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ABBREVIATIONS

3G	Third Generation (artificial turf)
AGP	Artificial Grass Pitch
BC	Bury Council
BCGBA	British Crown Green Bowling Association
CFA	County Football Association
ECB	England and Wales Cricket Board
EN	England Netball
EH	England Hockey
FA	Football Association
FC	Football Club
FF	Football Foundation
FE	Further Education
FIT	Fields in Trust
GIS	Geographical Information Systems
HE	Higher Education
IWIYW	I Will if You Will
KKP	Knight, Kavanagh and Page
LFA	Lancashire County Football Association
MFA	Manchester Football Association
LCF	Lancashire Cricket Foundation
NGB	National Governing Body
NPPF	National Planning Policy Framework
PPS	Playing Pitch Strategy
PPOSS	Playing Pitch & Outdoor Sports Strategy
PfE	Places for Everyone
RFL	Rugby Football League
RFU	Rugby Football Union
RUFC	Rugby union football club
S106	Section 106
SE	Sport England
TGR	Team generation rate
WR	World Rugby
RT&NM	Ramsbottom, Tottington & North Manor

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PART 1: INTRODUCTION

This is the Playing Pitch & Outdoor Sport Strategy (PPOSS) for Bury 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.

Aims and objectives

Similar to the previous study in 2018, the key drivers for developing the PPOSS include:

- ✦ Aims and objectives for improving health and well-being and increasing participation in sport.
- ✦ Sports development programmes and changes in how the sports are played.
- ✦ The need for evidence to help protect and enhance existing provision.
- ✦ The need to inform the development and implementation of planning policy.
- ✦ The need to inform the assessment of planning applications.
- ✦ Potential changes to the supply of provision due to capital programmes e.g. for educational sites.
- ✦ Budgetary pressures to ensure the most efficient management and maintenance of playing pitch provision.
- ✦ The need to develop a priority list of deliverable projects which will help to meet any current deficiencies
- ✦ Provide for future demands and feed into wider infrastructure planning work.

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- ◀ Prioritisation of internal capital and revenue investment.
- ◀ The need to provide evidence to help secure internal and external funding.

The objectives of the project will be to:

- ◀ Provide a carefully quantified and documented assessment of current and future needs for playing pitches;
- ◀ Provide information to assist performance management and asset management,
- ◀ Provide information to underpin:
 - ◀ the protection, enhancement and improvement of the existing pitch stock,
 - ◀ improvements in community access to educational and non-local authority pitches;
- ◀ To provide a basis for establishing new pitch requirements arising from new housing developments or improvements to existing where demand can be satisfied by increasing capacity.
- ◀ To provide a framework for delivering government policies for social inclusion, environmental protection, community involvement and healthy living;
- ◀ To provide good-quality information and evidence of need for funding bids for new and improved provision;
- ◀ To ensure that the Bury PPOSS has strong links to all NGB facilities strategies;
- ◀ To provide the context for sports development of pitch sports which aims to develop the range of opportunities available.

Bury Council highlights that capital available for investment into sport and recreation provision is limited and that this plays a huge part in influencing potential for facility development across the Borough. Consequently, access to external partnership funding and Section 106 contributions is critical to facilitate development; therefore, it is key that strategic recommendations and actions are based on strategic need evidenced through the PPOSS.

Study area

Bury is located in the North West of Greater Manchester, of which, it is one of ten constituent local authorities. It is bordered by six neighbouring local authorities; to the West by Bolton, South and South West by Salford, Manchester to the South East, Rochdale to the East, Blackburn with Darwen to the North West and Rossendale to the North and North East.

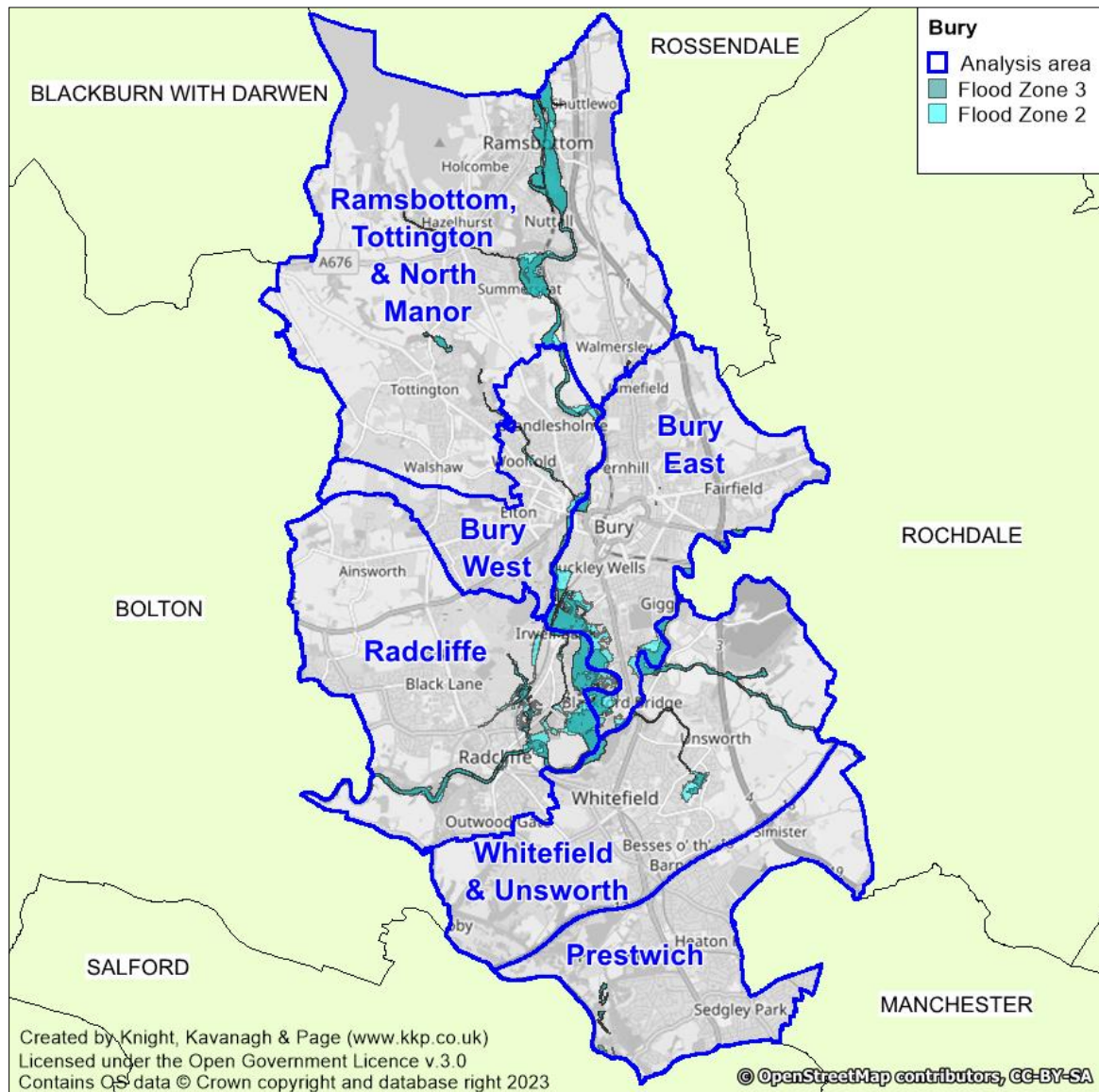
The strategy covers the Borough boundary area of Bury; however, the data gathered has been presented in such a way as to be further analysed by smaller analysis areas. There are also a number of sports teams from outside the specified area that use pitches within Bury and sports teams from inside Bury that use facilities outside of the Borough. This cross-boundary movement has been taken into consideration when producing this assessment report.

For the purpose of this analysis, Bury has been broken down into six analysis areas which align with the six townships used by the Council for strategic planning. They are:

- ◀ Bury East
- ◀ Bury West
- ◀ Prestwich
- ◀ Radcliffe
- ◀ Ramsbottom, Tottington & North Manor (RT&NM)
- ◀ Whitefield & Unsworth

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Figure 1.1: Analysis areas



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Agreed scope

The following types of outdoor sports facilities have been agreed for inclusion in the Assessment Report and Strategy and for are consistent with the previous Bury PPOSS.

Pitch sports:

- ✦ Football pitches
- ✦ Third generation artificial grass (3G) pitches
- ✦ Rugby union pitches
- ✦ Rugby league pitches
- ✦ Cricket pitches
- ✦ Hockey suitable artificial grass pitches (AGPs)

Pitch sports will be assessed using the guidance set out in Sport England's Playing Pitch Strategy Guidance: An approach to developing and delivering a Playing Pitch Strategy (2014).

Outdoor sports:

- ✦ Outdoor bowling greens
- ✦ Outdoor tennis courts
- ✦ Athletics
- ✦ Outdoor netball courts
- ✦ Golf courses
- ✦ Other sports i.e., croquet and rounders

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").

Local context

Places for Everyone

Places for Everyone is a joint development plan for nine districts across Greater Manchester. This meets the statutory requirement for local authorities to have an up-to-date development plan in place that identifies enough land to accommodate new homes and jobs for growing population.

Nine Greater Manchester districts of Bolton, Bury, Manchester, Oldham, Rochdale, Salford, Tameside, Trafford and Wigan created a joint plan for jobs, new homes and sustainable growth across their boroughs, known as 'Places for Everyone' (PfE).

PfE will establish a planning framework to provide the right homes, in the right places, for people across Greater Manchester, including Bury. It's also about creating jobs and improving infrastructure to ensure the future prosperity of Greater Manchester.

Whilst one of the key purposes of PfE is to make provision for the homes and jobs needed across the plan area in a co-ordinated and managed way, it is also about establishing a framework for reducing inequalities, improving the lives of our residents, and transforming Greater Manchester.

PfE is a high level, strategic plan and does not cover everything that a district Local Plan would. Bury Council will still need to produce a Local Plan.

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Bury Local Plan

Bury Council is currently in the process of preparing a new Local Plan that will guide future development in the Borough. Together with the Places for everyone (PfE) joint development plan, the Local Plan will form a key part of Bury's overall development plan and once adopted, these documents will both be used as the basis for determining future proposals for the next 20 years.

Whereas the PfE will deal with strategic planning matters that are of significance across the Joint Plan area (such as identifying future levels of housing and employment growth), Bury's Local Plan will contain a range of locally specific planning policies and identify local sites where development should be built as well as areas where developments should be restricted or controlled.

Bury Wellness Strategy

Bury Council has identified that a whole new approach is required to transform (or pivot) its traditional leisure services through a completely new strategy and approach to the provision of Wellness services in Bury and a five-year development plan.

It is a strategy that will put individual wellness and improved health outcomes at the centre, focuses on every township, with accelerated pace in Radcliffe and East Bury. It will focus primarily on the contribution of Leisure, Sport, Physical Activity and Wellness supported by aligning the strategy to Bury's existing Wellness offer to deliver ambitious local outcomes, followed up in early 2023 by an investment strategy for Bury's built facilities such as Leisure Centres in the first instance. It builds on learning from the three-year Sport England Pilot 'I Will If You Will' which ended in 2020.

The Council acknowledges the Wellness Service and its wider partners will need to reach out to communities within its six Townships where people live and enable lifestyle changes. These will support improved physical and mental health outcomes, reduce health inequalities and reduce demand and spend in other sectors, particularly the NHS and Adult Social Care.

There is a close cross-correlation between the outcomes of the Bury Wellness Strategy and this PPOSS; providing a business case for investment for how sport can contribute towards improved physical and mental health and wellbeing.

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PART 2: VISION AND AIMS

The vision of the PPOSS in Bury is:

“To work with partners to create high quality, sustainable sports facilities which meet community need, increase participation and support health and wellbeing now and in the future.”

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.

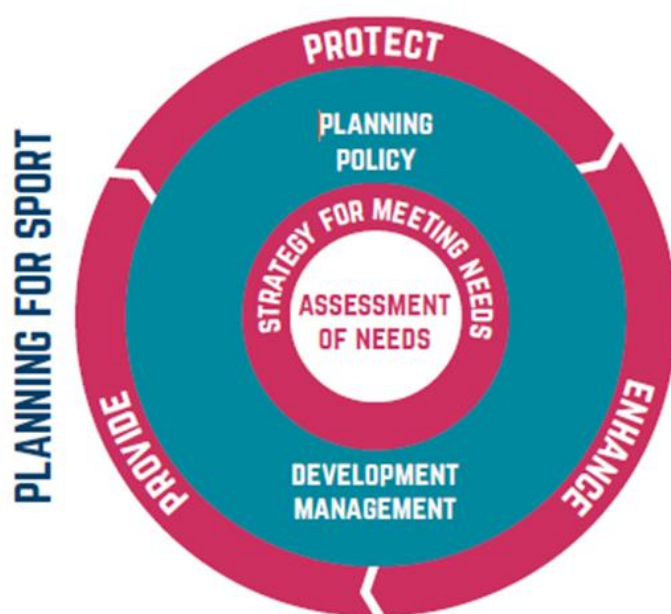
AIM 2

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)

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PART 3: HEADLINE FINDINGS

The table below highlights the quantitative headline findings identified for all main pitch sports included in the preceding Assessment Report. MES stands for match equivalent sessions and has been used as the comparable unit for natural grass pitches. Converting both the amount of play a site can accommodate (its carrying capacity) and how much play takes place there (its current use) into the same unit of demand enables a comparison to be undertaken.

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.

Based on how they tend to be played, this unit for football and rugby union pitches relates to a typical week within the season for each sport. For cricket pitches it is appropriate to look at the number of match equivalent sessions over the course of a season. How much play a cricket pitch can accommodate is primarily determined by the number and quality of wickets on a pitch. Only one match is generally played per pitch per day. However, play is rotated across the wickets to reduce wear and allow for repair. Each wicket is able to accommodate a certain amount of play per season as opposed to a week.

The PPOSS guidance does not advocate the conversion of MES to pitches as there is not always a case for providing pitches to meet the demand/shortfalls expressed. For example, improving the quality of pitches can also increase the capacity of existing pitches to accommodate such demand. For qualitative findings and site-specific findings, please see Part 4: Sport Specific Recommendations and Scenarios, and Part 6: Action Plan.

For artificial surfaces, how much play can be accommodated is primarily determined by availability, rather than how much play it can accommodate before its quality is adversely affected as with natural grass pitches. Therefore, hours in the peak period is used as the comparable unit. For the other non-pitch sports (i.e., tennis, bowls etc) capacity is in accordance with Paragraph B13 of Sport England's ANOG guidance.

The table below shows the current supply and demand balance from the preceding Assessment Report. It also identifies the future supply and demand balance which takes into consideration future population growth. It should be noted that future demand is not in addition to the current balance, however, supersedes it.

For qualitative findings and site-specific findings, please see Part 4: Sport Specific Recommendations and Scenarios, and Part 6: Action Plan.

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Table 3.1: Quantitative headline findings (pitch sports)

Analysis area	Pitch/facility type	Current supply/demand balance ¹	Future supply/demand balance
Football – grass pitches			
Bury East	Adult	Played to capacity	Played to capacity
	Youth 11v11	Played to capacity	Played to capacity
	Youth 9v9	Shortfall of 2 MES per week	Shortfall of 2 MES per week
	Mini 7v7	Shortfall of 6.5 MES per week	Shortfall of 6.5 MES per week
	Mini 5v5	Shortfall of 7 MES per week	Shortfall of 7 MES per week
Bury West	Adult	Shortfall of 0.5 MES per week	Shortfall of 0.5 MES per week
	Youth 11v11	Shortfall of 0.5 MES per week	Shortfall of 0.5 MES per week
	Youth 9v9	Played to capacity	Played to capacity
	Mini 7v7	Played to capacity	Played to capacity
	Mini 5v5	Actual spare capacity of 1.5 MES per week	Actual spare capacity of 1.5 MES per week
Prestwich	Adult	Shortfall of 4.5 MES per week	Shortfall of 4.5 MES per week
	Youth 11v11	Shortfall of 2 MES per week	Shortfall of 2 MES per week
	Youth 9v9	Shortfall of 1 MES per week	Shortfall of 1 MES per week
	Mini 7v7	Played to capacity	Played to capacity
	Mini 5v5	Played to capacity	Played to capacity
Radcliffe	Adult	Actual spare capacity of 2 MES per week	Actual spare capacity of 2 MES per week
	Youth 11v11	Shortfall of 7.5 MES per week	Shortfall of 7.5 MES per week
	Youth 9v9	Shortfall of 4.5 MES per week	Shortfall of 4.5 MES per week
	Mini 7v7	Shortfall of 2.5 MES per week	Shortfall of 2.5 MES per week
	Mini 5v5	Shortfall of 0.5 MES per week	Shortfall of 0.5 MES per week
RT&NM	Adult	Shortfall of 0.5 MES per week	Shortfall of 0.5 MES per week
	Youth 11v11	Shortfall of 3.5 MES per week	Shortfall of 3.5 MES per week
	Youth 9v9	Played to capacity	Played to capacity
	Mini 7v7	Played to capacity	Played to capacity
	Mini 5v5	Played to capacity	Played to capacity
Whitefield & Unsworth	Adult	Actual spare capacity of 2 MES per week	Actual spare capacity of 2 MES per week
	Youth 11v11	Played to capacity	Played to capacity
	Youth 9v9	Played to capacity	Played to capacity
	Mini 7v7	Actual spare capacity of 3.5 MES per week	Actual spare capacity of 3.5 MES per week
	Mini 5v5	Played to capacity	Played to capacity
Bury	Adult	Shortfall of 1.5 MES per week	Shortfall of 4 MES per week
	Youth 11v11	Shortfall of 13.5 MES per week	Shortfall of 18.5 MES per week
	Youth 9v9	Shortfall of 7.5 MES per week	Shortfall of 10.5 MES per week
	Mini 7v7	Shortfall of 5.5 MES per week	Shortfall of 8.5 MES per week
	Mini 5v5	Shortfall of 6 MES per week	Shortfall of 9 MES per week

¹ Match equivalent sessions per week for football and rugby, per season for cricket

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Analysis area	Pitch/facility type	Current supply/demand balance ¹	Future supply/demand balance
Football – 3G pitches²			
Bury East	11v11	Shortfall of 1 pitch	Shortfall of 1 pitch
Bury West	11v11	Shortfall of 1 pitch	Shortfall of 1 pitch
Prestwich	11v11	Shortfall of 2 pitches	Shortfall of 2 pitches
Radcliffe	11v11	Shortfall of 3 pitches	Shortfall of 3 pitches
RT&NM	11v11	Shortfall of 1 pitch	Shortfall of 1 pitch
Whitefield & Unsworth	11v11	Shortfall of 1 pitch	Shortfall of 1 pitch
Bury	11v11	Shortfall of 9 pitches	Shortfall of 10 pitches
Cricket			
Bury East	Senior (Saturday)	Played to capacity	Played to capacity
	Senior (Sunday)	Actual spare capacity of 8 MES per season	Actual spare capacity of 8 MES per season
	Junior (Midweek)	Actual spare capacity of 8 MES per season	Actual spare capacity of 8 MES per season
Bury West	Senior (Saturday)	Shortfall of 3 MES per season	Shortfall of 27 MES per season
	Senior (Sunday)	Shortfall of 3 MES per season	Shortfall of 3 MES per season
	Junior (Midweek)	Shortfall of 3 MES per season	Shortfall of 7 MES per season
Prestwich	Senior (Saturday)	Played to capacity	Played to capacity
	Senior (Sunday)	Played to capacity	Played to capacity
	Junior (Midweek)	Actual spare capacity of 4 MES per season	Actual spare capacity of 4 MES per season
Radcliffe	Senior (Saturday)	Played to capacity	Played to capacity
	Senior (Sunday)	Actual spare capacity of 16 MES per season	Actual spare capacity of 16 MES per season
	Junior (Midweek)	Actual spare capacity of 24 MES per season	Actual spare capacity of 24 MES per season
RT&NM	Senior (Saturday)	Shortfall of 36 MES per season	Shortfall of 36 MES per season
	Senior (Sunday)	Shortfall of 12 MES per season	Shortfall of 12 MES per season
	Junior (Midweek)	Shortfall of 28 MES per season	Shortfall of 28 MES per season
Whitefield & Unsworth	Senior (Saturday)	Played to capacity	Played to capacity
	Senior (Sunday)	Actual spare capacity of 8 MES per season	Actual spare capacity of 8 MES per season
	Junior (Midweek)	Actual spare capacity of 36 MES per season	Actual spare capacity of 36 MES per season
Bury	Senior (Saturday)	Shortfall of 39 MES per season	Shortfall of 63 MES per season
	Senior (Sunday)	Actual spare capacity of 17 MES per season	Actual spare capacity of 17 MES per season

²Shortfall calculated based on FA training model of one 3G pitch (11v11 size) accommodating 38 teams.

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Analysis area	Pitch/facility type	Current supply/demand balance ¹	Future supply/demand balance
	Junior (Midweek)	Actual spare capacity of 41 MES per season	Actual spare capacity of 37 MES per season
Rugby union			
Bury East	Senior	Shortfall of 6 MES per week	Shortfall of 7 MES per week
Bury West	Senior	Played to capacity	Played to capacity
Prestwich	Senior	Played to capacity	Played to capacity
Radcliffe	Senior	Played to capacity	Played to capacity
RT&NM	Senior	Played to capacity	Played to capacity
Whitefield & Unsworth	Senior	Shortfall of 16.75 MES per week	Shortfall of 17.25 MES per week
Bury	Senior	Shortfall of 22.75 MES per week	Shortfall of 24.25 MES per week
Hockey			
Bury	Full size	Demand is being met although imminent resurfacing is needed at Woodhey High School to continue to safely accommodate hockey demand on site.	Demand is being met although imminent resurfacing is needed at Woodhey High School to continue to safely accommodate hockey demand on site.

Table 3.2: Headline findings (remaining sports)

Sport	Headline findings
Tennis	For club-based tennis, there is considered to be sufficient provision to meet demand, with no clubs reporting any capacity issues. Away from clubs, no courts are identified as having any capacity issues, and previously expressed latent demand is likely to have been met. However, it is also likely that informal demand will continue to increase following the improvements to courts. Additionally, there are currently no padel tennis courts in Bury.
Netball	There is enough netball provision in Bury to meet current demand. Philips High School (Bury Sport for All Centre) is the current key site for delivery of outdoor netball, and it should be noted that netball in Bury is focused at school sites, whether it is outdoor or indoor.
Bowls	Supply is considered sufficient to meet both current and future demand, with no additional greens required. With the Borough being adequately catered for from a supply and demand analysis perspective, the focus is ensuring the long-term survival of smaller clubs such as Black Lane BC and Prestwich Cricket Tennis & BC.
Athletics	In Bury, supply (through Market Street Athletics Track) is considered sufficient to meet demand, with one club specialising in both track and field currently based in the Borough (Bury Athletic Club) totalling 391 members.
Golf	With six 18-hole and one 9-hole course golf facilities in Bury, supply is well placed to meet demand. This is especially the case given the various operational structures in place, with some facilities prioritising membership and others prioritising pay and play usage and with some offering a high price point and others offering a low price point. This suggests that all types of golfers are being catered for.
Other grass pitch sports	Current supply of croquet lawns is sufficient to cater for current demand and offers sufficient capacity to accommodate club aspirations for future growth. Furthermore, current supply of croquet lawns is also sufficient to cater for current demand and offers sufficient capacity to accommodate club aspirations for future growth.

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Conclusions

From a quantitative position, the existing position for all sports is either that demand is being met or that there is a shortfall, whereas the future position shows the 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 demand is being met, this does not equate to a surplus of provision, and indicates there is no manoeuvre to accommodate changes or unexpected growth. Where there is current spare capacity on grass pitches, this is either turned into a shortfall, lost or reduced when accounting for future demand.

As such, there is a clear need to protect all existing playing pitch and outdoor sport provision until all demand is met, or provision is 'replaced by equivalent or better provision in terms of quantity and quality in a suitable location' and 'subject to equivalent or better accessibility and management arrangements' in line with National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) paragraph 103 and Sport England's Playing Fields Policy.

In addition, there is also a need for improved quality, this could relate to pitches needing enhanced maintenance regimes, drainage systems installed or refurbishment of 3G pitches or sand-based AGPs.

There is also a significant shortfall of 3G pitches identified in the Borough to meet current and future demand for football training, based on the FA training model³. Further to this, an increase in 3G pitches could also help reduce grass pitch shortfalls through also accommodating the transfer of match play, which in turn can aid pitch quality improvements by reducing demand for grass pitch provision.

³Shortfall calculated based on FA training model of one 3G pitch (11v11 size) accommodating 38 teams.

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PART 4: SPORT SPECIFIC ISSUES SCENARIOS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

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

For site-specific and more localised recommendations, please refer to the Action Plan in Part 6 of the report.

