capacity.	Look to utilise the actual spare capacity to accommodate demand from overplayed sites or via future demand.	BCFA FF	Local	L	M	L	Protect
189	Oaklands Rec	B25 8AS	Cricket (disused)	Council	Two disused NTPs currently in situ but with no artificial covering. Evidence also exists of attempts to maintain a grass square next to one of the macadam bases.	Consider reinstating NTPs to cater for recreational demand.	ECB WCB	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
191	Oasis Academy Hobmoor	B25 8FD	Hockey	School	One smaller size sand-based pitch that is unavailable for community use despite being serviced by sports lighting.	Explore community use options to provide provision for recreational demand.	School BCFA FF	Local	L	S	L	Protect
221	Sheldon Marlborough Cricket Club	B25 8RF	Cricket	Council	One good quality square that is overplayed by eight match equivalent sessions. Ground drainage requires improvement as its water retention is poor. Sheldon Marlborough CC has a five year lease agreement for use of the site.	Look to install an NTP on the site to alleviate and overplay and look to improve site drainage. Also seek longer term agreement with the Club to improve security of tenure.	ECB WCB	Local	M	S	M	Protect Enhance
243	Stanville Primary School	B26 3YN	Football	School	One poor quality mini 5v5 pitch that is unavailable for community use.	Improve quality for curricular demand.	School BCFA FF	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
258	TC Cars Arena (Mackadown Sports Ground)	B33 0JJ	Football	Community	One youth 11v11, one youth 9v9, one mini 7v7 and one mini 5v5 pitch, all of which are poor quality. The mini 5v5 pitch has spare capacity discounted due to poor quality, whilst the youth 11v11 and youth 9v9 pitches are overplayed by 5.5 match equivalent sessions combined. The site is also serviced by poor quality ancillary provision.	Improve quality to eradicate overplay and provide improved ancillary provision.	BCFA FF	Local	M	S	M	Protect Enhance
261	The Oval Primary School	B33 8JG	Football	School	One standard quality mini 5v5 pitch that is available for community use but has spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure.	Look to provide security of tenure at the site to establish actual spare capacity.	School BCFA FF	Local	L	S	L	Protect
261	The Oval Primary School	B33 8JG	Hockey	School	One smaller size sand-based pitch that is unavailable for community use despite its sports lighting.	Explore community use options to provide provision for recreational demand.	School BCFA FF	Local	L	S	L	Protect



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285	Willclare Sports Society	B26 2NX	Football	Community	One adult and one mini 7v7 pitch, both of which are poor quality. The adult pitch is overplayed by one match equivalent session whilst the mini 7v7 pitch has spare capacity discounted due to poor pitch quality.	Improve quality to eradicate overplay.	BCFA FF	Local	M	S	L	Protect Enhance
285	Willclare Sports Society	B26 2NX	Cricket (disused)	Community	Following the folding of Willclare CC, the grass cricket square (six wickets) is no longer maintained.	Retain as a strategic reserve or re-establish the provision if demand can be identified.	ECB WCB	Local	L	L	L	Protect
292	Yardley Primary School	B26 1TD	Football	School	One poor quality mini 5v5 pitch that is available for community use but has spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure.	Improve quality and look to provide security of tenure at the site to establish actual spare capacity.	School BCFA FF	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
294	Yardleys School	B11 3EY	Football	School	One poor quality adult pitch that is unavailable for community use.	Improve quality and explore community use options given local shortfalls.	School BCFA FF	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
294	Yardleys School	B11 3EY	Cricket	School	A standalone NTP that is available for community use.	Retain for curricular demand.	School ECB WCB	Local	L	L	L	Protect
294	Yardleys School	B11 3EY	Tennis	School	Three good quality macadam courts that are neither available for community use nor sports lit.	Explore community use options and sports lighting potential.	School LTA	Local	L	S	M	Protect Enhance
294	Yardleys School	B11 3EY	Netball	School	Three good quality macadam courts that are neither available for community use nor sports lit.	Explore community use options and sports lighting potential.	School, EN	Local	L	S	M	Protect Enhance
336	Tyseley Working Mens Club	B11 2EX	Bowls	Sports club	One standard quality crown green owned by Tyseley Working Mens BC.	Improve quality to better accommodate demand.	Club BCGBA	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
349	Richmond Hill	B26 1RY	Cricket	Council	One standard quality square that is used by Harborne CC as a secondary venue.	Improve quality to better accommodate demand.	ECB WCB	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
386	Cockshut Hill School	B26 2HX	Tennis	School	Three standard quality macadam courts that are available for community use but without sports lighting.	Explore sports lighting potential to better accommodate and attract community demand.	School LTA	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
386	Cockshut Hill School	B26 2HX	Netball	School	Two standard quality macadam courts that are available for community use but without sports lighting.	Explore sports lighting potential to better accommodate and attract community demand.	School EN	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
387	Yardley Tennis Club	B26 2AH	Tennis	Sports club	Four poor quality macadam courts that are serviced by sports lighting. Yardley TC is negotiating a new lease agreement. Ancillary facilities are poor.	Prioritise long-term tenure for Yardley TC so that it can improve the quality of the site. Also improve ancillary facilities.	Club LTA	Local	M	S	M	Protect Enhance
387	Yardley Tennis Club	B26 2AH	Netball	Sports club	Two poor quality macadam courts that are available for community use and serviced with sports lighting.	Improve quality to better cater for demand.	Club EN	Local	M	S	M	Protect Enhance

