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## ABBREVIATIONS

|       |   |
|-------|---|
| 3G    | Third Generation (artificial turf)                |
| AGP   | Artificial Grass Pitch                            |
| BARLA | British Amateur Rugby League Association          |
| BC    | Bowls Club  |
| BCGBA | British Crown Green Bowling Association           |
| CFA   | County Football Association                       |
| CUA   | Community use agreement                           |
| ECB   | England and Wales Cricket Board                   |
| EH    | England Hockey                                    |
| FA    | Football Association                              |
| FC    | Football club                                     |
| FF    | Football Foundation                               |
| FE    | Further Education                                 |
| FIFA  | Fédération Internationale de Football Association |
| GIS   | Geographical Information Systems                  |
| GMA   | Grounds Maintenance Association                   |
| HC    | Hockey Club                                       |
| KKP   | Knight, Kavanagh and Page                         |
| LMS   | Last Man Stands                                   |
| LTA   | Lawn Tennis Association                           |
| MUGA  | Multi use games area                              |
| NGB   | National Governing Body                           |
| NPPF  | National Planning Policy Framework                |
| NTP   | Non Turf Pitch                                    |
| PC    | Parish Council                                    |
| PPOSS | Playing Pitch and Outdoor Sports Strategy         |
| PQS   | Performance Quality Standard                      |
| RFL   | Rugby Football League                             |
| RFU   | Rugby Football Union                              |
| RUFC  | Rugby union football club                         |
| S106  | Section 106                                       |
| SCB   | Shropshire Cricket Board                          |
| SE    | Sport England                                     |
| SFA   | Shropshire Football Association                   |
| TBTT  | Transforming British Tennis Together              |
| TC    | Tennis Club                                       |
| WR    | World Rugby                                       |

## **COVID-19 Addendum**

Since the production of the Shropshire PPOSS Assessment Report and Strategy & Action Plan documents there has been global pandemic from the spreading of COVID19 (Coronavirus). This led England to enter an unprecedented state of Lockdown from the 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2020. Lockdown required the general public to remain at home and only leave their households for food, health reasons or work (only if work cannot be carried out at home). In addition, if people are to go outside they are to remain two metres apart. This understandable has led to all sporting activities including all those covered in the Playing Pitch Strategy documents to cease until further notice.

It should be noted that both the Shropshire Assessment Report and Strategy & Action Plan were created before the pandemic and the lockdown occurred. The documents use the Sport England Playing Pitch Strategy methodology from Stage A to Stage D and therefore the supply and demand analysis for each of the sports and the strategic recommendations made are accurate based on information collated in 2019.

It is currently unknown what the future impact of COVID-19 and the lockdown will have on participation and the quality of provision for each sport referenced in the documents. Therefore, it is acknowledged that as part of the Playing Pitch Strategy Stage E process, the review of the documents should ensure that any recommendations made are still accurate based on future levels of supply and demand.

As part of Stage E, the PPOSS should be reviewed on an annual basis from the date it is formally signed off by the Steering Group. A review will help to maintain the momentum and commitment built up during its development. Given current circumstances an annual meeting, which could coincide with the annual NGB affiliation process, would be beneficial to understand what impact, COVID-19 and the Lockdown has had within Shropshire.

For more information regarding the Stage E process please see Part 8: Deliver the strategy and keep it robust and up to date or see <https://www.sportengland.org/how-we-can-help/facilities-and-planning/planning-for-sport>

## PART 1: INTRODUCTION

This is the Playing Pitch & Outdoor Sports Strategy (PPOSS) for Shropshire. Building upon the preceding Assessment Report, it provides a clear, strategic framework for the maintenance and improvement of existing playing pitch and accompanying ancillary facilities up to 2038 (in line with the Local Plan Review).

The Strategy has been developed to provide:

- ◀ A vision for the protection, enhancement and provision of playing pitches and outdoor sports.
- ◀ A number of aims to help deliver the recommendations and actions.
- ◀ A series of strategic recommendations which provide a strategic framework for the improvement, maintenance, development and, as appropriate, rationalisation of the playing pitch stock.
- ◀ A series of sport by sport recommendations which provide a strategic framework for sport led improvements to provision.
- ◀ A prioritised area-by-area Action Plan to address key issues on a site-by-site basis.

A PPOSS delivers the evidence required to ensure that sufficient land is available to meet existing and projected future outdoor sport requirements. Its robust evidence base should inform and be implemented into planning policy and other relevant corporate strategies to enable local policies, planning and sport development criteria to work efficiently and effectively.

The Strategy is capable of:

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

The Strategy and Action Plan recommends a number of priority projects for Shropshire which should be realised over the Local Plan Review period. It provides a framework for improvement and, although resources may not currently be in place to implement it, potential partners and possible sources of external funding.

Partner organisations have a vested interest in ensuring that existing playing fields, pitches and ancillary facilities are protected and enhanced. As such, many of the objectives and actions within this document need to be delivered and implemented by a wide range of bodies such as National Governing Bodies of Sport (NGBs), sports organisations, education establishments and parish/town councils. In many instances, the Council will not be the agency which delivers these actions or recommendations; the PPOSS is not just for the Council to act upon, it applies to/for all the stakeholders and partners involved.

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## 1.1 Scope

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

- ◀ Football pitches (including 3G pitches)
- ◀ Cricket pitches
- ◀ Rugby union pitches (including 3G pitches)
- ◀ Hockey artificial grass pitches (AGPs)
- ◀ Tennis / Netball courts
- ◀ Bowling greens

All facilities are included regardless of ownership and/or management i.e. whether in the public, private, education, or third sector.

It should also be noted that, although rugby league has been included within the wider scope of the study, no such activity currently takes place within Shropshire and no future demand has been identified. As such, no information relating to the sport is included within this document.

Pitch sports (e.g. football, rugby union, hockey and cricket) are assessed using the guidance set out in Sport England's Playing Pitch Strategy Guidance: An approach to developing and delivering a playing pitch strategy.

Non-pitch sports (e.g. bowls, tennis and netball) are assessed using Sport England's Assessing Needs and Opportunities Guidance (2014). This requires a different methodology to assess supply and demand to that used for pitch sports.

## 1.2 Study area

The study area will comprise the whole of Shropshire Council's administrative area. Cross boundary issues will also be explored to determine the level of imported and exported demand, recognising, for example, that people travel to and make use of strategic facilities irrespective of administrative boundaries. Neighbouring authorities include Wrexham, Cheshire East, Stafford, Telford and Wrekin, South Staffordshire, Wyre Forest, Malvern Hills, Herefordshire and Powys (Wales).

Further to this, analysis areas have been created to allow for a more localised assessment of provision and examination of playing pitch supply and demand at a local level. Due to its size, Shropshire will be broken into smaller subsections known as Analysis Areas. These analysis areas are amalgamations of the Place Plan Areas.

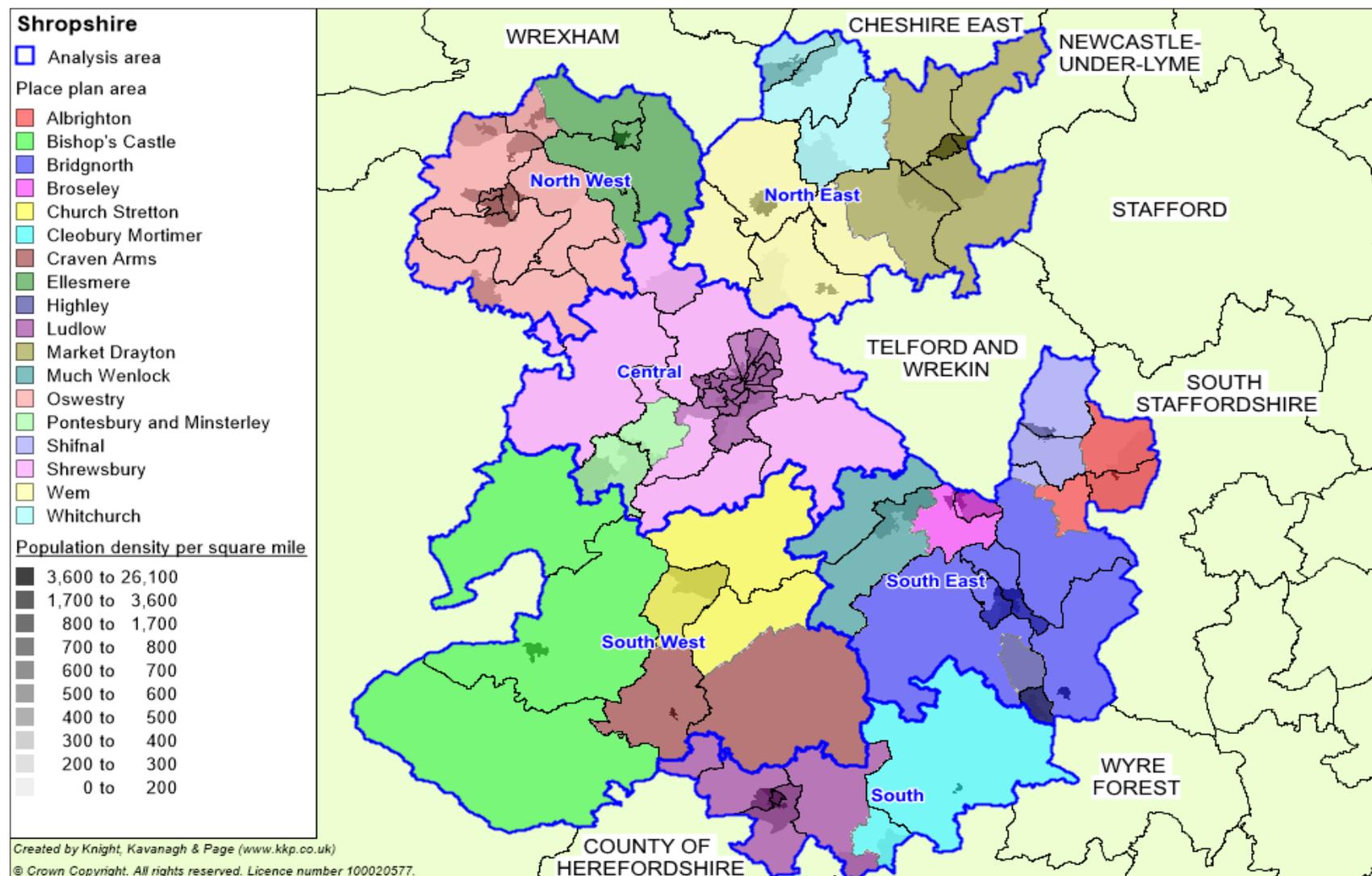
*Table 1.1: Agreed analysis areas*

| Analysis area | Place plans   |
|---------------|---|
| Central       | Pontesbury & Minsterley and Shrewsbury                              |
| North East    | Market Drayton, Wem and Whitchurch                                  |
| North West    | Ellesmere and Oswestry  |
| South         | Cleobury Mortimer and Ludlow  |
| South East    | Albrighton, Bridgnorth, Broseley, Highley, Much Wenlock and Shifnal |
| South West    | Bishops Castle, Church Stretton and Craven Arms,                    |

A map of the Place Plan areas can be seen overleaf in Figure 1.1.

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Figure 1.1: Place plan map



## 1.3 Context

### *The Local Plan*

The Shropshire Local Plan currently comprises the Core Strategy (adopted 2011) and the Site Allocations and Management of Development (SAMDev) Plan (adopted 2015), together with the adopted Neighbourhood Plans for Woore, Much Wenlock and Shifnal. These documents set out proposals for the use of land and policies to guide future development in order to help to deliver sustainable growth in Shropshire for the period up to 2026.

Shropshire Council is currently undertaking a Local Plan Review (LPR), which will:

- ◀ Allow for the consideration of updated information on development needs within the county
- ◀ Reflect changes to national policy and local strategies
- ◀ Extend the Plan period to 2038
- ◀ Provide a plan which will help to support growth and maintain local control over planning decisions during the period to 2038.

The Playing Pitch & Outdoor Sports Strategy (PPOSS) will be an evidence base document for the LPR. It will ensure that existing facilities are the most appropriate in terms of quantity, quality and location and consider how best to meet the additional needs generated by the planned housing and economic growth. Infrastructure priorities for the LPR are identified through the Local Plan Implementation Plan and its associated Place Plans. The Place Plans support the Implementation Plan by listing all the priorities, needs and aspirations on a place by place basis for Shropshire's communities. There are currently 18 Place Plans, one for each of the market towns in the county:

- |                     |                             |
|---------------------|-----------------------------|
| ◀ Albrighton        | ◀ Ludlow                    |
| ◀ Bishop's Castle   | ◀ Market Drayton            |
| ◀ Bridgnorth        | ◀ Minsterley and Pontesbury |
| ◀ Broseley          | ◀ Much Wenlock              |
| ◀ Church Stretton   | ◀ Oswestry                  |
| ◀ Cleobury Mortimer | ◀ Shifnal                   |
| ◀ Craven Arms       | ◀ Shrewsbury                |
| ◀ Ellesmere         | ◀ Wem                       |
| ◀ Highley           | ◀ Whitchurch                |

The Shropshire PPOSS will also take into consideration school provision, help mitigate any potential loss of playing field land identified in the LP and set out the need for provision based on housing growth.

The Playing Pitch & Outdoor Sports Strategy covers the period of 2019 – 2038, however, the Council has detailed plans to update the document in cohesion with any future refresh of its Local Plan Review (every five years). Please note the timeframe of when the Local Plan Review is updated may be prior to five years which would result in an earlier refresh of the PPOSS.

### ***Shropshire Council Sports Development Team***

The Sports Development Team aims is to encourage and enable everyone in Shropshire to benefit from participating in sport and physical activity. It does this by working in partnership with key agencies and local, regional and national providers to develop and improve opportunities for anyone to engage in sport regardless of ability.

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In addition, it works in cohesion with Energize Shropshire and the neighbouring authority of Telford and Wrekin, to provide coaches with better support to help find the right coaching opportunities, to help with coach development opportunities, and to value and recognise the work that coaches do.

Key roles for members of the Sports Development Team are:

- ◀ Increase the number of volunteers at community sports club.
- ◀ Assist clubs to achieve the Club Mark accreditation or the national governing body equivalent.
- ◀ Identify opportunities for school-age leaders to link to a club environment
- ◀ Link schools with sports coaches and support the transition of young people into community clubs.
- ◀ Support clubs and groups to write action plans that include continued development opportunities.
- ◀ Help clubs identify and apply to the right funding streams.
- ◀ Work with national governing bodies of sport and other partners to promote new opportunities and initiatives in Shropshire.

### ***Shropshire Community Asset Transfer Policy<sup>1</sup>***

Shropshire is one of the most sparsely populated rural counties in England, with around 94% of its area classified as rural.

As part of the Council's objective to strengthen local towns and villages, through working with the local Town or Parish Councils or the Voluntary Sector, it may enable the transfer of suitable land or buildings to a community group or organisation.

The Community Asset Transfer Policy sets out the Council's approach to Community Asset Transfer and provides information on organisations that can provide a wide range of advice for those groups who are keen to take on an asset to manage for the benefit of their local community. These groups can include Community Amateur Sports Clubs (CASC).

The Policy has been prepared in conjunction with representatives of the Voluntary and Community Sector Assembly and will help to support the Council's core objectives of encouraging our communities to flourish and making Shropshire a better place.

### ***Shropshire Playing Fields Association***

Shropshire Playing Fields Association (SPFA) provides advice and support to promote good practice and works to ensure that the importance of sport, play and leisure is recognised by policy makers, planners, and the public. The SPFA have three key objectives these are to:

- ◀ Protect against the loss of accessible outdoor sport, play and informal recreation facilities.
- ◀ Support the enhancement of existing outdoor facilities through improving their quality, design, accessibility, and management.
- ◀ Support the provision of new accessible facilities that are fit for purpose, to meet the demand across all local communities for participation in sport, play, leisure, and recreation now and in the future.

Over the years SPFA has worked on a voluntary basis across all sports offering an independent voice, by lobbying decision makers on a wide number of issues and practical cases. It is supportive of the idea of an outdoor playing pitch strategy.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/media/6275/cat-policy-21-jun-17.pdf>

## 1.4 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 (AGPs and 3G pitches), 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, whole pitches are used as the comparable unit. Similarly, for the other non-pitch sports (i.e. tennis, netball bowls etc) where it is not as easy to determine carry capacity, whole facilities are used as the comparable unit.