4.1: Football – grass pitches

Assessment Report summary

Supply and demand summary

- ❖ **Current supply of football pitch provision is insufficient with shortfalls evident on all five pitch types.**
- ❖ **When considering future demand, these shortfalls will worsen to 50.5 match equivalent sessions. This is exacerbated due to a high level of demand and poor pitch quality.**

Supply summary

- ❖ The audit identifies a total of 154 grass football pitches across 59 sites in Bury, however, 126 pitches across 41 sites are identified as being available for community use at some level for community use (although not necessarily used).
- ❖ Most community available pitches can be found in the Bury East Analysis Area with 34 pitches provided (27%), this is followed by the Radcliffe Analysis Area providing 27 (21%) community available pitches. The Bury West Analysis Area provides the least number of community available pitches with just eight (6%).
- ❖ There are 13 sites, which were not marked as formal pitches for the 2022/23 season.
- ❖ Radcliffe Borough JFC currently use pitches at Close Park which has two youth 11v11, one youth 9v9, two mini 7v7 and three mini 5v5 pitches marked. All Radcliffe Borough JFC teams (21 in total) use the site, however, the Club has lost a number of pitches on site due to flooding and the recent flood defence works which have been carried out.
- ❖ Seedfield Sports Club JFC currently use pitches at Seedfield Sports Club which has one adult, one youth 11v11, one youth 9v9, one mini 7v7 and one mini 5v5 pitches marked. All Seedfield Sports Club JFC teams (11 in total) use the site. The former school site has been identified by the Council as potential for housing development which affects the old school building and the carpark.
- ❖ Tenure of sites in Bury is generally secure i.e., through a long-term lease, Self-management agreements (SMA) or a guarantee that pitches will continue to be provided over the next three years.
- ❖ Several sites have a draft lease or draft SMA, therefore, are considered to be unsecure. Furthermore, sites with SMAs that have expired, clubs are assumed to be renting the site meaning its unsecure.
- ❖ The quality of football pitches across Bury has been assessed via a combination of site visits carried out in January 2023, PitchPower reports, and user consultation. Most pitches are assessed as standard, with 48 being rated as such. There are then 51 community available pitches assessed as poor quality and 27 assessed as good.
- ❖ Nine sites are considered to have poor quality ancillary facilities. In addition to site assessments, of the clubs that responded to consultation requests, 6% report they have access to good quality ancillary provision at their respective home venues, whilst standard quality facilities are accessed by 6% of clubs and 21% access poor quality facilities.

Demand summary

- ❖ In total there are 454 teams identified as playing competitive football matches within Bury. This is made up of 50 men's, 15 women's, 182 youth boys', 34 youth girls' and 173 mini teams.
- ❖ The Bury East Analysis Area has the highest number of teams with 119 (26%) whilst Whitefield & Unsworth Analysis Area has the fewest with only 36 teams (8%).

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- Four teams from four clubs play within the football pyramid, Bury AFC, Prestwich Heys FC, Radcliffe Borough FC and Ramsbottom United FC.
- In Bury, Bury AFC Women are the only women's team in the Women's National League System, currently playing in the North West Women's Regional League South Division.
- Of responding clubs, 13 clubs report aspirations to increase the number of teams they provide, totalling a predicted growth of 52 teams.
- There is relatively high demand in Bury for walking football with Bury Relics being the main club with four teams. It plays at Castle Leisure Centre (indoors) but trains on 3G pitches at Radcliffe FC. In addition, Radcliffe Sonics Women's Over 40s is a small walking football group that runs weekly sessions at Radcliffe FC on the 3G pitches.
- In Bury, actual spare capacity amounts to 10 match equivalent sessions and is identified across 13 pitches at eight sites.
- In Bury, 31 pitches across 14 sites are overplayed by a combined total of 44 match equivalent sessions per week. Pitches are overplayed due to a high level of demand and poor pitch quality at each site.

Scenarios

Improving pitch quality / addressing overplay

In total, there are 31 pitches in Bury across 14 sites that are overplayed by a combined total of 44 match equivalent sessions per week. Improving quality of such provision will increase capacity across the sites and consequently reduce both current and future shortfalls across the Borough.

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:

Adult pitches		Youth pitches		Mini pitches	
Pitch quality	Matches per week	Pitch quality	Matches per week	Pitch quality	Matches per week
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
11	Market Street Athletics Track	Bury East	Mini 7v7	1	Poor	1.5	2.5
20	Clarence Park	Bury East	Adult	2	Poor	1	3
20	Clarence Park	Bury East	Youth 9v9	1	Poor	0.5	2.5
20	Clarence Park	Bury East	Mini 7v7	1	Poor	5	1
20	Clarence Park	Bury East	Mini 5v5	1	Poor	7	3
21	Clifton Road Playing Fields	Prestwich	Adult	1	Poor	1	1
22	Close Park	Radcliffe	Youth 11v11	2	Poor	2.5	3.5

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Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	Pitch type	No. of pitches	Current quality	Current capacity rating	Good quality capacity rating
22	Close Park	Radcliffe	Youth 9v9	1	Poor	2	1
22	Close Park	Radcliffe	Mini 7v7	2	Poor	1.5	6.5
22	Close Park	Radcliffe	Mini 5v5	3	Poor	0.5	11.5
41	Heys Road	Prestwich	Adult	1	Good	1	1
48	King George V Playing Fields (Radcliffe)	Radcliffe	Mini 7v7	1	Standard	1	1
49	Manchester Maccabi Community and Sports Club	Prestwich	Adult	1	Standard	1	0
49	Manchester Maccabi Community and Sports Club	Prestwich	Youth 11v11	1	Standard	2	0
63	Redbank Playing Fields	Radcliffe	Youth 11v11	1	Standard	5	3
63	Redbank Playing Fields	Radcliffe	Youth 9v9	2	Standard	2.5	1.5
68	Seedfield Sports Club	Bury East	Youth 9v9	1	Standard	1.5	0.5
71	St Marys Park	Prestwich	Adult	1	Poor	1.5	0.5
71	St Marys Park	Prestwich	Youth 9v9	1	Poor	1	2
78	Summerseat Park	RT&NM	Youth 11v11	1	Poor	1.5	1.5
81	Top Park	RT&NM	Adult	1	Standard	0.5	0.5
81	Top Park	RT&NM	Youth 11v11	1	Standard	0.5	1.5
85	Town Meadow	RT&NM	Youth 11v11	1	Poor	1.5	1.5
90	Westbury Sports Club	Bury West	Adult	1	Standard	0.5	0.5
90	Westbury Sports Club	Bury West	Youth 11v11	1	Standard	0.5	1.5

As seen, most overplayed pitches could accommodate current demand if quality improved to good, and spare capacity would be created on 25 of the 31 pitches. This means that only four currently overplayed pitches would still display a shortfall even if quality is maximised, with these identified at Clarence Park, Heys Road and Redbank Playing Fields. Pitches located at Manchester Maccabi Community and Sports Centre would be brought to capacity if the quality of pitches were good quality.

Reducing overplay through quality improvements would reduce the current shortfall across all pitch types apart from adult pitches. However, shortfalls can still be found across all pitch types. This shown in the table below.

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

Pitch/facility type	Current supply/ demand balance	Potential supply/ demand balance
Adult	Shortfall of 1.5 MES per week	Shortfall of 1.5 MES per week
Youth 11v11	Shortfall of 13.5 MES per week	Shortfall of 11.5 MES per week
Youth 9v9	Shortfall of 7.5 MES per week	Shortfall of 5.5 MES per week
Mini 7v7	Shortfall of 5.5 MES per week	Shortfall of 0.5 MES per week
Mini 5v5	Shortfall of 6 MES per week	Shortfall of 3.5 MES per week

When considering future demand, shortfalls would remain across all pitch types. For adult pitches the shortfall would remain the same.

Table 4.3: Impact on future supply and demand if quality improved to good across Bury

Pitch/facility type	Future supply/ demand balance	Potential supply/ demand balance
Adult	Shortfall of 4 MES per week	Shortfall of 4 MES per week
Youth 11v11	Shortfall of 18.5 MES per week	Shortfall of 16.5 MES per week
Youth 9v9	Shortfall of 10.5 MES per week	Shortfall of 8.5 MES per week
Mini 7v7	Shortfall of 8.5 MES per week	Shortfall of 3.5 MES per week
Mini 5v5	Shortfall of 9 MES per week	Shortfall of 6.5 MES per week

Priority improvement sites⁴

As improving the quality of all overplayed sites may not be feasible from an investment point of view, an alternative approach is to focus on improving specific strategic sites. To that end, the Bury Local Football Facility Plan (LFFP) 2019 identifies 10 sites for grass pitch improvements that need investment and that are key to the development of football across Bury. This improvement is led by the County FAs and FF with local clubs playing a role in the activation of projects.

As the Bury LFFP was written in 2019 it has been agreed to present a new list of priority sites using the findings from the current PPOSS Assessment report. As such the following sites have been identified as priorities for grass pitch improvements:

- ◀ Close Park
- ◀ Clarence Park
- ◀ Manchester Road Playing Fields
- ◀ Sandgate Playing Fields
- ◀ Seedfield Sports Club
- ◀ Summerseat Park
- ◀ St Mary's Park
- ◀ Town Meadow
- ◀ Westbury Sports Club

The impact of improving these chosen sites is shown below.

⁴[Link to Bury's Local Football Facility Plan](#)

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Table 4.4: Impact of quality improvements to priority sites

Site ID	Site name	Pitch type	No. of pitches	Quality	Current capacity rating	Good capacity rating
20	Clarence Park	Adult	2	Poor	1	3
20	Clarence Park	Youth 9v9	1	Poor	0.5	2.5
20	Clarence Park	Mini 7v7	1	Poor	5	1
20	Clarence Park	Mini 5v5	1	Poor	7	3
22	Close Park	Youth 11v11	2	Poor	2.5	3.5
22	Close Park	Youth 9v9	1	Poor	2	1
22	Close Park	Mini 7v7	2	Poor	1.5	6.5
22	Close Park	Mini 5v5	3	Poor	0.5	11.5
51	Manchester Road Playing Field	Adult	3	Standard	3	6
65	Sandgate Playing Fields	Adult	1	Poor	-	2
65	Sandgate Playing Fields	Youth 9v9	1	Poor	1	4
65	Sandgate Playing Fields	Mini 7v7	2	Poor	4	12
65	Sandgate Playing Fields	Mini 5v5	1	Poor	2	6
68	Seedfield Sports Club	Adult	1	Standard	0.5	1.5
68	Seedfield Sports Club	Youth 11v11	1	Standard	-	2
68	Seedfield Sports Club	Youth 9v9	1	Standard	1.5	0.5
68	Seedfield Sports Club	Mini 7v7	1	Standard	2.5	4.5
68	Seedfield Sports Club	Mini 5v5	1	Standard	0.5	2.5
71	St Marys Park	Adult	1	Poor	1.5	0.5
71	St Marys Park	Youth 9v9	1	Poor	1	2
71	St Marys Park	Mini 7v7	2	Poor	-	2
78	Summerseat Park	Adult	1	Poor	-	2
78	Summerseat Park	Youth 11v11	1	Poor	1.5	1.5
85	Town Meadow	Youth 11v11	1	Poor	1.5	1.5
90	Westbury Sports Club	Adult	1	Standard	0.5	0.5
90	Westbury Sports Club	Youth 11v11	1	Standard	0.5	1.5
90	Westbury Sports Club	Youth 9v9	2	Standard	1	5
90	Westbury Sports Club	Mini 7v7	1	Standard	0.5	2.5
90	Westbury Sports Club	Mini 5v5	1	Standard	0.5	2.5

Improving quality as set out in the table above would create 86.5 match equivalent sessions of additional capacity per week. In addition, only two pitches at Clarence Park would continue to show overplay equating to four match equivalent sessions per week on one mini 7v7 and one mini 5v5 pitch.

The impact the improvements would have on the overall supply and demand balance is shown in the following table. Note the table below is presented on a peak time model, and therefore, improving sites in the table above, may not generate capacity within the peak periods, albeit it will create an improved match day experience for users. Based on improvements, capacity for adult, youth 9v9, mini 7v7 and mini 5v5 pitches would be increased, whilst youth 11v11 pitches would still be overplayed by 10.5 match equivalent sessions.

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Table 4.5: Impact on current supply and demand if quality improved at priority sites

Pitch/facility type	Current supply/ demand balance	Potential supply/ demand balance
Adult	Shortfall of 1.5 MES per week	Actual spare capacity of 9.5 MES per week
Youth 11v11	Shortfall of 13.5 MES per week	Shortfall of 10.5 MES per week
Youth 9v9	Shortfall of 7.5 MES per week	Actual spare capacity of 3.5 MES per week
Mini 7v7	Shortfall of 5.5 MES per week	Actual spare capacity of 11 MES per week
Mini 5v5	Shortfall of 6 MES per week	Actual spare capacity of 2.5 MES per week

The impact is similar when assessing future demand. As can be seen in the table below future demand shortfalls are apparent for youth 11v11 and mini 5v5 pitch types.

Table 4.6: Impact on future supply and demand if quality improved at priority sites

Pitch/facility type	Future supply/ demand balance	Potential supply/ demand balance
Adult	Shortfall of 4 MES per week	Actual spare capacity of 7 MES per week
Youth 11v11	Shortfall of 18.5 MES per week	Shortfall of 15.5 MES per week
Youth 9v9	Shortfall of 10.5 MES per week	Actual spare capacity of 0.5 MES per week
Mini 7v7	Shortfall of 8.5 MES per week	Actual spare capacity of 8 MES per week
Mini 5v5	Shortfall of 9 MES per week	Shortfall of 0.5 MES per week

Providing security of tenure

Currently, 68.5 match equivalent sessions per week are played on unsecured pitches across Bury. If these pitches were to fall out of use, shortfalls would be exacerbated across all pitch types as shown in the table below.

Table 4.7: Current supply and demand balance without unsecure sites

Pitch/facility type	Current supply/ demand balance	Potential supply/ demand balance
Adult	Shortfall of 1.5 MES per week	Shortfall of 13.5 MES per week
Youth 11v11	Shortfall of 13.5 MES per week	Shortfall of 24.5 MES per week
Youth 9v9	Shortfall of 7.5 MES per week	Shortfall of 16.5 MES per week
Mini 7v7	Shortfall of 5.5 MES per week	Shortfall of 22 MES per week
Mini 5v5	Shortfall of 6 MES per week	Shortfall of 20 MES per week

At school sites, whilst not always possible, creating community use agreements (CUAs) between providers and users would ensure that users continue to be provided for in the longer-term.

Where there is external investment on sites e.g., by an NGB or Sport England, there are potential opportunities to secure community use as part of the funding or planning permission. This also applies to new schools or for existing schools seeking changes to provision that requires planning permission. The Council, acting as the Local Planning Authority, can require a community use agreement (CUA) by a condition attached to a planning permission and can subsequently control the implementation of the CUA.

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In Bury, several clubs have self-management agreements (SMAs) which have expired or are in draft stage, therefore have unsecure tenure of their site. This is affecting key sites which are currently used by clubs such as Clarence Park (Walshaw Sports JFC), Close Park (Radcliffe Borough JFC), Nuttall Park (Woodbank FC), Town Meadow (Walshaw Sports Club Juniors), and Drinkwater Park (Bury Amateurs).

As any actual spare capacity on pitches on sites with unsecure tenure are discounted from the supply and demand analysis, securing tenure at these sites will have the following impact.

Table 4.8: Impact on current supply/demand through securing access to unsecure sites

Pitch/facility type	Current supply/ demand balance	Potential supply/ demand balance
Adult	Shortfall of 1.5 MES per week	Actual spare capacity of 3 MES per week
Youth 11v11	Shortfall of 13.5 MES per week	Shortfall of 13 MES per week
Youth 9v9	Shortfall of 7.5 MES per week	Shortfall of 7.5 MES per week
Mini 7v7	Shortfall of 5.5 MES per week	Shortfall of 3.5 MES per week
Mini 5v5	Shortfall of 6 MES per week	Shortfall of 3 MES per week

Although youth 9v9 pitches remain unaffected, all other pitches will either have shortfalls reduced or in the case of adult pitches, actual spare capacity of three match sessions per week are created.

Impact of participation increases

Of responding clubs, 13 report aspirations to increase the number of teams they provide, totalling a predicted growth of 53 teams, as seen below.

Table 4.9: Potential team increases identified by clubs

Club	Analysis area	Gender	Number of teams	Pitch size	MES per week ⁵
AFC Dobbies	Radcliffe	Girls	1	Youth 9v9	0.5
AFC Swan	Bury East	Mens	2	Adult	1
Ainsworth FC	Radcliffe	Boys	1	Youth 11v11	0.5
Ainsworth FC	Radcliffe	Girls	1	Youth 11v11	0.5
Bury Amateur AFC	Prestwich	Mixed	1	Mini 7v7	0.5
Bury North FC	Bury East	Mens	2	Adult	1
Prestwich Football Club	Prestwich	Mens	2	Adult	1
Prestwich Football Club	Prestwich	Womens	2	Adult	1
Prestwich Football Club	Prestwich	Boys	4	Youth 9v9	2
Prestwich Football Club	Prestwich	Boys	4	Youth 11v11	2
Prestwich Football Club	Prestwich	Girls	2	Youth 9v9	1
Prestwich Football Club	Prestwich	Girls	2	Youth 11v11	1
Prestwich Football Club	Prestwich	Mixed	3	Mini 7v7	1.5
Radcliffe Borough Juniors FC	Radcliffe	Boys	1	Youth 9v9	0.5
Radcliffe Town FC	Radcliffe	Girls	1	Youth 11v11	0.5
Ramsbottom United JFC	RT&NM	Girls	6	Youth 9v9	3
Ramsbottom United JFC	RT&NM	Girls	6	Youth 11v11	3
Tottington United	RT&NM	Mens	1	Adult	0.5

⁵ Two teams require one pitch to account for playing on a home and away basis; therefore, 0.5 pitches can therefore be seen in the table where there is latent demand for one team.

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Club	Analysis area	Gender	Number of teams	Pitch size	MES per week ⁵
Unsworth Junior Football Club	Whitefield & Unsworth	Boys	2	Youth 9v9	1
Unsworth Junior Football Club	Whitefield & Unsworth	Boys	1	Youth 11v11	0.5
Unsworth Junior Football Club	Whitefield & Unsworth	Girls	1	Youth 9v9	0.5
Westbury Sports Club	Bury West	Mixed	2	Mini 7v7	1
Westbury Sports Club	Bury West	Mixed	2	Mini 5v5	1
Woodbank Junior FC	RT&NM	Mens	1	Adult	0.5
Woodbank Junior FC	RT&NM	Boys	1	Youth 11v11	0.5
Woodbank Junior FC	RT&NM	Mixed	1	Mini 7v7	0.5
-	-	Totals	53	-	26.5

The following scenario shows the impact that these team increases would have on the supply and demand balance of football pitches in Bury.

Table 4.10: Impact on current supply and demand from potential participation increases

Pitch/facility type	Current supply/ demand balance	Potential supply/ demand balance
Adult	Shortfall of 1.5 MES per week	Shortfall of 5.5 MES per week
Youth 11v11	Shortfall of 13.5 MES per week	Shortfall of 22 MES per week
Youth 9v9	Shortfall of 7.5 MES per week	Shortfall of 16 MES per week
Mini 7v7	Shortfall of 5.5 MES per week	Shortfall of 7 MES per week
Mini 5v5	Shortfall of 6 MES per week	Shortfall of 7 MES per week

As seen in the table above, if these aspirations are realised shortfalls would be exacerbated across all pitch types. After considering future demand, shortfalls across all pitch types would be exacerbated.

Table 4.11: Impact on future supply and demand from potential participation increases

Pitch/facility type	Future supply/ demand balance	Potential supply/ demand balance
Adult	Shortfall of 4 MES per week	Shortfall of 11 MES per week
Youth 11v11	Shortfall of 18.5 MES per week	Shortfall of 27 MES per week
Youth 9v9	Shortfall of 10.5 MES per week	Shortfall of 19 MES per week
Mini 7v7	Shortfall of 8.5 MES per week	Shortfall of 12 MES per week
Mini 5v5	Shortfall of 9 MES per week	Shortfall of 10 MES per week

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 match play 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 grass football pitches.
- ❖ Where pitches are overplayed and/or assessed as poor or standard quality, prioritise investment to improve quality.
- ❖ Transfer match play from sites which remain overplayed to alternative sites with spare capacity (or 3G pitches in the future).

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- ◀ Utilise the Football Foundation's PitchPower app to assist in the improvement and ongoing maintenance of provision.
- ◀ Support clubs to access Football Foundation funding to improve grass pitches where presently maintaining them and to take on greater maintenance (and management) of the pitch stock where possible.
- ◀ Support the growth of women and girl's football and ensure future demand can be adequately accommodated.
- ◀ At sites where a Council self-management agreement is in place or is in draft, work in partnership with resident clubs to secure community use of their site.
- ◀ Seek to gain access to sites not currently available for community use such as schools, particularly where a large quantity of pitches are provided to reduce shortfalls.
- ◀ Work to accommodate exported, latent and future demand at sites which are not operating at capacity or at sites which are not currently available for community use.
- ◀ Support the growth of walking football and the philosophy of playing football for longer with the benefit of staying active.
- ◀ Improve ancillary facilities where there is a demand to do so and where it can benefit the wider footballing offer, focusing on multi-pitch sites and key sites for adult and female participation.

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4.2: Third generation turf (3G) pitches

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Supply and demand summary

- ◀ In Bury, there is insufficient supply of 3G pitches (11v11 size⁶) to meeting football training demand (based on the FA training model of one 11v11 pitch accommodating 38 teams) with a shortfall of nine pitches identified currently and an anticipated future shortfall of ten pitches for football.

Supply summary

- ◀ There are two 3G pitches in Bury identified as being 11v11 size, both of which are available to the community and sports lit: Elton High School (101m x 63m) in the RT&NM Analysis Area and Goshen Sports Centre (100m x 63m) in the Bury East Analysis Area.
- ◀ Further to this, the pitch at Bury Grammar School (Boys) is just less than 11v11 size, measuring 73 metres x 46 metres, for the purposes of this report is referred to as a smaller size pitch.
- ◀ There are also 16 smaller size 3G pitches (measuring less than 100 x 60 metres) across six sites in Bury. Of these, all pitches are available to the community and are sports lit.
- ◀ Most of the smaller size pitch provision is provided in the Bury East Analysis Area (nine of 16 – 56%), this is due to eight pitches being located at Powerleague/Bury College, accounting for half of the smaller sized 3G provision.
- ◀ In Bury, the 11v11 3G pitches at Elton High School and Goshen Sports Centre are both FA registered and can therefore be used to host competitive matches. Furthermore, the 3G pitch located at Bury Grammar School (Boys) is also FA registered.
- ◀ In Bury, none of the 3G pitches are World Rugby compliant.
- ◀ The pitch at Elton High School is managed internally by the education provider, and the pitch located at Goshen Sports Centre is managed by Bury FC Foundation.
- ◀ The smaller size 3G pitches are managed by either commercial management (11 or 69%), sports club (four or 25%), or education providers (one or 6%).
- ◀ The 3G pitches located at both Elton High School and Goshen Sports Centre are assessed as good quality. These have been installed in recent years and have no significant issues.
- ◀ The smaller size pitches are assessed as two good quality, nine standard quality and five poor quality.
- ◀ All midweek availability is currently at capacity or close to capacity, with only spare capacity existing at weekends.
- ◀ The College of Rugby has aspiration for a WR compliant 3G pitch at Sedgley Park Rugby Club (Site 2) which would be available to use by The College of Rugby (educational hours) and both rugby clubs in the Borough (Sedgley Park RUFC and Bury RUFC) for matches and training.

Demand summary

- ◀ With 454 football teams based in Bury, there is a need for 12 11v11 size 3G pitches (rounded up from 11.9) to meet football training demand. With two 11v11 3G pitches and the pitch located at Bury Grammar School (Boys) already provided, this suggests there is a theoretical shortfall of nine 11v11 3G pitches within Bury.
- ◀ When considering future demand for an additional 33 football teams (based on population growth), there is demand for 13 11v11 3G pitches (rounded up from 12.8), which suggests there is a future shortfall of 10 11v11 3G pitches.
- ◀ If every team was to remain training within the respective analysis area that they play in there is a shortfall identified in each analysis area.
- ◀ No other sports clubs/users are presently identified as accessing the existing stock of 3G pitches in Bury (outside of some school activity).

⁶ A 11v11 3G pitch is considered by the FA to measure at least 100 x 64 metres (106 x 70 metres including run offs).

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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 11v11 pitch being able to cater for 38 teams) there is a need for 12 pitches (11v11 size) in Bury, based on 454 teams being affiliated to the Borough.

Three pitches are currently provided located at Elton High School, Bury Grammar School (Boys) and Goshen Sports Centre, however, the pitch at Bury Grammar School (Boys) is not 11v11 size, measuring at 73 metres x 46 metres. Therefore, there is currently considered to be 2.75 3G pitches (11v11 size) available.