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398	Hatchford Brook Golf Course & Gym	B26 3PY	Golf	Municipal/ Mytime Active	An 18-hole municipal golf course operating via Mytime Active. The course is accompanied by 24-bay sports lit driving range.	Consideration should be given to a wider piece of work to review the current stock of municipal courses across Birmingham to ensure long term sustainability and viability. This could include opportunities to rationalise the stock and provide a better, well-located facility mix, providing that all demand can continue to be met.	Mytime Active EG	Local	H	M	H	Protect Enhance
403	Birmingham Co-operative Sports & Social Club	B26 1SA	Football (disused)	Sports club	Site previously accommodated one mini 7v7 and one mini 5v5 pitch marked on the outfield of the active cricket square as well as two adult pitches on a separate parcel of land to the west. Access has been removed by the landowner, with the pitches last formally marked out circa 2018.	Consider bringing provision back into use given local shortfalls, providing it does not impact on the quality of or access to the cricket square.	Club, BCFA FF	Key centre	M	S	M	Protect Enhance
403	Birmingham Co-operative Sports & Social Club	B26 1SA	Cricket	Sports club	One standard quality 12-wicket grass square that is played to capacity and is accompanied by an NTP.	Improve quality to better cater for demand.	Club ECB WCB	Key centre	M	S	M	Protect Enhance
403	Birmingham Co-operative Sports & Social Club	B26 1SA	Bowls (disused)	Sports club	Site previously accommodated two crown greens which are no longer maintained.	No demand has been identified. Consider repurposing for other sporting needs, development in line with planning policy, or retain as strategic reserve.	Club BCGBA	Key centre	L	L	L	-
421	The Olive School	B11 3HD	Tennis	School	Two standard quality macadam courts that are neither available for community use nor sports lit.	Explore community use options and sports lighting potential.	School LTA	Local	L	M	L	Protect Enhance
421	The Olive School	B11 3HD	Netball	School	Two standard quality macadam courts that are neither available for community use nor sports lit.	Explore community use options and sports lighting potential.	School EN	Local	L	M	L	Protect Enhance
426	Montgomery Primary Academy	B11 1EH	Hockey	School	One smaller size sand-based pitch that is available for community use but is without sports lighting.	Retain for continue curricular and recreational demand.	School BCFA FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect
443	Concord Centre	B11 1LF	Football	Community	An existing basketball court will be refurbished for football and basketball as part of the Football Foundation's PlayZones programme.	Support plans and seek to maximise recreational and multi-sport use.	BCFA FF	Local	M	S	M	Protect Enhance

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The PPOSS provides an estimate of demand for pitch sport based on population forecasts and club consultation to 2042 (in line with the Birmingham Local Plan Review). This future demand is translated into teams likely to be generated, rather than actual provision required. Sport England's Playing Pitch Calculator adds to this, updating the likely demand generated for pitch sports based on housing increases and converting the demand into match equivalent sessions and the number of pitches required. It also gives the associated costs of supplying the increased pitch provision and splits the total pitch requirement into natural turf pitches to meet peak period demand, artificial grass pitches to meet training demand, and the additional number of changing rooms required.

The examples below are provided as a guide to show the potential additional demand for pitch sports that could be generated from housing growth in Birmingham, thus showing how the calculator works and what it provides. They are based on proposed housing figures in the emerging Local Plan Review, meaning that they are subject to change; however, they are only being used as a guide to show the potential additional demand for pitch sports that could be generated from the growth.

Three broad examples have been used as a starting point, firstly to identify the impact of all projected housing growth across Birmingham, and then to identify how the calculator can be used on a site-by-site basis for both large scale developments and small scale developments. The examples are:

- ◀ **Example 1A** - Testing the model for likely demand based on overall projected housing growth across Birmingham.
- ◀ **Example 1B** - Testing the model for a large housing development (Langley Sustainable Urban Extension).
- ◀ **Example 1C** - Testing the model for a smaller housing development (Land at Ledsam Street – Ladywood).

In addition, further examples are then shown to understand the projected increase in demand for pitch sports for each of the ten analysis areas used within the PPOSS, based on the anticipated housing developments over the span of the Local Plan period. The details for these are as follows:

- ◀ **Example 2** - additional demand for pitch sports generated from preferred housing sites (238 dwellings) in Erdington.
- ◀ **Example 3** - additional demand for pitch sports generated from preferred housing sites (5,731 dwellings) in Sutton Coldfield (including Langley Sustainable Urban Extension).
- ◀ **Example 4** - additional demand for pitch sports generated from preferred housing sites (8,898 dwellings) in Ladywood (including Land at Ledsam Street).
- ◀ **Example 5** - additional demand for pitch sports generated from preferred housing sites (207 dwellings) in Perry Barr.
- ◀ **Example 6** - additional demand for pitch sports generated from preferred housing sites (1,095 dwellings) in Northfield.
- ◀ **Example 7** - additional demand for pitch sports generated from preferred housing sites (128 dwellings) in Selly Oak.
- ◀ **Example 8** - additional demand for pitch sports generated from preferred housing sites (511 dwellings) in Hall Green.
- ◀ **Example 9** - additional demand for pitch sports generated from preferred housing sites (257 dwellings) in Hodge Hill.
- ◀ **Example 10** - additional demand for pitch sports generated from preferred housing sites (429 dwellings) in Yardley

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Please note that the figures referenced within the above examples do not include developments under 50 dwellings (as these are considered unlikely to impact on playing pitch provision), nor do they include developments which are under construction or that have detailed planning permission, outline planning permission or permission in principle (because playing pitch aspects will have been already dealt with via the planning process). As a result of this, there is not an example provided for Edgbaston as no developments are proposed outside of those that are discounted.

The demand for all examples is shown in match equivalent sessions per week for most sports, except for 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), whereas when expressed in match equivalent sessions, it is expected training will take place on sports-lit grass pitches (rugby).

An occupancy rate of 2.3 people per dwelling is used for all examples, based on a national average and as agreed by the Council.

### ***Example 1A – Testing the model for likely demand based on overall projected housing growth***

The Demographic Assessment (Scenario 2) taken from Birmingham’s Housing and Economic Development Needs Assessment (HEDNA, April 2022) provides an annual housing need of 4,235 dwellings per annum. Applying this to the plan period (up to 2042) and taking account of housing completions between 2020/21– 2022/23 of 9,768 gives an outstanding figure of 83,402 dwellings.

The estimated additional population derived from housing growth from 83,402 dwellings with an occupancy rate of 2.3 people per household (based on a national average) is 191,825 people. The table below identifies what this equates to in terms of pitch demand.