Table 1.2: Quantitative headline findings

| Sport                    | Analysis area | Current demand (2019) |  | Future demand (2038) <sup>2</sup> |
|--------------------------|---------------|-----------------------|--|-----------------------------------|
|                          |               | Pitch type            | Current capacity total in MES <sup>[1]</sup> | Future capacity total in MES      |
| Football (grass pitches) | Central       | Adult                 | Spare capacity of 5.5                        | Spare capacity of 2.5             |
|                          |               | Youth 11v11           | Spare capacity of 1.5                        | Shortfall of 1.5                  |
|                          |               | Youth 9v9             | At capacity                                  | Shortfall of 2                    |
|                          |               | Mini 7v7              | Spare capacity of 1                          | Spare capacity of 1               |
|                          |               | Mini 5v5              | Spare capacity of 3                          | Spare capacity of 3               |
|                          | North East    | Adult                 | Spare capacity of 0.5                        | Shortfall of 0.5                  |
|                          |               | Youth 11v11           | Shortfall of 2.5                             | Shortfall of 2.5                  |
|                          |               | Youth 9v9             | Spare capacity of 2                          | Spare capacity of 2               |
|                          |               | Mini 7v7              | At capacity                                  | At capacity                       |
|                          |               | Mini 5v5              | Spare capacity of 1                          | At capacity                       |
|                          | North West    | Adult                 | Spare capacity of 0.5                        | Spare capacity of 0.5             |

<sup>2</sup> Please note future demand for football and cricket are referenced in Part 4: Sport Specific Issues Scenarios and Recommendations

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

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| Sport                                | Analysis area                              | Current demand (2019)            |  | Future demand (2038) <sup>2</sup>                      |
|--------------------------------------|--|----------------------------------|--|--|
|                                      |  | Pitch type                       | Current capacity total in MES <sup>[1]</sup>           | Future capacity total in MES                           |
|                                      |  | Youth 11v11                      | Shortfall of 0.5                                       | Shortfall of 1.5                                       |
|                                      |  | Youth 9v9                        | Spare capacity of 0.5                                  | Spare capacity of 0.5                                  |
|                                      |  | Mini 7v7                         | At capacity  | At capacity  |
|                                      |  | Mini 5v5                         | Spare capacity of 0.5                                  | At capacity  |
|                                      | South                                      | Adult                            | Spare capacity of 0.5                                  | Spare capacity of 0.5                                  |
|                                      |  | Youth 11v11                      | At capacity  | At capacity  |
|                                      |  | Youth 9v9                        | At capacity  | Shortfall of 1   |
|                                      |  | Mini 7v7                         | At capacity  | At capacity  |
|                                      | South East                                 | Mini 5v5                         | At capacity  | At capacity  |
|                                      |  | Adult                            | Shortfall of 3.5                                       | Shortfall of 3.5                                       |
|                                      |  | Youth 11v11                      | Spare capacity of 1                                    | At capacity  |
|                                      |  | Youth 9v9                        | Shortfall of 1   | Shortfall of 1.5                                       |
|                                      | South West                                 | Mini 7v7                         | Shortfall of 0.5                                       | Shortfall of 0.5                                       |
|                                      |  | Mini 5v5                         | Shortfall of 3   | Shortfall of 5.5                                       |
|                                      |  | Adult                            | Spare capacity of 1.5                                  | Spare capacity of 1                                    |
|                                      |  | Youth 11v11                      | At capacity  | Shortfall of 1   |
|                                      | Youth 9v9                                  | At capacity                      | Shortfall of 2.5                                       |  |
|                                      | Mini 7v7                                   | At capacity                      | At capacity  |  |
|                                      | Mini 5v5                                   | At capacity                      | At capacity  |  |
|                                      | <b>Football (3G pitches)<sup>[2]</sup></b> |                                  |  |  |
| Football (3G pitches) <sup>[2]</sup> | Central                                    | Full size / small size, floodlit | Shortfall of 3 full sized 3G pitch for team training   | Shortfall of 3.5 full sized 3G pitch for team training |
|                                      | North East                                 |                                  | Shortfall of 2 full sized 3G pitch for team training   | Shortfall of 2 full sized 3G pitch for team training   |
|                                      | North West                                 |                                  | Shortfall of 0.5 full sized 3G pitch for team training | Shortfall of 0.5 full sized 3G pitch for team training |
|                                      | South                                      |                                  | At capacity  | At capacity  |
|                                      | South East                                 |                                  | Shortfall of 3 full sized 3G pitch for team training   | Shortfall of 3.5 full sized 3G pitch for team training |
|                                      | South West                                 |                                  | Shortfall of 0.5 full sized 3G pitch for team training | Shortfall of 0.5 full sized 3G pitch for team training |
| <b>Cricket</b>                       |  |                                  |  |  |
| Cricket                              | Central                                    | Saturday                         | Shortfall of 27  | Shortfall of 60  |
|                                      |  | Sunday                           | Spare capacity of 28                                   | Shortfall of 5   |
|                                      |  | Midweek                          | Spare capacity of 46                                   | Spare capacity of 14                                   |
|                                      | North East                                 | Saturday                         | Shortfall of 20  | Shortfall of 42  |
|                                      |  | Sunday                           | Spare capacity of 13                                   | Shortfall of 20  |
|                                      |  | Midweek                          | Spare capacity of 30                                   | Spare capacity of 2                                    |
|                                      | North West                                 | Saturday                         | Shortfall of 13  | Shortfall of 24  |
|                                      |  | Sunday                           | Shortfall of 13  | Shortfall of 24  |
|                                      |  | Midweek                          | Shortfall of 5   | Shortfall of 13  |
|                                      | South                                      | Saturday                         | At capacity  | Shortfall of 11  |
|                                      |  | Sunday                           | At capacity  | Shortfall of 11  |
|                                      |  | Midweek                          | At capacity  | At capacity  |
| South East                           | Saturday                                   | Spare capacity of 9              | Shortfall of 24  |  |

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

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| Sport              | Analysis area | Current demand (2019) |  | Future demand (2038) <sup>2</sup>  |
|--------------------|---------------|-----------------------|--|--|
|                    |               | Pitch type            | Current capacity total in MES <sup>[1]</sup>   | Future capacity total in MES   |
|                    | South West    | Sunday                | Spare capacity of 31   | Shortfall of 9   |
|                    |               | Midweek               | Spare capacity of 40   | Spare capacity of 12   |
|                    |               | Saturday              | Spare capacity of 22   | Spare capacity of 22   |
|                    |               | Sunday                | Spare capacity of 33   | Spare capacity of 33   |
|                    |               | Midweek               | Spare capacity of 36   | Spare capacity of 32   |
|                    |               |                       |  |  |
| Rugby union        | Central       | Senior                | Shortfall of 5.25  | Shortfall of 5.75  |
|                    | North East    | Senior                | At capacity  | Shortfall of 1   |
|                    | North West    | Senior                | Shortfall of 4.5   | Shortfall of 6   |
|                    | South         | Senior                | Shortfall of 1.25  | Shortfall of 5.5   |
|                    | South East    | Senior                | Shortfall of 2   | Shortfall of 3   |
|                    | South West    | Senior                | Shortfall of 0.5   | Shortfall of 0.5   |
|                    |               |                       |  |  |
| Hockey (sand AGPs) | Shropshire    | Full size, floodlit   | There is a need to improve pitch quality and create a pitch to return exported demand. | There is a need to improve pitch quality and create a pitch to return exported demand. |
| Tennis             | Shropshire    | Courts                | Adequate provision   | Adequate provision   |
| Bowls              | Shropshire    | Greens                | Adequate provision   | Adequate provision   |
| Netball            | Shropshire    | Courts                | Adequate provision   | Adequate provision   |
| Other sports       | Shropshire    | Pitches               | Adequate provision   | Adequate provision   |

## Conclusions

From a quantitative perspective, the existing position for all sports is either that demand is being met or that there is a shortfall, whereas the future position shows the creation of shortfalls for some pitch types and in some areas where demand is currently being met and the exacerbation of existing shortfalls. There are current and future shortfalls of 3G pitches, rugby union pitches, cricket squares, and current shortfalls youth 11v11 pitches (North East and North West analysis areas) and adult, youth 9v9, mini 7v7 and mini 5v5 pitches in the South East Analysis Area.

When taking into consideration future demand, shortfalls worsen with additional shortfalls arising on adult pitches (North East Analysis Area), youth 11v11 pitches (Central and South West analysis areas) and youth 9v9 pitches (Central, South and South West analysis areas).

As such it is considered that football shortfalls can be met through the better utilisation of existing provision, such as via pitch re-configuration, improving quality and encouraging or enabling access to unused/unavailable provision.

In comparison for cricket and rugby union there is a need to improve the quality of existing facilities in addition to creating new provision to meet current and future levels of demand.

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

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Further, there is also an unsuitable stock of hockey suitable AGPs relating to quality issues and an identified need for a new pitch within Market Drayton to accommodate exported demand.

Where provision is played to capacity there may still be a need to sustain or improve quality, due to poor quality and to create strategic reserve to better sustain quality.

Where demand is being met and actual spare capacity is expressed, this does not necessarily equate to a surplus of provision, with any spare capacity instead considered as a solution to overcoming current or future demand shortfalls. There is a resultant need to protect all existing outdoor sport provision until all demand is met, or there is a requirement to replace provision in accordance with Sport England's Playing Fields Policy exceptions.

Recommendations on how to alleviate these shortfalls are identified below in the Part 4: Sport Specific Issues Scenarios and Recommendation and Part 6: Action Plan.

## PART 2: VISION

### Vision

As set out at the beginning of the study, below is a vision for Shropshire regarding its outdoor sports provision. It sets out to capture the corporate themes within the authority to provide an all-encompassing vision.

*'An accessible, high quality and sustainable network of sports pitches and other outdoor sports facilities which supports increased sports participation by all residents, at all levels of play, from grassroots to elite'.*

### Key objectives

To achieve this vision, the Strategy will seek to secure resources to deliver the following objectives:

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

## PART 3: AIMS

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

### AIM 1

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

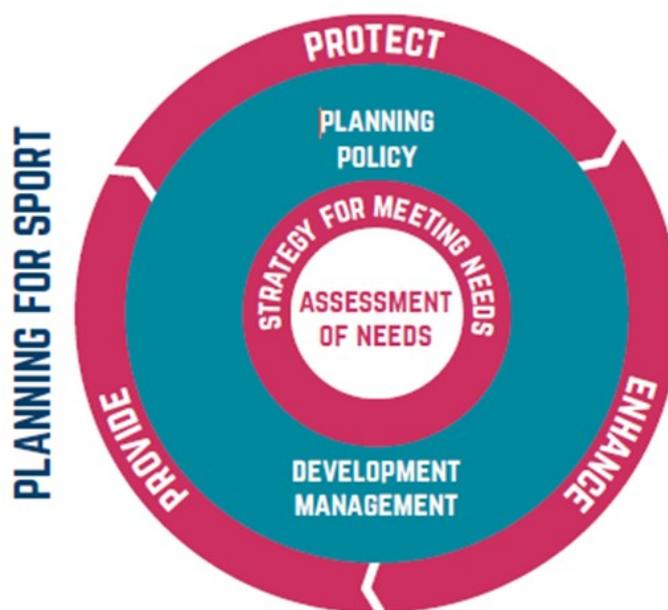
### AIM 2

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

### AIM 3

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

Figure 3.1: Sport England themes



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

## PART 4: SPORT SPECIFIC ISSUES SCENARIOS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

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

### 4.1 Football – grass pitches

#### *Assessment report summary*

- ◀ **Using the supply and demand analysis tables, it is determined that there is current spare capacity across all pitch types, apart from Youth 11v11 pitches in Shropshire.**
- ◀ The audit identifies a total of 283 grass football pitches within Shropshire across 116 sites. Of these, 243 pitches are available (as seen in the table below), at some level, for community use across 100 sites.
- ◀ There are 14 sites identified that do not have formal football pitches marked out but could have the capacity to provide pitches if required.
- ◀ The following clubs have plans to create new or alter current pitch layouts; Shrewsbury Town Council/ SAHA FC, Shrewsbury Town in the Community, Shifnal Town FC, Shawbury United FC, Market Drayton Town FC/Market Drayton Tigers FC and Albrighton FC.
- ◀ Across Shropshire most sites are either accompanied by poor quality or no ancillary provision. In total 16 sites (17%) have poor quality provision with 35 sites (36%) have no facilities. Due to the rurality of the Authority the lack of any clubhouse or changing provision is common as they are many single pitch sites created to meet demand from local villages and hamlets.
- ◀ Tenure of sites in Shropshire is generally secure i.e. through a long-term lease or a guarantee that pitches will continue to be provided over the next three years.
- ◀ In total, 52 pitches are assessed as good quality, 93 as standard quality and 98 as poor quality. Most pitches (40%) are assessed as poor quality and are generally located at education, parish or town council sites. These sites often receive limited amounts of dedicated maintenance due to budgetary restraints with often pitches only receiving grass cutting and line marking.
- ◀ Through the audit and assessment, 476 teams from within 98 clubs are identified as playing within Shropshire. This consists of 80 adult men's, 10 adult women's, 196 youth boys', 48 youth girls' and 142 mini teams.
- ◀ There is one professional club that plays above the football pyramid with Shropshire which is Shrewsbury Town FC in League One. There are a further nine clubs which play below this level within the football pyramid.
- ◀ Due to Shropshire's location, bordering with Wales, there are two clubs which are a part of the FAW Football Pyramid rather than the English Football Pyramid Structure. These are Bishops Castle Town FC and Trefonen FC.
- ◀ Albrighton, Bishops Castle Town, Ellesmere Rangers, Ludlow Town, Shifnal Town, Shrewsbury Juniors, The New Saints and Whitchurch Alport are the clubs that field teams within Shropshire which play in the Women's National League System.
- ◀ Most clubs which express latent demand indicate they would be able to increase the number of teams if they have access to more or better training provision including the use of floodlit 3G pitches.
- ◀ Only one club is identified as exporting demand, Llanymynech Juniors FC.
- ◀ Team generation rates suggest number of teams likely to be generated in the future (2038) is four youth 11v11 boys' teams.
- ◀ When aggregated from the table above, actual spare capacity totals 26.5 match equivalent sessions per week across 49 pitches.
- ◀ In Shropshire, 18 pitches across 13 sites are overplayed by a combined total of 16 match equivalent sessions per week.

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## Scenarios

### Future demand

The table below shows a summary of quantified club aspirations for future demand, as informed through consultation. Through the clubs that quantified *potential* increase, there is a predicted growth of 45 teams, equating to 16 mini 5v5 teams, six youth 9v9 girls, five youth 9v9 boys, six youth 11v11 boys, three youth 11v11 girls, three adult women's and six adult men's teams.

Table 4.1: Summary of club aspirational future demand

| Analysis area | Place Plan      | Club                       | Future demand   | Pitch size | Match equivalent sessions <sup>3</sup> |
|---------------|-----------------|----------------------------|-----------------|------------|--|
| Central       | Shrewsbury      | Baschurch FC               | 1 x youth boys  | 9v9        | 0.5                                    |
|               |                 |                            | 1 x youth boys  | 11v11      | 0.5                                    |
|               |                 |                            | 3 x mini        | 5v5        | 1.5                                    |
| Central       | Shrewsbury      | Haughmond FC               | 1 x men's       | Adult      | 0.5                                    |
| Central       | Shrewsbury      | Meresiders FC              | 2 x mini        | 5v5        | 1                                      |
| Central       | Shrewsbury      | Shrewsbury Juniors FC      | 2 x men's       | Adult      | 1                                      |
|               |                 |                            | 1 x women's     | Adult      | 0.5                                    |
|               |                 |                            | 2 x mini        | 5v5        | 1                                      |
| Central       | Shrewsbury      | Shrewsbury Up & Comers FC  | 1 x men's       | Adult      | 0.5                                    |
|               |                 |                            | 1 x women's     | Adult      | 0.5                                    |
|               |                 |                            | 2 x youth boys  | 9v9        | 1                                      |
|               |                 |                            | 2 x youth boys  | 11v11      | 1                                      |
|               |                 |                            | 1 x youth girls | 9v9        | 0.5                                    |
|               |                 |                            | 1 x youth girls | 11v11      | 0.5                                    |
| North East    | Whitchurch      | Prees Club FC              | 1 x men's       | Adult      | 0.5                                    |
|               |                 |                            | 1 x women's     | Adult      | 0.5                                    |
|               |                 |                            | 2 x mini        | 5v5        | 1                                      |
| North West    | Ellesmere       | Ellesmere Rangers FC       | 2 x youth boys  | 11v11      | 1                                      |
|               |                 |                            | 1 x mini        | 5v5        | 0.5                                    |
| South         | Ludlow          | Ludlow Town Juniors FC     | 2 x youth girls | 9v9        | 1                                      |
| South East    | Albrighton      | Albrighton FC              | 2 x mini        | 5v5        | 1                                      |
| South East    | Bridgnorth      | AFC Bridgnorth Spartans FC | 2 x mini        | 5v5        | 1                                      |
| South East    | Bridgnorth      | Bridgnorth Town Juniors FC | 1 x youth girls | 9v9        | 0.5                                    |
|               |                 |                            | 1 x youth girls | 11v11      | 0.5                                    |
|               |                 |                            | 1 x mini        | 5v5        | 0.5                                    |
| South West    | Bishop's Castle | Bishops Castle Town FC     | 1 x men's       | Adult      | 0.5                                    |
|               |                 |                            | 1 x youth boys  | 9v9        | 0.5                                    |
|               |                 |                            | 1 x youth girls | 9v9        | 0.5                                    |
| South West    | Church Stretton | Church Stretton Magpies FC | 1 x youth boys  | 9v9        | 0.5                                    |
|               |                 |                            | 1 x youth boys  | 11v11      | 0.5                                    |
|               |                 |                            | 1 x youth girls | 9v9        | 0.5                                    |
|               |                 |                            | 1 x youth girls | 11v11      | 0.5                                    |
|               |                 |                            | 1 x mini        | 5v5        | 0.5                                    |
| <b>Total</b>  |                 |                            |                 |            | <b>22.5</b>                            |

<sup>3</sup> 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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Additionally, St Martins FC and Oswestry Boys & Girls FC report aspirations to increase their demand however neither club specifically quantifies this demand.

The total future demand expressed by clubs amounts to 22.5 match equivalent sessions. The Central Analysis Area contains the majority of this, equating to 10.5 match equivalent sessions.

*Table 4.2: Summary of potential team increases identified by clubs by Analysis Area*

| Analysis area | Club aspirational future demand in match equivalent sessions |             |           |          |            |             |
|---------------|--|-------------|-----------|----------|------------|-------------|
|               | Adult  | Youth 11v11 | Youth 9v9 | Mini 7v7 | Mini 5v5   | Total       |
| Central       | 3  | 2           | 2         | -        | 3.5        | <b>10.5</b> |
| North East    | 1  | -           | -         | -        | 1          | <b>2</b>    |
| North West    | -  | 1           | -         | -        | 0.5        | <b>1.5</b>  |
| South         | -  | -           | 1         | -        | -          | <b>1</b>    |
| South East    | -  | 0.5         | 0.5       | -        | 2.5        | <b>3.5</b>  |
| South West    | 0.5  | 1           | 2.5       | -        | -          | <b>4</b>    |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>4.5</b>   | <b>4.5</b>  | <b>6</b>  | <b>-</b> | <b>7.5</b> | <b>22.5</b> |

Across Shropshire most club aspirational demand is located on mini 5v5 pitch type (7.5 match equivalent sessions). This is due to most clubs wanting to back fill their demand at the youngest ages in order for teams above to progress to the next team size.

### *Supply and demand analysis with future club aspirational demand*

Having considered supply and demand in the preceding assessment report, the tables below identify current demand (i.e. spare capacity taking away overplay and any exported demand) in each of the analysis areas for each pitch type, based on match equivalent sessions. Future demand is based on team generation rates, which are driven by population increases, and the aforementioned club aspirational demand.

### **Adult pitch analysis**

*Table 4.3: Supply and demand balance of adult pitches*

| Analysis area | Actual spare capacity <sup>4</sup> | Demand (match equivalent sessions) |               |                            |            |
|---------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------|----------------------------|------------|
|               |                                    | Overplay                           | Current total | Future demand <sup>5</sup> | Total      |
| Central       | 6                                  | 0.5                                | 5.5           | 3                          | <b>2.5</b> |
| North East    | 2                                  | 1.5                                | 0.5           | 1                          | <b>0.5</b> |
| North West    | 0.5                                | -                                  | 0.5           | -                          | <b>0.5</b> |
| South         | 0.5                                | -                                  | 0.5           | -                          | <b>0.5</b> |
| South East    | 1                                  | 2.5                                | 1.5           | -                          | <b>1.5</b> |
| South West    | 1.5                                | -                                  | 1.5           | 0.5                        | <b>1</b>   |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>11.5</b>                        | <b>4.5</b>                         | <b>7</b>      | <b>4.5</b>                 | <b>2.5</b> |

There is currently an adequate supply of adult pitches to meet demand, with seven match equivalent sessions of spare capacity and spare capacity existing in each analysis area apart from the South East. When considering future demand from population growth and club aspirational demand, the spare capacity reduces to just 2.5 match equivalent sessions with shortfalls evident in the North East and South East Analysis Area.