Based on the above, there is a current shortfall of nine 11v11 pitch equivalents currently in Bury as shown below.

Table 4.12: Current demand for 3G pitches in Bury (based on 38 teams per pitch)

Current number of teams	3G pitch requirement	Current number of 3G pitches	Current shortfall
454	11.9 - 12	2.75	9.25 - 9

When considering future demand for an additional 33 teams (based on population growth), there is demand for 13 (11v11) 3G pitches (rounded up from 12.8), which suggests there would be a future shortfall of 10 (rounded down from 10.25) 3G pitches.

Table 4.13: Future demand for 3G pitches in Bury (based on 38 teams per pitch)

Future number of teams	3G pitch requirement	Current number of 3G pitches	Future shortfall
487	12.8 - 13	2.75	10.25 - 10

Alternatively, the table below considers the number of 3G (11v11) pitches required if every team was to remain training within the respective analysis area that they play in. This not only identifies where the potential needs exist across Bury, but it can also be used to guide which areas should be targeted for new provision.

Table 4.14: Current demand for 3G pitches in Bury by analysis area

Analysis area	Current number of teams	3G pitch requirement	Current number of 3G pitches	Current shortfall
Bury East	119	3.1 - 3	1.75 - 2	1
Bury West	42	1.1 - 1	-	1
Prestwich	84	2.2 - 2	-	2
Radcliffe	111	2.9 - 3	-	3
RT&NM	62	1.6 - 2	1	1
Whitefield & Unsworth	36	0.9 - 1	-	1
Bury	454	12	3	9

The table below shows the impact of providing 3G pitch provision at Redbank Playing Field (available in March 2024), at Top Park (planning application in progress) and at the Star Leadership Academy in Radcliffe (available summer 2025) against the anticipated future number of teams.

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Table 4.15: Future supply impact for an additional three 3G pitches in Bury (based on 38 teams per pitch)

Future number of teams	3G pitch requirement	Future number of 3G pitches	Future shortfall
487	12.8 - 13	5.75	7.25 - 7

Table 4.16: Current demand for 3G pitches in Bury by analysis area against future supply impact for an additional three 3G pitches

Analysis area	Current number of teams	3G pitch requirement	Current number of 3G pitches	Current shortfall
Bury East	119	3.1 - 3	1.75 - 2	1
Bury West	42	1.1 - 1	-	1
Prestwich	84	2.2 - 2	-	2
Radcliffe	111	2.9 - 3	2	1
RT&NM	62	1.6 - 2	2	-
Whitefield & Unsworth	36	0.9 - 1	-	1
Bury	454	12	6	6

Moving football match play demand to 3G pitches

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

Table 4.17: 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 11 (11v11 size) 3G pitches to accommodate all current mini match play demand. This is calculated based on 85 teams playing 5v5 football and 88 teams playing 7v7 football. As such, it is considered that to be able to transfer mini football onto 3G pitches, there is a need for the development of eight (down from 8.25) additional 11v11 size 3G pitches, with a current supply of 2.75 pitches. Given there is currently a need for 12 3G pitches to accommodate football training demand, it is considered that the above can be achieved if the shortfall of 3G pitches were delivered.

This approach is dependent on the programming of mini football being coordinated in such a way which allows for a full programme of use on either a Saturday or Sunday morning. Given the makeup of play in the Borough and the traditional home vs away approach for play, it is highly unlikely that this approach for 3G pitch use will be adopted in Bury. However, pitches should be considered for this sort of activity when being provided as it does typically provide a more environment friendly facility for younger children.

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Providing new 3G pitches

The recommended dimensions for a 11v11 3G artificial grass pitch for football are 100 x 64 metres. This extends to an area of 106 x 70 metres with the recommended minimum three metre run off area included. These dimensions allow for all age group match play to take place including adults, youth under 17/18 and younger age groups via overmarked pitches, e.g., the marking out of two 9v9 pitches for under 11/12s.

Unless otherwise stated for an individual pitch, proposals in this PPS for any new 3G artificial grass pitches are based on providing them to the recommended dimensions. If a new pitch is proposed to measure below the recommended dimensions, then justification is provided for this in relation to the identified needs it is envisaged the pitch will provide for and/or site constraints. In doing so, the impacts of a reduced pitch size have been considered in relation to meeting current and future needs, e.g., a pitch not providing the recommended dimensions for adult match play and/or only being able to accommodate one rather than two overmarked 9v9 pitches.

Any future proposals to deliver a new 3G artificial grass pitch below the recommended dimensions, related to or in addition to the proposals in this PPOSS, should provide similar justification.

World Rugby (WR) compliant 3G pitches

There are no WR compliant 3G pitches identified in Bury. However, The College of Rugby has aspiration for a WR compliant 3G pitch at Sedgley Park Rugby Club (Site 2) which would be available to use by The College of Rugby (educational hours) and both rugby clubs in the Borough (Sedgley Park RUFC and Bury RUFC) for matches and training (as discussed in the rugby union part of this report).

If the creation of a dedicated WR 3G pitch is considered unfeasible in Bury, other options should be explored including accessing WR compliant 3G pitches in neighbouring authorities such as Manchester. Also, any new 3G pitches created for football should be examined to also be compliant for rugby union.

Hockey suitable AGPs

There is a need to retain at least one hockey suitable AGP in the Borough to service the current and future demand for community hockey and as such Woodhey High School should be retained as the home site for Bury HC. However, there is also a need to improve the quality of the surface to enable this.

There are two AGPs (Hazel Wood High School and Unsworth Academy) which are not used for hockey and could, in the future, be considered for conversion to a 3G surface. This would not impact on the ability to cater for current and future demand for community hockey. However, further exploration needs to be done surrounding curriculum usage for hockey at both Hazel Wood High School and Unsworth Academy.

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

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Recommendations

- ◀ Protect current stock of 3G pitches.
- ◀ Develop the planned 11v11 3G pitches located at Redbank Playing Field, the Star Leadership Academy and Top Park with sports lighting to reduce identified shortfalls and relieve overplay of grass pitches.
- ◀ Develop additional 3G pitches to alleviate identified shortfalls.
- ◀ Review the viability of the remaining sand based AGPs with a view to consider for 3G pitch conversion if England Hockey identifies the AGP is not required to meet existing or future predicted demand.
- ◀ Ensure that new 3G pitches are constructed to meet quality performance standards to meet performance testing criteria for their respective sporting uses, dependent on need and aspirations based on discussions with relevant NGBs and Sport England.
- ◀ Ensure that all existing and new pitches that are on the FA register are re-tested every three years to sustain certification.
- ◀ 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.
- ◀ Encourage providers to put in place a sinking fund or other mechanism for long-term sustainability to fund any future repairs and eventual surface replacement at end of life.
- ◀ Ensure new and existing 3G pitches have LED sports lighting in order to reduce light spill and improve energy efficiency.
- ◀ Encourage more match play demand to transfer to 3G pitches, where possible, particularly from for mini football.
- ◀ Explore the feasibility to make any new 3G provision WR compliant in order to assist in alleviating grass pitch rugby union shortfalls.

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4.3: Cricket squares

Assessment Report summary

Supply and demand summary

- There is no actual spare capacity to accommodate further senior demand at peak time on a Saturday, Sunday or midweek cricket in Bury.
- There are six sites identified in Bury as being overplayed located at, East Lancs Paper Mill Cricket Club, Elton Cricket Club, Prestwich Cricket Tennis & Bowling Club, Walshaw Sports Club, Woodbank Cricket Club and Ramsbottom Cricket Club.

Supply summary

- In total, there are 14 grass wicket cricket squares in Bury, provided across 14 sites. All 14 cricket squares are available for community use.
- There are four non-turf pitches (NTPs) accompanying grass wickets squares in Bury, located at Brooksbottom Cricket Club, Greenmount Cricket Club, Prestwich Cricket Tennis and Bowls Club and Stand Cricket Club.
- In addition, there are 10 standalone NTPs located across nine sites in Bury. Of which six are newly installed as part of the Greater Manchester Cricket Strategy located at The Derby High School, Openshaw Park, Nuttall Park, Hoyles Park, Close Park and Grundy Playing Field.
- Where known, two clubs have secure tenure at their home venues whilst East Lancs Paper Mill CC and Brooksbottom CC have an unsecure tenure agreement.
- The squares at Brooksbottom Cricket Club, East Lancs Paper Mill Cricket Club, Stand Cricket Club, Unsworth Cricket Club and Walshaw Cricket Club all assessed as standard quality with the remaining sites assessing as good quality.
- The audit of standalone NTPs in Bury found six to be good quality, one standard quality and four to be poor quality. The poor quality NTPs are located at Bury Church of England High School, Bury Grammar School Boys Playing Fields and St Gabriels RC High School.
- All clubs in Bury have access to changing room facilities at their home ground, although quality varies. Most of the provision assessed as good quality, however, East Lancs Paper Mill Cricket Club is identified as being serviced by poor quality provision.

Demand summary

- There are 13 affiliated cricket clubs in Bury which collectively provide 115 cricket teams, equating to 40 senior men's, four senior women's, 66 junior boy's and five junior girl's teams.
- Ramsbottom CC offers the greatest number of teams, accommodating 17 teams respectively. Ramsbottom CC is the only club which has dedicated Women's and Girls teams.
- Five clubs are identified as running All Stars sessions in Bury. Currently, Bury CC is the only club which runs Dynamos sessions.
- Two additional men's team and one junior boys' team are expected to be generated by population growth. Although no women or girls' teams are predicted to be created via population growth alone.
- Of the responding clubs, none indicate plans to increase the number of senior teams, however, they all indicate aspirations to strengthen their junior participation.

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Scenarios

Accommodating overplay

There are six squares across three sites in Bury considered to be overplayed by a total of 39 match equivalent sessions per season.

Table 4.18: Summary of overplay

Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	Number of squares	Overplay (matches per season)
27	East Lancs Paper Mill Cricket Club	Radcliffe	1	14
29	Elton Cricket Club	Bury West	1	28
61	Prestwich Cricket Tennis & Bowling Club	Prestwich	1	50
89	Walshaw Sports Club	RT&NM	1	41
94	Woodbank Cricket Club	Bury West	1	10
118	Ramsbottom Cricket Club	RT&NM	1	25
-	-	Total	6	168

The squares located at Elton Cricket Club, Prestwich Cricket Tennis & Bowling Club, Woodbank Cricket Club and Ramsbottom Cricket Club are good quality, with the squares located at East Lancs Paper Mill Cricket Club and Walshaw Cricket Club being standard quality. This level of overplay is considered extensive, and any further growth could further increase overplay.

Walshaw Cricket Club accommodates the second most overplay (41 matches per season), therefore, improving the square to good quality would alleviate some overplay on site and leave a shortfall of 29 matches per season. Therefore, the Club should be supported to improve square quality on site.

In order to further alleviate overplay on the site exploration into installing an NTP should be explored in order to remove demand off the main square. As a caveat, whilst the inclusion of NTPs for the management of fixtures would alleviate overplay issues, usage is subject to league rules and minimum pitch specifications. Furthermore, this should not lead to undue pressure being placed on clubs and volunteers using the sites to install self-funded NTPs.

Although not readily available within grassroots cricket, there may be potential in the future to address overplay through the installation of hybrid wicket/s on competitive senior squares. The ECB has been working with SIS Pitches on the installation of hybrid cricket wickets at county cricket clubs (2019) and more recently recreational squares such as Perry Hall Park in Birmingham (2021).

Ideally, once these become more readily available for community cricket clubs and have gone through the required testing, they could act as a way to increase levels of playing capacity on overplay squares. This would be particularly beneficial for those sites which are limited on space and cannot create additional wickets due to restrictions things such as boundary length or ball strike.

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Although it is difficult at this stage to understand what impact hybrid wickets could have on each site's capacity, it is suggested that it could potentially alleviate all the overplay on both junior and senior wickets. This is based on the assumption that more senior demand can take place on the hybrid wickets allowing for the outer senior wickets to be used/converted for junior demand.

Recommendations

- ▶ Protect existing quantity of cricket squares.
- ▶ Improve quality at sites assessed as standard and ensure quality is sustained at sites assessed as good.
- ▶ Improve square quality at Walshaw Cricket Club through enhanced maintenance regime to alleviate overplay.
- ▶ Explore installing an NTP at Walshaw Cricket Club to further alleviate overplay.
- ▶ Enhance ancillary provision where required in accordance with NPPF and Sport England's Playing Fields Policy.
- ▶ Continue to support ECB initiatives such as All Stars and Dynamos and ensure unaffiliated demand and recreational cricket is provided for.
- ▶ Develop softball cricket to help support the growth of women's and girls' cricket.
- ▶ Where a development is not of a size to justify on-site cricket provision, or if sufficient demand cannot be attracted, 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).
- ▶ Continue working with Radcliffe CC to resolve the current ball strike issue.
- ▶ If East Lancs Paper Mill Cricket Club is developed for housing, ensure any loss of playing field is replaced in accordance with NPPF paragraph 103 and Sport England Playing Fields Policy.
- ▶ Secure long-term tenure for East Lancs Paper Mill CC either through formal lease agreement or freehold at either the proposed new site or the current site should it not be impacted upon by residential development.

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4.4: Rugby union - grass pitches

Assessment Report summary

Supply and demand summary

- Current supply is not sufficient to cater for the level of demand expressed in Bury at present, there is a shortfall of 22.75 match equivalent sessions per week. When considering future demand, the shortfall increase to 24.25 match equivalent sessions.

Supply demand

- There are eight senior and two junior grass rugby union pitches identified in Bury across five sites. Of these, all 10 pitches are available for community use, two pitches located in the Bury East Analysis Area is available for community use but currently unused.
- Provision of rugby union pitches is equally split between Bury East Analysis Area and Whitefield & Unsworth Analysis Area both accommodating five pitches. There is no rugby union provision located in the Bury West, Prestwich, Radcliffe or RT&NW analysis areas.
- Sedgley Park RUFC aspires to extend its current provision with plans to buy a section of land from the neighbouring golf club (Whitefield Golf Club) and create an additional pitch. No funding has been secured for this development and it is purely just aspirational at this time.
- Both Bury RUFC and Sedgley Park RUFC has secure tenure at their respective sites.
- Most community available pitches in Bury (70% or seven) are standard quality with two pitches being poor quality (20%) and one pitch good quality (10%) located at Sedgley Park Rugby Club (Site 1).

Demand summary

- There are two community rugby union clubs based in Bury, providing a total of 34 teams. There are ten senior teams, of which, there is a single women's team which plays at Bury RUFC and Sedgley Park RUFC. There are seven age grade boy's teams and two dedicated age grade girls' teams all of which are from Sedgley Park RUFC. Both clubs have a mixed age grade teams totalling 11, five provided at Bury RUFC and six provided at Sedgley Park RUFC.
- Bury RUFC utilises a partially sports lit training area accompanied by a fully sports lit pitch to accommodate its entire training demand.
- Sedgley Park RUFC uses one sports lit pitch at Sedgley Park Rugby Club (Site 1), three sports lit pitches, and one partially sports lit pitch located at Sedgley Park Rugby Club (Site 2) for its training demand.
- Currently, no WR compliant 3G pitches are identified in Bury. As mentioned, The College of Rugby has aspiration for a WR compliant 3G at Sedgley Park Rugby Club (Site 2).
- Three additional teams are expected to be generated via population growth, one senior men's team, one age grade boys' team and one mixed age grade team.
- There are two sites which display potential spare capacity to accommodate additional play totalling 1.5 match equivalent sessions. However, in practice there is no spare capacity on senior pitches at peak time for senior play.
- There are eight pitches across four sites which are overplayed totalling 22.75 match equivalent sessions per week.

Scenarios

Improving pitch quality

Improving pitch quality through enhanced maintenance and the installation of drainage systems would alleviate overplay on only one of the eight overplayed pitches across Bury located at The Derby High School. This is shown in the following table.

Table 4.19: Capacity of overplayed pitches if quality was maximised (M2/D3)

Site ID	Site name	No. of pitches	Current quality	Current capacity rating (MES)	Good quality rating (MES)
17	Bury Sports Club	1	M1/D1 (Standard)	3.5	2
17	Bury Sports Club	1	M1/D1 (Standard)	2	0.5

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Site ID	Site name	No. of pitches	Current quality	Current capacity rating (MES)	Good quality rating (MES)
66	Sedgley Park Rugby Club (Site 1)	1	M2/D2 (Good)	0.75	0.5
67	Sedgley Park Rugby Club (Site 2)	1	M1/D1 (Standard)	5	3.5
67	Sedgley Park Rugby Club (Site 2)	1	M1/D1 (Standard)	5.5	4
67	Sedgley Park Rugby Club (Site 2)	1	M1/D1 (Standard)	2	0.5
67	Sedgley Park Rugby Club (Site 2)	1	M1/D1 (Standard)	3.5	2
80	The Derby High School	1	M0/D0 (Poor)	0.5	2.5

Overall, this would reduce current shortfalls from 22.75 match equivalent sessions to 10.5 match equivalent sessions per week across the Borough as a whole, whilst reducing future shortfalls from 24.25 match equivalent sessions per week to 12.

Table 4.20: Supply and demand balance with quality improvements in match equivalent sessions per week

Demand	Current total	Potential total
Current	22.75	10.5
Future	24.25	12

Two pitches located at Bury Sports Club and five pitches located at Sedgley Park Rugby Club would remain overplayed even if quality was maximised, although at reduced levels.

World Rugby (WR) compliant 3G pitches

There are no WR compliant 3G pitches identified in Bury. However, The College of Rugby has aspiration for a WR compliant 3G pitch at Sedgley Park Rugby Club (Site 2) which would be available to use by The College of Rugby (educational hours) and both rugby clubs in the Borough (Sedgley Park RUFC and Bury RUFC) for matches and training (as discussed in the rugby union part of this report).

If the creation of a dedicated WR 3G pitch is considered unfeasible, alternative options should be explored such as accessing WR compliant 3G pitches in neighbouring authorities such as Manchester. Also, any new 3G pitches created for football should be examined to also be compliant for rugby union.

Accommodating future demand from club aspirations

Future demand expressed through club aspirations projects the number of rugby union teams to grow by four teams across Bury, which broken down equates to one team located in the Whitefield & Unsworth Analysis Area and three teams located in the Bury East Analysis Area. 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 Borough.

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Table 4.21: Supply and demand balance with future demand aspirations

Analysis area	Current supply/ demand balance (match equivalent sessions)	Future supply/ demand balance (match equivalent sessions)
Bury East	6	7.5
Bury West	0	0
Prestwich	0	0
Radcliffe	0	0
RT&NM	0	0
Whitefield & Unsworth	16.75	17.25
Bury	22.75	24.75

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

Table 4.22: Summary of provision required to accommodate future demand aspirations

Club	Future team aspirations	Future demand (MES)	Comments
Bury RUFC	2 x age grade girls, 1 x age grade boys	1.5	To accommodate current demand, the Club needs to improve its current pitch stock and access an additional pitch. This future demand would need an additional pitch required (or access to a World Rugby compliant 3G pitch).
Sedgley Park RUFC	1 x age grade girls	0.5	To accommodate current demand, the Club needs to improve its current pitch stock and access an additional pitch. This future demand would need an additional pitch required (or access to a World Rugby compliant 3G pitch).

In addition, especially as both clubs have future demand for women's and girls' activity, it is imperative that the accompanying ancillary facilities are adequate in quality and inclusive. Sedgley Park RUFC report this is a particular issue for the Club, it has plans to improve changing facilities and add female changing facilities. Facilities at Bury Sports Club are considered to be poor quality and in need of modernisation.

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.
- Explore options to provide additional pitch provision to Bury RUFC and Sedgley Park RUFC or explore access to new World Rugby compliant 3G pitches.
- Explore options to support Sedgley Park RUFC to extend their current provision with plans to purchase a section of land from the neighbouring golf club (Whitefield Golf Club) and create an additional pitch to alleviate overplay.
- Ensure future demand can be adequately accommodated, particularly in regards to women's and girls' demand.
- Support Bury RUFC Women's team with their vision to establishment and in particular grow the women's rugby game.
- Improve the ancillary facilities servicing the clubs and ensure facilities are inclusive and have appropriate segregation.
- Retain the stock of pitches at education sites for continued curricular and extra-curricular usage and encourage improved club links where possible.

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- ◀ 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.

4.5: Rugby league – grass pitches

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Supply and demand summary

- ◀ **Given there is currently no known rugby league team be based in Bury, there is sufficient supply if a rugby league team was to be created in the future with two pitches being located at Philips High School.**
- ◀ **If a new club was to be created in the future, the priority should be to improve the quality of the pitches at Philips High School to safely accommodate any future demand.**

Supply summary

- ◀ There are two dedicated senior rugby league pitches, located at Philips High School in the Whitefield & Unsworth Analysis Area which are available for community use.
- ◀ The two rugby league pitches located at Philips High School are managed in house by the school.
- ◀ The pitches located at Philips High School is poor quality due to the lack of maintenance and drainage issues.
- ◀ Changing facilities are available at Philips High School, with no issues reported during consultation by Philips High School. There is also a small pavilion which was used by Bury Broncos RLFC.

Demand summary

- ◀ There is currently no known rugby league team based in Bury. Bury Broncos was the only rugby league team in Bury, however, folded last season (2022). It should be highlighted that the RFL are working with Bury Broncos to get them back up and running through intervention work focused on junior activity and supporting long term participation.

Scenarios

N/A

Recommendations

- ◀ Protect existing quantity of pitches for curricular use.
- ◀ Further explore why Bury Broncos RLFC folded and if it could be supported to regenerate a team given there are no other rugby league teams in Bury.
- ◀ Improve pitch quality for curricular use and potential future club usage.

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4.6: Hockey suitable artificial grass pitches (AGPs)

Assessment Report summary

Supply and demand summary

- Supply of AGPs suitable for hockey is sufficient albeit there are key issues regarding quality at Woodhey High School.
- There are a number of sand based AGPs which offer potential for surface conversion to 3G to reduce 3G shortfalls without impacting on current or future ability to cater for community hockey demand.

Supply summary

- There are four full sized hockey suitable artificial grass pitches (AGPs) located in Bury, all of which have sports lighting and are available for community use.
- Bury East, Whitefield & Unsworth, Prestwich and Ramsbottom, Tottington & North Manor (RT&NM) analysis areas all have one full sized AGP each. There are none in Radcliffe or Bury West analysis areas.
- Three of the four full sized AGPs are rated as poor quality. Hazel Wood High School, Unsworth Academy and Woodhey High School are rated as poor quality due to their relative age and limited maintenance.
- The AGP located at Parrenthorn Sports Centre is rated at good quality due to recently being resurfaced in 2019.
- All four available full sized hockey suitable AGPs are located at school sites.

Demand summary

- Bury HC is the only affiliated hockey club in Bury, providing five teams. As a breakdown, this consists of two senior men's, two senior women's and a junior section. All of the Club's demand takes place on the AGP at Woodhey High School.
- Bury HC runs back to hockey sessions.
- There is spare capacity to accommodate additional use in the peak period on all four full sized hockey suitable AGPs, however much of this is on Saturdays when there is little demand for use as football teams play competitively on grass pitches and hockey demand is relatively little, based at Woodhey High School.
- There is four full size AGP available which can accommodate hockey matches in Bury, this provides an opportunity to accommodate up to 32 hockey teams across the Borough. With just five teams currently playing in Bury, there is sufficient spare capacity to accommodate demand.

Scenarios

Accommodating current and future demand

As a reminder one full size floodlit AGP is able to accommodate four match equivalent sessions on one day. With teams playing on a home and away basis, this equates to one AGP being able to cater for eight 'home' teams at peak time (one team requires 0.5 match equivalent sessions per week on its 'home' pitch).

On the basis that there are four full size AGP available which can accommodate hockey matches in Bury, this provides an opportunity to accommodate up to 32 hockey teams across the Borough. With just five teams currently playing in Bury, there is sufficient spare capacity to accommodate demand.

However, three out of the four AGPs are poor quality as they have all exceeded their lifespan. Woodhey High School which is used by Bury HC was built in 2006 and hasn't been resurfaced. The good quality surface is located at Parrenthorn High School which is unavailable on Saturday afternoons meaning Bury HC is unable to access the pitch.

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There is a need to retain at least one hockey suitable AGP in the Borough to service the current and future demand for community hockey and as such Woodhey High School should be retained as the home site for Bury HC. However, there is also a need to improve the quality of the surface to enable this.

In the interim, given the good quality AGP at Parrenthorn Sports Centre, further exploration should be given to negotiating community use for Bury HC particularly to accommodate matches on a Saturday to ensure an adequate surface is available.

The remaining two AGPs (Hazel Wood High School and Unsworth Academy) are not used for hockey and could, in the future, be considered for conversion to a 3G surface. This would not impact on the ability to cater for current and future demand for community hockey. However, further exploration needs to be done surrounding curriculum usage for hockey at both Hazel Wood High School and Unsworth Academy.