*Table 7.1: Likely demand for grass pitch sports generated from 83,402 dwellings*

Pitch sport	Estimated match demand per week	Estimated training demand
Adult football	18.24	132.94 hours for all football
Youth football	31.97	132.94 hours for all football
Mini soccer	16.19	132.94 hours for all football
Rugby union	6.94	7.69 match equivalent sessions
Rugby league	0.16	0.24 match equivalent sessions
Adult hockey	16.75	49.77 hours
Junior & mixed hockey	1.07	2.44 hours
Cricket	313.40	N/A

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

*Table 7.2: Estimated demand and costs for new pitch provision from overall housing growth*

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Pitch type	Estimated number of pitches to meet demand	Estimated capital cost <sup>15</sup>	Estimated Lifecycle Cost (per annum) <sup>16</sup>	Number of Changing rooms	Changing rooms Capital cost
Adult football	18.24	£1,839,664	£388,169	36.45	£6,614,030
Youth football	31.97	£2,612,645	£548,655	41.92	£7,605,217
Mini soccer	16.19	£467,985	£98,277	0	£0
Rugby union	6.94	£1,070,184	£229,019	13.91	£2,524,966
Rugby league	0.16	£22,293	£4,927	0.33	£60,113
Cricket	6.75	£2,152,632	£434,832	13.50	£2,462,480
Sand based AGPs	4.15	£3,458,296	£107,207	8.33	£1,518,031
3G	3.48	£3,612,968	£139,250	6.96	£1,268,740

Overall, an additional 88.14 pitches could be required to accommodate increased demand from overall housing growth in addition to 121.41 changing rooms. This would require an expected capital cost of £15,236,667 and a lifecycle cost per annum of £1,950,336.

### **Example 1B – Testing the model for a large housing development (Langley Sustainable Urban Extension)**

There has been a resolution to grant planning permission for the Langley Sustainable Urban Extension proposal (2021/10567/PA), subject to the completion of a Section 106 agreement. In addition to plans for 5,500 dwelling, the plans include the creation of education facilities comprising of one secondary school (with a sixth form) and up to three primary schools, or an all-through school and two primary schools, together with up to six nursery/early years units. Furthermore, there is an identified a need for the creation of an internal transport network with connections to the surrounding highway, cycle and pedestrian network; green infrastructure including informal open space, play areas, linear park; and the creation of a sports hub with a pavilion building.

The estimated additional population derived from housing growth from 5,500 dwellings with an occupancy rate of 2.3 people per household (based on a national average) is 12,650 people. The table below identifies what this equates to in terms of pitch demand.

*Table 7.3: Likely demand for grass pitch sports generated from 5,500 dwellings*

Pitch sport	Estimated match demand per week	Estimated training demand
Adult football	1.30	8.73 hours for all football
Youth football	2.10	8.73 hours for all football
Mini soccer	1.07	8.73 hours for all football
Rugby union	0.46	0.51 match equivalent sessions
Rugby league	0.01	0.02 match equivalent sessions
Adult hockey	1.10	3.30 hours
Junior & mixed hockey	0.07	0.16 hours
Cricket	20.58	N/A

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

<sup>15</sup> Sport England Facilities Costs Second Quarter 2022 – (<https://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/design-and-cost-guidance/cost-guidance/>)

<sup>16</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 7.4: Demand and costs for provision from Langley Sustainable Urban Extension

Pitch type	Estimated Number of pitches to meet demand	Estimated Capital cost <sup>17</sup>	Estimated Lifecycle Cost (per annum) <sup>18</sup>	Number of Changing rooms	Changing rooms Capital cost
Adult football	1.30	£120,777	£25,484	2.40	£434,221
Youth football	2.10	£171,522	£36,020	2.76	£499,285
Mini soccer	1.07	£30,724	£6,452	0	£0
Rugby union	0.46	£70,259	£15,035	0.91	£165,768
Rugby league	0.01	£1,464	£323	0.02	£3,946
Cricket	0.45	£141,323	£28,547	0.89	£161,665
Sand based AGPs	0.28	£227,042	£7,038	0.55	£99,661
3G	0.23	£237,195	£9,142	0.46	£83,294

Overall, an additional 5.79 pitches could be required to accommodate increased demand from the housing growth in addition to 7.99 changing rooms. This would require an expected capital cost of £1,000,305 and a lifecycle cost per annum of £128,042.

### Example 1C – Testing the model for a smaller housing development (Land at Ledsam Street – Ladywood)

Whilst the Langley Sustainable Urban Extension is a significantly large housing development, this scenario explores what the Calculator will identify for a small-scale build. A 210-dwelling development is therefore used as an example (SHLAA Ref C1).

The estimated additional population derived from housing growth from 210 dwellings with an occupancy rate of 2.3 people per household (based on a national average) is 483 people. The table below identifies what this equates to in terms of pitch demand.

Table 7.5: Likely demand for grass pitch sports generated from 210 dwellings

Pitch sport	Estimated match demand per week	Estimated training demand
Adult football	0.05	0.33 hours for all football
Youth football	0.08	0.33 hours for all football
Mini soccer	0.04	0.33 hours for all football
Rugby union	0.02	0.02 match equivalent sessions
Rugby league	0.00	0.00 hours
Adult hockey	0.04	0.13 hours
Junior & mixed hockey	0.00	0.01 hours
Cricket	0.79	N/A

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

Table 7.6: Demand and costs for provision from 210 dwellings

<sup>17</sup> Sport England Facilities Costs Second Quarter 2022 – (<https://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/design-and-cost-guidance/cost-guidance/>)

<sup>18</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 number of pitches to meet demand	Estimated Capital cost <sup>19</sup>	Lifecycle Cost (per annum) <sup>20</sup>	Number of Changing rooms	Changing rooms Capital cost
Adult football	0.05	£4,612	£973	0.09	£16,548
Youth football	0.08	£6,553	£1,376	0.11	£19,081
Mini soccer	0.04	£1,173	£246	0	£0
Rugby union	0.02	£2,683	£574	0.03	£6,331
Rugby league	0.00	£56	£12	0.00	£151
Cricket	0.02	£5,398	£1,090	0.03	£6,175
Sand based AGPs	0.01	£8,671	£269	0.02	£3,806
3G	0.01	£9,060	£349	0.02	£3,181

Overall, an additional 0.22 pitches could be required to accommodate increased demand from the housing growth in addition to 0.31 changing rooms. This would require an expected capital cost of £38,206 and a lifecycle cost per annum of £4,891.

### **Example 2 – additional demand for pitch sports generated from preferred housing sites (238 dwellings) in Erdington**

The estimated additional population derived from housing growth from 238 dwellings with an occupancy rate of 2.3 per household is 547 people. This population increase equates to 0.09 match equivalent sessions of demand per week for grass pitch sports, accumulative 0.02 match equivalent sessions for hockey and 0.39 match equivalent sessions of demand per season for cricket.