<sup>4</sup> In match equivalent sessions

<sup>5</sup> Overall a total of two match equivalent sessions of future demand is from population growth with the remaining generated from club aspirational demand

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## Youth 11v11 pitch analysis

Table 4.4: Supply and demand balance of youth 11v11 pitches

| Analysis area | Actual spare capacity <sup>6</sup> | Demand (match equivalent sessions) |               |                            |          |
|---------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------|----------------------------|----------|
|               |                                    | Overplay                           | Current total | Future demand <sup>7</sup> | Total    |
| Central       | 3                                  | 1.5                                | 1.5           | 3                          | 1.5      |
| North East    | -                                  | 2.5                                | 2.5           | -                          | 2.5      |
| North West    | 0.5                                | 1                                  | 0.5           | 1                          | 1.5      |
| South         | -                                  | -                                  |               | -                          |          |
| South East    | 1.5                                | 0.5                                | 1             | 1                          |          |
| South West    | -                                  | -                                  |               | 1                          | 1        |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>5</b>                           | <b>5.5</b>                         | <b>0.5</b>    | <b>4.5</b>                 | <b>5</b> |

There is currently a shortfall across Shropshire on youth 11v11 pitches totalling 0.5 match equivalent sessions. When accounting for future demand, the shortfalls increases to five match equivalent sessions per week with overplay arising in the Central and South West analysis areas.

It must also be noted that several youth 11v11 teams are playing on adult pitches, meaning shortfalls would greatly increase should these sides transfer to the correct pitch type.

## Youth 9v9 pitch analysis

Table 4.5: Supply and demand balance of youth 9v9 pitches

| Analysis area | Actual spare capacity <sup>8</sup> | Demand (match equivalent sessions) |               |                            |            |
|---------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------|----------------------------|------------|
|               |                                    | Overplay                           | Current total | Future demand <sup>9</sup> | Total      |
| Central       | 2                                  | 2                                  |               | 2                          | 2          |
| North East    | 2                                  | -                                  | 2             | -                          | 2          |
| North West    | 0.5                                | -                                  | 0.5           | -                          | 0.5        |
| South         | -                                  | -                                  |               | 1                          | 1          |
| South East    | -                                  | 1                                  | 1             | 0.5                        | 1.5        |
| South West    | -                                  | -                                  |               | 2.5                        | 2.5        |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>4.5</b>                         | <b>3</b>                           | <b>1.5</b>    | <b>6</b>                   | <b>4.5</b> |

Overall, there is current minimal spare capacity on youth 9v9 pitches totalling 1.5 match equivalent session. When taking into consideration future demand a shortfall becomes evident of 4.5 match equivalent sessions with all analysis areas apart from the North East and North West becoming overplayed.

<sup>6</sup> In match equivalent sessions

<sup>7</sup> Overall a total of two match equivalent sessions of future demand is from population growth with the remaining generated from club aspirational demand

<sup>8</sup> In match equivalent sessions

<sup>9</sup> Overall a total of two match equivalent sessions of future demand is from population growth with the remaining generated from club aspirational demand

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## Mini 7v7 pitch analysis

Table 4.6: Supply and demand balance of mini 7v7 pitches

| Analysis area | Actual spare capacity <sup>10</sup> | Demand (match equivalent sessions) |               |                             |            |
|---------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|------------|
|               |                                     | Overplay                           | Current total | Future demand <sup>11</sup> | Total      |
| Central       | 1                                   | -                                  | 1             | -                           | 1          |
| North East    | -                                   | -                                  |               | -                           |            |
| North West    | -                                   | -                                  |               | -                           |            |
| South         | -                                   | -                                  |               | -                           |            |
| South East    | -                                   | 0.5                                | 0.5           | -                           | 0.5        |
| South West    | -                                   | -                                  |               | -                           |            |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>1</b>                            | <b>0.5</b>                         | <b>0.5</b>    | <b>-</b>                    | <b>0.5</b> |

Across Shropshire there is currently minimal spare capacity of 0.5 match equivalent sessions on mini 7v7 pitches. As future demand from clubs is non-existent for mini 7v7 pitches, with clubs instead planning to add mini teams at the lowest age group each year (mini 5v5 teams), the level of spare capacity remains at 0.5 match equivalents sessions.

## Mini 5v5 pitch analysis

Table 4.7: Supply and demand balance of mini 5v5 pitches

| Analysis area | Actual spare capacity <sup>12</sup> | Demand (match equivalent sessions) |               |                             |          |
|---------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|----------|
|               |                                     | Overplay                           | Current total | Future demand <sup>13</sup> | Total    |
| Central       | 3                                   | -                                  | 3             | 3.5                         | 0.5      |
| North East    | 1                                   | -                                  | 1             | 1                           |          |
| North West    | 0.5                                 | -                                  | 0.5           | 0.5                         |          |
| South         | -                                   | -                                  |               | -                           |          |
| South East    | -                                   | 3                                  | 3             | 2.5                         | 5.5      |
| South West    | -                                   | -                                  |               | -                           |          |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>4.5</b>                          | <b>3</b>                           | <b>1.5</b>    | <b>7.5</b>                  | <b>6</b> |

Currently, mini 5v5 pitches have minimal spare capacity of 1.5 match equivalent sessions. After taking into consideration future demand from TGRs and club aspirational demand a shortfall of six match equivalent sessions becomes evident with shortfalls in the Central and South East analysis areas. All remaining areas are played to capacity.

## Conclusions

It is determined that there is current spare capacity across all football pitch types, apart from youth 11v11 pitches in Shropshire. This being said, the levels of overplay are minimal (0.5 match equivalent sessions) and are close to an overall supply and demand balance. As such there is little way of any strategic reserve. After factoring in future demand from population increases the shortfalls on youth 11v11 pitches increases.

<sup>10</sup> In match equivalent sessions

<sup>11</sup> Overall a total of two match equivalent sessions of future demand is from population growth with the remaining generated from club aspirational demand

<sup>12</sup> In match equivalent sessions

<sup>13</sup> Overall a total of two match equivalent sessions of future demand is from population growth with the remaining generated from club aspirational demand

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Some of the spare capacity acknowledged on adult pitches is partly cancelled out through the overplay on youth 11v11 pitches. As stated earlier many youth 11v11 teams will use adult pitches to play their competitive matches due to the lack of suitable provision.

Table 4.8: Summary of supply and demand

| Pitch type  | Demand (match equivalent sessions per week) |          |               |               |       |
|-------------|---|----------|---------------|---------------|-------|
|             | Actual spare capacity                       | Overplay | Current total | Future demand | Total |
| Adult       | 11.5  | 4.5      | 7             | 4.5           | 2.5   |
| Youth 11v11 | 5   | 5.5      | 0.5           | 4.5           | 5     |
| Youth 9v9   | 4.5   | 3        | 1.5           | 6             | 4.5   |
| Mini 7v7    | 1   | 0.5      | 0.5           | -             | 0.5   |
| Mini 5v5    | 4.5   | 3        | 1.5           | 7.5           | 6     |

Most current overplay across the various pitch types is generated from high levels of demand across sites which contain poor quality pitches. This worsens when accounting for the additional future demand.

The scenarios below will examine potential avenues on how to alleviate current and future levels of overplay.

### Alleviating overplay

In Shropshire there is capacity to accommodate current levels of demand across all pitch types apart from youth 11v11, however, when accounting for future demand, shortfalls also become evident on youth 9v9 and mini 5v5 pitch types these are listed below.

Table 4.9: Summary of current and future pitch shortfalls by Analysis Area

| Analysis area | Current pitch shortfalls                             | Current spare capacity   | Future pitch shortfalls   | Future spare capacity   |
|---------------|--|--|---|---|
| Central       | No identified shortfalls                             | 5.5 match equivalent sessions on adult pitches<br>1.5 match equivalent sessions on youth 11v11 pitches<br>Youth 9v9 pitches are played to capacity<br>1 match equivalent sessions on mini 7v7 pitches<br>3 match equivalent sessions on mini 5v5 pitches | 1.5 match equivalent sessions on youth 11v11 pitches<br>2 match equivalent sessions on youth 9v9 pitches<br>0.5 match equivalent sessions on mini 5v5 pitches | 2.5 match equivalent sessions on adult pitches<br>1 match equivalent sessions on mini 7v7 pitches |
| North East    | 2.5 match equivalent sessions on youth 11v11 pitches | 0.5 match equivalent sessions on adult pitches<br>2 match equivalent sessions on youth 9v9 pitches<br>Mini 7v7 pitches are played to capacity<br>1 match equivalent sessions on mini 5v5 pitches   | 0.5 match equivalent sessions on adult pitches<br>2.5 match equivalent sessions on youth 11v11 pitches  | 2 match equivalent sessions on youth 9v9 pitches  |

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| Analysis area | Current pitch shortfalls   | Current spare capacity   | Future pitch shortfalls  | Future spare capacity  |
|---------------|--|--|--|--|
|               |  |  | Mini 7v7 pitches are played to capacity<br>Mini 5v5 pitches are played to capacity   |  |
| North West    | 0.5 match equivalent sessions on youth 11v11 pitches   | 0.5 match equivalent sessions on adult pitches<br>0.5 match equivalent sessions on youth 9v9 pitches<br>Mini 7v7 pitches are played to capacity<br>0.5 match equivalent sessions on mini 5v5 pitches                           | No identified shortfalls   | 0.5 match equivalent sessions on adult pitches<br>1.5 match equivalent sessions on youth 11v11 pitches<br>0.5 match equivalent sessions on youth 9v9 pitches<br>Mini 7v7 pitches are played to capacity<br>Mini 5v5 pitches are played to capacity |
| South         | No identified shortfalls   | 0.5 match equivalent sessions on adult pitches<br>Youth 11v11 pitches are played to capacity<br>Youth 9v9 pitches are played to capacity<br>Mini 7v7 pitches are played to capacity<br>Mini 5v5 pitches are played to capacity | 1 match equivalent sessions on youth 9v9 pitches   | 0.5 match equivalent sessions on adult pitches<br>Youth 11v11 pitches are played to capacity<br>Mini 7v7 pitches are played to capacity<br>Mini 5v5 pitches are played to capacity   |
| South East    | 1.5 match equivalent sessions on adult pitches<br>1 match equivalent sessions on youth 9v9 pitches<br>0.5 match equivalent sessions on mini 7v7 pitches<br>3 match equivalent sessions on mini 7v7 pitches | 1 match equivalent sessions on youth 11v11 pitches   | 3.5 match equivalent sessions on adult pitches<br>1.5 match equivalent sessions on youth 9v9 pitches<br>0.5 match equivalent sessions on mini 7v7 pitches<br>5.5 match equivalent sessions on mini 7v7 pitches | Youth 11v11 pitches are played to capacity   |

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| Analysis area | Current pitch shortfalls | Current spare capacity   | Future pitch shortfalls  | Future spare capacity  |
|---------------|--------------------------|--|--|--|
| South West    | No identified shortfalls | 1.5 match equivalent sessions on adult pitches<br>Youth 11v11 pitches are played to capacity<br>Youth 9v9 pitches are played to capacity<br>Mini 7v7 pitches are played to capacity<br>Mini 5v5 pitches are played to capacity | 1 match equivalent sessions on youth 11v11 pitches<br>2.5 match equivalent sessions on youth 9v9 pitches | 1 match equivalent sessions on adult pitches<br>Mini 7v7 pitches are played to capacity<br>Mini 5v5 pitches are played to capacity |

Alleviating this level of shortfall can be achieved through a variety of methods including reinstating of pitches, improving poor quality pitches, reconfiguration of pitch type and securing tenure at sites. The extent to which each of these has on addressing the shortfalls is explored below in greater detail.

The full supply and demand analysis for football pitches across Shropshire and by Analysis Area can be found in the accompanying assessment report.

### *Reinstatement of pitches*

As mentioned in the proceeding Assessment Report there are three sites which previously accommodated pitches, which if reinstated, could alleviate current and future levels of shortfalls across the Central Analysis Area. The table below finds identifies the three sites and the best potential pitch configurations in order to reduce overplay.

*Table 4.10: Potential capacity create by reinstating provision*

| Analysis area | Place plan                 | Site ID | Site name                       | Pitch type | Number of pitches | Spare capacity created at peak period (match equivalent sessions) |
|---------------|----------------------------|---------|---------------------------------|------------|-------------------|---|
| Central       | Shrewsbury                 | 149     | Kynaston Road Recreation Ground | 1          | Youth 11v11       | 1   |
|               |                            | 228     | Radbrook Recreation Ground      | 1          | Youth 11v11       | 1   |
|               |                            |         |                                 | 1          | Youth 9v9         | 1   |
| 310           | Waincott Recreation Ground | 1       | Youth 9v9                       | 1          |                   |   |

If the pitches mentioned above were re-provided to a minimum of standard quality, it would alleviate current and future shortfalls on youth 11v11 pitches and youth 9v9 in the Central Analysis Area. This being said the future capacity of the youth 9v9 pitches would be played to capacity.

Although it is not considered a reinstatement of provision, it should be noted that there is a parcel of land to become available for sports provision at Bowbrook (Shrewsbury) with the development of two new primary schools. This land could be used to address any future youth and mini football pitch shortfalls within the Central Analysis Area; however, the site is still under construction with the exact size of playing field land still to be determined.

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### *Improving quality*

Further to re-establishing pitches, capacity can also be created through improving poor quality pitches with secure tenure.

The table below identifies the amount of spare capacity which could be obtained through improving poor quality pitches to a minimum of standard quality

*Table 4.11: Summary of discounted peak time spare capacity due to poor quality*

| Analysis area | Place plan              | Site ID | Site name   | Pitch type | Spare capacity created at peak period (match equivalent sessions) | Comments  |
|---------------|-------------------------|---------|---|------------|---|---|
| Central       | Pontesbury & Minsterley | 182     | Minsterley Playing Fields                         | Adult      | 0.5   | -   |
| Central       | Pontesbury & Minsterley | 218     | Pontesbury Playing Fields                         | Adult      | 1   | Potential to reconfigure pitch type to alleviate youth 11v11 or youth 9v9 shortfalls. |
| Central       | Shrewsbury              | 19      | Baschurch Playground                              | (7v7)      | 1   | -   |
| Central       | Shrewsbury              | 21      | Baschurch Village Hall Pitches                    | (9v9)      | 0.5   | -   |
| Central       | Shrewsbury              | 29      | Bicton Village Hall                               | (7v7)      | 1   | -   |
| Central       | Shrewsbury              | 108     | Douglas Swire Memorial Hall                       | Adult      | 1   | Potential to reconfigure pitch type to alleviate youth 11v11 or youth 9v9 shortfalls. |
| Central       | Shrewsbury              | 158     | London Road Sports Centre                         | Adult      | 1   | Potential to reconfigure pitch type to alleviate youth 11v11 or youth 9v9 shortfalls. |
| Central       | Shrewsbury              | 196     | Nesscliffe Playing Field                          | Adult      | 1   | Potential to reconfigure pitch type to alleviate youth 11v11 or youth 9v9 shortfalls. |
| Central       | Shrewsbury              | 214     | Oxon Recreation Ground                            | (11v11)    | 0.5   | -   |
| Central       | Shrewsbury              | 259     | Unison Club (Column Cricket, Bowls & Tennis Club) | Adult      | 1   | Potential to reconfigure pitch type to alleviate youth 11v11 or youth 9v9 shortfalls. |
| North East    | Market Drayton          | 63      | Cheswardine Parish Council                        | (9v9)      | 1   | -   |
| North East    | Market Drayton          | 66      | Childs Ercall Playing Field                       | Adult      | 1   | Potential to reconfigure pitch type to alleviate youth 11v11 shortfalls.              |
| North East    | Market Drayton          | 135     | Hinstock Recreation Ground                        | Adult      | 0.5   | -   |
| North East    | Market Drayton          | 138     | Hodnet Social Club                                | Adult      | 0.5   | -   |

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| Analysis area | Place plan        | Site ID | Site name                                 | Pitch type | Spare capacity created at peak period (match equivalent sessions) | Comments  |
|---------------|-------------------|---------|---|------------|---|---|
| North East    | Wem               | 312     | Wem Recreation Ground                     | Adult      | 1   | Potential to reconfigure pitch type to alleviate youth 11v11 shortfalls.              |
| North East    | Whitchurch        | 105     | Deermoss Park                             | (11v11)    | 1   | -   |
| North West    | Ellesmere         | 180     | Millennium Village Hall Playing Fields    | Adult      | 1   | Potential to reconfigure pitch type to alleviate youth 11v11 shortfalls.              |
| North West    | Oswestry          | 189     | Morton Playing Field                      | Adult      | 1   | Potential to reconfigure pitch type to alleviate youth 11v11 shortfalls.              |
| North West    | Oswestry          | 293     | The Playing Fields                        | Adult      | 1   | Potential to reconfigure pitch type to alleviate youth 11v11 shortfalls.              |
| North West    | Oswestry          | 293     | The Playing Fields                        | (9v9)      | 1   | -   |
| North West    | Oswestry          | 304     | Trefonen Playing Fields                   | Adult      | 1   | Potential to reconfigure pitch type to alleviate youth 11v11 shortfalls.              |
| South         | Cleobury Mortimer | 75      | Clee Hill Recreation Ground               | Adult      | 1   | Potential to reconfigure pitch type to alleviate youth 9v9 shortfalls.                |
| South         | Cleobury Mortimer | 75      | Clee Hill Recreation Ground               | (7v7)      | 1   | -   |
| South         | Cleobury Mortimer | 77      | Cleobury Mortimer Playing Field           | (9v9)      | 1   | -   |
| South East    | Bridgnorth        | 10      | Alveley Recreation Ground                 | Adult      | 0.5   | -   |
| South East    | Bridgnorth        | 10      | Alveley Recreation Ground                 | (9v9)      | 0.5   | -   |
| South East    | Bridgnorth        | 102     | Crown Meadow                              | Adult      | 1   | Potential to reconfigure pitch type to alleviate youth 9v9 shortfalls.                |
| South East    | Highley           | 238     | Severn Centre                             | Adult      | 1   | Potential to reconfigure pitch type to alleviate youth 9v9 shortfalls.                |
| South East    | Much Wenlock      | 97      | Cressage Playing Field (Sheinton Rd)      | Adult      | 1   | Potential to reconfigure pitch type to alleviate youth 9v9 shortfalls.                |
| South West    | Bishop's Castle   | 197     | Newcastle Village Football Pitch          | Adult      | 1   | Potential to reconfigure pitch type to alleviate youth 11v11 or youth 9v9 shortfalls. |
| South West    | Bishop's Castle   | 369     | Cross Banks (Norbury)                     | Adult      | 0.5   | -   |
| South West    | Church Stretton   | 44      | Brooksbury Playing Fields                 | (7v7)      | 0.5   | -   |
| South West    | Church Stretton   | 337     | Worthen Village Hall                      | Adult      | 0.5   | -   |
| South West    | Craven Arms       | 85      | Community Arts Sports Craven Arms (CASCA) | (11v11)    | 0.5   | -   |

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In total 28.5 match equivalent sessions could be established if these pitches were improved from poor quality through enhanced levels of maintenance the majority (67%) of which is located on adult pitches.