As referenced in the document, there is a strategic need to maintain both Woodhey High School and Parrenthorn Sports Centre hockey suitable AGPs to meet current and future demand. Therefore, potential developer contributions could be spent improving the accessibility and quality of current pitch stock.

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

Recommendations

- ◆ Ensure that the full size hockey suitable AGP at Woodhey High School is protected for continued hockey use and is resurfaced as soon as feasibly possible to continue to safely accommodate hockey in Bury.
- ◆ Support England Hockey and the school to ensure the AGP at Woodhey High School remains financially viable.
- ◆ Explore options for Bury HC to access Parrenthorn Sports Centre if quality issues continue at Woodhey High School.
- ◆ Encourage participation growth in the sport where feasible to do so in both competitive and recreational formats.
- ◆ Review the viability of the remaining sand based AGPs with a view to consider for 3G pitch conversion if England Hockey identifies the AGP is not required to meet existing or future predicted demand.

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4.7: Tennis courts

Assessment Report summary

Supply and demand summary

- For club-based tennis, there is considered to be sufficient provision to meet demand where known.
- Away from clubs, no courts are identified as having any capacity issues, and previously expressed latent demand is likely to have been met. However, it is also likely that informal demand will continue to increase following the improvement to courts.

Supply summary

- There are 80 tennis courts identified in Bury across 20 sites. Of these, 76 courts across 19 sites are available for community use.
- The largest offering of tennis courts is identified in the Bury East Analysis Area, with this containing 36 courts and 32 that are available for community use. In contrast, the Bury West and Radcliffe analysis areas offers the least amount of tennis courts with five courts respectively which are available for community use.
- All tennis courts identified as being unavailable for community use are located at school sites.
- Most tennis courts are operated by education sites (29 or 36%); however, four are unavailable for community use. There are 27 (34%) tennis courts which are managed by Sports Clubs with the remaining courts (24 or 30%) being managed by the Local Authority.
- Most outdoor tennis courts in Bury have a macadam surface, with 77 being of this type and 73 of these being available for community use.
- In Bury, 21 of the community available tennis courts are serviced by sports lights, representing just 28% of the provision.
- Of the courts in Bury, 52 are assessed as good quality, 14 as standard quality and 14 as poor quality. A total of 48 good quality tennis courts are available for community use.
- Ancillary facilities servicing Holcombe Brook Tennis Club are assessed as good quality, with no issues identified. The facilities servicing Hawkshaw Tennis Club and Prestwich Tennis Club are assessed at standard quality and the ancillary facilities located at Walmer Tennis Club are poor quality with a need to repair and update the facilities.

Demand summary

- There are four tennis clubs in Bury.
- Of the four clubs in Bury, Holcombe Brook Sports TC, Prestwich Tennis Club, Hawkshaw Tennis Club and Walmer Tennis Club, there is a total of 506 members. As a breakdown, this equates to 369 senior and 137 junior members.
- All four clubs in Bury; Hawkshaw Tennis Club, Holcombe Brook Sports Club, Prestwich Tennis Club and Walmer Tennis Club, use ClubSpark.
- In Bury, there is the Bury Tennis League that takes place. The league is played in rounds and lasts eight weeks with an entry cost of £18.
- There are currently no padel tennis courts in Bury.

Scenarios

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 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.

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In Bury, 10 local authority sites offering 24 tennis courts have received recent investment from the LTA. All courts have been resurfaced and are secured with Smart Access gate systems. This relates to the following sites:

- ✦ Close Park
- ✦ Hamilton Road Park
- ✦ Openshaw Park
- ✦ St Mary's Park
- ✦ Manchester Road Park
- ✦ Clarence Park
- ✦ Town Meadow Park
- ✦ Whitehead Park
- ✦ Bolton Road Park
- ✦ Nuttall Park

Overall, this investment has improved the quality of tennis court since the previous PPOSS. Whilst no courts are identified as having any capacity issues, anecdotal evidence suggests this has increased informal demand.

Recommendations

- ✦ Protect existing quantity of courts.
- ✦ Sustain good court quality of community available courts and work to maximise use of refurbished courts to meet a likely increase in informal demand.
- ✦ Look to add additional sports lighting to community tennis courts in Bury to allow for more usage of the provision.
- ✦ Ensure sinking funds are put into place by providers for long-term sustainability.
- ✦ Improve ancillary provision servicing courts where demand is, or could be, high.
- ✦ 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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4.8: Netball courts

Assessment Report summary

Supply and demand summary

- There is enough netball provision in Bury to accommodate demand.
- Given the number of poor quality courts particularly at Phillips High School (Bury Sports for All Centre) which is used by both YWCA Bury Netball Club and DNA Netball Club, there is a need to improve court quality to safely continue to accommodate netball.

Supply summary

- There is a large supply of outdoor netball courts across Bury, with 33 identified across 11 sites.
- Of these, 21 courts at seven sites are available for community use.
- The Bury East Analysis Area provides the largest number of courts, with 14, although only 12 of these are available to the community. No netball courts are provided in the Bury West and Radcliffe analysis areas.
- Most courts are operated by schools, with 32 of the 33 courts falling under this management type.
- The large majority of outdoor netball courts in Bury have a macadam surface, with 33 being of this type.
- In Bury, all but 17 of the courts are over marked by tennis provision.
- 10 of the courts are serviced by sports lighting, representing only 30% of the provision.
- Of the courts in Bury, five are assessed as good quality, 18 as standard quality and 10 as poor quality. Only one of the good quality courts are available for community use, compared to 13 of the standard quality courts and seven of the poor quality courts.

Demand summary

- There are two netball clubs based in Bury; YWCA Bury Netball Club and DNA Netball Club.
- There is currently no Back to Netball sessions running in Bury. No suitable venues have been found since the Covid-19 Pandemic. However, it is a priority for England Netball to get Back to Hockey sessions in Bury.
- Walking Netball sessions used to run at Castle Leisure Centre, however, sessions no longer take place. There is currently no walking netball session operating in Bury.
- There are no Bee Netball or Netball Now sessions currently taking place in the Borough.
- Bury Sports for All is part of the Sport for All set-up (not affiliated), located at Philips High School. The centre host both junior and senior netball leagues Monday – Wednesdays and weekends.

Scenarios

Accommodating current and future demand

Across Bury, 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 improving quality, securing tenure, increasing the number of courts that are sports-lit and increasing the number of courts that are community accessible.

Securing tenure

Philips High School (Bury Sports for All Centre) is currently the only venue used for community netball. Philips High School (Bury Sports for All Centre) doesn't presently provide security of tenure, with no long-term usage agreements in place. As such, it should be the focus for providing security of tenure to ensure that all existing demand can continue to be provided for.

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Improving quality

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

- ◆ Philips High School (Bury Sports for All Centre)
- ◆ The Derby High School

These should therefore be prioritised for improvement, especially Philips High School (Bury Sports for All Centre) as it currently accommodates majority of community netball demand.

Installing sports lighting

Only 10 netball courts out of 33 are provided with sports lighting located at Hazelwood High School, Bury Grammar School (Girls) and Parrenthorn Sports Centre. If more courts were to be provided with sports lighting this would improve the overall provision and help towards netball growth in Bury. As Philips High School (Bury Sports for All Centre) is used for majority of the netball usage in Bury, it should be considered to add a sports lighting solution to better cater for the demand.

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.
- ◆ Consider establishing additional sports lighting at venues in use for netball or at venues that could attract netball demand following installation.
- ◆ Work with England Netball to explore opportunities to re-establish Back to Netball and Walking Netball sessions in Bury.

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4.9: Bowling greens

Assessment Report summary

Supply and demand summary

- ◀ All responding clubs are willing to accept new members. As such, it is considered that anyone within Bury that would like to start participating could do so at the clubs and greens already in existence. This means there is enough supply of greens within the Authority.
- ◀ As there is no evidence to suggest a need for new bowling greens in Bury the priority should be based on supporting existing clubs improve their facilities.

Supply summary

- ◀ There are 37 bowling greens in Bury provided across 33 sites, all of which, are available for community use.
- ◀ In Bury, five greens are assessed as standard quality whilst all the remaining greens are assessed as good quality. No greens are assessed as poor quality.
- ◀ All greens and clubs in Bury are serviced by some form of ancillary provision. Eight sites are serviced by standard quality provision and the remaining sites are serviced by good quality provision.
- ◀ In Bury, only five greens are serviced by sports lighting located at Nuttall Park, Rose and Crown Bowling Green and Dobbies Sports & Social Club.

Demand summary

- ◀ There are 38 clubs using bowling greens in Bury. Of the six clubs that have responded to consultation requests, there are a total of 423 members. None of the responding clubs accommodate junior members.
- ◀ The largest club is Bailey Street BC with 100 playing members, followed by both Ainsworth & Ainsworth Ladies BC and Allens Green BC with 80 playing members respectively. Black Lane BC has the least number of members with 46 playing members.
- ◀ From consultation, the five responsive clubs express some level of future demand. However, the clubs don't quantify the amount to which they plan to increase by due to limited number of people wanting to play bowls.
- ◀ Sport England's Market Segmentation Tool identifies latent demand of 319 people who would like to participate in the sport within Bury, which represents approximately 0.01% of the Borough's population compared to a national average of 0.16%.
- ◀ Four responding clubs are operating over 60 members and should be consulted with regularly to ensure their provision is suitable for their level of demand, Ainsworth & Ainsworth Ladies BC, Allens Green BC, Bailey BC and Buchanan Sports and Social BC.

Scenarios

N/A

Recommendations

- ◀ Protect all existing greens that are in use, unless it can be robustly demonstrated that demand can be met elsewhere and that appropriate mitigation is provided to enable this.
- ◀ 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.

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4.10: Athletics

Assessment Report summary

Supply and demand summary

- ◆ In Bury, supply is considered sufficient to meet demand, with only one club specialising in both track and field currently based in the Borough (Bury Athletic Club).
- ◆ Priority should be placed on protecting the facility at Market Street Athletics Track and ensuring that quality remains sufficient to accommodate the level of demand.

Supply summary

- ◆ There is one formal athletics track in Bury located at Market Street Athletics Track, which is a six lane, synthetic 400 metre track.
- ◆ The track is fully sports lit and provides all accompanying field event facilities including a hammer cage, javelin, high jump, long jump and shot put area.
- ◆ The track at Market Street Athletics Track is managed by Bury Athletics Club on behalf of the Local Authority. The Club is in the process of negotiating a 25 year lease of the site from the Council.
- ◆ The non-technical assessment undertaken in June 2023 by KKP identifies the track and accompanying track and field facilities as good quality with a good quality accompanying ancillary facility, with maintenance carried out to a high standard for both.
- ◆ The sports lighting surrounding the track requires replacement and upgrading with modern high efficiency light fittings.
- ◆ The clubhouse is at the end of its working life and needs to be replaced to support recreational activities for children with disabilities.
- ◆ Market Street Athletics Track is TrackMark compliant.

Demand summary

- ◆ Six clubs have a current focus on athletics and/or running activity in Bury.
- ◆ Bury Athletic Club, Radcliffe Athletics Club, Ramsbottom Runners and Prestwich Athletics Club all use Market Street Athletics Track.
- ◆ There is one park run event in Bury, located at Clarence Park. Furthermore, there is one junior park run event in Bury located at Nuttall Park and is held every Sunday at 9am.
- ◆ Clubs are actively looking to grow membership through club websites and social media, with no club having a waiting list and doing their utmost not to turn demand away.
- ◆ Sport England's Segmentation Tool identifies significant latent demand amounting to 4,029 people in Bury, which represents approximately 2.1% of the Borough's population compared to a national average of 2%.
- ◆ None have waiting lists in place, and they are all actively looking for new members, on social media and club websites.

Scenarios

N/A

Recommendations

- ◆ Protecting existing track facilities.
- ◆ Sustain quality and look to make improvements when necessary to ensure that demand can continue to be met.
- ◆ Ensure that sink fund provision is made for track respray/resurface in 2029.
- ◆ Support Bury AC to upgrade sports lighting and secured gate access at Market Street Athletics Track.
- ◆ Furthermore, support Bury AC with replacement of current clubhouse facilities to continue to provide activities for children with disabilities.
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ Explore opportunities to include ActiveTracks in parks and open spaces or as part of new housing developments (Active Environment).

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- Explore the opportunity to upgrade the cinder track at Cams Lane Sports Ground (basic macadam/road surface or low cost synthetic surface) to create a community running/jogging facility.

4.11: Golf courses

Assessment Report summary

Supply and demand summary

- With six 18-hole and one 9-hole course golf facilities in Bury, supply is well placed to meet demand.
- In the meantime, emphasis should be placed on protecting the facilities that are provided, with options explored to increase demand to more sustainable levels.

Supply summary

- There are currently seven golf sites in Bury.
- In total across Bury there are six 18-hole and one 9-hole course across seven sites.
- Currently there are no driving ranges located in Bury. The closest driving ranges are located at Kearsley Golf Range and Trafford Golf Centre.

Demand summary

- In Bury, four golf clubs are private members clubs and Bury Golf Club, Greenmount Golf Club and Prestwich Golf Club are proprietary facilities.
- England Golf reports that the average cost of a full adult membership across the Country is currently £1086. In Bury, membership at all of the member clubs is above this national average.
- Lowes Park Golf Club has the cheapest green fees in Bury, followed closely by Greenmount Golf Club.
- In terms of quality of the golf facilities, it is relatively good across Bury with no significant issues identified.
- England Golf suggests that the average membership of a golf club nationally is 386, which is based on a central national handicap platform. All seven clubs with membership scheme are operating above the national average.
- Membership since 2015 has increased across all seven clubs by an average of 58%.
- Sport England's Segmentation Tool identifies latent demand of 2,207 people within Bury.
- England Golf has an aim to increase membership of clubs nationally; however, after reaching its previous target, it no longer has a fixed goal in terms of growth.

Scenarios

N/A

Recommendations

- Retain all existing, in use golf provision in accordance with NPPF paragraph 103.
- 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.
- Explore opportunities to provide informal golf opportunities within Bury such as driving range bays and pitch and putt courses.

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4.12: Other sports

Assessment Report summary

Croquet summary

- ◆ **Current supply of croquet lawns is sufficient to cater for current demand and offers sufficient capacity to accommodate club aspirations for future growth.**
- ◆ Bury Croquet Club is the only club in the Borough.
- ◆ It plays across two sites, Coronation Park (two lawns) and Whitehead Park (three lawns)
- ◆ Lawns at Coronation Park are rated as standard quality, though the three lawns at Whitehead Park are rated as good quality.
- ◆ The ancillary facilities located at Whitehead Park have recently been refurbished and therefore good quality. The facilities at Coronation Park are considered standard quality.
- ◆ Bury Croquet Club leases the lawns at Coronation Park and Whitehead Park from the Council.
- ◆ Bury Croquet Club has roughly 60 playing members. Croquet Association guidance indicates that three lawns would be required to meet this level of current demand. With five lawns available across Coronation Park and Whitehead Park demand is able to be met.

Rounders summary

- ◆ **Current demand for rounders can be sufficiently catered for through sustained level of access to a range of formal and non-formal sport or playing field sites presently used.**
- ◆ The Bury Rounders League is the main driver of rounders across Bury, the season running from April through to August. It hosts a total of 52 teams in seven divisions.
- ◆ The league has declined in participation having previously had a total of 63 teams in the last PPOSS.
- ◆ In total 16 sites are regularly used for rounders with the majority of these (nine sites - 60%) Council owned. The remaining seven sites are split evenly between sports clubs and primary school sites.
- ◆ There is need for high quality maintenance regimes to be in place where rounders shares pitch space with other sports. Rounders typically has this relationship with cricket, using outfielders which are cut short and conducive for rounders. Rounders shares will cricket at several sites in Bury and this additional use needs to be managed through high quality maintenance.

Scenarios

N/A

Recommendations

- ◆ Ensure continued access to existing sites and pitches to enable continued access for all relevant sports.
- ◆ Sustain quality and look to make improvements when necessary to ensure that demand can continue to be met.

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PART 5: STRATEGIC RECOMMENDATIONS

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

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.

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 Assessment shows that all currently used outdoor sports sites require protection and therefore cannot be deemed surplus to requirements because shortfalls would occur both now and, in the future, if they were lost. Consideration should also be given to the protection of underused and poor quality sites from development or replacement as they may offer potential to meet shortfalls, particularly for football and rugby, in the future.

National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) Paragraph 103 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 outdoor sports facilities be taken out of use for any reason (e.g. council budget restraints), land should ideally be retained so that it can be brought back into use in the future.

Although there are identified shortfalls of match equivalent sessions i.e., for cricket, rugby union and football pitches, most of these shortfalls can be addressed through quality improvements as demonstrated in the scenarios. It is therefore, not recommended as a priority to identify 'new' sites for provision although there may be a need to provide new pitches if quality improvements aren't achieved.

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The PPOSS should be used to help inform Development Management decisions that affect existing or new outdoor sports and ancillary facilities. All applications are assessed by the Local Planning Authority on a case by case basis taking into account site specific factors. In addition, Sport England is a statutory consultee on planning applications that affect or prejudice the use of playing fields and will use the PPOSS to help assess that planning proposals against its Playing Fields Policy⁷.

Disused sites

A disused site is a site where pitches were once, but are no longer marked out and remain undeveloped. In the first instance they can provide a potential solution to reducing identified shortfalls when affected by development proposals.

Disused sites will be considered against Local Plan policy and NPPF/Sport England's Playing Field Policy.

The lawful use of a disused playing field is still that of a playing field until such time as its use is formally changed through the planning system. There is no positive obligation, under planning law, for a playing field to be actively used as such.

Any disused playing fields are included within the Action Plan together with a recommendation in relation to potentially bringing the site back into use or to mitigate the loss on a replacement site to address the shortfalls identified.

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 Bury for competitive play, predominantly for football. 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 access to changing provision where required/available.

The Council already externalises the management and maintenance of municipal sports pitches, particularly football pitches, through self-management agreements (SMAs) in places with resident clubs. Whilst the majority of SMAs are at sites which also function as public open space or parks and as such must be retained accessible for public use, the Council is unable to transfer full liability of these spaces to private clubs or organisations and SMAs function in effect as exclusive licenses for formal sporting use. It should also be noted that some sites which have a SMA in place, have expired or are in the draft stage meaning the clubs have unsecure tenure of their site, however, often continue to maintain the site at their own cost.

For unsecure sites, NGBs, Sport England and other appropriate bodies such as the Football Foundation can often help to negotiate and engage with providers where the local planning authority and local education 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

⁷[Link to Sport England Playing Fields Policy](#)

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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 or 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.

All clubs could be encouraged to look at different management models such as registering as Community Amateur Sports Clubs (CASC)⁸. They should also be encouraged to work with partners locally, such as volunteer support agencies and local businesses.

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).

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/NGB 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. Strong business plans could also be created by the clubs to illustrate this.</p> <p>Ideally, clubs should have already identified any match funding required for initial capital investment identified.</p>	<p>Sites should be those identified as 'Local Sites' (recommendation E) for new clubs (i.e., not those with a Borough-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 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>

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.

⁸ <http://www.cascinfo.co.uk/cascbenefits>

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- ◆ 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.

Recommendation (c) - To work with educational establishments to encourage community use of pitch sporting facilities, particularly where demand is not being met by appropriate community-based facilities.

To maximise community use, a more coherent, structured relationship with schools and higher/further education establishments 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 Bury, 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.

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.

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

Where new schools are provided, they 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 impact of the provision. An example of this is ensuring the provision of youth 11v11 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 for sports such as tennis.

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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 through Section 106.

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 the number of councils' facing reduced budgets, it is currently advisable to look at improving key sites as a priority (e.g., the largest, well used sites that are overplayed and/or poor quality). 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.

With pressures on budgets, any wide-ranging direct investment into quality is unlikely and other options for improvements should 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.

Ground Maintenance Association (GMA) Pitch Advisory Service

With quality of grass pitches becoming one of the biggest influences on participation, the Pitch Advisory Service (PAS, formerly the Grounds and Natural Turf Improvement Programme) was launched in 2014 and is funded by the Football Foundation and Sport England, working in association with its partners the ECB, RFU and RFL.

Its aim is to raise the standards of sports surfaces as well as the understanding of sports turf management practices among grassroots clubs across England and Wales. The PAS provides an enhanced network of support and expertise available to those maintaining natural turf pitches, particularly at a local level.

The service can be utilised by grassroots clubs, organisations and local authorities with the simple aim of improving the quality of grass pitches. The key principles behind the service are to provide members of the programme with advice/practical solutions via a report which will also identify the key enhanced maintenance works required along with machinery requirements.

Pitch providers are encouraged to complete a self-assessment of pitches using the Football Foundation PitchPower app. In August 2022, PitchPower was re-launched, with enhanced capability to support use beyond football pitches and is now accessible for the assessment of natural turf pitches for cricket, rugby league and rugby union. Please note that PitchPower produces a Performance Quality Standard (PQS) assessment report, different for each of the sports.

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Football Foundation Grass Pitch Maintenance Fund (GPMF)

Eligible clubs and organisations can also utilise the report as an evidence base to acquire potential funding streams, for example, to obtain the required maintenance equipment. If a PitchPower assessment categorises pitches as 'poor' or 'basic' they are then eligible to apply for Grass Pitch Funding through the Football Foundation through the Grass Pitch Maintenance Fund⁹, a fund offering six-year tapered grants to help organisations enhance or sustain the quality of their grass pitches. The fund is a key part of the Football Foundation's Grass Pitch Improvement Programme - an ambition to deliver 20,000 good quality grass pitches by 2030. Clubs with good quality pitches can also apply for a lower level of funding to sustain good quality.

All applicants must have received a PitchPower Pitch Assessment Report, with the fund currently open to football clubs (except for pitches used for National League System play), leagues, County FAs, community organisations, charities, education organisations and parish/town councils. Local authorities are not currently eligible applicants, however, eligible organisations using local authority sites can apply provided they have permission of the landowner via a service level agreement.

Furthermore, the Football Foundation also launched a new Groundskeeping Community online platform in 2019 which provides a resource of expert advice for grounds staff, enabling them to connect with peers, discover new tips and tricks and share advice on best industry practice. Users can seek guidance from the GMA regional pitch advisors, who are available to answer questions and update members on changes to industry standards.

Addressing quality issues

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

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

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

For the purposes of quality assessments, the PPOSS refers to outdoor sports facilities and ancillary facilities separately as being of 'Good', 'Standard' or 'Poor' quality. For example, 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).

⁹ <https://footballfoundation.org.uk/grant/grass-pitch-maintenance-fund>

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

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

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

Without appropriate, fit for purpose ancillary facilities, good quality pitches may be underutilised. Changing facilities form the most essential part of this offer and therefore key sites should be given priority for improvement. Also, key sites without a suitable offer may not be able to establish or grow participation in key sport development areas with specific requirements, such as disability or women and girls' sport.

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

Addressing overplay

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

The FA, RFU, RFL, ECB and EH all recommend a number of matches that their respective 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.

Table 5.2: Carrying capacity of pitches

Sport	Pitch type	No. of MES for a good quality pitch	No. of MES for a standard quality pitch	No. of MES for a poor quality pitch
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 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
Rugby league	Mini pitches	3 per week	2 per week	1 per week
Rugby union	Natural Inadequate (D0)	2 per week	1.5 per week	0.5 per week

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Sport	Pitch type	No. of MES for a good quality pitch	No. of MES for a standard quality pitch	No. of MES for a poor quality pitch
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
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	One AGP	4 matches per day	4 matches per day	0 matches per day

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).

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, where possible, 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 cricket, an increase in NTPs could help to alleviate 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.

For rugby union and tennis, additional sports lighting will reduce levels of overplay at club sites as it will allow clubs to spread demand across a greater number of pitches/courts or, in the case of rugby union, unmarked areas. If permanent sports lighting is not possible, portable sports lighting is an alternative.

As mentioned earlier, there are also sites that are poor quality but 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.

Improving changing provision

There is a need to address changing provision at some sites in Bury (these are detailed further in the Action Plan), for example, the changing provision at Bury Sports Club which Bury RUFC reports are poor quality and in need of modernisation. Westbury Sports Club also has aspiration to rebuild the ancillary facilities at Westbury Sport Club as the current building is basic and is in need of modernisation. As previously mentioned, without appropriate, fit for purpose ancillary facilities, good quality pitches may be underutilised. Changing facilities form the most essential part of this offer and therefore key sites should be given priority for improvement.

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Improving changing provision is an issue for club sites which have a SMA in place, whilst the club has a maximum seven year SMA and can access Football Foundation funding for Grass Pitch Maintenance Fund (GPMF) and equipment or small grants, the pavilions remain poor quality and clubs cannot access Football Foundation main capital fund due to the need for a long-term lease or freehold of the site. Therefore, the Council would need to be a joint applicant to invest in pavilion projects.

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 are advised to adopt a tiered approach to the management and improvement of outdoor sport sites and associated facilities. Please refer to Part 6: Action Plan for the proposed hierarchy.

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

Partners, in collaboration with 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.

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 wider Steering Group signposting partners to what could be available.