*Table 7.7: Likely demand for grass pitch sports generated from 238 dwellings*

Pitch sport	Estimated match demand per week	Estimated training demand
Adult football	0.02	0.16 hours for all football
Youth football	0.04	0.16 hours for all football
Mini soccer	0.02	0.16 hours for all football
Rugby union	0.01	0.01 match equivalent sessions
Rugby league	0.00	0.00 hours
Adult hockey	0.02	0.06 hours
Junior & mixed hockey	0.00	0.01 hours
Cricket	0.39	N/A

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

*Table 7.8: Demand and costs for provision from 238 dwellings*

<sup>19</sup> Sport England Facilities Costs Second Quarter 2022 – (<https://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/design-and-cost-guidance/cost-guidance/>)

<sup>20</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 number of pitches to meet demand	Estimated Capital cost <sup>21</sup>	Lifecycle Cost (per annum) <sup>22</sup>	Number of Changing rooms	Changing rooms Capital cost
Adult football	0.02	£2,272	£479	0.05	£8,170
Youth football	0.04	£3,228	£678	0.05	£9,400
Mini soccer	0.02	£578	£121	0	£0
Rugby union	0.01	£1,322	£283	0.02	£3,119
Rugby league	0	£28	£6	0	£74
Cricket	0.01	£2,659	£537	0.02	£3,042
Sand based AGPs	0.01	£4,272	£132	0.01	£1,875
3G	0	£4,463	£172	0.01	£1,567

Overall, an additional 0.11 pitches could be required to accommodate increased demand from the housing growth in addition to 0.15 changing rooms. This would require an expected capital cost of £18,822 and a lifecycle cost per annum of £2,409.

### **Example 3 – additional demand for pitch sports generated from preferred housing sites (5,731 dwellings) in Sutton Coldfield (including Langley Sustainable Urban Extension)**

The estimated additional population derived from housing growth from 5,731 dwellings with an occupancy rate of 2.3 per household is 13,181 people. This population increase equates to 5.04 match equivalent sessions of demand per week for grass pitch sports, accumulative 1.22 match equivalent sessions for hockey and 21.45 match equivalent sessions of demand per season for cricket.

*Table 7.9: Likely demand for grass pitch sports generated from 5,731 dwellings*

Pitch sport	Estimated match demand per week	Estimated training demand
Adult football	1.25	9.10 hours for all football
Youth football	2.19	9.10 hours for all football
Mini soccer	1.11	9.10 hours for all football
Rugby union	0.48	0.53 match equivalent sessions
Rugby league	0.01	0.02 hours
Adult hockey	1.15	3.44 hours
Junior & mixed hockey	0.07	0.17 hours
Cricket	21.45	N/A

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

*Table 7.10: Demand and costs for provision from 5,731 dwellings*

<sup>21</sup> Sport England Facilities Costs Second Quarter 2022 – (<https://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/design-and-cost-guidance/cost-guidance/>)

<sup>22</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 number of pitches to meet demand	Estimated Capital cost <sup>23</sup>	Lifecycle Cost (per annum) <sup>24</sup>	Number of Changing rooms	Changing rooms Capital cost
Adult football	1.25	£125,847	£26,554	2.5	£452,450
Youth football	2.19	£178,724	£37,532	2.87	£520,253
Mini soccer	1.11	£32,014	£6,723	0	£0
Rugby union	0.48	£73,209	£15,667	0.95	£172,726
Rugby league	0.01	£1,525	£337	0.02	£4,112
Cricket	0.46	£147,256	£29,746	0.93	£168,452
Sand based AGPs	0.29	£236,573	£7,334	0.57	£103,845
3G	0.24	£247,154	£9,526	0.48	£86,791

Overall, an additional 5.5 pitches could be required to accommodate increased demand from the housing growth in addition to 8.33 changing rooms. This would require an expected capital cost of £1,042,302 and a lifecycle cost per annum of £133,418.

### **Example 4 – additional demand for pitch sports generated from preferred housing sites (8,898 dwellings) in Ladywood (including Land at Ledsam Street)**

The estimated additional population derived from housing growth from 1,500 dwellings with an occupancy rate of 2.3 per household is 20,465 people. This population increase equates to 7.83 match equivalent sessions of demand per week for grass pitch sports, accumulative 1.89 match equivalent sessions for hockey and 33.3 match equivalent sessions of demand per season for cricket.

*Table 7.11: Likely demand for grass pitch sports generated from 8,898 dwellings*

Pitch sport	Estimated match demand per week	Estimated training demand
Adult football	1.94	14.13 hours for all football
Youth football	3.4	
Mini soccer	1.73	
Rugby union	0.74	0.82 match equivalent sessions
Rugby league	0.02	0.03 hours
Adult hockey	1.78	5.34 hours
Junior & mixed hockey	0.11	0.26 hours
Cricket	33.3	N/A

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

<sup>23</sup> Sport England Facilities Costs Second Quarter 2022 – (<https://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/design-and-cost-guidance/cost-guidance/>)

<sup>24</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 7.12: Demand and costs for provision from 8,898 dwellings

Pitch type	Estimated number of pitches to meet demand	Estimated Capital cost <sup>25</sup>	Lifecycle Cost (per annum) <sup>26</sup>	Number of Changing rooms	Changing rooms Capital cost
Adult football	1.94	£195,391	£41,228	3.88	£702,479
Youth football	3.4	£277,487	£58,272	4.46	£807,737
Mini soccer	1.73	£49,704	£10,438	0	£0
Rugby union	0.74	£113,664	£24,324	1.48	£268,177
Rugby league	0.02	£2,368	£523	0.04	£6,385
Cricket	0.72	£228,631	£46,183	1.44	£261,540
Sand based AGPs	0.44	£367,305	£11,386	0.89	£161,230
3G	0.37	£383,732	£14,790	0.74	£134,752

Overall, an additional 8.54 pitches could be required to accommodate increased demand from the housing growth in addition to 12.93 changing rooms. This would require an expected capital cost of £1,618,282 and a lifecycle cost per annum of £207,145.