*Table 4.12: Summary discounted peak time spare capacity due to poor quality by pitch type*

| Analysis area | Actual spare capacity (match equivalent sessions per week) |             |           |            |          | Total       |
|---------------|--|-------------|-----------|------------|----------|-------------|
|               | Adult  | Youth 11v11 | Youth 9v9 | Mini 7v7   | Mini 5v5 |             |
| Central       | 5.5  | 0.5         | 0.5       | 2          | -        | <b>8.5</b>  |
| North East    | 3  | 1           | 1         | -          | -        | <b>5</b>    |
| North West    | 4  | -           | 1         | -          | -        | <b>5</b>    |
| South         | 1  | -           | 1         | 1          | -        | <b>3</b>    |
| South East    | 3.5  | -           | 0.5       | -          | -        | <b>4</b>    |
| South West    | 2  | 0.5         | -         | 0.5        | -        | <b>3</b>    |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>19</b>  | <b>2</b>    | <b>4</b>  | <b>3.5</b> | <b>-</b> | <b>28.5</b> |

If the above pitches were improved to a minimum of standard quality the actual spare capacity generated would alleviate overall current and future shortfalls expressed on adult pitches.

Although substantial levels of capacity would be generated there would still be levels of overplay on youth 11v11, youth 9v9 and mini 5v5 pitches. Therefore, there is potential for certain sites to be reconfigured to accommodate different pitch types, in addition to improve pitch quality, to alleviate overplay in Shropshire.

### *Pitch reconfiguration*

In order to alleviate current and future shortfalls on adult pitches in Shropshire there is a need for 0.5 match equivalent sessions in the North East Analysis Area and 3.5 match equivalent sessions in the South East Analysis Area. As mentioned above, this can be accomplished through pitch improvements.

Any capacity established through further adult pitch improvements could be better utilised to alleviate remaining shortfalls on other pitch types. This would require the reconfiguration of pitch types on certain sites, these are identified in Table 4.11.

It should be noted that even if pitches are improved in quality and reconfigured to alleviate shortfalls on youth 11v11 and youth 9v9, due to the geographical size of Shropshire, the spare capacity created may not necessarily be utilised as it is not truly accessible for clubs which have future demand aspirations at the specific age groups.

### *Securing access to education sites*

Education sites generally accommodate large areas of playing field and playing pitches. However, as tenure on these sites is generally considered to be unsecure, potential spare capacity has been discounted from the supply and demand analysis within the Assessment Report. Securing access to these sites could provide an opportunity to help address future shortfalls across Shropshire. A summary of these pitches can be seen in the table below.

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Table 4.13: Summary of discounted peak time spare capacity at educational sites with community access

| Analysis area | Place plan      | Site ID | Site name                        | Pitch type | Number of pitches | Amount of peak time spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure <sup>14</sup> |
|---------------|-----------------|---------|----------------------------------|------------|-------------------|--|
| Central       | Shrewsbury      | 91      | Corbet School                    | Adult      | 1                 | 1  |
| Central       | Shrewsbury      | 222     | Prestfelde Preparatory School    | (5v5)      | 2                 | 2  |
| Central       | Shrewsbury      | 222     | Prestfelde Preparatory School    | (7v7)      | 2                 | 2  |
| Central       | Shrewsbury      | 222     | Prestfelde Preparatory School    | (11v11)    | 1                 | 1  |
| Central       | Shrewsbury      | 222     | Prestfelde Preparatory School    | (9v9)      | 1                 | 1  |
| Central       | Shrewsbury      | 295     | The Priory School                | (11v11)    | 1                 | 1  |
| Central       | Shrewsbury      | 295     | The Priory School                | (9v9)      | 1                 | 1  |
| North East    | Wem             | 301     | Thomas Adams Sports Centre       | Adult      | 1                 | 1  |
| North East    | Wem             | 301     | Thomas Adams Sports Centre       | (11v11)    | 3                 | 3  |
| North West    | Ellesmere       | 111     | Ellesmere College                | Adult      | 5                 | 5  |
| North West    | Oswestry        | 211     | Oswestry School                  | Adult      | 2                 | 2  |
| North West    | Oswestry        | 211     | Oswestry School                  | (9v9)      | 1                 | 0.5  |
| South         | Ludlow          | 186     | Moor Park School                 | (7v7)      | 3                 | 3  |
| South West    | Bishop's Castle | 86      | Community College Bishops Castle | Adult      | 1                 | 1  |
| South West    | Bishop's Castle | 86      | Community College Bishops Castle | (5v5)      | 1                 | 1  |
| South West    | Bishop's Castle | 86      | Community College Bishops Castle | (7v7)      | 1                 | 0.5  |

There are several community available education sites in Shropshire which contain football pitches which have the potential to help address remaining shortfalls by securing access through community use agreements. In total, 26 match equivalent sessions of spare capacity could potentially be generated if tenure to the abovementioned school site could be secured.

Table 4.14: Summary of potential peak time spare capacity at educational sites by analysis area

| Analysis area | Summary of potential spare capacity (match equivalent sessions) |             |            |            |          |           |
|---------------|---|-------------|------------|------------|----------|-----------|
|               | Adult   | Youth 11v11 | Youth 9v9  | Mini 7v7   | Mini 5v5 | Totals    |
| Central       | 1   | 2           | 2          | 2          | 2        | 9         |
| North East    | 1   | 3           | -          | -          | -        | 4         |
| North West    | 7   | -           | 0.5        | -          | -        | 7.5       |
| South         | -   | -           | -          | 3          | -        | 3         |
| South East    | -   | -           | -          | -          | -        | -         |
| South West    | 1   | -           | -          | 0.5        | 1        | 2.5       |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>10</b>   | <b>5</b>    | <b>2.5</b> | <b>5.5</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>26</b> |

<sup>14</sup> Match equivalent sessions

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If all this spare capacity could be secured through community use agreements (CUA) or long term leases there would be no current or future shortfalls on adult, youth 11v11 or mini 7v7 pitches in Shropshire. It would also reduce the future shortfall on youth 9v9 pitches to two match equivalent sessions and reduce the overplay on mini 5v5 pitches to three match equivalent sessions.

Although all these schools are identified as being community available, it does not necessarily mean they are open to securing usage to a club for a set period of time, such as through a CUA. This is due to schools wanting the flexibility to prioritise and protect the quality of their pitches for curricular or extracurricular usage, for example, in periods of extended bad weather.

### *Securing access and improving pitch quality at education sites*

In addition to having unsecure tenure, it should also be noted that 12 of the education sites also accommodate one or more poor quality pitches. There would be a need to secure tenure and improve pitch quality at the sites in the table below.

*Table 4.15: Summary of community available poor quality pitches at education sites with unsecure tenure*

| Analysis area | Place plan      | Site ID | Site name   | Pitch type | Number of pitches | Discounted capacity at peak time |
|---------------|-----------------|---------|---|------------|-------------------|----------------------------------|
| Central       | Shrewsbury      | 177     | Meole Brace Church of England Primary School                | (5v5)      | 1                 | 0.5                              |
| Central       | Shrewsbury      | 178     | Mereside Church of England Primary School                   | (7v7)      | 1                 | 0.5                              |
| Central       | Shrewsbury      | 178     | Mereside Church of England Primary School                   | (9v9)      | 1                 | 0.5                              |
| North East    | Whitchurch      | 321     | Whitchurch Sports & Leisure Centre (Sir John Talbot School) | Adult      | 1                 | 1                                |
| South East    | Albrighton      | 8       | Albrighton Primary School                                   | (9v9)      | 1                 | 0.5                              |
| South East    | Broseley        | 16      | Barrow 1618 CE Free School                                  | (9v9)      | 1                 | 0.5                              |
| South East    | Broseley        | 46      | Broseley C of E Primary School                              | (7v7)      | 1                 | 0.5                              |
| South East    | Broseley        | 142     | John Wilkinson Primary School                               | (5v5)      | 1                 | 0.5                              |
| South East    | Highley         | 131     | Highley Primary School                                      | (7v7)      | 1                 | 0.5                              |
| South East    | Much Wenlock    | 193     | Much Wenlock Leisure Centre (William Brookes School)        | (9v9)      | 1                 | 0.5                              |
| South East    | Much Wenlock    | 194     | Much Wenlock Primary School                                 | (7v7)      | 1                 | 0.5                              |
| South West    | Bishop's Castle | 86      | Community College Bishops Castle                            | (9v9)      | 1                 | 1                                |
| South West    | Church Stretton | 71      | Church Stretton School                                      | Adult      | 2                 | 2                                |

If all this spare capacity could be secured through CUAs or long term leases, in addition to having pitch quality improved, future shortfalls on adult pitches in the North East and youth 9v9 and mini 7v7 pitches in the South East Analysis Area would be alleviated.

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Table 4.16: Summary of potential peak time spare capacity at poor quality pitches at educational sites by analysis area

| Analysis area | Summary of potential spare capacity (match equivalent sessions) |             |           |          |          |            |
|---------------|---|-------------|-----------|----------|----------|------------|
|               | Adult   | Youth 11v11 | Youth 9v9 | Mini 7v7 | Mini 5v5 | Totals     |
| Central       | -   | -           | 0.5       | 0.5      | 0.5      | <b>1.5</b> |
| North East    | 1   | -           | -         | -        | -        | <b>1</b>   |
| North West    | -   | -           | -         | -        | -        | -          |
| South         | -   | -           | -         | -        | -        | -          |
| South East    | -   | -           | 1.5       | 1.5      | 0.5      | <b>3.5</b> |
| South West    | 2   | -           | 1         | -        | -        | <b>3</b>   |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>3</b>  | -           | <b>3</b>  | <b>2</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>9</b>   |

It should be noted that a total of 10 clubs utilise provision at educational sites. These sites should be prioritised for securing tenure and pitch improvements where necessary.

Table 4.17: Summary of clubs using education sites in Shropshire

| Analysis area | Place plan      | Site ID | Site name   | Club name                           |
|---------------|-----------------|---------|---|-------------------------------------|
| Central       | Shrewsbury      | 178     | Meole Brace Church of England Primary School                | Meole Brace Juniors FC              |
| North East    | Whitchurch      | 321     | Whitchurch Sports & Leisure Centre (Sir John Talbot School) | Whitchurch Alport Juniors FC        |
| North West    | Oswestry        | 211     | Oswestry School   | Dragon Academy & Development Centre |
| South East    | Albrighton      | 8       | Albrighton Primary School                                   | Albrighton FC                       |
| South East    | Bridgnorth      | 206     | Oldbury Wells School  | AFC Bridgnorth Spartans             |
| South East    | Broseley        | 16      | Barrow 1618 CE Free School                                  | Broseley Youth Sports FC            |
| South East    | Broseley        | 46      | Broseley C of E Primary School                              | Broseley Youth Sports FC            |
| South East    | Broseley        | 142     | John Wilkinson Primary School                               | Broseley Youth Sports FC            |
| South East    | Highley         | 131     | Highley Primary School                                      | Highley Miner Welfare Juniors FC    |
| South East    | Much Wenlock    | 193     | Much Wenlock Leisure Centre (William Brookes School)        | Wenlock Warriors FC                 |
| South East    | Much Wenlock    | 194     | Much Wenlock Primary School                                 | Wenlock Warriors FC                 |
| South West    | Bishop's Castle | 86      | Community College Bishops Castle                            | Bishop Castle Town FC               |

Although not included in the above, Bridgnorth Town Juniors FC utilise the educational pitches at Friars Playing Fields (Unattached Playing Fields) in the South East Analysis Area. These pitches are poor quality, however, are located on a flood zone therefore improving pitch quality may have limited effectiveness and may not create additional capacity.

Accumulatively across Shropshire is secure tenure could be obtained at all educational sites with pitch improvement carried out where required the majority of overplay would be alleviate across each pitch type.

This being said, a mixture of securing usage at specific educational sites, improving poor quality grass pitches, reinstatement of pitches and pitch reconfiguration is recommended to alleviate any future shortfalls across Shropshire. The approach should be tailored to ensure that club and team requirements are met.

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The creation of any new pitches, as outlined below, would be club specific aspirational demand and provide an additional avenue to reduce overplay.

### *Shawbury United FC*

As discussed in the proceeding assessment report Shawbury United FC indicates the lack of a central 'home venue' has restricted its potential growth as the Club is using several sites to meet its senior, youth and mini demand. It also indicates the poor quality of the pitches it currently accesses at these sites, in addition, to the lack of ancillary provision, is also limiting its development.

As a result, it aspires to develop as a home site within its locality of Shawbury (North East Analysis Area). The initial plans for the new site include one 5v5, one 7v7, one 9v9, training area and two adult pitches both of which are suitable for Step 6 football (Floodlit).

It also aspires to have an onsite clubhouse/hospitality to service the grass pitches and make one of the adult pitches a 3G surface. However, it understands that the latter may not be financially viable. Any potential funding available to the Club to develop the site would be based on levels of finances available for it at the time of application.

Since the production of the proceeding Assessment report the Club now has now been informed it has access to the site as long as it is actively looking for funding, however, it is recommended that the Club still looks to formalise a long term lease on the site. As the Club would need to secure a longer term agreement from the private landowner in order to access relevant grant monies.

The Club currently one adult men's team (Step 6), two U18s, two U16s, one U15s, two U14s one U13s, one U12s, one U11s, one U10s, one U9s, two U8s and one U7s.

*Table 4.18: Summary of team demand from Shawbury United FC by peak time*

| Analysis area | Number of teams |        |        |        |         | Total    |
|---------------|-----------------|--------|--------|--------|---------|----------|
|               | Sat AM          | Sat PM | Sun AM | Sun PM | Midweek |          |
| Adult         | -               | 1      | -      | -      | -       | <b>1</b> |
| Youth 11v11   | 2               | -      | 5      | -      | 1       | <b>8</b> |
| Youth 9v9     | -               | -      | 2      | -      | -       | <b>2</b> |
| Mini 7v7      | -               | -      | 2      | -      | -       | <b>2</b> |
| Mini 5v5      | -               | -      | 3      | -      | -       | <b>3</b> |

In order to accommodate the entire clubs demand there would be a requirement of one adult Step 6 pitch, three youth 11v11 pitches, one youth 9v9, one mini 7v7 and one mini 5v5 pitch all of which would be have to be a minimum of standard quality. This also assumes the clubs two U18s would play on the adult pitch. The creation of such provision would alleviate all current and future levels of overplay within the North East Analysis Area.

This being said, the area of land the Club has an agreement on can only accommodate one 5v5, one 7v7, one 9v9, training area and two adult pitches. It is therefore recommended that if the Club can secure long term tenure and the relevant finances that this provision is established to a minimum of standard quality with relevant accompanying ancillary facilities. This would allow the majority of teams to play on site with only a select view having to find off site provision to meet their demand.

## *Greenfields Sports Ground*

Greenfields Sports Ground has been identified in the Market Drayton Neighbourhood Plan for potential housing development. The site is leased from Market Drayton Town Council to the Market Drayton Sports Association which consists of Market Drayton Town FC, Market Drayton Tigers FC, Market Drayton RFC and Market Drayton TC. Each club has its own clubhouse and utilise their own pitch provision to accommodate demand.

In total there is one good quality adult pitch (meeting Step 4 requirements) one standard quality youth 11v11 football pitch, one standard quality youth 9v9 football pitch, two standard quality mini 7v7 football pitches, one standard quality mini 5v5 pitch, one poor quality (M0/D1) senior floodlit rugby union pitch, one poor quality (M0/D1) floodlit junior size training pitch (used for both football and rugby union) and three standard quality floodlit tennis courts.

The site must be mitigated in line with the NPPF Paragraph 97 and Sport England's Playing Field Policy.

Relocation feasibility should also include provision for ancillary facilities, including those that meet relevant Step 4 football requirements. It should be noted that a Club on the Step pyramid needs to generate its own income and have the relevant facilities/access to facilities to do so. Furthermore, the potential to future proof the site for inclusion of a full size floodlit hockey suitable AGP at the to meet exported demand for Market Drayton HC and a full size 3G pitch should also be explored. It is understood that Market Drayton HC has minimal funds to contribute to the creation of a hockey suitable AGP in addition is willing to generate capital through fundraising events.

## *Carpet hybrid pitches*

Sport England is in the process of piloting the utilisation of carpet hybrid pitches with projects currently operating at Regents Park (City of Westminster) and Bisham Abbey (Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead). Each site has one natural grass pitch supported by artificial fibres.

The project is only two years into collating research with information still being collected, however, its concept is to create additional capacity whilst ensuring the pitch is accessible in various weather conditions. Initial evidence of the pitches at Regents Park and Bisham Abbey is suggesting the pitch can withstand at least 20 hours of use a week but this is not definitive at this time.

Subject to the research considering the capital and revenue costs and if the research is positive then it could provide an option when looking at ways to improve (natural turf) pitch quality and the playing capacity.

## *Flooding*

There is a total of 27 sporting sites that are located on flooding Zone Two and/or Zone Three. For football these include the following sites.

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Table 4.19: Football sites within flood zones across Shropshire<sup>15</sup>

| Analysis area | Place plan      | Site ID | Site name                   | Sport/s                            | Flood Zones |     |
|---------------|-----------------|---------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------|-----|
|               |                 |         |                             |                                    | 2           | 3   |
| Central       | Shrewsbury      | 115     | Frankwell Recreation Ground | Football<br>Cricket                | Yes         | Yes |
| North West    | Ellesmere       | 25      | Beech Grove Playing Fields  | Football                           | Yes         | Yes |
| North West    | Oswestry        | 293     | The Playing Fields          | Football                           | Yes         | Yes |
| South East    | Albrighton      | 80      | Clockmills                  | Informal football                  | Yes         | Yes |
| South East    | Bridgnorth      | 116     | Friars Playing Fields       | Football<br>Cricket<br>Rugby union | Yes         | Yes |
| South East    | Much Wenlock    | 356     | Ironbridge Power Station    | Lapsed Cricket & Football          | Yes         | Yes |
| South West    | Church Stretton | 44      | Brooksbury Playing Fields   | Football                           | Yes         | Yes |
| South West    | Church Stretton | 236     | Russels Meadow Ground       | Football<br>Cricket                | Yes         | Yes |

Due to their locations addressing quality issues through drainage improvements can often be ineffective with options such as dedicated regular and routine maintenance regimes consider a more effective solution. If these sites do flood it is recommended relevant flood relief funds are applied for to address issues and alternative venues are found for clubs utilising the provision.