In order to address the needs of the community, as well as to target priority areas and to reduce duplication of provision, there should be a co-ordinated approach to the strategic investment. In delivering this recommendation, the Council should maintain a regular dialogue with local partners as well as through the PPOSS Steering Group.

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 future local plan policies and supplementary planning documents by setting out the approach to securing sport and recreational facilities through new housing development.

For playing pitches, it is recommended the council use Sport England's Playing Pitch Calculator as a tool for helping to determine the additional demand for pitches and to estimate the likely developer contribution.

The PPOSS should be used to help determine the likely impact of a new development on demand and the capacity of existing sites in the area, and whether there is a need for improvements to increase capacity of existing provision or if new provision is required. Where a 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).

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Where it is determined that new provision is required to accompany a development, priority should be placed on providing facilities that 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 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 future AGP development. This is because single-pitch facilities are more likely to become under-used (or unused), unviable and unsustainable.

It is recognised that consultation cannot take place with NGBs for every development due to resource restrictions. Instead, it is recommended that such discussions take place within PPOSS Steering Group meetings, which should take place regularly following adoption of the study as part of the ongoing monitoring and evaluation process. It is recommended that these take place every 6-12 months and inform the annual review/update (see Part 8 for further information).

The guidance should form the basis for negotiation with developers to secure contributions to include provision and/or enhancement of appropriate provision and subsequent maintenance. S106 contributions could also be used to improve the condition and of the pitches in order to increase pitch capacity to accommodate more matches.

Good practice suggests a number of objectives should be implemented to enable the above to be delivered:

- ✦ Planning permission 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 from the date of the permission and timing of the contribution/s to be made.
- ✦ Sport England's Building Cost Information Service¹⁰ can be used as a guide to determine costs.
- ✦ 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 Sport England Playing Pitch Calculator.
- ✦ 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.
- ✦ 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.

¹⁰<https://www.sportengland.org/guidance-and-support/facilities-and-planning/design-and-cost-guidance/facility-cost-guidance>

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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) - Identify opportunities to add to the overall stock to accommodate both current and future demand

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

Although there are identified shortfalls, most current and future demand is currently being met and most shortfalls can be addressed via quality improvements and/or improved access to sites that are presently used minimally or currently unavailable. Adding to the current stock, particularly in the short term, is therefore not recommended as a priority, except in the case of 3G pitches, entry level athletics facilities and NTPs where there is a need, where there is significant housing growth, or where new schools are proposed.

For new schools, there is an opportunity to combine the building of a school to the development of a new multi-sport site that will be of a benefit to a school as well as the wider community via a community use agreement.

Any new provision, whether that be at a school or as a result of housing growth, should also consider the council's wider sporting need. This means that the focus should not solely be on outdoor sports facilities but also provision for wider recreational activity.

Recommendation (i) - 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).

It is important that the current levels of provision are protected, maintained and enhanced to secure provision now and in the future. Maximising use of existing facilities 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.
- ✦ The re-designation of facilities e.g. converting an unused facility (or facility type) for one sport to instead cater for another sport (or another pitch type).
- ✦ Securing long-term access at school sites including those currently unavailable for community use.
- ✦ Working with commercial and private providers to increase usage.

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Unmet demand, changes in sport participation and trends and proposed housing growth should also be recognised and factored into future facility planning. Assuming that an increase in participation and housing growth occurs, it will impact on the future need for certain types of sports provision.

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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.

The identification of sites is based on their strategic importance in a Borough-wide context. As such, this, for example, 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 6.1: Proposed tiered site criteria

Criteria	Hub sites	Key centres	Local sites
Site location	Strategically located in the Borough. Priority sites for NGBs.	Strategically located within the analysis area.	Serves the local community.
Site layout	Accommodates three or more grass pitches, generally including provision of an AGP (or with the potential).	Accommodates two or more grass pitches.	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.

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Hub sites are of Borough-wide importance where users are willing to travel to access the range and high quality of facilities offered and are likely to be multi-sport. 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.

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 local authority local sites, consideration should be given, on a site-by-site basis, to the feasibility of a club taking on a long-term lease (SMAs in Bury), 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 a club would be in a position to source external funding to improve/extend the provision.

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

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 a **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).

The majority of key centres have **medium** priority actions. These 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.

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The **low** priority actions tend to be for single pitch or single sport sites and often club or education sites with local specific importance but that may also contribute to addressing the issues identified for specific users. Whilst low priority, there may be opportunities to action some of the recommendations made against such sites relatively quickly e.g., through S106 funding.

Costs

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

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

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

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Area summary – pitch sports

Area	Pitch/facility type	Current supply/ demand balance	Future supply/demand balance
Football – grass pitches			
Bury East	Adult	Played to capacity	Played to capacity
Bury East	Youth 11v11	Played to capacity	Played to capacity
Bury East	Youth 9v9	Shortfall of 2 MES per week	Shortfall of 2 MES per week
Bury East	Mini 7v7	Shortfall of 6.5 MES per week	Shortfall of 6.5 MES per week
Bury East	Mini 5v5	Shortfall of 7 MES per week	Shortfall of 7 MES per week
Bury	Adult	Shortfall of 1.5 MES per week	Shortfall of 4 MES per week
Bury	Youth 11v11	Shortfall of 13 MES per week	Shortfall of 18 MES per week
Bury	Youth 9v9	Shortfall of 7.5 MES per week	Shortfall of 10.5 MES per week
Bury	Mini 7v7	Shortfall of 5.5 MES per week	Shortfall of 8.5 MES per week
Bury	Mini 5v5	Shortfall of 6 MES per week	Shortfall of 9 MES per week
Football – 3G pitches			
Bury East	11v11	Shortfall of 1 pitch	Shortfall of 1 pitch
Bury	11v11	Shortfall of 9 pitches	Shortfall of 10 pitches
Cricket			
Bury East	Senior (Saturday)	Played to capacity	Played to capacity
Bury East	Senior (Sunday)	Actual spare capacity of 8 MES per season	Actual spare capacity of 8 MES per season
Bury East	Junior (Midweek)	Actual spare capacity of 8 MES per season	Actual spare capacity of 8 MES per season
Bury	Senior (Saturday)	Shortfall of 39 MES per season	Shortfall of 63 MES per season
Bury	Senior (Sunday)	Actual spare capacity of 17 MES per season	Actual spare capacity of 17 MES per season
Bury	Junior (Midweek)	Actual spare capacity of 41 MES per season	Actual spare capacity of 37 MES per season
Rugby union			
Bury East	Senior	Shortfall of 6 MES per week	Shortfall of 7 MES per week
Bury	Senior	Shortfall of 22.75 MES per week	Shortfall of 24.25 MES per week
Hockey			
Bury	Full size	Demand is being met although imminent resurfacing is recommended at Woodhey High School to continue to safely accommodate hockey demand on site.	Demand is being met although imminent resurfacing is recommended at Woodhey High School to continue to safely accommodate hockey demand on site.

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Area summary – non-pitch sports

Sport	Headline findings
Bowls	Supply is sufficient to meet demand in the Bury East Analysis Area with eight greens provided. Clubs should be monitored to ensure their existing provision remains sufficient. Conversely, Clubs should be monitored to ensure it remains feasible.
Tennis	With 32 community available courts provided in the Bury East Analysis Area for club-based tennis, there is considered to be sufficient provision to meet demand with four court available at club sites. Away from clubs, no courts are identified as having any capacity issues, and previously expressed latent demand is likely to have been met. However, it is also likely that informal demand will continue to increase following the improvements to courts.
Netball	With 12 community available netball courts provided in the Bury East Analysis Area located across 3 sites, Hazelwood High School, Bury Grammar School (Girls) and The Derby High School, there is considered to be sufficient provision to meet demand.
Athletics	Supply is considered sufficient to meet demand, with one club specialising in both track and field currently based in the Borough (Bury Athletic Club) totalling 391 members. As only Market Street Athletics Track is currently used for club athletics, there is a need to protect the facility and ensure that quality remains sufficient to accommodate the level of demand received.
Golf	Bury Golf Club and Lowes Golf Club are the only golf facilities in the Bury East Analysis Area. Bury Golf Club provides an 18-hole course and Lowes Golf Club provides a 9-hole course. No driving ranges are provided in the Bury East Analysis Area.

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Site ID	Active Places Site ID	Site	Postcode	Sport	Management	Current status	Recommended actions	Partners	Site hierarchy tier	Priority	Timescales	Cost	Aim
3	6006753	Barlow Recreation Ground	BL9 9TG	Football (Disused)	Council	Previously had one youth football pitch (78x50m) marked. Self-management agreement surrendered in 2015. Storage container and play area onsite.	Retain as strategic reserve if an increase in demand warrants reinstating the provision. Ensure any permanent loss of provision meets national planning policy requirements.	Council FA FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect
7	1208800	Broad Oak Lane Fields	BL9 7SQ	Football (Disused)	Council	Self-management agreement with Phoenix FC however LFA reports the Club no longer affiliates since 2015/16 season and is assumed to have folded. Sufficient size to accommodate two youth 11v11 pitches, served by container changing.	Retain as strategic reserve if an increase in demand warrants reinstating the provision. Ensure any permanent loss of provision meets national planning policy requirements.	Council FA FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect
8	1010135	Hazelwood High School	BL9 7QT	Football	Education	One poor quality youth 11v11 pitch which is unavailable for community use.	Improve pitch quality through enhanced maintenance regime.	Education FA, FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
8	1010135	Hazelwood High School	BL9 7QT	Rugby Union	Education	One poor quality pitch which is available for community use but not provided with sports lighting. Pitch has actual spare capacity.	Improve pitch quality through enhanced maintenance regime. Add a sports lighting solution onto a full size, posted pitches to accommodate demand.	Education RFU	Local	S	M	M	Protect Enhance Provide
8	1010135	Hazelwood High School	BL9 7QT	Hockey	Education	One full size hockey suitable AGP that is of poor quality and sports lit. The pitch was refurbished in 2010 and exceeds its recommended lifespan.	Resurface as soon as feasibly possible to safely accommodate demand on site. Explore potential to convert to 3G to meet shortfalls for football team training, provided that needs for hockey are met at other sites.	Education EH FA FF	Local	H	S	H	Protect Enhance
8	1010135	Hazelwood High School	BL9 7QT	Tennis	Education	Three poor quality macadam courts which are available for community use and provided with sports lighting.	Improve court quality through enhanced maintenance regime.	Education LTA	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
8	1010135	Hazelwood High School	BL9 7QT	Netball	Education	Two poor quality macadam courts which are available for community use and provided with sports lighting.	Improve court quality through enhanced maintenance regime.	Education EN	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
11	1011443	Market Street Athletics Track	BL9 9FX	Football	Sports Club	One poor quality mini 7v7 pitch which is overplayed by 1.5 match equivalent sessions and one poor quality mini 5v5 pitch which is played to capacity.	Improve pitch quality through enhanced maintenance regime to alleviate overplay on the mini 7v7 pitch.	Sports Club FA FF	Hub Site	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
11	1011443	Market Street Athletics Track	BL9 9FX	Athletics	Sports Club	One good quality six lane, 400m synthetic athletics track which is provide with sports lighting and is available for community use. The track is TrackMark compliant. The Club indicate the sports lighting at the sites needs modernising and the current clubhouse need replacing. Furthermore, the Club aspires to add a	Sustain track and accompanying field event facilities quality through enhanced maintenance regime. Support Bury AC with the need to improve the sports lighting and adding a secure gate access.	Sports Club EA	Hub Site	M	M	M	Protect Enhance Provide

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Site ID	Active Places Site ID	Site	Postcode	Sport	Management	Current status	Recommended actions	Partners	Site hierarchy tier	Priority	Timescales	Cost	Aim
						secure gate access to the site to prevent vandalism.	Furthermore, support the Club with replacement of current clubhouse facilities.						
12	1201256	Bury Church of England High School	BL9 0TS	Football	Education	Two poor quality adult pitches which are unavailable for community use.	Improve pitch quality through enhanced maintenance regime.	Education FA, FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
12	1201256	Bury Church of England High School	BL9 0TS	Tennis	Education	Four good quality macadam courts which are unavailable for community use and not provided with sports lighting.	Sustain court quality through enhanced maintenance regime for curricular use.	Education LTA	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
12	1201256	Bury Church of England High School	BL9 0TS	Cricket	Education	One poor quality NTP.	Improve wicket quality for curricular demand through enhanced maintenance regime.	Education ECB	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
12	1201256	Bury Church of England High School	BL9 0TS	Netball	Education	Two good quality macadam courts which are unavailable for community use and not provided with sports lighting.	Sustain court quality through enhanced maintenance regime. Look into possible funding opportunities for installation of sports lighting.	Education EN	Local	M	L	M	Protect Enhance
13	1201442	Bury College	BL9 0BG	Football	Education	Two standard quality adult pitches which are unavailable for community use.	Sustain pitch quality through enhanced maintenance regime.	Education FA, FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect
14	1201472	Bury Grammar School (Boys)	BL9 0HN	3G	Education	One small sided (73m x 46m) 3G pitch which is available for community use and provided with sports lighting. The pitch is FA registered to host competitive matches.	Sustain pitch quality through enhanced maintenance regime. Ensure sinking fund is in place for future refurbishment when necessary.	Education FA FF	Local	M	M	L	Protect
14	1201472	Bury Grammar School (Boys)	BL9 0HN	Cricket	Education	One good quality grass cricket square with six wickets. The square has actual spare capacity Saturdays, Sundays and midweek, however, is discounted due to unsecure tenure. The site is serviced by good quality ancillary provision.	Sustain square quality through enhanced maintenance regime. Look to formalise a community use agreement to provide users with security of tenure.	Education ECB	Local	L	L	L	Protect
14	1201472	Bury Grammar School (Boys)	BL9 0HN	Tennis	Education	Four good quality macadam courts which are available for community use and provided with sports lighting.	Sustain court quality through enhance maintenance regime.	Education LTA	Local	L	L	L	Protect
15	1201460	Bury Grammar School (Girls)	BL9 0HH	Tennis	Education	Eight poor quality macadam courts which are available for community use but not provided with sports lighting.	Improve court quality through enhanced maintenance regime. Look into possible funding opportunities for installation of sports lighting.	Education LTA	Local	M	L	M	Protect Enhance
15	1201460	Bury Grammar School (Girls)	BL9 0HH	Netball	Education	Five standard quality macadam courts which are available for community use and provided with sports lighting.	Sustain court quality through enhance maintenance regime.	Education EN	Local	L	L	L	Protect

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Site ID	Active Places Site ID	Site	Postcode	Sport	Management	Current status	Recommended actions	Partners	Site hierarchy tier	Priority	Timescales	Cost	Aim
16	1042180	Bury Grammar School Boys Playing Field	BL8 2BD	Football	Education	Four good quality adult pitches and one good quality youth 9v9 pitch which are available for community use. Pitch quality has improved due to receiving Grass Pitch Maintenance Funding. Spare capacity has been discounted due to unsecure tenure.	Sustain pitch quality through the continued support of the Grass Pitch Maintenance Fund. Look to formalise a community use agreement to provide users with security of tenure.	Education FA FF	Local	M	S	L	Protect Enhance
16	1042180	Bury Grammar School Boys Playing Field	BL8 2BD	Cricket	Education	One poor quality NTP and one standard quality NTP.	Improve wicket quality for curricular demand through enhanced maintenance regime.	Education ECB	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
16	1042180	Bury Grammar School Boys Playing Field	BL8 2BD	Rugby Union	Education	One standard quality pitch which is available for community use but not provided with sports lighting. Pitch has actual spare capacity.	Sustain pitch quality through enhanced maintenance regime. Add a sports lighting solution onto a posted pitch to accommodate demand.	Education RFU	Local	S	M	M	Protect Enhance Provide
17	1036301	Bury Sports Club	Bury East	Cricket	Sports Club	One good quality grass cricket square with 16 wickets. The square has actual spare capacity on Sundays. The site is serviced by good quality ancillary provision.	Sustain square quality through enhanced maintenance regime.	Sports Club ECB	Local	L	L	L	Protect
17	1036301	Bury Sports Club	Bury East	Rugby Union	Sports Club	Two standard quality pitches, one fully sport lit, and one partially sports lit. Both pitches are overplayed by 5.5 match equivalent sessions. Ancillary facilities are assessed as poor quality and in need of modernisation. The Club has aspiration to improve the quality of the provision with refurbishment of existing facilities and potential extensions to building to create new, suitable changing rooms.	Improve pitch quality through enhanced maintenance regime to alleviate overplay. Support the Club with plan to improve the quality of changing provision.	Sports Club RFU	Local	L	M	H	Protect Enhance
17	1036301	Bury Sports Club	Bury East	Rounders	Sports Club	One rounders pitch which is used by Swan Ladies, Bury Sports Buddies, Brocks XI C.	Ensure quality is appropriate for levels of demand accessing the site. Retain as current use.	Sports Club RE	Local	L	L	L	Protect
20	6011104	Clarence Park	BL9 6NQ	Football	Sports Club	Two adult pitches, one youth 9v9 pitch, one mini 7v7 pitch and one mini 5v5 pitch all which are poor quality and overplayed. SMA expired in 2019 although the Club is still maintaining the pitches.	Improve pitch quality through enhanced maintenance regime to alleviate overplay across all pitches. Renegotiate SMA or Leasehold of the site to secure tenure.	Sports Club Council FA FF	Local	H	S	M	Protect Enhance
20	6011104	Clarence Park	BL9 6NQ	Bowls	Sports Club	One good quality crown bowling green. It is home to Clarence Park Vets BC. The green is serviced by good quality ancillary provision.	Sustain green quality through enhanced maintenance regime. Membership should be monitored to ensure their existing provision remains sufficient.	Sports Club BCGBA	Local	L	L	L	Protect

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Site ID	Active Places Site ID	Site	Postcode	Sport	Management	Current status	Recommended actions	Partners	Site hierarchy tier	Priority	Timescales	Cost	Aim
32	30004603	Gigg Lane	BL9 9HR	Football	Other	One good quality pitch which has recently been brought back into use since the successful merger. In April 2023, members of the Shakers Community Society which set up as Bury AFC (a grassroots phoenix club set up following Bury FC folding), and Bury Football Club Supporters Society, which own the ground, voted to unit a bid to ensure men's and women's football returns to Gigg Lane. The merger was successful, and football will return for the 2023/24 season. A total of £1.3 million in funding is available to the Club, £450,000 from Bury Council and the remaining for the Government's Levelling Up Fund.	Sustain pitch quality through enhanced maintenance regime. Explore feasibility to convert the existing grass pitch to 3G to form a centrally located 3G community venue able to host National League System Play.	Other FA FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect
33	1002545	Goshen Sports Centre	BL9 9RG	Football	Sports Club	One good quality adult pitch, two adult pitches, two youth 11v11 pitches, two youth 9v9 pitches and one mini 7v7 pitch all of standard quality and played to capacity at peak time.	Improve the standard quality pitches through enhanced maintenance regime, to continue to accommodate demand.	Sports Club FA FF	Hub Site	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
33	1002545	Goshen Sports Centre	BL9 9RG	3G	Sports Club	One good quality, 11v11 3G pitch that is sports lit and available for community use. The pitch is FA registered to host competitive matches.	Sustain pitch quality through enhanced maintenance regime. Ensure sinking fund is in place for future refurbishment when necessary.	Sports Club FA FF	Hub Site	M	M	M	Protect
47	6011168	Hoyles Park	BL9 6JA	Bowls	Council	One standard quality crown bowling green. It is home to Hoyles Vets BC. The green is serviced by good quality ancillary provision.	Sustain green quality through enhanced maintenance regime. Membership should be monitored to ensure their existing provision remains sufficient.	Council BCGBA	Local	L	L	L	Protect
47	6011168	Hoyles Park	BL9 6JA	Rounders	Council	One rounders pitch which is used by Ladybird Saviours.	Ensure quality is appropriate for levels of demand accessing the site. Retain as current use.	Council RE	Local	L	L	L	Protect
47	6011168	Hoyles Park	BL9 6JA	Football (Disused)	Council	Previously held on self-management agreement and marked with several football pitches, sufficient size to accommodate one adult, one youth 11v11 and one youth 9v9 or equivalent. Also has playground, MUGA and bowling green provision.	Retain as strategic reserve if an increase in demand warrants reinstating the provision. Ensure any permanent loss of provision meets national planning policy requirements.	Council FA FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect
47	6011168	Hoyles Park	BL9 6JA	Cricket	Council	One good quality NTP which has recently been installed as part of the Greater Manchester Cricket Strategy.	Sustain NTP quality through enhanced maintenance regime.	Council ECB	Local	L	L	L	Protect
50	30008606	Manchester Road	BL9 0TD	Bowls	Council	One good quality crown bowling green. The green is serviced by good quality ancillary provision.	Sustain green quality through enhanced maintenance regime.	Council BCGBA	Local	L	L	L	Protect

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		Recreation Ground											
50	30008606	Manchester Road Recreation Ground	BL9 0TD	Tennis	Council	Two good quality macadam courts which are available for community use but not provided with sports lighting.	Sustain court quality through enhanced maintenance regime. Look into possible funding opportunities for installation of sports lighting.	Council LTA	Local	M	L	M	Protect Enhance
51	6011118	Manchester Road Playing Field	BL9 0TD	Football	Sports Club	Three standard quality adult pitches which are played to capacity at peak time. The ancillary facilities located at the site are assessed as poor quality. The Club are in the process of a draft lease to secure tenure at the site.	Improve the standard quality pitches through enhanced maintenance regime, to continue to accommodate demand. Finalise long-term lease of the site to secure tenure.	Sports Club Council FA FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
51	6011118	Manchester Road Playing Field	BL9 0TD	Rounders	Sports Club	Rounders pitch used by Brown Cow A, Exodus A, Exodus B, Radcliffe Borough, Brown Cow B, Exodus Junior's	Ensure quality is appropriate for levels of demand accessing the site. Retain as current use.	Sports Club RE	Local	L	L	L	Protect
56	30002506	Openshaw Park	BL9 7DS	Bowls	Council	Two good quality crown bowling greens. It is home to Openshaw Park BC. The green is serviced by standard quality ancillary facilities.	Sustain green quality through enhanced maintenance regime.	Council BCGBA	Local	L	L	L	Protect
56	30002506	Openshaw Park	BL9 7DS	Tennis	Council	Two good quality macadam courts which are available for community use and provided with sports lighting.	Sustain court quality through enhanced maintenance regime.	Council LTA	Local	L	L	L	Protect
56	30002506	Openshaw Park	BL9 7DS	Rounders	Council	One rounders pitch which is used by Roach A, Chesham Ladies	Ensure quality is appropriate for levels of demand accessing the site. Retain as current use.	Council RE	Local	L	L	L	Protect
56	30002506	Openshaw Park	BL9 7DS	Cricket	Council	One good quality NTP which has recently been installed as part of the Greater Manchester Cricket Strategy.	Sustain NTP quality through enhanced maintenance regime.	Council ECB	Local	L	L	L	Protect
60	1042222	Powerleague / Bury College	BL9 0DB	3G	Commercial	Eight standard quality small sided 3G pitches which are available for community use.	Sustain pitch quality through enhanced maintenance regime. Ensure sinking fund is in place for future refurbishment when necessary.	Commercial FA FF	Local	M	M	L	Protect
68	6000299	Seedfield Sports Club	BL9 6NY	Football	Sports Club	One adult pitch, one youth 11v11 pitch, one youth 9v9 pitch, one mini 7v7 and one mini 5v5 pitch all of standard quality. The youth 9v9 pitch is overplayed by 1.5 match equivalent sessions.	Improve pitch quality through enhanced maintenance regime to alleviate overplay on the youth 9v9 pitch.	Sports Club FA FF	Local	M	S	L	Protect Enhance
68	6000299	Seedfield Sports Club	BL9 6NY	Bowls	Sports Club	One good quality crown bowling green. It is home to Seedfield BC and Scouters BC. The green is serviced with good quality ancillary facilities.	Sustain green quality through enhanced maintenance regime.	Sports Club BCGBA	Local	L	L	L	Protect
70	1010146	St Gabriels RC High School	BL9 0TZ	Football	Education	Two poor quality youth 11v11 pitches which are unavailable for community use.	Improve pitch quality through enhanced maintenance regime.	Education FA FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance

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70	1010146	St Gabriels RC High School	BL9 0TZ	Cricket	Education	One poor quality NTP.	Improve wicket quality for curricular demand through enhanced maintenance regime.	Education ECB	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
74	30003287	St Peters C of E Primary School	BL9 9PW	Football	Education	One standard quality youth 9v9 pitch which is available for community use.	Sustain pitch quality through enhanced maintenance regime. Look to formalise a community use agreement to provide users with security of tenure.	Education FA FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect
80	1201443	The Derby High School	BL9 9NH	Football	Education	One adult pitch, two youth 11v11 pitches and one youth 9v9 pitch all are available for community use and poor quality. Actual spare capacity is discounted due to unsecure tenure.	Improve pitch quality through enhanced maintenance regime. Look to formalise a community use agreement to provide users with security of tenure.	Education FA FF	Local	M	S	L	Protect Enhance
80	1201443	The Derby High School	BL9 9NH	Cricket	Education	One good quality NTP which has recently been installed as part of the Greater Manchester Cricket Strategy.	Sustain NTP quality through enhanced maintenance regime.	Council ECB	Local	L	L	L	Protect
80	1201443	The Derby High School	BL9 9NH	Rugby Union	Education	One poor quality pitch which is available for community use but not provided with sports lighting. The pitch is overplayed by 0.5 match equivalent sessions.	Improve pitch quality through enhanced maintenance regime to alleviate overplay. Add a sports lighting solution onto the pitch to accommodate training demand.	Education RFU	Local	S	M	M	Protect Enhance Provide
80	1201443	The Derby High School	BL9 9NH	Tennis	Education	Seven standard quality macadam courts which are available for community use but not provided with sports lighting.	Sustain court quality through enhanced maintenance regime. Look into possible funding opportunities for installation of sports lighting.	Education LTA	Local	M	L	M	Protect Enhance
80	1201443	The Derby High School	BL9 9NH	Netball	Education	Five standard quality macadam courts which are available for community use but not provided with sports lighting.	Sustain court quality through enhanced maintenance regime. Look into possible funding opportunities for installation of sports lighting.	Education EN	Local	M	L	M	Protect Enhance
88	1042967	Walmer Lawn Tennis Club	BL9 6PH	Tennis	Sports Club	Four good quality macadam courts which are available for community use but not provided with sports lighting.	Sustain court quality through enhanced maintenance regime. Look into possible funding opportunities for installation of sports lighting.	Sports Club LTA	Local	M	L	M	Protect Enhance
96	30007538	Lower Gigg Playing Fields	BL9 9EW	Football	Sports Club	One standard quality adult pitch which is played to capacity at peak time.	Improve the standard quality pitches through enhanced maintenance regime, to continue to accommodate demand.	Sports Club FA FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
102	-	Chesham Primary School	BL9 6PH	Rounders	Education	One rounders pitch which is used by Concept Ladies.	Ensure quality is appropriate for levels of demand accessing the site.	Education RE	Local	L	L	L	Protect

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							Retain as current use.						
111	-	Stanley Conservative Club	BL9 9AY	Bowls	Sports Club	One standard quality bowling green. It is home to Stanley Cons BC. The green is serviced with good quality ancillary facilities.	Sustain green quality through enhanced maintenance regime.	Sports Club BCGBA	Local	L	L	L	Protect
112	-	Huntley Unionist Club	BL9 7LN	Bowls	Sports Club	One standard quality bowling green. The green is serviced with good quality ancillary facilities.	Sustain green quality through enhanced maintenance regime.	Sports Club BCGBA	Local	L	L	L	Protect
127	1101315	Bury Golf Club	BL9 9TJ	Golf	Proprietary	A good quality 18-hole course.	Ensure quality is appropriate for levels of demand accessing the site. Retain as current use.	Proprietary EG	Local	L	L	L	Protect
132	1200149	Lowes Park Golf Club	BL9 6SU	Golf	Private Members	A good quality 9-hole course.	Ensure quality is appropriate for levels of demand accessing the site. Retain as current use.	Private Members EG	Local	L	L	L	Protect

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BURY WEST ANALYSIS AREA

Area summary – pitch sports

Area	Pitch/facility type	Current supply/ demand balance	Future supply/demand balance
Football – grass pitches			
Bury West	Adult	Shortfall of 0.5 MES per week	Shortfall of 0.5 MES per week
Bury West	Youth 11v11	Shortfall of 0.5 MES per week	Shortfall of 0.5 MES per week
Bury West	Youth 9v9	Played to capacity	Played to capacity
Bury West	Mini 7v7	Played to capacity	Played to capacity
Bury West	Mini 5v5	Actual spare capacity of 1.5 MES per week	Actual spare capacity of 1.5 MES per week
Bury	Adult	Shortfall of 1.5 MES per week	Shortfall of 4 MES per week
Bury	Youth 11v11	Shortfall of 13.5 MES per week	Shortfall of 18.5 MES per week
Bury	Youth 9v9	Shortfall of 7.5 MES per week	Shortfall of 10.5 MES per week
Bury	Mini 7v7	Shortfall of 5.5 MES per week	Shortfall of 8.5 MES per week
Bury	Mini 5v5	Shortfall of 6 MES per week	Shortfall of 9 MES per week
Football – 3G pitches			
Bury West	11v11	Shortfall of 1 pitch	Shortfall of 1 pitch
Bury	11v11	Shortfall of 9 pitches	Shortfall of 10 pitches
Cricket			
Bury West	Senior (Saturday)	Shortfall of 3 MES per season	Shortfall of 27 MES per season
Bury West	Senior (Sunday)	Shortfall of 3 MES per season	Shortfall of 3 MES per season
Bury West	Junior (Midweek)	Shortfall of 3 MES per season	Shortfall of 7 MES per season
Bury	Senior (Saturday)	Shortfall of 39 MES per season	Shortfall of 63 MES per season
Bury	Senior (Sunday)	Actual spare capacity of 17 MES per season	Actual spare capacity of 17 MES per season
Bury	Junior (Midweek)	Actual spare capacity of 41 MES per season	Actual spare capacity of 37 MES per season
Rugby union			
Bury West	Senior	Played to capacity	Played to capacity
Bury	Senior	Shortfall of 22.75 MES per week	Shortfall of 24.25 MES per week
Hockey			
Bury	Full size	Demand is being met although imminent resurfacing is needed at Woodhey High School to continue to safely accommodate hockey demand on site.	Demand is being met although imminent resurfacing is needed at Woodhey High School to continue to safely accommodate hockey demand on site.

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Area summary – non-pitch sports

Sport	Headline findings
Bowls	Supply is sufficient to meet demand in the Bury West Analysis Area with two greens provided. Bury West provides the least number of greens in Bury, therefore, Clubs should be monitored to ensure their existing provision remains sufficient. Conversely, Clubs should be monitored to ensure it remains feasible.
Tennis	With five community available courts provided in the Bury West Analysis Area for club-based tennis, there is considered to be sufficient provision to meet demand with three courts available at club sites. Away from clubs, no courts are identified as having any capacity issues, and previously expressed latent demand is likely to have been met. However, it is also likely that informal demand will continue to increase following the improvements to courts.
Netball	No netball provision is provided within the Bury West Analysis Area. All provision is based in the Bury East, Prestwich, RT&NM and Whitefield & Unsworth, with 21 available netball courts provided in Bury, supply is sufficient to meet demand.
Athletics	No athletics provision is provided within the Bury West Analysis Area. There is only one formal athletics track in Bury which is provided in the Bury East Analysis Area. Supply is sufficient to meet demand for athletics in Bury.
Golf	No golf facilities are provided in the Bury West Analysis Area. All provision is based in the Bury East, Prestwich, RT&NM and Whitefield & Unsworth analysis areas, with seven venues that provided facilities in Bury, supply is sufficient to meet demand.

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Site ID	Active Places Site ID	Site	Postcode	Sport	Management	Current status	Recommended actions	Partners	Site hierarchy tier	Priority	Timescales	Cost	Aim
29	1208817	Elton Cricket Club	BL8 2RH	Cricket	Sports Club	One good quality grass cricket square with 17 wickets. The square has no actual spare capacity. The site is serviced by good quality ancillary provision.	Sustain square quality through enhanced maintenance regime.	Sports Club ECB	Local	L	L	L	Protect
29	1208817	Elton Cricket Club	BL8 2RH	Bowls	Sports Club	One good quality bowling green. The green is serviced with good quality ancillary facilities.	Sustain green quality through enhanced maintenance regime.	Sports Club BCGBA	Local	L	L	L	Protect
31	6011102	Elton Vale Sports Club	BL8 2RZ	Football	Sports Club	One poor quality adult pitch and one good quality mini 5v5 pitch which are both available for community use. The mini 5v5 pitch has actual spare capacity of 1.5 match equivalent sessions.	Improve pitch quality of the adult pitch through enhanced maintenance regime.	Sports Club FA FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
31	6011102	Elton Vale Sports Club	BL8 2RZ	Tennis	Sports Club	Three good quality macadam courts which are available for community use but don't provide sports lighting.	Sustain court quality through enhanced maintenance regime. Look into possible funding opportunities for installation of sports lighting.	Sports Club LTA	Local	M	L	M	Protect Enhance
31	6011102	Elton Vale Sports Club	BL8 2RZ	Rounders	Sports Club	One rounders pitch which is used by Elton Vale A, Elton Vale B and Elton Vale C.	Ensure quality is appropriate for levels of demand accessing the site. Retain as current use.	Education RE	Local	L	L	L	Protect
90	6011087	Westbury Sports Club	BL8 2XD	Football	Sports Club	One adult, one youth 11v11, two youth 9v9, one mini 7v7 and one mini 5v5 pitch all which are standard quality and available for community use. The adult and youth 11v11 pitch are both overplayed by one match equivalent session collectively. The Club aspires to add fencing to secure and protect quality of pitches. The changing facilities are assessed as poor quality and are in need of modernisation. The Club has aspiration to rebuild the current building.	Improve pitch quality through enhanced maintenance regime to alleviate overplay from the adult and youth 11v11 pitches. Support the Club with plans to improve the current changing facilities to support demand.	Sports Club FA FF	Local	M	M	H	Protect Enhance
90	6011087	Westbury Sports Club	BL8 2XD	Rounders	Sports Club	One rounders pitch which is used by Westbury and Westbury Gems.	Ensure quality is appropriate for levels of demand accessing the site. Retain as current use.	Education RE	Local	L	L	L	Protect
93	20000049	Whitehead Park	BL8 2RR	Football	Sports Club	Two poor quality adult pitches which has spare capacity discounted due to poor quality.	Improve pitch quality through enhanced maintenance regime.	Sports Club FA, FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
93	20000049	Whitehead Park	BL8 2RR	Tennis	Council	Two good quality macadam courts which are available for community use but don't provide sports lighting.	Sustain court quality through enhanced maintenance regime. Look into possible funding opportunities for installation of sports lighting.	Sports Club LTA	Local	M	L	M	Protect Enhance
93	20000049	Whitehead Park	BL8 2RR	Croquet	Council	Three good quality croquet lawns. Its home to Bury Croquet Club. The ancillary facilities have recently been refurbished and therefore is good quality.	Sustain lawn quality through enhanced maintenance regime.	Council CA	Local	L	L	L	Protect

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93	20000049	Whitehead Park	BL8 2RR	Rounders	Sports Club	One rounders pitch which is used by All Saints A and All Saints B.	Ensure quality is appropriate for levels of demand accessing the site. Retain as current use.	Education RE	Local	L	L	L	Protect
94	1040493	Woodbank Cricket Club	BL8 1AY	Cricket	Sports Club	One good quality grass cricket square with 12 wickets. The square is overplayed by 10 match equivalent sessions a season. The site is serviced by standard quality ancillary provision.	Sustain square quality through enhanced maintenance regime. Look to add more wickets to the square to alleviate overplay.	Sports Club ECB	Local	M	M	L	Protect Enhance
97	30007743	Chantlers Primary School	BL8 2SF	Football	Education	One standard quality mini 7v7 pitch which is unavailable for community use.	Sustain pitch quality through enhanced maintenance regime.	Education FA FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect
110	-	Elton Libs Bowling Green	BL8 1NW	Bowls	Sports Club	One good quality bowling green. Its home to Elton Liberals BC. The green is serviced with good quality ancillary facilities.	Sustain green quality through enhanced maintenance regime.	Sports Club BCGBA	Local	L	L	L	Protect

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PRESTWICH ANALYSIS AREA

Area summary – pitch sports

Area	Pitch/facility type	Current supply/ demand balance	Future supply/demand balance
Football – grass pitches			
Prestwich	Adult	Shortfall of 4.5 MES per week	Shortfall of 4.5 MES per week
Prestwich	Youth 11v11	Shortfall of 2 MES per week	Shortfall of 2 MES per week
Prestwich	Youth 9v9	Shortfall of 1 MES per week	Shortfall of 1 MES per week
Prestwich	Mini 7v7	Played to capacity	Played to capacity
Prestwich	Mini 5v5	Played to capacity	Played to capacity
Bury	Adult	Shortfall of 1.5 MES per week	Shortfall of 4 MES per week
Bury	Youth 11v11	Shortfall of 13 MES per week	Shortfall of 18 MES per week
Bury	Youth 9v9	Shortfall of 7.5 MES per week	Shortfall of 10.5 MES per week
Bury	Mini 7v7	Shortfall of 5.5 MES per week	Shortfall of 8.5 MES per week
Bury	Mini 5v5	Shortfall of 6 MES per week	Shortfall of 9 MES per week
Football – 3G pitches			
Prestwich	11v11	Shortfall of 2 pitches	Shortfall of 2 pitches
Bury	11v11	Shortfall of 9 pitches	Shortfall of 10 pitches
Cricket			
Prestwich	Senior (Saturday)	Played to capacity	Played to capacity
Prestwich	Senior (Sunday)	Played to capacity	Played to capacity
Prestwich	Junior (Midweek)	Actual spare capacity of 4 MES per season	Actual spare capacity of 4 MES per season
Bury	Senior (Saturday)	Shortfall of 39 MES per season	Shortfall of 63 MES per season
Bury	Senior (Sunday)	Actual spare capacity of 17 MES per season	Actual spare capacity of 17 MES per season
Bury	Junior (Midweek)	Actual spare capacity of 41 MES per season	Actual spare capacity of 37 MES per season
Rugby union			
Prestwich	Senior	Played to capacity	Played to capacity
Bury	Senior	Shortfall of 22.75 MES per week	Shortfall of 24.25 MES per week
Hockey			
Bury	Full size	Demand is being met although imminent resurfacing is needed at Woodhey High School to continue to safely accommodate hockey demand on site.	Demand is being met although imminent resurfacing is needed at Woodhey High School to continue to safely accommodate hockey demand on site.

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Area summary – non-pitch sports

Sport	Headline findings
Bowls	Supply is sufficient to meet demand in the Prestwich Analysis Area with seven greens provided. Clubs should be monitored to ensure their existing provision remains sufficient. Conversely, Prestwich BC should be monitored to ensure it remains feasible.
Tennis	With 10 community available courts provided in the Prestwich Analysis Area for club-based tennis, there is considered to be sufficient provision to meet demand with six courts available at club sites. Away from clubs, no courts are identified as having any capacity issues, and previously expressed latent demand is likely to have been met. However, it is also likely that informal demand will continue to increase following the improvements to courts.
Netball	With four community available netball courts provided in the Prestwich Analysis Area located across two sites, Parrenthorn Sports Centre and St Mary's Park, there is considered to be sufficient provision to meet demand.
Athletics	No athletics provision is provided within the Prestwich Analysis Area. There is only one formal athletics track in Bury which is provided in the Bury East Analysis Area. Supply is sufficient to meet demand for athletics in Bury.
Golf	Prestwich Golf Club is the only golf facility in the Prestwich Analysis Area. The facility provides an 18-hole course. No driving ranges are provided in the Prestwich Analysis Area.

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21	6011037	Clifton Road Playing Fields	M25 3EQ	Football	Sports Club	One poor quality adult pitch which is overplayed by one match equivalent session. The Club has unsecure tenure of the site and is in the process of a draft lease of the site.	Improve pitch quality through enhanced maintenance regime to alleviate overplay. Finalise long-term lease of the site to secure tenure	Sports Club Council FA FF	Local	M	L	L	Protect Enhance
25	30004503	Drinkwater Park	M25 9SU	Football	Sports Club	Two adult, one youth 11v11, one mini 7v7 and one mini 5v5 pitch which are all poor quality. SMA expired in 2019 although the Club is still maintaining the pitches.	Improve pitch quality through enhanced maintenance regime. Renegotiate SMA to secure use of the site.	Sports Club Council FA FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
41	30004761	Heys Road	M25 1BZ	Football	Sports Club	One good quality adult pitch and two good quality mini 7v7 pitches. The adult pitch is overplayed by one match equivalent session.	Sustain pitch quality through enhanced maintenance regime. Look into the possibility of an additional adult pitch onsite to alleviate overplay.	Sports Club FA FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect Provide
49	1044674	Manchester Maccabi Community and Sports Club	M25 0EG	Football	Sports Club	One adult and one youth 11v11 pitch both which are standard quality and overplayed by three match equivalent sessions collectively.	Improve pitch quality through enhanced maintenance regime to alleviate overplay.	Sports Club FA FF	Local	M	L	L	Protect Enhance
49	1044674	Manchester Maccabi Community and Sports Club	M25 0EG	3G	Sports Club	One small sided (55m x 50m) 3G pitch, which is good quality, available for community use and provided with sports lighting. The pitch is FA registered to host competitive matches.	Sustain pitch quality through enhanced maintenance regime. Ensure sinking fund is in place for future refurbishment when necessary.	Education FA FF	Local	M	M	L	Protect
58	1010139	Parrenthorn Sports Centre	M25 2BW	Football	Education	Two poor quality youth 11v11 pitches which are available for community use.	Improve pitch quality through enhanced maintenance regime.	Education FA, FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
58	1010139	Parrenthorn Sports Centre	M25 2BW	Hockey	Education	One good quality, full size AGP pitch that is sports lit and available for community use. The AGP has three hours of spare capacity on Saturday mornings.	Sustain pitch quality through enhanced maintenance regime. Ensure sinking fund is in place for future refurbishment when necessary. Further exploration should be given to negotiating community use for Bury HC particularly to accommodate matches on a Saturday.	Sports Club EH FA FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect
58	1010139	Parrenthorn Sports Centre	M25 2BW	Netball	Education	Three standard quality macadam courts which are available for community use and provided with sports lighting.	Sustain court quality through enhanced maintenance regime	Education EN	Local	L	L	L	Protect
61	1044205	Prestwich Cricket Tennis & Bowling Club	M25 1BZ	Cricket	Sports Club	One good quality grass cricket square with 12 wickets. The square is overplayed by 50 match equivalent sessions. The site is serviced by good quality ancillary provision.	Sustain square quality through enhanced maintenance regime. Look to add more wickets to the square to alleviate overplay.	Sports Club ECB	Hub Site	M	M	L	Protect Enhance
61	1044205	Prestwich Cricket Tennis & Bowling Club	M25 1BZ	Bowls	Sports Club	One good quality bowling green. Its home to Prestwich Tennis & Bowls Club.	Sustain green quality through enhanced maintenance regime.	Sports Club BCGBA	Hub Site	L	L	L	Protect

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Site ID	Active Places Site ID	Site	Postcode	Sport	Management	Current status	Recommended actions	Partners	Site hierarchy tier	Priority	Timescales	Cost	Aim
						The green is provided with a good quality ancillary facility.							
61	1044205	Prestwich Cricket Tennis & Bowling Club	M25 1BZ	Tennis	Sports Club	Three good quality macadam courts and three good quality artificial courts which are available for community use and provided with sports lighting.	Sustain court quality through enhanced maintenance regime.	Sports Club LTA	Hub Site	L	L	L	Protect
65	30009633	Sandgate Playing Fields	M45 6NT	Football	Sports Club	One adult, one youth 9v9, two mini 7v7 and one mini 5v5 pitch all which are poor quality. Actual spare capacity has been discounted due to poor quality.	Improve pitch quality through enhanced maintenance regime to accommodate more demand.	Sports Club FA FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
71	20000048	St Marys Park	M25 1GG	Football	Sports Club	One adult, one youth 9v9 and two mini 7v7 pitch all which are poor quality. The adult and youth 9v9 pitch are overplayed by 2.5 match equivalent sessions collectively.	Improve pitch quality through enhanced maintenance regime to alleviate overplay.	Sports Club FA FF	Local	M	L	L	Protect Enhance
71	20000048	St Marys Park	M25 1GG	Bowls	Sports Club	One good quality bowling green. Its home to St Marys Park BC and Church Institute BC. The green is provided with good quality ancillary facilities.	Sustain green quality through enhanced maintenance regime.	Sports Club BCGBA	Local	L	L	L	Protect
71	20000048	St Marys Park	M25 1GG	Tennis	Council	Four standard quality macadam courts which are available for community use but not provided with sports lighting.	Improve court quality through enhanced maintenance regime. Look into possible funding opportunities for installation of sports lighting.	Sports Club LTA	Local	M	L	M	Protect Enhance
99	1010145	St Monica's High School	M25 1JH	Netball	Education	Three poor quality macadam courts which are unavailable for community use and not provided with sports lighting.	Improve court quality through enhanced maintenance regime for curricular use.	Education EN	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
100	1010144	The Heys School	M25 1JZ	Netball	Education	Five standard quality macadam courts which are unavailable for community use and not provided with sports lighting.	Improve court quality through enhanced maintenance regime for curricular use.	Education EN	Local	L	L	L	Protect
105	-	Bailey Street Bowling Green	M25 1HQ	Bowls	Sports Club	One good quality bowling green. Its home to Bailey Street BC. The green is provided with good quality ancillary facilities.	Sustain green quality through enhanced maintenance regime.	Sports Club BCGBA	Local	L	L	L	Protect
106	-	Prestwich Conservative Club	M25 1AN	Bowls	Sports Club	One good quality bowling green. Its home to Prestwich Cons BC. The green is provided with good quality ancillary facilities.	Sustain green quality through enhanced maintenance regime.	Sports Club BCGBA	Local	L	L	L	Protect
107	-	Prestwich Liberal Club	M25 3AJ	Bowls	Sports Club	One good quality bowling green. Its home to Prestwich Libs BC. The green is provided with Standard quality ancillary facilities.	Sustain green quality through enhanced maintenance regime.	Sports Club BCGBA	Local	L	L	L	Protect
108	-	St Margaret's Bowling Green	M25 2GN	Bowls	Sports Club	One good quality bowling green. Its home to St Margaret's BC. The green is provided with good quality ancillary facilities.	Sustain green quality through enhanced maintenance regime.	Sports Club BCGBA	Local	L	L	L	Protect

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Site ID	Active Places Site ID	Site	Postcode	Sport	Management	Current status	Recommended actions	Partners	Site hierarchy tier	Priority	Timescales	Cost	Aim
131	1101319	Prestwich Golf Club	M25 9XB	Golf	Proprietary	A good quality 18-hole course.	Ensure quality is appropriate for levels of demand accessing the site. Retain as current use.	Proprietary EG	Local	L	L	L	Protect

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RADCLIFFE ANALYSIS AREA

Area summary – pitch sports

Area	Pitch/facility type	Current supply/ demand balance	Future supply/demand balance
Football – grass pitches			
Radcliffe	Adult	Actual spare capacity of 2 match sessions	Actual spare capacity of 2 match sessions
Radcliffe	Youth 11v11	Shortfall of 7.5 MES per week	Shortfall of 7.5 MES per week
Radcliffe	Youth 9v9	Shortfall of 4.5 MES per week	Shortfall of 4.5 MES per week
Radcliffe	Mini 7v7	Shortfall of 2.5 MES per week	Shortfall of 2.5 MES per week
Radcliffe	Mini 5v5	Shortfall of 0.5 MES per week	Shortfall of 0.5 MES per week
Bury	Adult	Shortfall of 1.5 MES per week	Shortfall of 4 MES per week
Bury	Youth 11v11	Shortfall of 13 MES per week	Shortfall of 18 MES per week
Bury	Youth 9v9	Shortfall of 7.5 MES per week	Shortfall of 10.5 MES per week
Bury	Mini 7v7	Shortfall of 5.5 MES per week	Shortfall of 8.5 MES per week
Bury	Mini 5v5	Shortfall of 6 MES per week	Shortfall of 9 MES per week
Football – 3G pitches			
Radcliffe	11v11	Shortfall of 3 pitch	Shortfall of 3 pitch
Bury	11v11	Shortfall of 9 pitches	Shortfall of 10 pitches
Cricket			
Radcliffe	Senior (Saturday)	Played to capacity	Played to capacity
Radcliffe	Senior (Sunday)	Actual spare capacity of 16 MES per season	Actual spare capacity of 16 MES per season
Radcliffe	Junior (Midweek)	Actual spare capacity of 24 MES per season	Actual spare capacity of 24 MES per season
Bury	Senior (Saturday)	Shortfall of 39 MES per season	Shortfall of 63 MES per season
Bury	Senior (Sunday)	Actual spare capacity of 17 MES per season	Actual spare capacity of 17 MES per season
Bury	Junior (Midweek)	Actual spare capacity of 41 MES per season	Actual spare capacity of 37 MES per season
Rugby union			
Radcliffe	Senior	Played to capacity	Played to capacity
Bury	Senior	Shortfall of 22.75 MES per week	Shortfall of 24.25 MES per week
Hockey			
Bury	Full size	Demand is being met although imminent resurfacing is needed at Woodhey High School to continue to safely accommodate hockey demand on site.	Demand is being met although imminent resurfacing is needed at Woodhey High School to continue to safely accommodate hockey demand on site.