### **Example 5 – additional demand for pitch sports generated from preferred housing sites (207 dwellings) in Parry Barr**

The estimated additional population derived from housing growth from 207 dwellings with an occupancy rate of 2.3 per household is 476 people. This population increase equates to 0.18 match equivalent sessions of demand per week for grass pitch sports, accumulative 0.04 match equivalent sessions for hockey and 0.76 match equivalent sessions of demand per season for cricket.

Table 7.13: Likely demand for grass pitch sports generated from 207 dwellings

Pitch sport	Estimated match demand per week	Estimated training demand
Adult football	0.04	0.32 hours for all football
Youth football	0.08	0.32 hours for all football
Mini soccer	0.04	0.32 hours for all football
Rugby union	0.02	0.02 match equivalent sessions
Rugby league	0.00	0.00 hours
Adult hockey	0.04	0.12 hours
Junior & mixed hockey	0.00	0.01 hours
Cricket	0.76	N/A

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

<sup>25</sup> Sport England Facilities Costs Second Quarter 2022 – (<https://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/design-and-cost-guidance/cost-guidance/>)

<sup>26</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 7.14: Demand and costs for provision from 207 dwellings

Pitch type	Estimated number of pitches to meet demand	Estimated Capital cost <sup>27</sup>	Lifecycle Cost (per annum) <sup>28</sup>	Number of Changing rooms	Changing rooms Capital cost
Adult football	0.04	£4,459	£941	0.09	£16,030
Youth football	0.08	£6,328	£1,329	0.1	£18,430
Mini soccer	0.04	£1,134	£238	0	£0
Rugby union	0.02	£2,594	£555	0.03	£6,120
Rugby league	0	£54	£12	0	£146
Cricket	0.02	£5,216	£1,054	0.03	£5,967
Sand based AGPs	0.01	£8,381	£260	0.02	£3,679
3G	0.01	£8,753	£337	0.02	£3,074

Overall, an additional 0.19 pitches could be required to accommodate increased demand from the housing growth in addition to 0.29 changing rooms. This would require an expected capital cost of £19,785 and a lifecycle cost per annum of £4,129.

### **Example 6 – additional demand for pitch sports generated from preferred housing sites (1,095 dwellings) in Northfield**

The estimated additional population derived from housing growth from 1,095 dwellings with an occupancy rate of 2.3 per household is 2,519 people. This population increase equates to 0.96 match equivalent sessions of demand per week for grass pitch sports, accumulative 0.23 match equivalent sessions for hockey and 4.1 match equivalent sessions of demand per season for cricket.

Table 7.15: Likely demand for grass pitch sports generated from 1,095 dwellings

Pitch sport	Estimated match demand per week	Estimated training demand
Adult football	0.24	1.74 hours for all football
Youth football	0.42	1.74 hours for all football
Mini soccer	0.21	1.74 hours for all football
Rugby union	0.09	0.01 match equivalent sessions
Rugby league	0.00	0.00 hours
Adult hockey	0.22	0.66 hours
Junior & mixed hockey	0.01	0.03 hours
Cricket	4.1	N/A

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

<sup>27</sup> Sport England Facilities Costs Second Quarter 2022 – (<https://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/design-and-cost-guidance/cost-guidance/>)

<sup>28</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 7.16: Demand and costs for provision from 1.095 dwellings

Pitch type	Estimated number of pitches to meet demand	Estimated Capital cost <sup>29</sup>	Lifecycle Cost (per annum) <sup>30</sup>	Number of Changing rooms	Changing rooms Capital cost
Adult football	0.24	£24,050	£5,075	0.48	£86,465
Youth football	0.42	£34,153	£7,172	0.55	£99,419
Mini soccer	0.21	£6,118	£1,285	0	£0
Rugby union	0.09	£13,990	£2,994	0.18	£33,008
Rugby league	0	£291	£64	0	£786
Cricket	0.09	£28,141	£5,684	0.18	£32,191
Sand based AGPs	0.05	£45,210	£1,402	0.11	£19,845
3G	0.05	£47,230	£1,820	0.09	£16,585

Overall, an additional 1.05 pitches could be required to accommodate increased demand from the housing growth in addition to 1.59 changing rooms. This would require an expected capital cost of £199,153 and a lifecycle cost per annum of £25,496.

### **Example 7 – additional demand for pitch sports generated from preferred housing sites (128 dwellings) in Selly Oak**

The estimated additional population derived from housing growth from 128 dwellings with an occupancy rate of 2.3 per household is 294 people. This population increase equates to 0.11 match equivalent sessions of demand per week for grass pitch sports, accumulative 0.03 match equivalent sessions for hockey and 0.45 match equivalent sessions of demand per season for cricket.

Table 7.17: Likely demand for grass pitch sports generated from 128 dwellings

Pitch sport	Estimated match demand per week	Estimated training demand
Adult football	0.03	0.2 hours for all football
Youth football	0.05	0.2 hours for all football
Mini soccer	0.02	0.2 hours for all football
Rugby union	0.01	0.01 match equivalent sessions
Rugby league	0.00	0.00 hours
Adult hockey	0.03	0.08 hours
Junior & mixed hockey	0.00	0.0 hours
Cricket	0.45	N/A

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

<sup>29</sup> Sport England Facilities Costs Second Quarter 2022 – (<https://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/design-and-cost-guidance/cost-guidance/>)

<sup>30</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 7.18: Demand and costs for provision from 128 dwellings

Pitch type	Estimated number of pitches to meet demand	Estimated Capital cost <sup>31</sup>	Lifecycle Cost (per annum) <sup>32</sup>	Number of Changing rooms	Changing rooms Capital cost
Adult football	0.03	£2,808	£593	0.06	£10,097
Youth football	0.05	£3,988	£838	0.06	£11,613
Mini soccer	0.02	£714	£150	0	£0
Rugby union	0.01	£1,634	£350	0.02	£3,855
Rugby league	0	£34	£8	0	£92
Cricket	0.01	£3,285	£664	0.02	£3,758
Sand based AGPs	0.01	£5,278	£164	0.01	£2,317
3G	0.01	£5,514	£213	0.01	£1,936

Overall, an additional 0.12 pitches could be required to accommodate increased demand from the housing growth in addition to 0.19 changing rooms. This would require an expected capital cost of £23,256 and a lifecycle cost per annum of £2,977.