## Recommendations

- ✦ Protect existing quantity of pitches until all demand is being met (unless replacement provision meets Sport England requirements and is agreed upon and provided).
- ✦ Sustain pitch quality and seek improvements where necessary via utilisation of the FA's Pitch Improvement Programme and associated funding opportunities.
- ✦ Explore opportunities to gain long-term access to sites where community use is not currently offered.
- ✦ Work to accommodate future demand at sites which are not operating at capacity or at sites not currently available for community use that could be moving forward.
- ✦ Improve ancillary facilities where this is a clear need to do so.
- ✦ Ensure clubs playing within, or with aspirations to play within, the football pyramid can progress.
- ✦ Explore pitch reconfiguration where possible in order to alleviate pitch shortfalls
- ✦ Explore the reinstatement of pitches to alleviate shortfalls, particularly at Kynaston Road Recreation Ground, Radbrook Recreation Ground and Waincott Recreation Ground.
- ✦ Support Shawbury United FC in its aspirations to create its own site, only if the Club can secure long term tenure.
- ✦ Further determine the feasibility for relocation of Greenfields Sports Ground which will include suitable ancillary facilities.
- ✦ Monitor sites located on flood zones and carry out relevant improvements as required.
- ✦ In the longer term, explore the feasibility of carpet hybrid pitches if research is positive, as a potential solution with regards to flooding.
- ✦ Update the Local Football Facilities Plan for Shropshire in due course with findings from the PPOSS.

<sup>15</sup> Refer to Appendix Five for maps of all provision falling in the flood zones

## 4.2 Third Generation turf (3G) pitches

### Assessment Report summary

- ◀ **There is an insufficient supply of full size 3G pitches to meet current and anticipated future demand for football in Shropshire.**
- ◀ There are five full size 3G pitches in Shropshire that fully comply with the above specification. Most provision (two pitches or 40%) is located in the Central Analysis Area. The North East, North West and South each accommodate one pitch.
- ◀ In addition, there are also 20 smaller sized 3G pitches servicing Shropshire with all of them, except the pitch at HMP Stoke Heath available for community use.
- ◀ All full size floodlit 3G pitches, apart from RAF Shawbury, are either FIFA Pro, FIFA or FA certified and one the FA Pitch Register.
- ◀ Shawbury United FC and AFC Bridgnorth Spartans FC express aspirations to create full size 3G provision.
- ◀ Each pitch, apart from RAF Shawbury, is operating at capacity both midweek and at the weekend. There is usage of the 3G pitches in Shropshire to meet competitive demand.
- ◀ In Shropshire, all full size pitches are assessed as good quality.
- ◀ Of the 29 clubs that responded to consultation requests and state a demand for additional training facilities, all specifically stated a need for increased use of 3G pitches.
- ◀ All ancillary provision accompanying full size pitches, apart from London Road Sports Centre, are considered good quality with no issues with these facilities have been highlighted through consultation.
- ◀ On an analysis area level there is a need for an additional nine full size 3G pitch equivalents. This is broken down into three each in the Central and South East areas, two in the North East and 0.5 of a full size pitch each in the North West and South West analysis areas

### Scenarios

#### Accommodating football training demand

As evidenced in the preceding Assessment Report, in order to satisfy current football training demand (based on the FA's model of one full size 3G pitch being able to cater for 38 teams) there is a need for nine full size 3G pitch equivalents, three full size each in the Central and South East analysis areas, two full size in the North East and one smaller size 3G pitch each in the North West and South West analysis areas.

Table 4.20: Current demand for 3G pitches by analysis area in Shropshire

| Analysis area | Current number of teams | Current requirement | Current number of full size 3G pitches | Current shortfall | Future number of teams <sup>16</sup> | Future requirement | Future shortfall |
|---------------|-------------------------|---------------------|--|-------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Central       | 188                     | 4.94 - <b>5</b>     | 2                                      | 3                 | 211                                  | 5.55 – <b>5.5</b>  | 3.5              |
| North East    | 70                      | 1.84- <b>2</b>      | -                                      | 2                 | 75                                   | 1.97 - <b>2</b>    | 2                |
| North West    | 54                      | 1.42 – <b>1.5</b>   | 1                                      | 0.5               | 57                                   | 1.5 – <b>1.5</b>   | 0.5              |
| South         | 21                      | 0.55 – <b>0.5</b>   | 1                                      | -                 | 23                                   | 0.60 - <b>1</b>    | -                |
| South East    | 123                     | 3.23 - <b>3</b>     | -                                      | 3                 | 131                                  | 3.44 – <b>3.5</b>  | 3.5              |

<sup>16</sup> Based on increased demand forecasted from team generation rates and club aspirational demand, both re-applied to the Area where the club is based for training purposes

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| Analysis area | Current number of teams | Current requirement | Current number of full size 3G pitches | Current shortfall | Future number of teams <sup>16</sup> | Future requirement | Future shortfall |
|---------------|-------------------------|---------------------|--|-------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| South West    | 20                      | 0.52 – 0.5          | -                                      | 0.5               | 25                                   | 0.65 – 0.5         | 0.5              |

As seen in the table above, when factoring in future demand the overall shortfall increases to a need for one full size pitch equivalent. This equates to demand equitable to one half size pitch each in the Central and South East analysis areas.

### ***Creating additional full size 3G pitches for football***

It should be noted that the feasibility of the creation of any 3G provision needs to be fully explored as part of the PPOSS Stage E review. The below outlines potential options for the creation of 3G provision by Analysis Area.

#### *Central Analysis Area*

In the Central Analysis Area there is a current shortfall of three full size 3G pitches. As discussed in the preceding Assessment Report the creation of new full size 3G pitches should work towards providing one additional pitch at Shrewsbury Town Football Club to be managed and operated by Shrewsbury Town in the Community. In addition, the pitch would benefit from having at least one anchor community club tenant such as Shrewsbury Up & Comers FC.

A second 3G pitch should also be established to meet the demand from SAHA FC in the West of Shrewsbury. The Club is currently rent several sites for both its competitive and training demand, a total of 27 teams. It would benefit to centralise the majority of its demand to one site in order to sustain participation and create capacity for growth. A potential site option for such a development is the land being developed at Bowbrook for two primary schools, however, a detailed feasibility study would be required to understand the suitability of the location.

Finally, due to limitation on available land, a new third full size pitch could be established at a site with the infrastructure in situ to accommodate a development of this size, such as London Road Sports Centre or Shrewsbury Sports Village. This should be prioritised after the previous two mentioned projects.

#### *North East Analysis Area*

There is a current shortfall of two full size 3G pitch equivalents within the North East Analysis Area. Potential options for these would be with the at the relocation of Greenfield Sports Ground, if the site is lost for housing, and the creation of a dedicated home site for Shawbury United FC, as discussed in the Assessment Report. Both of these options have multiple issues needed to be overcome before the consideration of creation of any 3G provision.

If these sites are not feasible moving forward, one pitch should be established to service the Market Drayton area whilst the other should service the Wem / Whitchurch area.

## *North West Analysis Area*

As the Ellesmere Place Plan area is serviced by a small size 3G pitch any new small size 3G provision within the North West Analysis Area is recommended to be located within the Oswestry Place Plan area. The majority of demand in this area is generated from Oswestry Boys & Girls Club (17 teams) therefore any provision established should take into consideration the clubs' requirements.

It should also be noted that St Martins FC has recently expressed interest in creating a partnership with St Martins School in order to establish a full size floodlit 3G pitch onsite. As the Club plays Step 6 football the facilities at the site would also need to meet the relevant criteria for it to play its home matches at the School.

## *South East Analysis Area*

Akin to the Central Analysis Area, there is a shortfall of three full size 3G pitches in the South East area. Based on levels of demand consideration should be given to develop full size 3G provision in both the Bridgnorth and Shifnal Place Plan areas. There is also demand to create a small size 3G pitch within the South West Analysis Area.

The majority of demand within the Bridgnorth Place Plan area (33 teams) is generated from the following three clubs; AFC Bridgnorth, AFC Bridgnorth Spartans and Bridgnorth Town Juniors FC, all of which have expressed a need to access more 3G provision for both competitive and training demand. Due to issues with flooding and available land there are limitations on where 3G provision could be established, however, if a pitch were to be established it would need to be in the locality of Bridgnorth with it recommended to have at one, or all, of the abovementioned clubs as an anchor tenant.

Regarding the Shifnal Place Plan area, Shifnal Town FC and Shifnal Harriers FC are keen to work in partnership with Idsall School to provide a 3G pitch on the School site with management responsibilities still to be discussed.

Due to Shropshire's size there is a wide geographical spread of demand and as such there are limited available sites for another full size 3G pitch within the South East Analysis Area. The previously mentioned areas need to be prioritised, with the location of a third pitch to be discussed as part of the PPOSS Stage E process.

## *South West Analysis Area*

Similarly, the potential location for a small size 3G pitch in the South West Analysis Area has not been identified at this stage and will need further feasibility work to locate a suitable site.

## *World Rugby compliant 3G pitches*

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

There are no World Rugby compliant 3G pitches in Shropshire. When any new full size 3G pitches are created within the Authority the feasibility of making them World Rugby Compliant should be examined particularly within the Shrewsbury, Oswestry and Bridgnorth place plan areas as these are the most populated settlements in the County.

## **Recommendations**

- ◀ Protect current stock of 3G pitches and retain on the FA Pitch Register.
- ◀ Look to create additional 3G provision in the Central, North East, North West, South and South East analysis areas in order to alleviate identified shortfalls.
- ◀ Ensure that any new 3G pitches have community use agreements in place.
- ◀ Ensure all current and future providers have in place a sinking fund to ensure long-term sustainability.
- ◀ Ensure that all new 3G pitches are constructed to meet FA and FIFA recommended dimensions and quality performance standards.
- ◀ Encourage more match play demand to transfer to 3G pitches and ensure that pitches remain suitable to accommodate such demand through appropriate certification when it is required.
- ◀ Ensure that any new 3G pitches are priced competitively against the cost of hiring a grass pitches and are aimed at local grassroots clubs.
- ◀ When any new full size 3G pitches are created within the Authority the feasibility of making them World Rugby Compliant should be examined.
- ◀ Ensure discussions take place between the Council, EH, Shropshire FA and FF before any new 3G or hockey suitable provision is created to ensure stock sustainability.
- ◀ Update the Local Football Facilities Plan for Shropshire in due course with findings from the PPOSS.

## **4.3 Cricket pitches**

### **Assessment report summary**

- ◀ **Overall, there is currently a sufficient supply of cricket squares in Shropshire to cater for current Sunday and Midweek demand, however, there is a shortfall of 29 match equivalent sessions a season for Saturday cricket.**
- ◀ There are 80 grass wicket squares in Shropshire located across 60 sites, of these, 61 are available for community use across 53 sites. All 19 grass squares that are not available for community use are located at schools.
- ◀ There are disused grass cricket squares at The Robert Jones and Agnes Hunt Othopedic & District Hospital Sports Field and Whittington Cricket & Bowling Club.
- ◀ In Shropshire, there are 19 NTPs that accompany grass wicket squares in addition to 17 standalone NTPs.
- ◀ Most clubs (67% or 32) in Shropshire have secure tenure at their home venues through ownership, long term lease or renting from Shropshire Council, Parish or Town Councils.
- ◀ Non-technical assessments found 60 grass wicket squares being good quality, nine standard quality and four poor quality (Harcourt Cricket Club, Hinstock Cricket Club, Unison Club and Hodnet Social Club).
- ◀ The audit of ancillary facilities determines that all but nine sites, that are currently accessed for affiliated cricket, are accompanied by either good or standard quality changing rooms.
- ◀ Although the majority of clubs are serviced by practice facilities, 14 clubs indicate through aspirations for additional or enhancements on their current training facilities.
- ◀ There are 51 clubs competing in Shropshire generating 257 teams. This equates to 138 senior men's, 17 senior women's and 90 junior boys' and 11 junior girls' teams
- ◀ Shifnal CC currently exports its third and fourth Saturday men's teams to its second ground that is located in South Staffordshire (approximately six miles away).
- ◀ There is anticipated future demand in Shropshire from ECB initiatives such as All Stars, Dynamos and Women & Girls Softball.
- ◀ Actual spare capacity for senior cricket is enough to accommodate an additional eight senior men's teams on Saturdays.
- ◀ There is overall actual spare capacity of 19 teams which could be established for Sunday cricket.

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- There is enough junior peak time (midweek) available across Shropshire to accommodate an additional 66 junior teams
- There are nine sites in Shropshire considered to be overplayed by a total of 117 match equivalent sessions per season.

### Scenarios

#### Loss of unsecured sites

There are 16 cricket clubs which have unsecure tenure at sites which they access.

Table 4.21: Summary of unsecure cricket demand across Shropshire

| Analysis area | Place plan        | Site ID | Site  | Club                       | Amount of unsecure demand |
|---------------|-------------------|---------|---|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Central       | Shrewsbury        | 259     | Unison Club (Column Cricket, Bowls & Tennis Club) | Column CC                  | 38                        |
| Central       | Shrewsbury        | 355     | Alberbury Cricket Club                            | Alberbury CC               | 52                        |
| North East    | Market Drayton    | 138     | Hodnet Social Club                                | Hodnet & Peplow CC         | 12                        |
| North East    | Market Drayton    | 202     | Norton in Hales Community Sports Club             | Norton in Hales CC         | 30                        |
| North East    | Wem               | 93      | Coton Hall Cricket Club                           | Coton Hall CC              | 10                        |
| North East    | Wem               | 127     | Harcourt Cricket Club                             | Harcourt CC                | 12                        |
| North East    | Whitchurch        | 57      | Calverhall Cricket Ground                         | Calverhall CC              | 17                        |
| North West    | Ellesmere         | 128     | Hardwick Park (Frankton Cricket Club)             | Frankton CC                | 46                        |
| South         | Cleobury Mortimer | 77      | Cleobury Mortimer Playing Field                   | Cleobury Mortimer CC       | 12                        |
| South         | Ludlow            | 166     | Ludlow Cricket Ground                             | Ludlow CC                  | 54                        |
| South East    | Bridgnorth        | 40      | Bridgnorth Bowls, Cricket & Hockey Club           | Bridgnorth CC              | 67                        |
| South East    | Bridgnorth        | 53      | Burwarton Cricket Club                            | Burwarton CC <sup>17</sup> | 4                         |
| South East    | Bridgnorth        | 237     | Sandford Park                                     | Claverley CC               | 28                        |
| South East    | Broseley          | 17      | Barrow Park                                       | Willey CC                  | 24                        |
| South East    | Highley           | 238     | Severn Centre                                     | Highley CC                 | 12                        |
| South West    | Church Stretton   | 2       | Acton Scott Cricket Club                          | Acton Scott Village CC     | 6                         |
| South West    | Craven Arms       | 181     | Millichope Park                                   | Corvedale CC               | 16                        |

If access to these sites was lost there will be a need to accommodate 423 match equivalent sessions per season elsewhere in Shropshire. This equates to 90 match equivalent sessions per season in the Central Analysis Area, 64 match equivalent sessions in the North East, 46 match equivalent sessions in the North West, 66 match equivalent sessions in the South, 135 match equivalent sessions in the South East and 22 match equivalent sessions in the South West Analysis Area.

<sup>17</sup> Unaffiliated demand

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There is no capacity to accommodate additional demand at senior peak time across the Authority. Therefore, there would be a need to create new provision in each analysis area if any of these clubs were to lose access to their existing sites. Any new provision created would also need to meet ECB ball strike regulations.

Alternatively, an option would be to secure tenure for the above clubs at their current sites through a long-term lease or licence agreement with the owners. For example, Alberbury CC indicates it is in negotiations with Oxford College to formalise a long term lease for the use of Alberbury Cricket Club. In addition, Bridgnorth CC currently leases Bridgnorth Bowls, Cricket & Hockey Club from the Apley Estates until 2021 and has aspiration to renegotiate a new longer term lease on the site.

### *Alleviating overplay*

As seen in the table below, a total of nine sites in Shropshire considered to be overplayed by a total of 117 match equivalent sessions per season.

The overplay on grass cricket squares in Shropshire derives from four analysis areas. The Central Analysis Area has overplay totalling 38 match sessions per season, the North East Analysis Area which has overplay totalling 42 match sessions per season, the North West Analysis Area has overplay totalling 13 match sessions per season and the South East Analysis Area has overplay totalling 24 match sessions per season.

*Table 4.22: Summary of overplay on grass cricket squares across Shropshire*

| Analysis area | Place plan     | Site ID | Site name   | Number of squares | Overplay (matches per season) |
|---------------|----------------|---------|---|-------------------|-------------------------------|
| Central       | Shrewsbury     | 259     | Unison Club (Column Cricket, Bowls & Tennis Club) | 1                 | 38                            |
| North East    | Market Drayton | 113     | Falcon Fields (Woore Cricket Club)                | 1                 | 18                            |
| North East    | Market Drayton | 138     | Hodnet Social Club                                | 1                 | 12                            |
| North East    | Wem            | 127     | Harcourt Cricket Club                             | 1                 | 12                            |
| North West    | Ellesmere      | 112     | Ellesmere Cricket Club                            | 1                 | 5                             |
| North West    | Oswestry       | 148     | Knockin & Kinnerly Cricket Ground                 | 1                 | 8                             |
| South East    | Bridgnorth     | 40      | Bridgnorth Bowls, Cricket & Hockey Club           | 1                 | 17                            |
| South East    | Bridgnorth     | 296     | The Quatt Oval                                    | 1                 | 1                             |
| South East    | Bridgnorth     | 360     | Alveley Cricket Club - Four Oaks Ground           | 1                 | 6                             |
| <b>Total</b>  |                |         |   | <b>9</b>          | <b>117</b>                    |

As a guide, those sites which display overplay of less than 10 matches per season (The Quatt Oval, Ellesmere Cricket Club, Knockin & Kinnerly Cricket Ground and Alveley Cricket Club – Four Oaks Ground) are generally able to sustain this with appropriate and rigorous maintenance.

For Unison Club (Column Cricket, Bowls & Tennis Club), Hodnet Social Club and Harcourt Cricket Club the majority of overplay can be alleviate through improving square and outfield quality from poor to good quality through enhanced levels of regular maintenance. If each square was improved to good quality overplay would be fully alleviated at Hodnet Social Club and Harcourt Cricket Club and overplay at Unison Club (Column Cricket, Bowls & Tennis Club) would be reduced to less than 10 match per season.

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For Bridgnorth Bowls, Cricket & Hockey Club, one solution could be to consider installing non-turf wickets to accompany the grass wickets. Please note that inclusion of a non-turf wicket for the management of fixtures would not alleviate all of the overplay issues, however this would also be subject to league rules and minimum pitch specifications (the overall ground size is 115m which can accommodate a nine strip square (see ECB S9 pitch layout). Where possible the addition of a non-turf wicket could be considered for junior cricket (up to U15s) and potentially lower league cricket which will take the burden off remaining wickets due to intensification of use. The Club currently send its third team to another venue and when its girls reach 13 years of age they are encouraged to join another club, which has a detrimental effect on the sustainability and growth of the game.