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Area summary – non-pitch sports

Sport	Headline findings
Bowls	Supply is sufficient to meet demand in the Radcliffe Analysis Area with eight greens provided. Clubs should be monitored to ensure their existing provision remains sufficient. Conversely, Black Lane BC should be monitored to ensure it remains feasible.
Tennis	No tennis clubs are based within the Radcliffe Analysis Area. There are five community available courts provided across two sites located at, Close Park and Bolton Road Park. Away from clubs, no courts are identified as having any capacity issues, and previously expressed latent demand is likely to have been met. However, it is also likely that informal demand will continue to increase following the improvements to courts.
Netball	No netball provision is provided within the Radcliffe Analysis Area. All provision is based in the Bury East, Prestwich, RT&NM and Whitefield & Unsworth, with 21 available netball courts provided in Bury, supply is sufficient to meet demand.
Athletics	No athletics provision is provided within the Radcliffe Analysis Area. There is only one formal athletics track in Bury which is provided in the Bury East Analysis Area. Supply is sufficient to meet demand for athletics in Bury.
Golf	No golf facilities are provided in the Radcliffe Analysis Area. All provision is based in the Bury East, Prestwich, RT&NM and Whitefield & Unsworth analysis areas, with seven venues that provided facilities in Bury, supply is sufficient to meet demand.

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1	6020472	Ainsworth Hall Road	BL2 5SA	Football	Sports Club	One good quality adult pitch which has 0.5 actual spare capacity. The site has poor quality ancillary facilities.	Sustain pitch quality through enhanced maintenance regime. Look to improve ancillary provision to better cater for demand.	Sports Club FA FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect
1	6020472	Ainsworth Hall Road	BL2 5SA	Rounders	Sports Club	One rounders pitch which is used by Ainsworth B and Ainsworth C.	Ensure quality is appropriate for levels of demand accessing the site. Retain as current use.	Education RE	Local	L	L	L	Protect
2	-	Ainsworth Vets Bowling Club	BL2 5SQ	Bowls	Sports Club	One good quality bowling green. Its home to Ainsworth and Ainsworth Ladies BC. The green is provided with good quality ancillary facilities.	Sustain green quality through enhanced maintenance regime.	Sports Club BCGBA	Local	L	L	L	Protect
5	-	Black Lane Bowls Club	M26 4HZ	Bowls	Sports Club	One good quality bowling green. Its home to Black Lane BC, East Lancs Paper Mill BC, Bay Horse BC and Redfern BC. The green is provided with standard quality ancillary facilities.	Sustain green quality through enhanced maintenance regime.	Sports Club BCGBA	Local	L	L	L	Protect
18	30003337	Cams Lane Sports Ground	M26 3YZ	Football	Council	One poor quality adult pitch with poor quality ancillary facilities. Actual spare capacity has been discounted due to poor quality.	Improve pitch quality through enhanced maintenance regime to accommodate demand.	Council FA FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
22	6011103	Close Park	M26 2QA	Football	Sports Club	Two youth 11v11, one youth 9v9, two mini 7v7 and 3 mini 5v5 pitches all which are poor quality and overplayed by 6.5 match equivalent sessions collectively. The pavilion on site is identified as poor quality and is in need of refurbishment. The recently developed new pitch plateau has been taken out of use due to quality issues which are to be resolved, however will further increase pressure on pitch space across the site. The recent installation of the cricket NTP is causing issues regarding the pitch locations due to the NTP being located within the safety run-off areas. The location of the NTP also limits the flexibility of the playing field to be reconfigured with different football pitch formats to help mitigate the impact of losing access to the plateau pitch but also accommodate future growth. SMA expired in 2019 although the Club is still maintaining the pitches and has recently submitted an application for FF funding towards maintenance machinery and plant equipment.	Improve pitch quality through enhanced maintenance regime to alleviate overplay. Continue to work with the Council and the Environmental agency to find a solution to help improve pitches and quality across the site - Partners to resolve the pitch construction and quality issues affecting the plateau pitch and to bring back into use once signed off as safe and suitable to use. Renegotiate SMA or leasehold of the site to secure tenure when issues have been resolved regarding the pitch establishment.	Sports Club Council FA FF	Local	H	M	H	Protect Enhance
22	6011103	Close Park	M26 2QA	Bowls	Sports Club	One good quality bowling green. Its home to Close Park BC. The green is provided with standard quality ancillary facilities.	Sustain green quality through enhanced maintenance regime.	Sports Club BCGBA	Local	L	L	L	Protect
22	6011103	Close Park	M26 2QA	Tennis	Council	Three standard quality macadam courts which are available for community use but not provided with sports lighting.	Sustain court quality through enhanced maintenance regime.	Council LTA	Local	L	L	L	Protect

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22	6011103	Close Park	M26 2QA	Rounders	Sports Club	One rounders pitch which is used by Radcliffe Borough Ladies, Radcliffe Borough Ladies B and Close Encounters	Ensure quality is appropriate for levels of demand accessing the site. Retain as current use.	Education RE	Local	L	L	L	Protect
22	6011103	Close Park	M26 2QA	Cricket	Council	One good quality NTP which has recently been installed as part of the Greater Manchester Cricket Strategy.	Sustain NTP quality through enhanced maintenance regime.	Council ECB	Local	L	L	L	Protect
23	-	Coronation Park	M45 1LS	Croquet	Sports Club	Two standard quality croquet lawns. Its home to Bury Croquet Club. The ancillary facilities are assessed as standard quality.	Sustain lawn quality through enhanced maintenance regime.	Council CA	Local	L	L	L	Protect
24	1208698	AFC Dobbies	BL2 6QR	Football	Sports Club	Two poor quality adult pitches. Actual spare capacity discounted due to poor quality pitches.	Improve pitch quality through enhanced maintenance regime to accommodate demand.	Sports Club FA, FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
27	1040648	East Lancs Paper Mill Cricket Club	M26 2RF	Cricket	Other	One standard quality grass cricket square with eight wickets. The square is overplayed by 14 match equivalent sessions. The site is serviced by poor quality ancillary provision. East Lancs Paper Mill CC has unsecure tenure at this site with just one year remaining on its lease from a private landowner. The site is implicated as part of a proposal to develop new housing, with current plans showing the relocation of the cricket ground towards Radcliffe Tower (next to Close Park).	Ensure any loss of playing field is mitigated in accordance with NPPF paragraph 103 and Sport England Playing Fields Policy. Secure long-term tenure for the Club either through formal lease agreement or freehold at either the proposed new site or the current site should it not be impacted upon by residential development.	Sports Club ECB	Local	H	S	L	Protect Enhance Provide
37	-	Hare And Hounds Bowls Club	M26 1BG	Bowls	Sports Club	One good quality bowling green. Its home to Hare & Hound BC and Coronation BC. The green is provided with good quality ancillary facilities.	Sustain green quality through enhanced maintenance regime.	Sports Club BCGBA	Local	L	L	L	Protect
45	6010971	Hollinhurst Playing Fields	M26 1GH	Football	Sports Club	Two good quality adult pitches which has one match equivalent session of actual spare capacity.	Sustain pitch quality through enhanced maintenance regime.	Sports Club FA FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect
45	6010971	Hollinhurst Playing Fields	M26 1GH	Bowls	Sports Club	One good quality bowling green. Its home to Hollinhurst BC and Huntly Mount BC. The green is provided with standard quality ancillary facilities.	Sustain green quality through enhanced maintenance regime.	Sports Club BCGBA	Local	L	L	L	Protect
48	6002870	King George V Playing Fields (Radcliffe)	M26 1AG	Football	Sports Club	Two adult and one youth 9v9 pitch which are good quality. One adult and one mini 7v7 pitch which are standard quality. The mini 7v7 pitch is overplayed by one match equivalent session.	Improve pitch quality through enhanced maintenance regime to alleviate overplay on the mini 7v7 pitch.	Sports Club FA FF	Local	M	L	L	Protect Enhance
62	1040267	Radcliffe Cricket Club	M26 3RF	Cricket	Sports Club	One good quality grass cricket square with 14 wickets. The square has actual spare capacity for Sunday and midweek cricket. The site is serviced by good quality ancillary provision. The ECB is currently working with the Club regarding a ball strike issue with balls going into the neighbouring allotments.	Sustain square quality through enhanced maintenance regime. Continue working with the Club to resolve the current ball strike issue.	Sports Club ECB	Local	L	L	L	Protect

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Site ID	Active Places Site ID	Site	Postcode	Sport	Management	Current status	Recommended actions	Partners	Site hierarchy tier	Priority	Timescales	Cost	Aim
63	30005908	Redbank Playing Fields	M26 3RF	Football	Sports Club	One youth 11v11, two youth 9v9, two mini 7v7 and two mini 5v5 pitches all which are standard quality. The youth 11v11 and youth 9v9 pitches are overplayed by 7.5 match equivalent sessions. The site is provided with poor quality ancillary provision, however, there are plans to improve the provision alongside the new 3G pitch installation.	Improve pitch quality through enhanced maintenance regime to alleviate overplay on the youth 11v11 and youth 9v9 pitches. Deliver the development of the new 11v11 3G pitch and improve the pavilion on site.	Sports Club FA FF	Hub Site	H	S	H	Protect Enhance Provide
76	6010034	Stainton Park	M26 3PE	Football	Sports Club	One good quality adult pitch which is played to capacity at peak time.	Sustain pitch quality through enhanced maintenance regime.	Sports Club FA, FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect
76	6010034	Stainton Park	M26 3PE	3G	Sports Club	Two small sided (42m x 28m) 3G pitch, which are poor quality, available for community use and provided with sports lighting.	Improve pitch quality through enhanced maintenance regime. Ensure sinking fund is in place for future refurbishment when necessary.	Education FA FF	Local	H	M	H	Protect Enhance
91	30005532	Wesley Methodist Primary School	M26 4PX	Football	Education	One poor quality mini 7v7 pitch.	Improve pitch quality through enhanced maintenance regime for curricular use.	Education FA FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect
101	30007859	Warth Fold Playing Field	M26 2XW	Rounders	Sports Club	One rounders pitch which is used by Redvales Derby A, Bury Felt and Redvales Derby B.	Ensure quality is appropriate for levels of demand accessing the site. Retain as current use.	Education RE	Local	L	L	L	Protect
101	30007859	Warth Fold Playing Field	M26 2XW	Football (Disused)	Council	No longer used for any form of football however actively used for rounders.	Retain as strategic reserve if an increase in demand warrants reinstating the provision. Ensure any permanent loss of provision meets national planning policy requirements.	Council FA FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect
104	-	Allens Green Bowling Pavilion	M26 3AD	Bowls	Sports Club	One good quality bowling green. Its home to Allens Green BC. The green is provided with good quality ancillary facilities.	Sustain green quality through enhanced maintenance regime.	Sports Club BCGBA	Local	L	L	L	Protect
114	-	Dobbies Sports & Social Club	BL2 6RE	Bowls	Sports Club	One good quality bowling green. Its home to Dobbies BC. The green is provided with good quality ancillary facilities.	Sustain green quality through enhanced maintenance regime.	Sports Club BCGBA	Local	L	L	L	Protect
126	-	Bolton Road Park	M26 3QZ	Bowls	Sports Club	One good quality bowling green. Its home to Bolton Road BC and Bolton Road Ladies BC. The green is provided with good quality ancillary facilities.	Sustain green quality through enhanced maintenance regime.	Sports Club BCGBA	Local	L	L	L	Protect
126	-	Bolton Road Park	M26 3QZ	Bowls	Council	Two good quality macadam courts which are available for community use but not provided with sports lighting.	Sustain court quality through enhanced maintenance regime.	Council LTA	Local	L	L	L	Protect
133	1002544	Radcliffe Leisure Centre (former Riverside School)	M26 2SZ	Football (Disused)	Council	Former school playing fields now lie disused behind the retained building now functioning as a Pupil Learning Centre and Council operated leisure centre (indoor facilities). This site is to be redeveloped by the Department for Education (DfE) as the Star Leadership Academy, Radcliffe's new	Ensure any permanent loss of provision meets national planning policy requirements. Deliver the development of the new secondary school with the 3G pitch and other outdoor sporting facilities.	Council FA FF	Key Centre	H	S	H	Protect Provide

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Site ID	Active Places Site ID	Site	Postcode	Sport	Management	Current status	Recommended actions	Partners	Site hierarchy tier	Priority	Timescales	Cost	Aim
						secondary school. The new development will see the current Radcliffe Leisure Centre close and move to the new Radcliffe Civic Hub which is proposed for Radcliffe Town Centre. It is planned that the academy will have a new 3G pitch and other facilities including a small size AGP.	Secure CUA to secure long-term community use of outdoor sport and ancillary facilities and link with local partner clubs to ensure new facilities meet local demand.						
136	30010585	Radcliffe Primary School	M26 3RD	Rounders	Sports Club	One rounders pitch which is used by St Mary's A and St Mary's B.	Ensure quality is appropriate for levels of demand accessing the site. Retain as current use.	Education RE	Local	L	L	L	Protect
138	-	Radcliffe Moor Road (Bolton Wyresdale FC)	BL2 6QU	Football	Council	New Site – This site is currently undeveloped land and is mitigation for playing field lost within the Bolton local authority. There are plans to redevelop the site to accommodate two adult pitches, one youth 11v11 and one youth 9v9 pitch. This site will service a relocated Bolton club, Bolton Wyresdale FC.	Deliver the redevelopment of the site to accommodate demand from Bolton Wyresdale FC.	Council FA FF	Local	H	S	H	Protect Enhance Provide

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RT&NM ANALYSIS AREA

Area summary – pitch sports

Area	Pitch/facility type	Current supply/ demand balance	Future supply/demand balance
Football – grass pitches			
RT&NM	Adult	Shortfall of 0.5 MES per week	Shortfall of 0.5 MES per week
RT&NM	Youth 11v11	Shortfall of 3.5 MES per week	Shortfall of 3.5 MES per week
RT&NM	Youth 9v9	Played to capacity	Played to capacity
RT&NM	Mini 7v7	Played to capacity	Played to capacity
RT&NM	Mini 5v5	Played to capacity	Played to capacity
Bury	Adult	Shortfall of 1.5 MES per week	Shortfall of 4 MES per week
Bury	Youth 11v11	Shortfall of 13 MES per week	Shortfall of 18 MES per week
Bury	Youth 9v9	Shortfall of 7.5 MES per week	Shortfall of 10.5 MES per week
Bury	Mini 7v7	Shortfall of 5.5 MES per week	Shortfall of 8.5 MES per week
Bury	Mini 5v5	Shortfall of 6 MES per week	Shortfall of 9 MES per week
Football – 3G pitches			
RT&NM	11v11	Shortfall of 1 pitch	Shortfall of 1 pitch
Bury	11v11	Shortfall of 9 pitches	Shortfall of 10 pitches
Cricket			
RT&NM	Senior (Saturday)	Shortfall of 36 MES per season	Shortfall of 36 MES per season
RT&NM	Senior (Sunday)	Shortfall of 12 MES per season	Shortfall of 12 MES per season
RT&NM	Junior (Midweek)	Shortfall of 28 MES per season	Shortfall of 28 MES per season
Bury	Senior (Saturday)	Shortfall of 39 MES per season	Shortfall of 63 MES per season
Bury	Senior (Sunday)	Actual spare capacity of 17 MES per season	Actual spare capacity of 17 MES per season
Bury	Junior (Midweek)	Actual spare capacity of 41 MES per season	Actual spare capacity of 37 MES per season
Rugby union			
RT&NM	Senior	Played to capacity	Played to capacity
Bury	Senior	Shortfall of 22.75 MES per week	Shortfall of 24.25 MES per week
Hockey			
Bury	Full size	Demand is being met although imminent resurfacing is needed at Woodhey High School to continue to safely accommodate hockey demand on site.	Demand is being met although imminent resurfacing is needed at Woodhey High School to continue to safely accommodate hockey demand on site.

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Area summary – non-pitch sports

Sport	Headline findings
Bowls	Supply is sufficient to meet demand in the RT&NM Analysis Area with seven greens provided. Clubs should be monitored to ensure their existing provision remains sufficient. Conversely, Clubs should be monitored to ensure it remains feasible.
Tennis	With 18 community available courts provided in the RT&NM Analysis Area for club-based tennis, there is considered to be sufficient provision to meet demand with 14 courts available at club sites across two sites located at Hawkshaw Tennis Club and Holcombe Brook Sports Club. Away from clubs, no courts are identified as having any capacity issues, and previously expressed latent demand is likely to have been met. However, it is also likely that informal demand will continue to increase following the improvements to courts.
Netball	With three community available netball courts provided in the RT&NM Analysis Area located at Tottington High School, there is considered to be sufficient provision to meet demand.
Athletics	No athletics provision is provided within the RT&NM Analysis Area. There is only one formal athletics track in Bury which is provided in the Bury East Analysis Area. Supply is sufficient to meet demand for athletics in Bury.
Golf	Greenmount Golf Club is the only golf facility in the RT&NM Analysis Area. The facility provides an 18-hole course. No driving ranges are provided in the RT&NM Analysis Area.

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Site ID	Active Places Site ID	Site	Postcode	Sport	Management	Current status	Recommended actions	Partners	Site hierarchy tier	Priority	Timescales	Cost	Aim
9	1041759	Brooksbottom Cricket Club	BL9 5NQ	Cricket	Other	One standard quality grass cricket square with 12 wickets. The square has no actual spare capacity. The site is serviced by good quality ancillary provision.	Improve square quality through enhanced maintenance regime to continue to accommodate demand.	Other ECB	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
30	30006052	Elton High School	BL8 1RN	Football	Education	One standard quality adult pitch and one poor quality youth 11v11 pitch. Both are available for community use. Spare capacity has been discounted due to unsecure tenure.	Improve pitch quality through enhanced maintenance regime for curricular use.	Education FA FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
30	30006052	Elton High School	BL8 1RN	3G	Education	One good quality, 11v11 3G pitch that is sports lit and available for community use. The pitch is FA registered to host competitive matches.	Sustain pitch quality through enhanced maintenance regime. Ensure sinking fund is in place for future refurbishment when necessary.	Sports Club FA FF	Key Centre	M	M	L	Protect
34	1208725	Greenmount Cricket Club	BL8 4DX	Cricket	Sports Club	One good quality grass cricket square with 11 wickets. The square is played to capacity. The site is serviced by good quality ancillary provision.	Sustain square quality through enhanced maintenance regime.	Sports Club ECB	Local	L	L	L	Protect
38	6004380	Harry Williams Riverside Stadium	BL0 0BS	Football	Sports Club	One good quality adult pitch which is played to capacity at peak time.	Sustain pitch quality through enhance maintenance regime.	Sports Club FA, FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect
39	30007261	Hawkshaw Tennis Club	BL8 4LA	Tennis	Sports Club	Five good quality macadam courts which are available for community use. Only three out of the five courts are provided with sports lighting.	Sustain court quality through enhanced maintenance regime.	Sports Club LTA	Local	L	L	L	Protect
44	30008334	Holcombe Brook Primary School	BL0 9TA	Football	Education	Two standard quality mini 7v7 pitches which are unavailable for community use.	Sustain pitch quality through enhanced maintenance regime for curricular use.	Education FA, FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect
52	6011067	Nuttall Park	BL0 9LU	Football	Sports Club	One adult, two youth 11v11, one youth 9v9, one mini 7v7 and two mini 5v5 pitches all which are standard quality. The site provides poor quality pavilion facilities. Actual spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure. SMA expired in 2019 although the Club is still maintaining the pitches.	Sustain pitch quality through enhanced maintenance regime. Renegotiate SMA to secure use of the site. Improve the quality and provision of ancillary facilities.	Sports Club Council FA FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
52	6011067	Nuttall Park	BL0 9LU	Bowls	Sports Club	One good quality bowling green. Its home to Nuttall BC. The green is provided with good quality ancillary facilities.	Sustain green quality through enhanced maintenance regime.	Sports Club BCGBA	Local	L	L	L	Protect
52	6011067	Nuttall Park	BL0 9LU	Tennis	Council	Two good quality macadam courts which are available for community use but not provided with sports lighting.	Sustain court quality through enhanced maintenance regime.	Council LTA	Local	L	L	L	Protect
52	6011067	Nuttall Park	BL0 9LU	Cricket	Council	One good quality NTP which has recently been installed as part of the Greater Manchester Cricket Strategy.	Sustain NTP quality through enhanced maintenance regime.	Council ECB	Local	L	L	L	Protect

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Site ID	Active Places Site ID	Site	Postcode	Sport	Management	Current status	Recommended actions	Partners	Site hierarchy tier	Priority	Timescales	Cost	Aim
53	6011117	Old Doctors Recreation Ground	BL8 3ND	Football (Disused)	Council	One adult pitch which has not been used since <i>circa</i> 2019. The site provides no changing or car parking facilities.	Retain as strategic reserve if an increase in demand warrants reinstating the provision. Ensure any permanent loss of provision meets national planning policy requirements.	Council FA FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect
64	6011167	Ripon Hall Avenue Recreation Land	BL0 9RE	Football	Sports Club	One youth 9v9 and one mini 7v7 both which are poor quality. Spare capacity discounted due to poor quality.	Improve pitch quality through enhanced maintenance regime.	Sports Club FA, FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
69	1042155	St Annes	BL8 3LZ	Football	Other	One good quality adult pitch which is played to capacity at peak time.	Sustain pitch quality through enhanced maintenance regime.	Other FA, FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect
78	6003999	Summerseat Park	BL9 5QL	Football	Sports Club	One adult and one youth 11v11 both which are poor quality. Youth 11v11 pitch is overplayed by 1.5 match equivalent sessions.	Improve pitch quality through enhanced maintenance regime to alleviate overplay on the youth 11v11 pitch.	Sports Club FA, FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
81	6003950	Top Park	BL0 9NU	Football	Sports Club	One adult and one youth 11v11 both which are standard quality and overplayed by one match equivalent session collectively. The changing pavilion is identified as poor quality with the interior in need of refurbishment. Football Foundation is currently supporting the development of an application for a new 3G pitch and improvements to access, car parking and building refurbishment with minor extension at this site, with S106 from the Council. Subject to planning consent.	Improve pitch quality through enhanced maintenance regime to alleviate overplay on both the adult and youth 11v11 pitch. Explore potential to develop an 11v11 3G pitch and improvements to access, carparking and building refurbishments.	Sports Club FA FF	Local	H	S	H	Protect Enhance Provide
82	1010143	Tottington High School	BL8 3LY	Football	Education	One youth 11v11, one youth 9v9 and one mini 7v7 pitch all which are poor quality and unavailable for community use.	Improve pitch quality through enhanced maintenance regime for curricular use.	Education FA FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
82	1010143	Tottington High School	BL8 3LY	Netball	Education	Three standard quality macadam courts which are available for community use but not provided with sports lighting.	Sustain court quality through enhanced maintenance regime. Look into possible funding opportunities for installation of sports lighting.	Education EN	Local	M	L	M	Protect Enhance
83	30005505	Tottington Primary School	BL8 3HR	Football	Education	One poor quality mini 7v7 pitch which is unavailable for community use.	Improve pitch quality through enhanced maintenance regime for curricular use.	Education FA, FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
84	6010934	Tottington St Johns	BL8 3NF	Cricket	Sports Club	One good quality grass cricket square with eight wickets. The square has no actual spare capacity. The site is serviced by good quality ancillary provision.	Sustain square quality through enhanced maintenance regime.	Sports Club ECB	Local	L	L	L	Protect
84	6010934	Tottington St Johns	BL8 3NF	Football (Disused)	Council	One mini 7v7 pitch which has not been used since <i>circa</i> 2019.	Retain as strategic reserve if an increase in demand warrants reinstating the provision.	Council FA FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect

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							Ensure any permanent loss of provision meets national planning policy requirements.						
85	6006790	Town Meadow	BL8 3LY	Football	Sports Club	One poor quality youth 11v11 pitch which is overplayed by 1.5 match equivalent sessions. SMA expired in 2022 although the Club are still maintaining the pitch.	Improve pitch quality through enhance maintenance regime to alleviate overplay on the youth 11v11 pitch. Renegotiate SMA or long-term lease to secure use of the site.	Sports Club Council FA FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
85	6006790	Town Meadow	BL8 3LY	Bowls	Sports Club	One good quality bowling green. Its home to Tottington Bowling & Social Club. The green is provided with good quality ancillary facilities.	Sustain green quality through enhanced maintenance regime.	Sports Club BCGBA	Local	L	L	L	Protect
85	6006790	Town Meadow	BL8 3LY	Tennis	Council	Two good quality macadam courts which are available for community use but not provided with sports lighting.	Sustain court quality through enhanced maintenance regime.	Council LTA	Local	L	L	L	Protect
85	6006790	Town Meadow	BL8 3LY	Rounders	Sports Club	One rounders pitch which is used by Tottington B.	Ensure quality is appropriate for levels of demand accessing the site. Retain as current use.	Education RE	Local	L	L	L	Protect
89	1208806	Walshaw Sports Club	BL8 3EG	Football	Sports Club	One standard quality adult pitch which is played to capacity at peak time.	Improve pitch quality through enhanced maintenance regime to continue to accommodate demand.	Sports Club FA, FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
89	1208806	Walshaw Sports Club	BL8 3EG	3G	Sport Club	One small sided (15m x 45m) 3G pitch, which is standard quality, available for community use and provided with sports lighting.	Sustain pitch quality through enhanced maintenance regime. Ensure sinking fund is in place for future refurbishment when necessary.	Education FA FF	Local	M	M	L	Protect
89	1208806	Walshaw Sports Club	BL8 3EG	Cricket	Sports Club	One standard quality grass cricket square with 12 wickets. The square is overplayed by 41 match equivalent sessions a season. The site is serviced by standard quality ancillary provision.	Improve square quality through enhanced maintenance regime to alleviate overplay. Explore installing an NTP at Walshaw Cricket Club to further alleviate overplay.	Other ECB	Local	M	M	L	Protect Enhance
95	1010141	Woodhey High School	BL0 9QZ	Football	Education	Two standard quality youth 11v11 pitches which are unavailable for community use.	Sustain pitch quality through enhanced maintenance regime for curricular use.	Education FA, FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect
95	1010141	Woodhey High School	BL0 9QZ	Hockey	Education	One poor quality, full size AGP pitch that is sports lit and available for community use. Its home to Bury HC. The AGP was built in 2006 and therefore has exceeded its recommend lifespan.	Look to resurface the AGP as soon as possible to continue to safely accommodate hockey.	Education EH FA FF	Local	H	S	H	Protect Enhance
95	1010141	Woodhey High School	BL0 9QZ	Netball	Education	Two good quality macadam courts which are unavailable for community use and not provided with sports lighting.	Sustain court quality through enhance maintenance regime for curricular use.	Education EN	Local	L	L	L	Protect
103	-	Greenmount Primary School	BL8 4HD	Rounders	Education	One rounders pitch which is used by Greenmount Ladies B.	Ensure quality is appropriate for levels of demand accessing the site.	Education RE	Local	L	L	L	Protect

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Site ID	Active Places Site ID	Site	Postcode	Sport	Management	Current status	Recommended actions	Partners	Site hierarchy tier	Priority	Timescales	Cost	Aim
							Retain as current use.						
109	-	Tottington Conservative Club	BL8 3NH	Bowls	Sports Club	One good quality bowling green. Its home to Tottington Cons BC. The green is provided with good quality ancillary facilities.	Sustain green quality through enhanced maintenance regime.	Sports Club BCGBA	Local	L	L	L	Protect
113	-	Walmersley Conservative Club	BL9 6RB	Bowls	Sports Club	One good quality bowling green. Its home to Hargreaves BC. The green is provided with good quality ancillary facilities.	Sustain green quality through enhanced maintenance regime.	Sports Club BCGBA	Local	L	L	L	Protect
115	-	Buchanan Sports & Social	BL0 9JG	Bowls	Sports Club	One standard quality bowling green. Its home to Buchanan Sports and Social BC. The green is provided with good quality ancillary facilities.	Improve green quality through enhanced maintenance regime.	Sports Club BCGBA	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
116	-	Rose And Crown Bowling Green	BL0 9EG	Bowls	Sports Club	One standard quality bowling green. Its home to The Rose BC. The green is provided with good quality ancillary facilities.	Improve green quality through enhanced maintenance regime.	Sports Club BCGBA	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
118	30008813	Ramsbottom Cricket Club	BL0 0BS	Cricket	Sports Club	One good quality grass cricket square with eight wickets. The square is overplayed by seven match equivalent sessions a season. The site is serviced by good quality ancillary provision.	Sustain square quality through enhanced maintenance regime. Look to add more wickets to the square to alleviate overplay.	Sports Club ECB	Local	L	L	L	Protect
118	30008813	Ramsbottom Cricket Club	BL0 0BS	Rounders	Sports Club	One rounders pitch which is used by Ramsbottom Ladies.	Ensure quality is appropriate for levels of demand accessing the site. Retain as current use.	Education RE	Local	L	L	L	Protect
125	30008997	Holcombe Brook Sports Club	BL0 9FS	Tennis	Sports Club	Nine good quality macadam courts which are available for community use. Six out the nine courts are provided with sports lighting.	Sustain court quality through enhanced maintenance regime.	Sports Club LTA	Local	L	L	L	Protect
128	1101316	Greenmount Golf Club	BL8 4LH	Golf	Proprietary	A good quality 18-hole course.	Ensure quality is appropriate for levels of demand accessing the site. Retain as current use.	Proprietary EG	Local	L	L	L	Protect
134	1003908	Ramsbottom Baths Playing Fields	BL0 0PT	Football (Disused)	Council	Self-management agreement surrendered in 2014. Also has play area and skatepark which have recently been closed due to quality and sustainability costs. Now retained as public open space.	Retain as strategic reserve if an increase in demand warrants reinstating the provision. Ensure any permanent loss of provision meets national planning policy requirements.	Council FA FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect
136	-	Hawkshaw Playing Fields	BL8 4JR	Football (Disused)	Council	Playing field now unmarked for formal sport but has onsite play area. Previously had a football pitch circa 83m long, last shown on historical aerial imagery in 2005	Retain as strategic reserve if an increase in demand warrants reinstating the provision. Ensure any permanent loss of provision meets national planning policy requirements.	Council FA FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect

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WHITEFIELD & UNSWORTH ANALYSIS AREA

Area summary – pitch sports

Area	Pitch/facility type	Current supply/ demand balance	Future supply/demand balance
Football – grass pitches			
Whitefield & Unsworth	Adult	Actual spare capacity of 2 MES per week	Actual spare capacity of 2 MES per week
Whitefield & Unsworth	Youth 11v11	Played to capacity	Played to capacity
Whitefield & Unsworth	Youth 9v9	Played to capacity	Played to capacity
Whitefield & Unsworth	Mini 7v7	Actual spare capacity of 3.5 MES per week	Actual spare capacity of 3.5 MES per week
Whitefield & Unsworth	Mini 5v5	Played to capacity	Played to capacity
Bury	Adult	Shortfall of 1.5 MES per week	Shortfall of 1.5 MES per week
Bury	Youth 11v11	Shortfall of 13 MES per week	Shortfall of 13 MES per week
Bury	Youth 9v9	Shortfall of 7.5 MES per week	Shortfall of 7.5 MES per week
Bury	Mini 7v7	Shortfall of 5.5 MES per week	Shortfall of 5.5 MES per week
Bury	Mini 5v5	Shortfall of 6 MES per week	Shortfall of 6 MES per week
Football – 3G pitches			
Whitefield & Unsworth	11v11	Shortfall of 1 pitch	Shortfall of 1 pitch
Bury	11v11	Shortfall of 9 pitches	Shortfall of 10 pitches
Cricket			
Whitefield & Unsworth	Senior (Saturday)	Played to capacity	Played to capacity
Whitefield & Unsworth	Senior (Sunday)	Actual spare capacity of 8 MES per season	Actual spare capacity of 8 MES per season
Whitefield & Unsworth	Junior (Midweek)	Actual spare capacity of 36 MES per season	Actual spare capacity of 36 MES per season
Bury	Senior (Saturday)	Shortfall of 39 MES per season	Shortfall of 63 MES per season
Bury	Senior (Sunday)	Actual spare capacity of 17 MES per season	Actual spare capacity of 17 MES per season
Bury	Junior (Midweek)	Actual spare capacity of 41 MES per season	Actual spare capacity of 37 MES per season
Rugby union			
Whitefield & Unsworth	Senior	Shortfall of 16.75 MES per week	Shortfall of 17.25 MES per week
Bury	Senior	Shortfall of 22.75 MES per week	Shortfall of 24.25 MES per week

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Hockey			
Bury	Full size	Demand is being met although imminent resurfacing is needed at Woodhey High School to continue to safely accommodate hockey demand on site.	Demand is being met although imminent resurfacing is needed at Woodhey High School to continue to safely accommodate hockey demand on site.

Area summary – non-pitch sports

Sport	Headline findings
Bowls	Supply is sufficient to meet demand in the Whitefield & Unsworth Analysis Area with five greens provided. Clubs should be monitored to ensure their existing provision remains sufficient. Conversely, Clubs should be monitored to ensure it remains feasible.
Tennis	No tennis clubs are based within the Whitefield & Unsworth Analysis Area. There are six community available courts provided across two sites located at, Hamilton Road Park and Philips High School. Away from clubs, no courts are identified as having any capacity issues, and previously expressed latent demand is likely to have been met. However, it is also likely that informal demand will continue to increase following the improvements to courts.
Netball	With two community available netball courts provided in the Whitefield & Unsworth Analysis Area located at Philips High School (Bury Sports for All Centre), there is considered to be sufficient provision to meet demand.
Athletics	No athletics provision is provided within the Whitefield & Unsworth Analysis Area. There is only one formal athletics track in Bury which is provided in the Bury East Analysis Area. Supply is sufficient to meet demand for athletics in Bury.
Golf	Three golf venues provide golf facilities in the Whitefield & Unsworth Analysis Area located at Stand Golf Club, Whitefield Golf Club and Pike old Golf Club. All three facilities provide an 18-hole course. No driving ranges are provided in the Whitefield & Unsworth Analysis Area.

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Site ID	Active Places Site ID	Site	Postcode	Sport	Management	Current status	Recommended actions	Partners	Site hierarchy tier	Priority	Timescales	Cost	Aim
4	6006805	Bessess Playing Field	M45 6AE	Football (Disused)	Council	Self-management agreement surrendered in 2012. Also has MUGA and play area. Now retained as park.	Retain as strategic reserve if an increase in demand warrants reinstating the provision. Ensure any permanent loss of provision meets national planning policy requirements.	Council FA FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect
10	30003397	Bury & Whitefield Jewish Primary	BL9 8JT	Football	Education	One standard quality youth 9v9 pitch which is unavailable for community use.	Sustain pitch quality through enhanced maintenance regime for curricular use.	Education FA, FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect
19	1010136	Unsworth Academy (Formerly Castlebrook High School)	BL9 8LP	Football	Education	One adult and one youth 11v11 which are standard quality and unavailable for community use.	Sustain pitch quality through enhanced maintenance regime for curricular use.	Education FA FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect
19	1010136	Unsworth Academy	BL9 8LP	Hockey	Education	One poor quality, full size AGP pitch that is sports lit and available for community use. The AGP was built in 2004 and therefore has extremely exceeded its recommended lifespan.	Look to resurface the AGP to continue to safely accommodate demand. Explore potential to convert to 3G to meet shortfalls for football team training, provided that the needs for hockey are met at other sites. Ensure sinking fund is in place for future refurbishment when necessary.	Education EH FA FF	Local	H	S	H	Protect Enhance
26	-	Eagle And Child Bowls Club	M45 7EY	Bowls	Sports Club	One good quality bowling green. Its home to The Eagle and Child BC and Higher Blackley Cons BC. The green is provided with good quality ancillary facilities.	Sustain green quality through enhanced maintenance regime.	Sports Club BCGBA	Local	L	L	L	Protect
28	6003995	Elms Playing Field	M45 8NX	Football	Council	One poor quality adult pitch which has spare capacity discounted due to poor quality.	Improve pitch quality through enhanced maintenance regime to accommodate demand.	Council FA, FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
35	6011156	Grundy Playing Field	BL9 8AS	Football	Sports Club	One poor quality adult pitch which has spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure.	Improve pitch quality through enhanced maintenance regime to accommodate demand.	Sports Club FA FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
35	6011156	Grundy Playing Field	BL9 8AS	Cricket	Council	One good quality NTP which has recently been installed as part of the Greater Manchester Cricket Strategy.	Sustain NTP quality through enhanced maintenance regime.	Council ECB	Local	L	L	L	Protect
36	-	Hamilton Road Park	M45 8QN	Tennis	Council	Three good quality macadam courts which are available for community use but not provided with sports lighting.	Sustain court quality through enhanced maintenance regime. Look into possible funding opportunities for installation of sports lighting.	Council LTA	Local	M	L	M	Protect Enhance
42	30004277	Higher Lane Primary School	M45 7EX	Football	Education	One poor quality youth 9v9 pitch which is unavailable for community use.	Improve pitch quality through enhanced maintenance regime for curricular use.	Education FA, FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance

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Site ID	Active Places Site ID	Site	Postcode	Sport	Management	Current status	Recommended actions	Partners	Site hierarchy tier	Priority	Timescales	Cost	Aim
43	6010997	Hillock Playing Fields	M45 8LB	Football	Sports Club	Two adult, one youth 11v11, two mini 7v7 and one mini 5v5 pitches all which are good quality. One standard quality youth 9v9 pitch. The adult and mini 7v7 pitches have actual spare capacity collectively amounting to 2.5 match equivalent sessions.	Sustain pitch quality through enhanced maintenance regime. Finalise long-term lease to secure use of the site.	Sports Club Council FA FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect
46	-	Hollins Bowling Club	BL9 8AY	Bowls	Sports Club	One good quality bowling green. Its home to Hollins Village Community Association BC. The green is provided with standard quality ancillary facilities.	Sustain green quality through enhanced maintenance regime.	Sports Club BCGBA	Local	L	L	L	Protect
55	6011142	Old Standians AFC (Ringley Road)	M45 7LN	Football	Sports Club	One standard quality adult pitch which has spare capacity amounting to one match equivalent sessions.	Sustain pitch quality through enhanced maintenance regime.	Sports Club FA, FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect
59	20002102	Philips High School	M45 7PH	Football	Education	Two poor quality adult pitches which are played to capacity.	Improve pitch quality through enhanced maintenance regime.	Education FA, FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
59	20002102	Philips High School	M45 7PH	3G	Education	Three small sided (35m x 20m) 3G pitches, which are poor quality, available for community use and provided with sports lighting.	Look to resurface all small sided 3G pitches to continue to safely accommodate football. Ensure sinking fund is in place for future refurbishment when necessary.	Education FA FF	Local	H	M	H	Protect Enhance
59	20002102	Philips High School	M45 7PH	Rugby League	Education	Two poor quality senior rugby league pitches. Pitches used to be used by Bury Broncos RLFC, however, the Club recently folded meaning the pitches are currently unused.	Improve pitch quality through enhance maintenance regime. Further explore why Bury Broncos RLFC folded and if it could be supported to regenerate a team given there are no other rugby league teams in Bury.	Education RFL	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
59	20002102	Philips High School	M45 7PH	Tennis	Education	Three poor quality macadam courts which are available for community use but not provided with sports lighting.	Improve court quality through enhanced maintenance regime. Look into possible funding opportunities for installation of sports lighting.	Education LTA	Local	M	L	M	Protect Enhance
59	20002102	Philips High School	M45 7PH	Netball	Education	Two poor quality macadam courts which are available for community use but not provided with sports lighting.	Improve court quality through enhanced maintenance regime. Look into possible funding opportunities for installation of sports lighting.	Education EN	Local	M	L	M	Protect Enhance
66	1040269	Sedgley Park Rugby Club (Site 1)	M45 7DZ	Rugby Union	Sports Club	One pitch which is of good quality (M2/D2) and fully sports lit. Pitch is used for both competitive and training demand. Used by Sedgley Park RUFC. The pitch is overplayed by 0.75 match equivalent sessions.	Sustain pitch quality through enhanced maintenance regime.	Sports Club RFU	Key Centre	L	L	L	Protect

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Site ID	Active Places Site ID	Site	Postcode	Sport	Management	Current status	Recommended actions	Partners	Site hierarchy tier	Priority	Timescales	Cost	Aim
67	1040268	Sedgley Park Rugby Club (Site 2)	M45 7DZ	Rugby Union	Sports Club	Four pitches which are standard quality (M1/D1) and provided with sports lighting. One pitch is only partially provided with sports lighting. The pitches are overplayed by 16 match equivalent sessions.	Improve pitch quality through enhanced maintenance regime to alleviate some overplay.	Sports Club RFU	Key Centre	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
77	1040649	Stand Cricket Club	M45 7WF	Cricket	Sports Club	One standard quality grass cricket square with 18 wickets. The square has actual spare capacity to accommodate Sunday cricket. The site is serviced by standard quality ancillary provision.	Sustain square quality through enhanced maintenance regime.	Sports Club ECB	Local	L	L	L	Protect
79	30005448	Sunny Bank Primary School	BL9 8EQ	Football	Education	One poor quality youth 9v9 pitch which is unavailable for community use.	Improve pitch quality through enhanced maintenance regime for curricular use.	Education FA, FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
86	1041758	Unsworth Cricket Club	BL9 8QL	Football	Sports Club	One good quality adult pitch and two standard quality mini 7v7 pitch. The mini 7v7 pitch has spare capacity amounting to two match equivalent sessions.	Sustain pitch quality through enhanced maintenance regime.	Sports Club FA FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
86	1041758	Unsworth Cricket Club	BL9 8QL	Cricket	Sports Club	One standard quality grass cricket square with 14 wickets. The square has actual spare capacity to accommodate Sunday and midweek cricket. The site is serviced by good quality ancillary provision.	Sustain square quality through enhanced maintenance regime.	Sports Club ECB	Local	L	L	L	Protect
87	30005489	Unsworth Primary School	BL9 8LY	Football	Education	One poor quality mini 7v7 pitch which is unavailable for community use.	Improve pitch quality through enhanced maintenance regime for curricular use.	Education FA, FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
92	-	Whitefield Park	M45 8SH	Bowls	Sports Club	One good quality bowling green. Its home to Whitefield Park BC. The green is provided with standard quality ancillary facilities.	Sustain green quality through enhanced maintenance regime.	Sports Club BCGBA	Local	L	L	L	Protect
117	-	Whitefield Bowls Club	M45 7NF	Bowls	Sports Club	One good quality bowling green. The green is provided with good quality ancillary facilities.	Sustain green quality through enhanced maintenance regime.	Sports Club BCGBA	Local	L	L	L	Protect
129	1101323	Whitefield Golf Club	M45 7EZ	Golf	Private Members	A good quality 18-hole course.	Ensure quality is appropriate for levels of demand accessing the site. Retain as current use.	Private Members EG	Local	L	L	L	Protect
130	1101318	Pike Fold Golf Club	BL9 8QP	Golf	Private Members	A good quality 18-hole course.	Ensure quality is appropriate for levels of demand accessing the site. Retain as current use.	Private Members EG	Local	L	L	L	Protect
135	-	Boz Park	M45 8RB	Football (Disused)	Council	Public open space off Tonge Close which presently accommodates a MUGA. Reported to be boggy and wet across the site. The site has been identified as potential to be lost as part of the Northern Gateway NG1C proposals.	Retain as strategic reserve if an increase in demand warrants reinstating the provision. Ensure any permanent loss of provision meets national planning policy requirements.	Council FA FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect

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Site ID	Active Places Site ID	Site	Postcode	Sport	Management	Current status	Recommended actions	Partners	Site hierarchy tier	Priority	Timescales	Cost	Aim
137	1101321	Stand Golf Club	M45 7NL	Golf	Private Members	A good quality 18-hole course.	Ensure quality is appropriate for levels of demand accessing the site. Retain as current use.	Private Members EG	Local	L	L	L	Protect

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PART 7: HOUSING GROWTH

The PPS provides an estimate of demand for pitch sports based on population forecasts and club consultation to 2043. This future demand is translated into teams likely to be generated, rather than actual pitch provision required. The Sport England Playing Pitch Calculator adds to this, updating the likely demand generated for pitch sports based on housing increases and converts the demand into match equivalent sessions and the number of pitches required. This is achieved via team generation rates in the Assessment Report to determine how many new teams would be generated from an increase in population derived from housing growth and gives the associated costs of supplying the increased pitch provision.

Experience shows that housing sites with 600 dwellings or more are likely to generate demand for new provision to be created. For such large scale developments, consideration should be given to providing multi-pitch sites with suitable ancillary provision, including appropriate clubhouse/changing facilities and car parking. Single pitch sites which have been provided traditionally by developers are not considered to provide long term sustainable provision for the relevant sports.

Where demand does not warrant new pitch provision, the Action Plan in this document should be consulted to determine whether the additional demand can be accommodated via existing provision (in which case no further action is required). If this is not the case, contributions should be sought to enhance existing provision in the locality to accommodate the increased demand. This can be through, for example, improving quality, or providing new or improved ancillary provision. Consultation with appropriate NGBs should also be used to assist in the selection of suitable sites and suitable enhancements.

For a residential development of 300 dwellings or more, Sport England responds to such applications as a non-statutory consultee in line with its planning aim and objectives, its wider Planning for Sport guidance and relevant areas of the Government's National Planning Policy Framework, e.g., Section 8; and paragraph 98. In doing so Sport England will assess the resulting demand for sporting facilities in line with its strategy Uniting the Movement and will use the Playing Pitch Calculator (and Built Facilities Calculator) to advise local planning authorities of what is expected as a financial contribution to meet this demand.

The scenario below is provided as a guide to show the potential additional demand for pitch sports that could be generated from housing growth in Bury, thus showing how the calculator works and what it provides. The demand 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). Where expressed in match equivalent sessions, it is expected training will take place on floodlit grass pitches (rugby).

- ◆ **Scenario One** – additional demand for pitch sports generated from housing growth covering the Local Plan period. Total an additional population of 13,674.

Scenario One – Demand arising from an additional population of 13,674.

The anticipated population increase over the 20 year period (2043) equates to 17 match equivalent sessions of demand per week for grass pitch sports, 0.18 match equivalent sessions on hockey suitable AGP and 55 match equivalent sessions of demand per season for cricket. Training demand equates to 32.11 hours of use per week for football on 3G pitches and 0.45 hours on hockey suitable AGP.

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Table 7.1: Likely demand for grass pitch sports generated from a population increase of 13,674

Pitch sport	Estimated demand by sport	
	Match demand (MES) per week ¹¹	Training demand ¹²
Adult football	2.30	32.11 hours
Youth football	7.64	As above
Mini soccer	6.12	As above
Rugby union	0.91	1.01 match equivalent sessions
Rugby league	0.00	0.00 match equivalent sessions
Adult hockey	0.14	0.42 hours
Junior & mixed hockey	0.04	0.03 hours
Cricket	55.00	-

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

Pitch type	Estimated demand and costs for new pitches			Changing rooms	
	Number of pitches to meet demand	Capital cost ¹³	Lifecycle Cost (per annum) ¹⁴	Number	Capital cost
Adult football	2.30	£243,681	£51,417	4.60	£876,090
Youth football	7.64	£655,606	£137,677	9.47	£1,806,277
Mini soccer	6.12	£185,382	£38,930	0.00	£0
Rugby union	0.91	£147,068	£31,473	1.82	£346,988
Rugby league	0.00	£0	£0	0.00	£0
Cricket	1.19	£396,383	£80,069	2.38	£453,439
Sand based AGPs	0.04	£30,708	£952	0.07	£13,479
3G	0.84	£917,325	£33,605	1.69	£322,130
Total	19.04	£2,576,153	£374,123	20.03	£3,818,403

Overall, an additional 19.04 pitches would be required to meet additional demand arising from a population increase of 13,674. This would require an expected capital cost of £2,576,153 and a lifecycle cost per annum of £374,123.

¹¹ As per the PPS Guidance, demand for cricket is considered in terms of match equivalent sessions per season rather than per week.

¹² Hours equate to access to a 11v11 floodlit 3G pitch or hockey suitable AGP

¹³ Sport England Facilities Costs Second Quarter 2020 – (<https://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/design-and-cost-guidance/cost-guidance/>)

¹⁴ 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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Conclusion

For the example scenario above, the tables show, that through housing growth some demand will be generated for football, rugby union, hockey and cricket. In addition, the tables indicates that, over the course of the 20 year period, housing growth will result in increased demand equating to the potential need for two adult pitches, eight youth pitches and six mini football pitches. Furthermore, identifies a potential need for one rugby union pitch and one additional cricket square.

The PPOSS shows that there are shortfalls across all pitch types for football, therefore, the predicted growth is going to decrease the shortfalls further. On this basis, any future development of new pitch provision should consider current shortfalls to work out where best to place the new provision to also alleviate overplay.

However, a decision of this nature should be considered in consultation with Sport England and NGBs. Contributions to improving existing sites and increasing the capacity of this provision may also provide a more suitable sporting outcome. The PPOSS and in particular the Action Plan, as well as future consultation with NGBs should be used to inform this (e.g., to select suitable sites).

To provide the greatest impact, contributions from housing developments could be pooled together to improve key sites. The action plan identifies high priority sites which would likely provide the most benefit from investment.

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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 Bury 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 Bury 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 Borough 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.

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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 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.

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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.

Stage E: Deliver the strategy and keep it robust and up to date	Tick 	
	Yes	Requires Attention
Step 9: Apply & deliver the strategy		
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?		
Step 10: Keep the strategy robust & up to date		
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?		