### **Example 8 – additional demand for pitch sports generated from preferred housing sites (511 dwellings) in Hall Green**

The estimated additional population derived from housing growth from 511 dwellings with an occupancy rate of 2.3 per household is 1,175 people. This population increase equates to 0.23 match equivalent sessions of demand per week for grass pitch sports, accumulative 0.05 match equivalent sessions for hockey and 0.96 match equivalent sessions of demand per season for cricket.

Table 7.19: Likely demand for grass pitch sports generated from 511 dwellings

Pitch sport	Estimated match demand per week	Estimated training demand
Adult football	0.11	0.81 hours for all football
Youth football	0.2	0.81 hours for all football
Mini soccer	0.1	0.81 hours for all football
Rugby union	0.04	0.05 match equivalent sessions
Rugby league	0.00	0.00 hours
Adult hockey	0.01	0.31 hours
Junior & mixed hockey	0.00	0.01 hours
Cricket	1.91	N/A

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

<sup>31</sup> Sport England Facilities Costs Second Quarter 2022 – (<https://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/design-and-cost-guidance/cost-guidance/>)

<sup>32</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 7.20: Demand and costs for provision from 511 dwellings

Pitch type	Estimated number of pitches to meet demand	Estimated Capital cost <sup>33</sup>	Lifecycle Cost (per annum) <sup>34</sup>	Number of Changing rooms	Changing rooms Capital cost
Adult football	0.11	£11,219	£2,367	0.22	£40,333
Youth football	0.2	£15,932	£3,346	0.26	£46,375
Mini soccer	0.1	£2,854	£599	0	£0
Rugby union	0.04	£6,526	£1,396	0.08	£15,396
Rugby league	0	£136	£30	0	£367
Cricket	0.04	£13,127	£2,652	0.08	£15,017
Sand based AGPs	0.03	£21,088	£654	0.05	£9,257
3G	0.02	£22,033	£849	0.04	£7,737

Overall, an additional 0.49 pitches could be required to accommodate increased demand from the housing growth in addition to 0.74 changing rooms. This would require an expected capital cost of £92,914 and a lifecycle cost per annum of £11,893.

### **Example 9 – additional demand for pitch sports generated from preferred housing sites (257 dwellings) in Hodge Hill**

The estimated additional population derived from housing growth from 257 dwellings with an occupancy rate of 2.3 per household is 591 people. This population increase equates to 0.23 match equivalent sessions of demand per week for grass pitch sports, accumulative 0.05 match equivalent sessions for hockey and 0.96 match equivalent sessions of demand per season for cricket.

Table 7.21: Likely demand for grass pitch sports generated from 257 dwellings

Pitch sport	Estimated match demand per week	Estimated training demand
Adult football	0.06	0.41 hours for all football
Youth football	0.1	0.41 hours for all football
Mini soccer	0.05	0.41 hours for all football
Rugby union	0.02	0.02 match equivalent sessions
Rugby league	0.00	0.00 hours
Adult hockey	0.05	0.15 hours
Junior & mixed hockey	0.00	0.01 hours
Cricket	0.96	N/A

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

<sup>33</sup> Sport England Facilities Costs Second Quarter 2022 – (<https://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/design-and-cost-guidance/cost-guidance/>)

<sup>34</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 7.22: Demand and costs for provision from 257 dwellings

Pitch type	Estimated number of pitches to meet demand	Estimated Capital cost <sup>35</sup>	Lifecycle Cost (per annum) <sup>36</sup>	Number of Changing rooms	Changing rooms Capital cost
Adult football	0.06	£5,642	£1,191	0.11	£20,285
Youth football	0.1	£8,014	£1,683	0.13	£23,325
Mini soccer	0.05	£1,435	£301	0	£0
Rugby union	0.02	£3,282	£702	0.04	£7,744
Rugby league	0	£68	£15	0	£184
Cricket	0.02	£6,602	£1,334	0.04	£7,552
Sand based AGPs	0.01	£10,607	£329	0.03	£4,656
3G	0.01	£11,080	£427	0.02	£3,891

Overall, an additional 0.25 pitches could be required to accommodate increased demand from the housing growth in addition to 0.37 changing rooms. This would require an expected capital cost of £46,731 and a lifecycle cost per annum of £5,982.

### **Example 10 – additional demand for pitch sports generated from preferred housing sites (429 dwellings) in Yardley**

The estimated additional population derived from housing growth from 429 dwellings with an occupancy rate of 2.3 per household is 987 people. This population increase equates to 0.37 match equivalent sessions of demand per week for grass pitch sports, accumulative 0.10 match equivalent sessions for hockey and 1.61 match equivalent sessions of demand per season for cricket.

Table 7.23: Likely demand for grass pitch sports generated from 429 dwellings

Pitch sport	Estimated match demand per week	Estimated training demand
Adult football	0.09	0.68 hours for all foot
Youth football	0.16	
Mini soccer	0.08	
Rugby union	0.04	0.04 match equivalent sessions
Rugby league	0.00	0.00 hours
Adult hockey	0.09	0.26 hours
Junior & mixed hockey	0.01	0.01 hours
Cricket	1.61	N/A

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

<sup>35</sup> Sport England Facilities Costs Second Quarter 2022 – (<https://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/design-and-cost-guidance/cost-guidance/>)

<sup>36</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 7.24: Demand and costs for provision from 429 dwellings

Pitch type	Estimated number of pitches to meet demand	Estimated Capital cost <sup>37</sup>	Lifecycle Cost (per annum) <sup>38</sup>	Number of Changing rooms	Changing rooms Capital cost
Adult football	0.09	£9,422	£1,988	0.19	£33,875
Youth football	0.16	£13,383	£2,810	0.21	£38,956
Mini soccer	0.08	£2,397	£503	0	£0
Rugby union	0.04	£5,481	£1,173	0.07	£12,933
Rugby league	0	£114	£25	0	£308
Cricket	0.03	£11,025	£2,227	0.07	£12,612
Sand based AGPs	0.02	£17,713	£549	0.04	£7,775
3G	0.02	£18,506	£713	0.04	£6,499

Overall, an additional 0.45 pitches could be required to accommodate increased demand from the housing growth in addition to 0.62 changing rooms. This would require an expected capital cost of £78,043 and a lifecycle cost per annum of £9,990.