Potential options to alleviate overplay at Falcon Fields (Woore Cricket Club) are limited as the provision is already good quality and the square is accompanied by an NTP. It is recommended, where possible, there is greater utilisation of the onsite NTP in order to reduce overplay. In addition, it should be examined if there can possibly be any additional grass wicket established on the square in order to increase capacity. As the current level of overplay is not too extensive it is recommended the Club attempt the abovementioned options to make the overplay manageable before examining other options such as the transferal of demand off the site. The Club is currently going through remedial works on its outfield where there were significant undulations in the outfield. These are being made good by filling in with new soil/grass. This will not alleviate the overplay but will allow improved use of their outfield for practice.

### *Future demand*

The table below shows a summary of quantified club aspirations for future demand, as informed through consultation. It should be noted that preceding Assessment report identified peak time for the senior men, senior women and junior teams, this equates to Saturday, Sunday and Midweek respectively.

*Table 4.23: Summary of future demand (club aspirations)*

| Analysis area | Place plan              | Club                         | Future demand |              |        |       |
|---------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|---------------|--------------|--------|-------|
|               |                         |                              | Senior men    | Senior women | Junior | Total |
| Central       | Pontesbury & Minsterley | Pontesbury CC                | 1             | 2            | 2      | 5     |
| Central       | Shrewsbury              | Alberbury CC                 | 1             | 1            | 3      | 5     |
| Central       | Shrewsbury              | Beacon CC                    | -             | 2            | -      | 2     |
| Central       | Shrewsbury              | Bomere Heath CC              | -             | -            | 2      | 2     |
| Central       | Shrewsbury              | Cound CC                     |               |              | 1      | 1     |
| Central       | Shrewsbury              | Wroxeter & Uppington CC      | 1             | -            | -      | 1     |
| North East    | Market Drayton          | Hinstock CC                  | -             | 1            | 1      | 2     |
| North East    | Market Drayton          | Norton in Hales CC           | -             | -            | 3      | 3     |
| North East    | Market Drayton          | Woore CC                     |               | 1            | 1      | 2     |
| North East    | Wem                     | Wem CC                       | -             | 1            | 1      | 2     |
| North East    | Whitchurch              | Calverhall CC                | 1             | -            | 1      | 2     |
| North East    | Whitchurch              | Prees CC                     | 1             | -            | -      | 1     |
| North East    | Whitchurch              | Whitchurch CC                | -             | 1            | -      | 1     |
| North West    | Ellesmere               | Frankton CC                  | -             | 1            | 1      | 2     |
| North West    | Oswestry                | Cae Glass CC                 | -             | -            | 1      | 1     |
| North West    | Oswestry                | Whittington CC <sup>18</sup> | 1             | -            | -      | 1     |

<sup>18</sup> The Club folded in 2019, however, aspires to establish a senior men's team for the 2020 season.

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| Analysis area | Place plan      | Club               | Future demand |              |           |           |
|---------------|-----------------|--------------------|---------------|--------------|-----------|-----------|
|               |                 |                    | Senior men    | Senior women | Junior    | Total     |
| South         | Ludlow          | Ludlow CC          | 1             | 1            | -         | 2         |
| South East    | Albrighton      | Albrighton CC      | -             | -            | 1         | 1         |
| South East    | Bridgnorth      | Alveley CC         | 1             | 2            | 3         | 6         |
| South East    | Broseley        | Broseley CC        | 1             | -            | 1         | 2         |
| South East    | Highley         | Chelmarsh CC       | 1             | -            | -         | 1         |
| South East    | Shifnal         | Shifnal CC         | -             | 1            | 2         | 3         |
| South West    | Church Stretton | Church Stretton CC | -             | 1            | 1         | 2         |
| <b>Total</b>  |                 |                    | <b>10</b>     | <b>15</b>    | <b>25</b> | <b>50</b> |

Of clubs that responded to consultation, total future growth totals ten senior men's, 15 senior women's and 25 junior teams.

*Table 4.24: Summary of future demand (club aspirations)*

| Analysis area | Place plan              | Number of teams         |                         |                  | Total |
|---------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|-------|
|               |                         | Senior men's (Saturday) | Senior women's (Sunday) | Junior (Midweek) |       |
| Central       | Pontesbury & Minsterley | 1                       | 2                       | 2                | 5     |
|               | Shrewsbury              | 2                       | 3                       | 6                | 11    |
| North East    | Market Drayton          | -                       | 2                       | 5                | 7     |
|               | Wem                     | -                       | 1                       | 1                | 2     |
|               | Whitchurch              | 2                       | 1                       | 1                | 4     |
| North West    | Ellesmere               | -                       | 1                       | 1                | 2     |
|               | Oswestry                | 1                       | -                       | 1                | 2     |
| South         | Ludlow                  | 1                       | 1                       | -                | 2     |
| South East    | Albrighton              | -                       | -                       | 1                | 1     |
|               | Bridgnorth              | 1                       | 2                       | 3                | 6     |
|               | Broseley                | 1                       | -                       | 1                | 2     |
|               | Highley                 | 1                       | -                       | -                | 1     |
|               | Shifnal                 | -                       | 1                       | 2                | 3     |
| South West    | Church Stretton         | -                       | 1                       | 1                | 2     |

This is expressed by 16 teams in the Central Analysis Area, 13 teams in the North East, four in the North West, two in the South, 13 in the South East and two in the South West. Using the above club aspirational demand information, the potential future capacity for cricket squares across Shropshire can be analysed for Saturday, Sunday and Midweek cricket.

### *Future Saturday cricket capacity balance*

The table overleaf looks at capacity for Saturday senior cricket when taking into consideration the abovementioned future club aspirational demand.

For this, please note that future demand is converted from squares to match equivalent sessions. This is calculated by using the average number of matches played per season by senior teams (11) multiplied by the number of club aspirational teams for additional senior men's teams in each analysis area.

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Table 4.25: Capacity balance of grass cricket squares for Saturday cricket

| Analysis area | Actual spare capacity (match sessions per season) | Demand (match sessions per season) |               |              |
|---------------|---|------------------------------------|---------------|--------------|
|               |   | Overplay                           | Future demand | Future total |
| Central       | 11  | 38                                 | 33            | 60           |
| North East    | 22  | 42                                 | 22            | 42           |
| North West    | -   | 13                                 | 11            | 24           |
| South         | -   | -                                  | 11            | 11           |
| South East    | 33  | 24                                 | 33            | 24           |
| South West    | 22  | -                                  | -             | 22           |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>88</b>   | <b>117</b>                         | <b>110</b>    | <b>139</b>   |

Analysis suggests that if all club aspirational future demand is actualised there would be a substantial overall shortfall for senior Saturday cricket equating to 139 match equivalent sessions per season. This being said there would be marginal capacity in the South West only Analysis Area.

In addition, of the 10 clubs which state future demand for an additional senior men's team only five have actual spare capacity to accommodate another team on a Saturday. These are Wroxeter & Uppington CC (Wroxeter & Uppington Cricket Club), Calverhall CC (Calverhall Cricket Ground), Prees CC (Prees Cricket and Recreation Club), Chelmarsh CC (Chelmarsh Sports & Social Club and Whittington CC (Whittington Cricket & Bowling Club)

The remaining clubs do not have suitable capacity for further demand on a Saturday, these are listed in the table overleaf in addition to potential sites which could accommodate their future demand. These sites are located within the same analysis area as the clubs and have spare capacity on a Saturday.

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Table 4.26: Capacity balance of grass cricket squares for Saturday cricket

| Analysis area | Place plan              | Site ID | Site Name                               | Club name     | Comments   |
|---------------|-------------------------|---------|---|---------------|--|
| Central       | Pontesbury & Minsterley | 218     | Pontesbury Playing Fields               | Pontesbury CC | One option is to develop its existing site to incorporate a Junior/Women's Square but improved ancillary facilities would be required.   |
|               | Shrewsbury              | 355     | Alberbury Cricket Club                  | Alberbury CC  | One option is to develop its existing site to incorporate a Junior/Women's Square but improved ancillary facilities would be required.   |
| South         | Ludlow                  | 166     | Ludlow Cricket Ground                   | Ludlow CC     | The Club could potentially use Moor Park School to accommodate additional demand however tenure would need to be secured.  |
| South East    | Bridgnorth              | 360     | Alveley Cricket Club – Four Oaks Ground | Alveley CC    | The Club could potentially use its former site Alveley Recreation Ground to accommodate future demand however tenure would need to be secured.   |
|               | Broseley                | 47      | Broseley Cricket Club                   | Broseley CC   | The Club could potentially use Severn Centre to accommodate future demand however tenure would need to be secured. Alternatively, it could use Corvedale CC, Much Wenlock CC or Willey CC. |

If the above-mentioned sites cannot be used to actualise future aspirational demand from these clubs there would be a need create new provision within the Central, South and South East Analysis Area to actualise future demand.

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### *Future Sunday cricket capacity balance*

The table overleaf looks at capacity for Sunday senior cricket when taking into consideration future club aspirational demand.

For this, please note that future demand is converted from squares to match equivalent sessions. This is calculated by using the average number of matches played per season by senior teams (11) multiplied by the number of club aspirational teams for additional senior women's teams in each analysis area.

Across Shropshire a substantial number of clubs report aspirations to increase the number of women's teams they field. Therefore, any potential future demand generated from the ECB initiative for women's and girls' softball is incorporated within this figure of the overall future demand for 15 additional women's teams.

*Table 4.27: Capacity balance of grass cricket squares for Sunday cricket*

| Analysis area | Actual spare capacity (match sessions per season) | Demand (match sessions per season) |               |              |
|---------------|---|------------------------------------|---------------|--------------|
|               |   | Overplay                           | Future demand | Future total |
| Central       | 66  | 38                                 | 55            | 27           |
| North East    | 55  | 42                                 | 44            | 31           |
| North West    | -   | 13                                 | 11            | 24           |
| South         | -   | -                                  | 11            | 11           |
| South East    | 55  | 24                                 | 33            | 2            |
| South West    | 33  | -                                  | 11            | 22           |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>209</b>  | <b>117</b>                         | <b>165</b>    | <b>73</b>    |

Analysis suggests that if all club aspirational future demand is actualised there would be an overall shortfall for senior Sunday cricket equating to 73 match equivalent sessions per season. However, there would be marginal capacity in the South West only Analysis Area.

Furthermore, of the nine clubs which state future demand for a senior women's team only one, Beacon CC, has actual spare capacity to accommodate additional demand on a Sunday at Frankwell Recreation Ground.

The remaining clubs do not have suitable capacity for further demand on a Sunday, these are listed in the table overleaf in addition to potential sites which could accommodate their future demand. These sites are located within the same analysis area as the clubs and have spare capacity on a Sunday.

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Table 4.28: Capacity balance of grass cricket squares for Saturday cricket

| Analysis area | Place plan              | Site Id | Site Name                               | Club name     | Comments  |
|---------------|-------------------------|---------|---|---------------|---|
| Central       | Pontesbury & Minsterley | 218     | Pontesbury Playing Fields               | Pontesbury CC |   |
|               | Shrewsbury              | 355     | Alberbury Cricket Club                  | Alberbury CC  |   |
| North East    | Market Drayton          | 113     | Falcon Fields (Woore Cricket Club)      | Woore CC      | The Club could potentially use Market Drayton Community Amateur Sports Club accommodate additional demand however tenure would need to be secured. It should be noted the Club have done this during 2020 whilst its ground works were carried out. It must be said this was done as Market Drayton decided not to run a team during 2020 because of the short season and COVID implications. |
|               | Market Drayton          | 133     | Hinstock Cricket Club                   | Hinstock CC   | Future demand can be accommodated on the site however pitch quality needs to be improved.   |
|               | Whitchurch              | 130     | Heath Road Ground                       | Whitchurch CC | The limited amount of spare capacity on the site cannot accommodate a senior women's team on a Sunday, The Club could potentially use Calverhall Cricket Ground or Prees Cricket and Recreation Club to accommodate additional demand however tenure would need to be secured   |
| North West    | Oswestry                | 128     | Hardwick Park                           | Frankton CC   | The limited amount of spare capacity on the site cannot accommodate a senior women's team on a Sunday, Limited options available to accommodate any further demand in the Analysis Area. Unless there were improvements at Whittington CC, which could then be considered.  |
| South         | Ludlow                  | 166     | Ludlow Cricket Ground                   | Ludlow CC     | The Club could potentially use Moor Park School to accommodate additional demand however tenure would need to be secured.   |
| South East    | Bridgnorth              | 360     | Alveley Cricket Club – Four Oaks Ground | Alveley CC    | The Club could potentially use is former site Alveley Recreation Ground to accommodate future demand however tenure would need to be secured.   |

If the above-mentioned sites cannot be used to actualise future aspirational demand from these clubs there would be a need create new provision within the Central, North East, North West South and South East Analysis Area to actualise future demand.

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## *Future Midweek cricket capacity balance*

The table below looks at capacity for Midweek cricket when taking into consideration future club aspirational demand.

For this, please note that future demand is converted from squares to match equivalent sessions. This is calculated by using the average number of matches played per season by junior teams (four) multiplied by the number of club aspirational teams for additional senior women's teams in each analysis area.

Across Shropshire a substantial number of clubs report aspirations to increase the amount of junior teams they field. Therefore, any potential future demand generated from the ECB initiative for Dynamos or All Stars Cricket is incorporated within this figure of the overall future demand for 25 additional women's teams.

*Table 4.29: Capacity balance of grass cricket squares for junior cricket*

| Analysis area | Actual spare capacity (match sessions per season) | Demand (match sessions per season) |               |              |
|---------------|---|------------------------------------|---------------|--------------|
|               |   | Overplay                           | Future demand | Future total |
| Central       | 84  | 38                                 | 32            | 14           |
| North East    | 72  | 42                                 | 28            | 2            |
| North West    | 8   | 13                                 | 8             | 13           |
| South         | -   | -                                  | -             |              |
| South East    | 64  | 24                                 | 28            | 12           |
| South West    | 36  | -                                  | 4             | 32           |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>264</b>  | <b>117</b>                         | <b>100</b>    | <b>47</b>    |

Analysis suggests that if all club aspirational future demand is actualised there would be an overall capacity to accommodate future demand however there would be a minimal shortfall of 13 match equivalent sessions in the North West Analysis Area.

This shortfall is considered to be marginal with measures such as creation of NTPs Hardwick Park, Knockin & Kinnerly Cricket Club and Ellesmere Cricket Club in addition to greater utilisation of the NTP at Gatacre Playing Fields alleviating this demand. This being said the NTP at the latter site would need replacing as it is not in a current condition to accommodate match play.

## *Future demand conclusion*

As discussed above there are issues finding suitable capacity to accommodate future demand on a Saturday and Sunday whereas there is considered enough capacity for midweek demand, with the creation of more and greater utilisation of NTPs within the North West Analysis Area.

If clubs cannot access other sites within their Analysis Area to accommodate future demand or make qualitative improvements as suggested there would be a need to create additional cricket provision. The following sites are either operating at capacity or would find accommodating future demand problematic.

*Table 4.30: Site which would find accommodating future demand problematic*

| <b>Analysis area</b> | <b>Place plan</b>       | <b>Site ID</b> | <b>Site Name</b>                        | <b>Club name</b> |
|----------------------|-------------------------|----------------|---|------------------|
| Central              | Pontesbury & Minsterley | 218            | Pontesbury Playing Fields               | Pontesbury CC    |
|                      | Shrewsbury              | 249            | Shrewsbury Cricket Club                 | Shrewsbury CC    |
|                      | Shrewsbury              | 350            | Shelton Recreation Ground               | Shelton CC       |
|                      | Shrewsbury              | 355            | Alberbury Cricket Club                  | Alberbury CC     |
| North East           | Market Drayton          | 113            | Falcon Fields (Woore Cricket Club)      | Woore CC         |
|                      | Market Drayton          | 133            | Hinstock Cricket Club                   | Hinstock CC      |
|                      | Wem                     | 1              | Acton Reynald Cricket Club              | Acton Reynald CC |
|                      | Whitchurch              | 130            | Heath Road Ground                       | Whitchurch CC    |
| North West           | Ellesmere               | 112            | Ellesmere Cricket Club                  | Ellesmere CC     |
|                      | Oswestry                | 128            | Hardwick Park                           | Frankton CC      |
|                      | Oswestry                | 209            | Oswestry Cricket Club                   | Oswestry CC      |
| South                | Ludlow                  | 166            | Ludlow Cricket Ground                   | Ludlow CC        |
| South East           | Bridgnorth              | 40             | Bridgnorth Bowls, Cricket & Hockey Club | Bridgnorth CC    |
|                      | Bridgnorth              | 360            | Alveley Cricket Club – Four Oaks Ground | Alveley CC       |
|                      | Shifnal                 | 244            | Priorslee Road                          | Shifnal CC       |

Therefore, the above mentioned clubs/sites should be monitored on an annual basis to ensure their provision meets their levels of demand. If future capacity issues arise the feasibility of creating additional capacity at these sites, or creation of new provision, should be examined with the ECB, SCB and Shropshire Council.

#### *Cricket Specific Supplementary Information*

Since the production of the proceeding Assessment report there has been further analysis carried out by Shropshire Cricket and the ECB on particular sites across the Authority which are deemed to be potentially problematic. These problems range for the abovementioned issues with future capacity or qualitative problems regarding ancillary or playing provision.

These issues are outlined in greater detailed below and will be factored later in the document in both Part 6: Action Plan and Part 7: Housing Growth Scenarios.

**Pontesbury Playing Fields (Pontesbury CC)** – the Club has a rapidly expanding Women’s Section and already has a well-established Junior Section. In addition, it also has an excellent relationship with neighbouring schools with its catchment area covering demand for a lot of the South West of Shropshire and West of Shrewsbury.

There is a need for the development of a second pitch (A five wicket grass square to include an NTP) within the boundary of their current site which could be dedicated to Junior and Women & Girls cricket. The ancillary facilities at Pontesbury Playing Fields are in need of expansion to accommodate current and future demand with the Club currently in discussions with the Parish Council regarding this site development. Football also utilised the site which has been identified to accommodate the cricket expansion plans.

**Shrewsbury Cricket Club (Shrewsbury CC)** – the Club is constrained by its one pitch site, due to its own demand and also the requirements of the County sides, putting excessive pressure on site already close to peak demand. The Club would like to expand its Junior and Women and Girls participation, but the capacity of the site is restrictive.

**Frankwell Recreation Ground** – without imminent improvements to the ancillary facilities the future of the clubs playing from this site could be under threat as the fabric, size and facility offering have deteriorated in recent years. The Town Council do have 106 monies to improve the surrounding grass facility and monies set aside for the extension to the existing building, it could require additional investment due to the extent of the deterioration to the building in recent times.

**The Kynaston Ground (Wem CC)** - the site currently has sufficient capacity; however, the Club has seen a rapid rise in Women's activity and its Juniors have not been expanded on due to a lack of volunteers. As part of the Clubs Development Plan it plans to reignite this which in turn potentially start to put the facility under strain. There is an excellent relationship between the Club and Thomas Adams School who may be able to accommodate if there was some investment into its facilities including another NTP appropriately positioned for Junior activity in the outfield.

**Heath Road Ground (Whitchurch CC)** – the Club is in discussions with a developer of an adjacent site to expand the existing facility which is much needed as its Junior section continues to expand. The Club used to utilise cricket at Whitchurch Sports & Leisure Centre which became unsafe (permanent running track lines on outfield) and not well maintained. The development would require another six wicket square, changing rooms and potentially a NTP.

**Ellesmere Cricket Club (Ellesmere CC)** – as mentioned above the site is located within a flood zone and therefore has very poor drainage. When the Club cannot access the site, it utilises provision at Ellesmere College until the ground has dried out but this it is not conducive to the sustainability of the Club. The ancillary facilities at Ellesmere Cricket Club are very dated and is unfit for purpose to attract Juniors and Women and Girls. It is anticipated the Club will struggle to grow or sustain levels of participation based on the quality issues of the playing provision and ancillary facilities.

**Oswestry Cricket Club (Oswestry CC)** - the Club is the major club in the market town and operate from a one pitch site which cannot accommodate the potential demand due to the surrounding site size. It has used Oswestry School for overflow of senior teams which could be considered again but if the Club are to realise its full potential an expansion or movement to another site would be advantageous.

Additionally, Oswestry CC is located near large primary and secondary schools meaning an increase demand could easily achievable if additional capacity were to be established. The Club could utilise the Gateacre Playing Fields however if it did so it is anecdotally suggested that it would lose identity and the socialisation of families, which could reduce or stagnate demand.

**Whittington Cricket and Bowling Club** – this site has been identified by Shropshire Cricket as ideal for a North Western hub for Women and Girls cricket. Clubs in the sites immediate location such as Oswestry CC and Knockin & Kinnerley CC both have fledgling female cricket sections which could combine to a regional hub as both of their existing sites only house one pitch and experience capacity issues. The facility would need some investment to make them accommodating along with the reinstatement of the square.

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**Bridgnorth Bowls, Cricket & Hockey Club (Bridgnorth CC)** – the Club has recently agreed a new lease, which should be finalised in the coming weeks (September 2020). Its current site is overused, resulting in it having to send its 13 year plus girls to other clubs and its third men's team currently play at The Quatt Oval. Furthermore, it has a Junior section boasting over 200 children which are in imminent need of an alternative site.

The Club has commenced discussions regarding a piece of land left of Bridgnorth Bowls, Cricket & Hockey Club in a will from its recently deceased President who was the owner of local Estate Agents. It has prepared initial documents surrounding the site and its proposed usage. This will require the development of the site to include a “basic” pavilion as they would still want the social side of the Club to be carried out at its existing site with the primary use for its Juniors, Women and Girls and 3rd team.

**Alveley Cricket Club Four Oaks Ground (Alveley CC)** – the Club aspirations can be managed utilising their new site (Four Oaks Ground) and any overflow by re-establishing links with its old site, Alveley Recreation Ground.

**Priorslee Road (Shifnal CC)** – the Club host a lot of County Senior and Junior activity which puts the facility under strain. It is detrimental to the future development of cricket in the area that a local site secondary square should be sought with ideally a two square development or an adjacent/nearby single square site.

### *Ironbridge Power Station*

Ironbridge Power Station (South East Analysis Area) is identified as strategic site for having potential to contribute to achieving the aspirations of the Economic Growth Strategy for Shropshire, although it is situated on the border with the neighbouring authority of Telford & Wrekin. The site was purchased in 2018 by the Haworth Group with its emerging proposal of the site involving a mixed development including but not limited to around 1,000 houses, employment land, retirement village, local services, leisure facilities and significant areas of green infrastructure.

The site currently has a disused sports field that previously hosted two adult football pitches and a five wicket grass cricket square in addition to a poor quality clubhouse. The Haworth Group reports this area is proposed to be retained as part of the above mentioned masterplan.

Anecdotal evidence suggests there is a shortfall of cricket provision in the south of Telford & Wrekin which is located adjoining the South East Analysis Area of Shropshire. Additionally, with the potential anticipated future growth in population surrounding the Ironbridge Power Station there may be a future requirement for the disused cricket provision on the site to be reinstated or mitigated.

Currently there is overplay amounting to 24 match equivalent sessions within the South East Analysis Area within Shropshire. To alleviate this shortfall, there would be a need to create a good quality square with a minimum of five senior grass wickets.

This being said, creation of such provision realistically would alleviate all this overplay as only selective clubs could use the site based on its geographical location. Potential clubs within the locality of the Ironbridge Power Station site are Much Wenlock CC, Broseley CC, Shifnal CC, Willey CC and Wroxeter & Uppington CC.

## Flooding

As outlined in greater detail in Part 5: Strategic Recommendations there are a total of 27 sporting sites that are located on flooding Zone Two and/or Zone Three. For cricket that involves the following sites.

Table 4.31: Cricket sites within flood zones across Shropshire<sup>19</sup>

| Analysis area | Place plan      | Site ID | Site name                   | Sport/s                            | Flood zones |     |
|---------------|-----------------|---------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------|-----|
|               |                 |         |                             |                                    | 2           | 3   |
| Central       | Shrewsbury      | 115     | Frankwell Recreation Ground | Football<br>Cricket                | Yes         | Yes |
| North West    | Ellesmere       | 112     | Ellesmere Cricket Club      | Cricket                            | Yes         |     |
| South East    | Bridgnorth      | 116     | Friars Playing Fields       | Football<br>Cricket<br>Rugby union | Yes         | Yes |
| South East    | Much Wenlock    | 356     | Ironbridge Power Station    | Lapsed Cricket<br>& Football       | Yes         | Yes |
| South West    | Church Stretton | 236     | Russels Meadow Ground       | Football<br>Cricket                | Yes         | Yes |

Due to their locations addressing quality issues through drainage improvements can often be ineffective with options such as dedicated regular and routine maintenance regimes consider a more effective solution. If these sites do flood it is recommended relevant flood relief funds are applied for to address issues and alternative venues are found for clubs utilising the provision.

## Recommendations

- ◀ Protect all cricket squares in current use.
- ◀ Work with clubs and grounds staff to review quality issues on squares to ensure appropriate quality is achieved at sites assessed as standard and sustained at sites assessed as good.
- ◀ Assist in the reinstatement of cricket demand at Whittingham Cricket & Bowling Club.
- ◀ Look to reinstate lapsed cricket provision at Ironbridge Power Station using housing developer contributions.
- ◀ Ensure security of tenure for all clubs with lease arrangements in place by ensuring agreements have over 25 years remaining.
- ◀ Support pavilion developments where it is required.
- ◀ Explore options to provide clubs capacity for future demand including square quality improvements, creation of NTPs, securing tenure and secondary sites or creating new provision if required.
- ◀ Any new cricket provision created should have a ball strike assessment carried out as a matter of due course. Where new housing or building developments are under consideration within proximity to existing facilities a ball strike risk assessment should be undertaken. In addition, any clubs which could be potentially affected by this issue should be signposted to the ECB.
- ◀ Deliver the All Stars Cricket, Dynamos and women & girls programmes and seek to increase junior and female participation as a result.
- ◀ Work to increase women and girls' participation in line with the emerging Inspiring Generations ECB Strategy and protect existing provision so that women and girls have a suitable place to practise and play.

<sup>19</sup> Refer to Appendix Five for maps of all provision falling in the flood zones

- ◀ Monitor sites located on flood zones and carry out relevant improvements when required.
- ◀ Using supplementary information provided by the Shropshire Cricket and the ECB look to address capacity and/or quality issues at Pontesbury Playing Fields, Shrewsbury Cricket Club, Frankwell Recreation Ground, Heath Road Ground, The Kynaston Ground, Ellesmere Cricket Club, Oswestry Cricket Club, Bridgnorth Bowls, Cricket & Hockey Club, Alveley Cricket Club Four Oaks Ground / Alveley Recreation Ground and Priorslee Road.

### 4.4 Rugby union - grass pitches

#### *Assessment report summary*

- ◀ **Overall, there is a current shortfall of 13.5 match equivalent sessions per week on senior rugby union pitches to meet current demand.**
- ◀ This is further exacerbated when considering future demand, resulting in a future shortfall of 21.75 match equivalent sessions.
- ◀ Within Shropshire there are 58 senior pitches, six junior pitches and 31 mini pitches provided, with all but five pitches being available for community use. This in total amounts to 95 pitches. Of these 95 pitches, 75 (79%) are available for community use across 30 sites.
- ◀ A total of eight clubs (73%) have secure tenure at their home venue through either freehold or long term lease. The remaining three clubs (Market Drayton RFC, Shifnal Saxons RFC and Church Stretton RFC) are considered to have unsecure tenure.
- ◀ Bridgnorth RFC and Oswestry RFC both have ambitions to create individual home sites where all their respective demand can be accommodated.
- ◀ Market Drayton RFC reports Greenfields Sports Ground has been identified in the Neighbourhood Local Plan for potential housing development.
- ◀ Ludlow RFC aspires to create an additional senior pitch on an area of land known locally as Linney Park.
- ◀ Of the community available pitches in Shropshire, 26 are assessed as good quality, 15 as standard and 29 as poor.
- ◀ Pitches at Shrewsbury Rugby Club, Whitchurch Rugby Football Club, Edgar Davies Ground, Severn Park and Swancote Energy Park are all assessed as good quality due to the high levels of sustained maintenance carried out by the respective clubs.
- ◀ There are nine sites used by clubs in Shropshire which accommodate at least one poor quality pitch.
- ◀ It should be noted that since club consultation and non-technical assessments took place in January 2020 this has affected pitches at Edgar Davies Ground, Severn Park and Ludlow Rugby Football Club.
- ◀ Bridgnorth RFC and Oswestry RFC both have aspirations to improve the ancillary provision they access.
- ◀ There are 11 community rugby union clubs based in Shropshire providing a total of 93 teams. This is divided into six ad hoc senior Vets/Social teams, two senior women's, 21 senior men's, three junior girls', 23 junior boys' and 38 mini teams.
- ◀ Overall, seven clubs in Shropshire report future aspirations to create a total of 18 teams which equates to 8.25 match equivalent sessions on senior pitches.
- ◀ Of the seven clubs that have ambitions to increase participation, five (71%) specifically state aspirations to directly expand their women and girls' offering by at least one team.
- ◀ In total there are two match equivalent sessions of actual spare capacity on senior pitches at Shrewsbury Rugby Club (Central Analysis Area) and 2.5 match equivalent sessions of actual spare capacity on senior pitches at Whitchurch Rugby Club (North East Analysis Area).
- ◀ There are eight pitches across six sites in Shropshire which are overplayed by a total of 18 match equivalent sessions per week.

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### Scenarios

#### *Bishop Castle & Onny Valley RFC – Bishop Castle & Onny Valley Rugby Club*

Bishop Caste RFC currently accessing one poor quality (M0/D1) senior floodlit pitch for both its training and competitive demand from its two senior men's teams. This result in the pitch being overplayed by 0.5 match equivalent sessions a week.

The table below, examines the impact on improving both maintenance and drainage would have on the capacity of the pitch.

*Table 4.32: Improving pitch quality at Bishop Castle & Onny Valley Rugby Club*

| Analysis area | Place plan      | Site ID | Site name                              | No. of pitches | Pitch type | Floodlit? | Current quality | Current capacity rating <sup>20</sup> | Improved quality | New capacity rating <sup>21</sup> |
|---------------|-----------------|---------|--|----------------|------------|-----------|-----------------|---------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------|
| South West    | Bishop's Castle | 32      | Bishop Castle & Onny Valley Rugby Club | 1              | Senior     | Yes       | Poor (M0/D1)    | 0.5                                   | Standard (M1/D1) |                                   |
|               |                 |         |  |                |            |           |                 |                                       | Standard (M1/D2) | 0.5                               |
|               |                 |         |  |                |            |           |                 |                                       | Good (M2/D1)     | 1                                 |
|               |                 |         |  |                |            |           |                 |                                       | Good (M2/D2)     | 1.75                              |

As shown above, in order to alleviate the overplay on the pitch there would be a need to improve the maintenance on the pitch by one increment. Any further improvements to pitch quality through either maintenance or drainage enhancement would create capacity.

#### *Bridgnorth RFC*

As seen in the table overleaf, Bridgnorth RFC currently utilises provision at Edgar Davies Ground, Severn Park and Swancote Energy Park. Of which only Severn Park is overplayed by two match equivalent sessions as it is utilised for both training and competitive demand.

<sup>20</sup> Match equivalent sessions include both training and competitive demand

<sup>21</sup> Match equivalent sessions

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Table 4.33: Summary of pitches used by Bridgnorth RFC

| Analysis area | Place plan | Site ID | Site name                            | No. of pitches | Pitch type | Floodlit? | Current quality | Current capacity rating <sup>22</sup> |
|---------------|------------|---------|--------------------------------------|----------------|------------|-----------|-----------------|---------------------------------------|
| South East    | Bridgnorth | 109     | Edgar Davies Ground (Bridgnorth RFC) | Senior         | 1          | No        | Good (M2/D1)    | 2                                     |
| South East    | Bridgnorth | 239     | Severn Park                          | Senior         | 2          | Yes       | Good (M2/D1)    | 2                                     |
| South East    | Bridgnorth | 358     | Swancote Energy Park                 | Mini           | 6          | No        | Good (M2/D1)    | 15                                    |
| South East    | Bridgnorth | 358     | Swancote Energy Park                 | Junior         | 1          | No        | Good (M2/D1)    | 2.5                                   |
| South East    | Bridgnorth | 358     | Swancote Energy Park                 | Senior         | 2          | No        | Good (M2/D1)    | 4.5                                   |

The Edgar Davies Ground and Severn Park are both located on flood zones. As a result, carrying out any improvements to the drainage on these sites would have limited effectiveness. Therefore, in order to alleviate the shortfalls at Severn Park, as maintenance is already maximised, competitive or training demand needs to be transferred off the pitches. Potential options would be transferring demand onto the Edgar Davies Ground; however, this would require installing floodlights on the pitch. Alternatively, demand could be relocated to Swancote Energy Park but this would require securing tenure on the site and creation of portable/ permanent floodlights.

The Club also has ambitions to create a permanent clubhouse facility at the Edgar Davies Ground. As previously stated, the site is located on a flood zone and any future building developments would need to take this into consideration in order to reduce future complications.

### *Clee Hill Rugby Club*

There are two senior pitches located at Clee Hill Rugby Club both of which is poor quality (M0/D1). Neither of which are fully floodlit. As shown below, if both pitches at Clee Hill Rugby Club are improved from a M0/D1 to minimum quality of M1/D1 current levels of overplay would be reduced to 0.75 match equivalent sessions. In fact, in order to fully alleviate the current levels of overplay there would be a need to improve pitch quality to a minimum quality of M2/D1.

This being said, when taking into consideration future levels of aspirational demand from Clee Hill RFC (3.75 match equivalent sessions) even if pitch quality was improved to a maximum quality of M2/D3 there would still be overplay on the site.

<sup>22</sup> Match equivalent sessions include both training and competitive demand

*Table 4.34: Impact on current and future capacity from maintenance and drainage improvements for Clee Hill RFC*

| Analysis area | Place plan | Site ID | Site name                           | No. of pitches | Pitch type | Floodlit? | Current quality | Current capacity rating <sup>23</sup> | Improved quality | New capacity rating <sup>24</sup> |
|---------------|------------|---------|-------------------------------------|----------------|------------|-----------|-----------------|---------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------|
| South         | Ludlow     | 76      | Clee Hill Rugby Club (Tenbury Road) | 2              | Senior     | No        | Poor (M0 / D1)  | 1.25                                  | Standard M0/D2   | 0.75                              |
|               |            |         |                                     |                |            |           |                 |                                       | Standard (M1/D1) | 0.75                              |
|               |            |         |                                     |                |            |           |                 |                                       | Standard (M1/D2) | 0.25                              |
|               |            |         |                                     |                |            |           |                 |                                       | Good (M2/D1)     | 0.25                              |
|               |            |         |                                     |                |            |           |                 |                                       | Good (M2/D2)     | 0.5                               |

Therefore, in addition to pitch improvements through maintenance enhancements the Club should be assisted in accessing additional pitch provision. Anecdotal evidence suggests the Club is enquiring to use land adjacent to its site to create more rugby union provision for its mini and junior teams. If successful this would alleviate future shortfalls, however as stated, pitch improvements would also still be required. It should be noted that the Club has recently received Sport England Community Asset Funding for pitch levelling and drainage equating to £30k (2020).

#### *Ludlow Rugby Football Club*

There are two senior pitches located at Ludlow Rugby Football Club one which is standard quality (M1/D1) and one which is poor quality (M1/D0). Neither of which are fully floodlit. As discussed in the proceeding assessment report Ludlow Rugby Club is in the process of floodlighting its standard quality pitch.

In addition, the Club has aspirations to start using the area of land located in front of its clubhouse known as Linney Park. It plans to use this area of land to accommodate its mini demand.

The table below, examines the impact on improving maintenance on both pitches. It also examines the impact of installing floodlighting on one pitch in conjunction to the removal of all mini demand, based on if these teams start to use Linney Park for their demand.

<sup>23</sup> Match equivalent sessions include both training and competitive demand

<sup>24</sup> Match equivalent sessions include both training and competitive demand

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Table 4.35: Improving pitch quality at Ludlow Rugby Football Club

| Analy sis area  | Place plan | Site ID | Site name                  | No. of pitches | Pitch type | Floodlit? | Current quality    | Competitive demand (per week) <sup>25</sup> | Training sessions (per week) <sup>26</sup> | Current capacity rating <sup>27</sup> | Improved quality   | New capacity rating <sup>28</sup> |
|---|------------|---------|----------------------------|----------------|------------|-----------|--------------------|---|--|---------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------------|
| South   | Ludlow     | 168     | Ludlow Rugby Football Club | 1              | Senior     | No        | Standard (M1 / D1) | 1.5   | -  | 0.5                                   | Good (M2 / D1)     | 1.5                               |
| South   | Ludlow     | 168     | Ludlow Rugby Football Club | 1              | Senior     | No        | Poor (M1 / D0)     | 1   | 0.5  |                                       | Standard (M2 / D0) | 0.5                               |
| <b>Impact of maintenance improvements, transferal of demand and floodlighting</b> |            |         |                            |                |            |           |                    |   |  |                                       |                    |                                   |
| South   | Ludlow     | 168     | Ludlow Rugby Football Club | 1              | Senior     | Yes       | Standard (M1 / D1) | 1   | 0.5  | 0.5                                   | Good (M2 / D1)     | 1.5                               |
| South   | Ludlow     | 168     | Ludlow Rugby Football Club | 1              | Senior     | No        | Poor (M1 / D0)     | 0.5   | -  | 1                                     | Standard (M2 / D0) | 1.5                               |

As shown above, if both pitches increase maintenance by one increment additional capacity would be established on each pitch, enough to accommodate the clubs aspirational future demand of one junior boys' team. Alternatively, if the standard quality (M1/D1) senior pitch is floodlit and therefore accommodates all training demand, in addition to mini demand being removed of the two senior pitches to Linney Park, a total of 1.5 match equivalent sessions of capacity would be established. Any pitch improvements on top of this would only create further capacity.