### Conclusion

Example 1 shows that, through overall housing growth, demand will be generated for each playing pitch sport and pitch type, and this will be considerable enough to necessitate the creation of a substantial number of new pitches, other than for rugby league. Singular large developments such as that proposed at Langley Sustainable Urban Extension are particularly likely to require new pitch provision due to the increased population, especially for football.

However, as shown in the Land at Ledsam Street (Ladywood) example, smaller scale developments are unlikely to warrant the creation of new provision, with demand equating to less than the need for a whole pitch for any sport. In instances such as this, contributions would be better focused on improving existing sites to increase capacity to an appropriate level. This is explored in more detail below.

When judging planned development by analysis area, only Sutton Coldfield and Ladywood seemingly have sufficient growth that will likely necessitate the creation of new provision to accommodate the increased demand. Housing growth elsewhere is somewhat minimal, meaning the majority if not all of it could be met through improving existing provision (via offsite contributions). That being said, some new development could still be warranted, particularly if it could help meet the need from other areas where housing growth is larger.

Given that the areas outside of Sutton Coldfield and Ladywood have relatively diluted numbers, it may also be a better policy to group the sub areas into the larger areas used for

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<sup>38</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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the PPOSS (i.e., Area 1, Area 2, Area 3 and Area 4), rather than the 10 presented within this section.

### *Offsite contributions*

For developments and/or development areas where new provision is not required, the table below looks to assist by identifying potential sites where developer contributions could be secured to alleviate current and future shortfalls through qualitative improvements. These are considered to be key and priority sites that are need of investment, or where investment could achieve the greatest outcomes. The detailed actions required can be found in Part 6: Action Plan.

*Table 7.25: Key site recommendations for investment by area*

<b>Analysis area</b>	<b>Sub area</b>	<b>Site ID</b>	<b>Site name</b>
Area 1	Erdington	2	Action Indoor Sports
Area 1	Erdington	13	Aston Old Edwardians Rugby Club
Area 1	Erdington	45	Castle Vale Football Stadium
Area 1	Erdington	66	Erdington Court Sports Club
Area 1	Erdington	67	Erin Go Bragh Holly Lane Sport
Area 1	Erdington	122	Hollyfields Sports & Social Club
Area 1	Erdington	128	Jaffray Playing Fields
Area 1	Erdington	230	Spring Lane Playing Fields
Area 1	Erdington	270	Twickenham Park
Area 1	Erdington	301	Brookvale Park
Area 1	Erdington	311	Pype Hayes Park
Area 1	Erdington	437	Stockland Green School
Area 1	Erdington	438	The Pines School
Area 1	Sutton Coldfield	26	Bishop Vesey's Grammar School
Area 1	Sutton Coldfield	27	Bishop Walsh Catholic School
Area 1	Sutton Coldfield	29	Boldmere Sports & Social Club
Area 1	Sutton Coldfield	30	Boldmere St Michaels Football & Athletic Club Ltd
Area 1	Sutton Coldfield	110	Highclare Sports Field (unattached Playing Fields)
Area 1	Sutton Coldfield	130	John Findlay Memorial Ground
Area 1	Sutton Coldfield	196	Penns Lane Sports Ground
Area 1	Sutton Coldfield	208	Rectory Park
Area 1	Sutton Coldfield	253	Sutton Rugby Club
Area 1	Sutton Coldfield	287	Wishaw Lane Playing Fields
Area 1	Sutton Coldfield	290	Wyndley Leisure Centre
Area 1	Sutton Coldfield	306	Four Oaks Tennis Club
Area 1	Sutton Coldfield	313	Streetly Lawn Tennis Club
Area 1	Sutton Coldfield	315	Sutton United Tennis Club
Area 1	Sutton Coldfield	328	Tudor Sports Ground
Area 2	Ladywood	14	Aston Park Pavilion & Pitches

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Area 2	Ladywood	105	Heartlands Academy
Area 2	Ladywood	125	Holte School
Area 2	Ladywood	133	King Edward VI Aston School Playing Pitches
Area 2	Perry Barr	1	610 Community Centre
Area 2	Perry Barr	5	Arena Academy
Area 2	Perry Barr	12	Aston Manor Cricket Club
Area 2	Perry Barr	55	Cooksey Lane Playing Fields
Area 2	Perry Barr	59	Doug Ellis Sports Centre
Area 2	Perry Barr	98	Hamstead Hall Academy
Area 2	Perry Barr	120	Holford Drive Community Sports Hub
Area 2	Perry Barr	154	Laurel Road Community Sports Centre
Area 2	Perry Barr	199	Perry Hall Playing Fields
Area 2	Perry Barr	262	The Pavilion
Area 2	Perry Barr	427	Romilly Avenue/Wood Lane
Area 3	Edgbaston	19	Bartley Green Community Leisure Centre (Bartley Green School)
Area 3	Edgbaston	63	Edgbaston High School for Girls
Area 3	Edgbaston	73	Four Dwellings Primary Academy
Area 3	Edgbaston	81	George Dixon Academy
Area 3	Edgbaston	97	Hallfield School
Area 3	Edgbaston	136	King Edward VI Five Ways School
Area 3	Edgbaston	141	King Edward VI High School for Girls
Area 3	Edgbaston	219	Senneleys Park
Area 3	Edgbaston	222	Shenley Academy
Area 3	Edgbaston	257	Tally Ho Sports
Area 3	Edgbaston	316	The Circle Tennis Club
Area 3	Edgbaston	337	Queen's Park
Area 3	Northfield	22	Belton Road Playing Fields
Area 3	Northfield	223	Shenley Lane Community Association & Sports Centre
Area 3	Northfield	434	St Thomas Aquinas Catholic School
Area 3	Selly Oak	24	Billesley Common
Area 3	Selly Oak	32	Bournville Recreation Ground
Area 3	Selly Oak	149	King's Heath Cricket & Sports Club
Area 3	Selly Oak	171	Maypole Football Club
Area 3	Selly Oak	178	Moseley Rugby Club
Area 3	Selly Oak	215	Rowheath Pavilion
Area 3	Selly Oak	267	Transport Stadium
Area 3	Selly Oak	300	Bournville Park
Area 3	Selly Oak	322	Woodlands Park Bowling Club
Area 3	Selly Oak	346	Yardley Wood Social Club
Area 3	Selly Oak	380	Cadbury Park
Area 3	Selly Oak	383	Cotteridge Park
Area 4	Hall Green	20	Beechcroft Tennis & Multi Sports Community Club
Area 4	Hall Green	43	Calthorpe Park
Area 4	Hall Green	119	Holders Lane Complex
Area 4	Hall Green	176	Moor Green Playing Field
Area 4	Hall Green	179	Moseley School Health & Fitness Centre
Area 4	Hall Green	302	Cannon Hill Park
Area 4	Hall Green	307	Hall Green Tennis Club

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Area 4	Hall Green	309	Moseley Tennis Club
Area 4	Hall Green	325	King Heath Park
Area 4	Hall Green	407	Pickwick Cricket Club
Area 4	Hodge Hill	38	Brockhurst Road Playing Field
Area 4	Hodge Hill	91	Green Lane Playing Fields
Area 4	Hodge Hill	217	Saltley Wellbeing Centre
Area 4	Hodge Hill	220	Shard End No 6 Playing Field
Area 4	Hodge Hill	245	Stechford Road Playing Field
Area 4	Hodge Hill	291	Yardley & District Rugby Club
Area 4	Hodge Hill	432	Leycroft Academy
Area 4	Hodge Hill	436	Saltley Academy
Area 4	Hodge Hill	439	Ward End Park
Area 4	Yardley	39	Broomhall Playing Fields
Area 4	Yardley	71	Flaxley Rd Playing Fields
Area 4	Yardley	77	Fox Hollies Leisure Centre
Area 4	Yardley	142	King Edward VI Sheldon Heath Academy
Area 4	Yardley	258	TC Cars Arena (Mackadown Sports Ground)
Area 4	Yardley	285	Willclare Sports Society
Area 4	Yardley	387	Yardley Tennis Club
Area 4	Yardley	403	Birmingham Co-operative Sports & Social Club

It should also be noted that further work will be required as part of the Stage E process to fully identify and update the key sites for investment. This is because supply and demand may change on an annual basis, and the need for improvement could change based on other investment that could take place.

Please also note that the calculator only includes the main pitch sports. There may also be a requirement to improve or provide facilities for other pitch and non-pitch sports such as netball, tennis, bowls, cycling and athletics. Securing developer contributions to deliver improvements or to provide new provision for these should be guided by the PPOSS and in consultation with the relevant NGBs through the PPOSS Steering Group.

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

The section below is a generalised approach on how to deliver a PPOSS whilst also keeping it robust and up to date. However, a more tailored approach should also be considered and designed for Birmingham based on the requirements and priorities of the Steering Group.

#### ***Delivery***

The PPOSS seeks to provide guidance for maintenance/management decisions and investment made across Birmingham in relation to playing pitch and outdoor sports facilities as well as supporting ancillary facilities. By addressing the issues identified in the Assessment Report and by using the strategic framework presented in this Strategy, the current and future sporting and recreational needs of the City can be satisfied. The Strategy identifies where there is a deficiency in provision and identifies how best to resolve this moving forward.

It is important that this document is used in a practical manner, is engaged with partners and encourages partnerships to be developed, to ensure that outdoor sports facilities are regarded as a vital aspect of community life and which contribute to the achievement of Council priorities. The creation of this document should therefore be regarded as only part of the planning process. The success of the Strategy and the benefits that are gained are dependent upon regular engagement between all partners involved and the adoption of a strategic approach. To that end, each member of the steering group should take the lead to ensure the PPOSS is used and applied appropriately within their area of work and influence.

To help ensure the PPOSS is well used, it should be regarded as a key document within the study area, guiding the improvement and protection of playing pitch and outdoor sport provision, being used to attract and distribute both internal and external investment, and being used as an evidence base to support or oppose any development proposals. It needs to be the document people regularly turn to for information on the how the current demand is being met and what actions are required to improve the situation and meet future demand. The Steering Group also needs to have a clear understanding of how the PPOSS can be applied and therefore delivered.

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

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

It is important that there is regular monitoring and review against the actions identified in the Strategy. This monitoring should continue be led by the local authority and supported by all members of, and reported back to, the Steering Group. Understanding and learning lessons from how the PPOSS has been applied should also form a key component of monitoring its delivery. It is possible that in the interim between reviews the Steering Group could also operate as a 'virtual' group; prepared to comment on suggestions and updates electronically when relevant.

As a guide, if no review and subsequent update has been carried out within three years of the PPOSS being signed off by the Steering Group, then Sport England and the NGBs would consider it and the information on which it is based to be out of date. The nature of the supply

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and in particular the demand for provision is likely to change year-on-year, meaning that without any form of review and update it would be difficult to make the case that the supply and demand information and assessment work is sufficiently robust. This makes it less likely to be able to be used as an evidence base for any funding bids or development proposals.

To extend the lifespan of the PPOSS for as long as possible, it is advised that regular Steering Group meetings take place to review the study. Ideally, these should take place twice yearly, aligned to the split of summer and winter sport seasons and in line with affiliation periods.

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

- ◀ Actions undertaken since the adoption of the PPOSS or since the last review, as well as any actions that have been attempted but have been unsuccessful (and for what reason).
- ◀ Any changes required to the priority afforded to each remaining action (as the priority of some may change following the delivery of others or for more general reasons e.g., alterations in participation trends or focus areas).
- ◀ Any significant changes to supply and demand information and 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 (e.g., development pressures) and opportunities (e.g., S106 contributions or club aspirations).
- ◀ Priority actions to be focused on before the next review.
- ◀ How the PPOSS has been applied to date and the lessons learnt.

Alongside regular steering group meetings a good way to keep the strategy up to date and maintain relationships is to hold sport specific meetings with the NGBs and other relevant parties. These meetings look to update the key supply and demand information, if necessary amend the assessment work, track progress with implementing the recommendations and action plan and highlight any new issues and opportunities.

These meetings could be timed to fit with the annual affiliation process undertaken by the NGBs which would help to capture any changes in the number and nature of sports clubs in the area. Other information that is already collected on a regular basis such as pitch booking records for local authority and other sites could be fed into these meetings.

The NGBs are also able to indicate any further performance quality assessments that have been undertaken within the study area.

### **Checklist**

To help ensure the PPOSS is delivered and is kept robust and up to date, the Steering Group can refer to Sport England's Stage E Checklist, as shown below.

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