### Greenfields Sports Ground Mitigation

Greenfields Sports Ground has been identified in the Market Drayton Neighbourhood Plan for potential housing development. The site is leased from Market Drayton Town Council to the Market Drayton Sports Association which consists of Market Drayton Town FC, Market Drayton Tigers FC, Market Drayton RFC and Market Drayton TC. Each club has its own clubhouse and utilise their own pitch provision to accommodate demand.

<sup>25</sup> Match equivalent sessions

<sup>26</sup> Match equivalent sessions

<sup>27</sup> Match equivalent sessions include both training and competitive demand

<sup>28</sup> Match equivalent sessions

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In total there is one good quality adult pitch (meeting Step 4 requirements) one standard quality youth 11v11 football pitch, one standard quality youth 9v9 football pitch, two standard quality mini 7v7 football pitches, one standard quality mini 5v5 pitch, one poor quality (M0/D1) senior floodlit rugby union pitch, one poor quality (M0/D1) floodlit junior size training pitch (used for both football and rugby union) and three standard quality floodlit tennis courts.

If the site was lost, equitable mitigation would be required in line with the NPPF Paragraph 97 and Sport England's Playing Field Policy.

In order to accommodate the current competitive demand, training demand and future demand for Market Drayton RFC there would be a requirement for a minimum of five match equivalent worth of capacity at the new site. This equates to two floodlit pitches being standard quality (M1/D2 or 2.5 match equivalent sessions each). In order to create pitches with actual spare capacity for longer term growth pitches would need to be good quality (M2/D1 or three match equivalent sessions each).

Coincidentally if Market Drayton RFC do not relocate, improving the current pitch quality at Greenfields Sports Ground to M1/D2 from M0/D1 would bring pitches to capacity when considering competitive demand, training demand and future demand. Whereas bringing them up to M2/D1 would create additional potential capacity.

### *Oswestry Rugby Club*

Oswestry RFC main site is currently overplayed by a total of 4.5 match equivalent sessions. This is all located on its floodlit senior pitch which accommodates both competitive and training demand. The table below, examines the impact on improving both maintenance and drainage would have on the capacity of the pitch.

*Table 4.36: Improving pitch quality at Oswestry Rugby Club*

| Analysis area | Place plan | Site ID | Site name           | No. of pitches | Pitch type | Floodlit? | Current quality  | Current capacity rating <sup>29</sup> | Improved quality | New capacity rating <sup>30</sup> |
|---------------|------------|---------|---------------------|----------------|------------|-----------|------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------|
| North West    | Oswestry   | 210     | Oswestry Rugby Club | 1              | Senior     | No        | Standard (M1/D1) | 0.5                                   | Standard (M1/D2) | 1                                 |
|               |            |         |                     |                |            |           |                  |                                       | Good (M2/D2)     | 1.5                               |
|               |            |         |                     |                |            |           |                  |                                       | Good (M2/D3)     | 2                                 |

<sup>29</sup> Match equivalent sessions include both training and competitive demand

<sup>30</sup> Match equivalent sessions

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| Analysis area | Place plan | Site ID | Site name           | No. of pitches | Pitch type | Floodlit? | Current quality  | Current capacity rating <sup>29</sup> | Improved quality | New capacity rating <sup>30</sup> |
|---------------|------------|---------|---------------------|----------------|------------|-----------|------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------|
| North West    | Oswestry   | 210     | Oswestry Rugby Club | 1              | Senior     | Yes       | Standard (M1/D1) | 4.5                                   | Standard (M1/D2) | 4                                 |
|               |            |         |                     |                |            |           |                  |                                       | Good (M2/D2)     | 3.5                               |
|               |            |         |                     |                |            |           |                  |                                       | Good (M2/D3)     | 3                                 |

As shown above, even if both senior pitches were improved to a maximum quality score of M2/D3 overplay would still exist on the site. In addition, even if demand is spread evenly across each pitch, on the assumption each pitch is floodlit and of a M2/D3 quality rating, overplay of one match equivalent session would still remain. Therefore, in addition to quality improvements on its main site, there is a need for the Club to access additional provision. A potential option, if tenure could be secured, would be to create an addition senior pitch at its secondary venue, The Showground, which is located adjacent to Oswestry Rugby Club which currently has two mini rugby union pitches marked out.

### *Shrewsbury RFC – Shrewsbury Rugby Club*

Shrewsbury RFC currently accesses three good quality (M2/D1) mini pitches, two good quality (M2/D2) senior floodlit pitches and two good quality (M2/D1) senior pitches, one of which is floodlit. Of these pitches one senior pitch of M2/D1 rating and one pitch of M2/D2, both of which are floodlit, are overplayed by a total of 7.25 match equivalent sessions. The table below, examines the impact on what improving drainage would have on the capacity on these overplayed pitches.

*Table 4.37: Improving pitch quality at Shrewsbury Rugby Club*

| Analysis area | Place plan | Site ID | Site name             | No. of pitches | Pitch type | Floodlit? | Current quality | Current capacity rating <sup>31</sup> | Improved quality | New capacity rating <sup>32</sup> |
|---------------|------------|---------|-----------------------|----------------|------------|-----------|-----------------|---------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Central       | Shrewsbury | 252     | Shrewsbury Rugby Club | 1              | Senior     | Yes       | Good (M2 / D2)  | 3.75                                  | Good (M2 / D3)   | 3.5                               |
|               |            |         |                       | 1              | Senior     | Yes       | Good (M2 / D1)  | 3.5                                   | Good (M2 / D2)   | 3.25                              |
|               |            |         |                       |                |            |           |                 |                                       | Good (M2 / D3)   | 3                                 |

<sup>31</sup> Match equivalent sessions include both training and competitive demand

<sup>32</sup> Match equivalent sessions

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As shown above, even if both overplayed pitches are increase to the maximum quality rating of M2/D3 they would still be overplayed by a total of 6.25 match equivalent sessions. Therefore, in order to alleviate demand, there needs to be the transferal demand off these pitches to the remaining two senior pitches with spare capacity. It should be noted that this would require creating additional floodlights on one or more of the senior pitches with spare capacity.

Even if all senior pitches were floodlight, the maximum quality rating of M2/D3 (totalling 15 match equivalent sessions) with demand equally spread across each pitch there would be an overall shortfall of one match equivalent session. In order to fully alleviate overplay there is a requirement to disperse levels of demand across the four senior pitches, including drainage improvements and installation of additional floodlights, as well as removal of demand off the site which could potentially be at local educational sites (London Road Sports Centre, Prestfielde Preparatory School, Roman Road Sports Centre/Meole Brace School or The Priory School). If this were to occur it is recommended that a community use agreement is obtained to give the club security of tenure

### *Whitchurch Rugby Football Club*

Whitchurch RFC reports its site often suffers from issues with dog fouling. The site is generally accessible to the general public as it is not fenced off. The Club indicates it has looked at the potential of installing fencing to stop the issue, however, this is considered to be too expensive at present. It is open to discuss with Whitchurch Town Council and Shropshire Council how best to remedy the problem.

In order to sustain current and future levels demand on the site the pitches will have to remain good quality (M2/D1). Therefore, efforts should be examined on how best to reduce the levels of unauthorised access/dog fouling on the site, which are adversely impacting quality.

### *Flooding*

There is a total of 27 sporting sites that are located on flooding Zone Two and/or Zone Three. For rugby union these include the following sites.

*Table 4.38: Rugby union sites within flood zones across Shropshire*

| Analysis area | Place plan | Site ID | Site name                            | Sport/s     | Flood Zones |     |
|---------------|------------|---------|--------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-----|
|               |            |         |                                      |             | 2           | 3   |
| South         | Ludlow     | 168     | Ludlow Rugby Football Club           | Rugby union | Yes         | Yes |
| South East    | Bridgnorth | 109     | Edgar Davies Ground (Bridgnorth RFC) | Rugby union | Yes         | Yes |
| South East    | Bridgnorth | 239     | Severn Park                          | Rugby union | Yes         | Yes |

Due to their locations addressing quality issues through drainage improvements can often be ineffective with options such as dedicated regular and routine maintenance regimes considered a more effective solution. If these sites do flood it is recommended relevant flood relief funds are applied for to address issues and alternative venues are found for clubs utilising the provision.

It should be recommended that any ancillary developments on these sites should also consider flooding risk prior to the commencement of any works, for example Bridgnorth RFC at Edgar Davies Ground.

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### Securing access to education sites

Education sites generally accommodate large areas of playing field and playing pitches. However, as tenure on these sites is generally considered to be unsecure, potential spare capacity has been discounted from the supply and demand analysis within the Assessment Report. Securing access to these sites could provide an opportunity to help address future shortfalls across Shropshire. A summary of these pitches can be seen in the table below.

*Table 4.39: Summary of discounted peak time spare capacity at educational sites with community access*

| Analysis area | Place plan | Site ID | Site name                     | Pitch type | Number of pitches | Amount of peak time spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure <sup>33</sup> |
|---------------|------------|---------|-------------------------------|------------|-------------------|--|
| Central       | Shrewsbury | 222     | Prestfelde Preparatory School | Junior     | 2                 | 2  |
| Central       | Shrewsbury | 222     | Prestfelde Preparatory School | Mini       | 4                 | 2  |
| North West    | Ellesmere  | 111     | Ellesmere College[5]          | Senior     | 5                 | 5  |
| North West    | Oswestry   | 211     | Oswestry School               | Senior     | 1                 | 1  |
| North West    | Oswestry   | 211     | Oswestry School               | Junior     | 1                 | 1  |
| South         | Ludlow     | 186     | Moor Park School              | Mini       | 3                 | 0.75   |

There are several community available education sites in Shropshire which contain football pitches which have the potential to help address remaining shortfalls by securing access through community use agreements. In total, 26 match equivalent sessions of spare capacity could potentially be generated if tenure to the abovementioned school site could be secured.

*Table 4.40: Summary of potential peak time spare capacity at educational sites by analysis area*

| Analysis area | Summary of potential spare capacity (match equivalent sessions) equated to a senior pitch <sup>33</sup> |          |             |             |
|---------------|---|----------|-------------|-------------|
|               | Senior  | Junior   | Mini        | Totals      |
| Central       | -   | 2        | -           | <b>2</b>    |
| North East    | -   | -        | -           | -           |
| North West    | 6   | 1        | -           | <b>7</b>    |
| South         | -   | -        | 0.75        | <b>0.75</b> |
| South East    | -   | -        | -           | -           |
| South West    | -   | -        | -           | -           |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>6</b>  | <b>3</b> | <b>0.75</b> | <b>9.75</b> |

If all this spare capacity could be secured through community use agreements (CUA) or long term leases there would be no current or future shortfalls in the North West Analysis Area. It would also reduce the current and future shortfall in the Central Analysis Area to 3.75 match equivalent sessions and reduce the overplay in the South Analysis Area to 4.75 match equivalent sessions.

<sup>33</sup> Match equivalent sessions. Please note spare capacity has been equated to senior pitch type which means mini pitch type is 0.25 match equivalent sessions per team whereas senior and junior is 0.5 match equivalent sessions.

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Although all these schools are identified as being community available, it does not necessarily mean they are open to securing usage to a club for a set period of time, such as through a CUA. This is due to schools wanting the flexibility to prioritise and protect the quality of their pitches for curricular or extracurricular usage, for example, in periods of extended bad weather.

### *Securing access and improving pitch quality at education sites*

In addition to having unsecure tenure, it should also be noted that 12 of the education sites also accommodate one or more poor quality pitches. There would be a need to secure tenure and improve pitch quality at the sites in the table below.

*Table 4.41: Summary of community available poor quality pitches at education sites with unsecure tenure*

| Analysis area | Place plan        | Site ID | Site name   | Pitch type | Number of pitches | Discounted capacity at peak time <sup>34</sup> |
|---------------|-------------------|---------|---|------------|-------------------|--|
| Central       | Shrewsbury        | 158     | London Road Sports Centre                                   | Senior     | 1                 | 1  |
| Central       | Shrewsbury        | 295     | The Priory School   | Senior     | 1                 | 1  |
| North East    | Market Drayton    | 287     | The Grove School  | Senior     | 2                 | 2  |
| North East    | Wem               | 301     | Thomas Adams Sports Centre / The Thomas Adams School        | Senior     | 1                 | 1  |
| North East    | Whitchurch        | 321     | Whitchurch Sports & Leisure Centre / Sir John Talbot School | Senior     | 1                 | 1  |
| North West    | Oswestry          | 169     | Marches School  | Senior     | 1                 | 1  |
| South         | Cleobury Mortimer | 150     | Lacon Childe School   | Senior     | 1                 | 1  |
| South East    | Bridgnorth        | 116     | Friars Playing Fields (Unattached Playing Fields)           | Senior     | 1                 | 1  |
| South East    | Bridgnorth        | 206     | Oldbury Wells School  | Senior     | 1                 | 1  |
| South East    | Shifnal           | 140     | Idsall Sports Centre  | Senior     | 1                 | 1  |
| South West    | Bishop's Castle   | 86      | Community College Bishops Castle                            | Senior     | 1                 | 1  |
| South West    | Church Stretton   | 71      | Church Stretton School                                      | Senior     | 1                 | 0.5  |
| South West    | Church Stretton   | 71      | Church Stretton School                                      | Senior     | 1                 | 0.5  |

If all this spare capacity could be secured through CUAs or long term leases, in addition to having pitch quality improved, future shortfalls alleviate current and future shortfalls in the North East, South East and South West analysis areas whilst reducing overplay in the remaining areas.

<sup>34</sup> Match equivalent sessions. Please note spare capacity has been equated to senior pitch type which means mini pitch type is 0.25 match equivalent sessions per team whereas senior and junior is 0.5 match equivalent sessions.

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Table 4.42: Summary of potential peak time spare capacity at poor quality pitches at educational sites by analysis area

| Analysis area | Summary of potential spare capacity (match equivalent sessions) equated to a senior pitch <sup>34</sup> |          |          |           |
|---------------|---|----------|----------|-----------|
|               | Senior  | Junior   | Mini     | Totals    |
| Central       | 2   | -        | -        | 2         |
| North East    | 4   | -        | -        | 4         |
| North West    | 1   | -        | -        | 1         |
| South         | 1   | -        | -        | 1         |
| South East    | 3   | -        | -        | 3         |
| South West    | 2   | -        | -        | 2         |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>13</b>   | <b>-</b> | <b>-</b> | <b>13</b> |

It should be noted all community accessible educational sites where of a minimum of standard quality and each had secure tenure through community use agreements current and future levels overplay in each analysis area, apart from the Central and South, would be alleviated. Overplay in the Central Analysis Area would reduce from 5.75 match equivalent sessions to 1.75 match equivalent sessions and overplay in the South Analysis Area would reduce from 5.5 match equivalent sessions to 3.75 match equivalent sessions.

### Recommendations

- ◀ Existing quantity of rugby union pitches to be protected or be fully mitigated to meet National Planning Policy.
- ◀ Improve pitch quality at secure sites to alleviate overplay and create actual spare capacity, particularly at sites that are significantly overplayed such as Oswestry RFC, Shrewsbury RFC and Clee Hill RFC.
- ◀ Where required, assist clubs in obtaining long term agreements in order to provide security of tenure.
- ◀ Continue to develop strong relationships between rugby clubs and schools through curricular and extracurricular programmes in order to increase levels of mini and junior participation.
- ◀ Assist Ludlow RFC in installation of floodlights and access of Linney Park.
- ◀ Monitor sites located on flood zones and carry out relevant improvements when required.
- ◀ Improve ancillary facilities where this is a clear need to do so.
- ◀ Ensure in the relocation/mitigation of Greenfields Sports Ground if the site is developed for housing.
- ◀ Assist club in the creation/access of additional provision, where required, to alleviate overplay.
- ◀ Secure access to pitches to alleviate overplay at Clee Hill Rugby Club, Oswestry Rugby Club and Shrewsbury Rugby Club.
- ◀ Explore options for temporary alternative provision for those clubs located in flood zones during periods of flooding.
- ◀ Explore the feasibility of securing access to educational sites to reduce current and future levels of overplay and improve pitch quality where applicable.

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

### *Assessment report summary*

- ◀ **There is a need for four full size hockey suitable AGPs to accommodate all current demand and future demand in Shropshire, however, there is a need to address quality, accessibility and capacity issues.**
- ◀ There are 16 full size hockey suitable AGPs in Shropshire, of which, 13 are available for community use to some extent. Provision that is not available for community use is at the Shrewsbury School in the Central Analysis Area (two pitches) and RAF Cosford School of Physical Training in the South East Analysis Area.
- ◀ In addition, there are six smaller size hockey suitable AGPs in Shropshire. Of these, only two are identified as being available for community use, as shown below (Moor Park School and Dorrington Village Hall).
- ◀ Market Drayton HC and Ludlow HC report ambitions to have full size hockey suitable pitches within their own locality.
- ◀ The management of hockey suitable AGPs across Shropshire varies with no hockey clubs in the Authority considered to have secure tenure on their sites
- ◀ There are four full size AGPs that are assessed as poor quality in Shropshire: Roman Road Sports Centre, Whitchurch Sports & Leisure Centre, Bridgnorth Endowed School and Marches School.
- ◀ There are seven clubs classified as being based within teams in Shropshire. In total, these clubs accommodate 42 teams: 18 men's, 11 women's and 13 dedicated junior/mini teams.
- ◀ Bridgnorth HC, Market Drayton HC, Shrewsbury HC and Whitchurch HC all express latent demand due to issues with quality and accessibility.
- ◀ Newport HC currently imports two men's teams from neighbouring authority Telford & Wrekin to use the hockey suitable AGPs at Lilleshall National Sports & Conferencing Centre.
- ◀ Market Drayton HC export its entire demand to Keele University Sports Centre in the neighbouring Shropshire. This is an approximate round trip of 26 miles (one hour). The Club aspires to return all its demand into Shropshire, more specifically within the vicinity of Market Drayton.

### *Scenarios*

#### *Protection of full size floodlit hockey suitable AGPs in Shropshire*

Due to the levels of hockey demand within Shropshire there is a need to protect all full size hockey suitable AGPs, especially those which are currently actively being used to accommodate community hockey demand, these are:

- ◀ Roman Road Sports Centre
- ◀ RAF Shawbury
- ◀ Whitchurch Sports & Leisure Centre
- ◀ Oswestry School
- ◀ Bridgnorth Endowed School
- ◀ Much Wenlock Leisure Centre

If any of the above pitches are lost, then there is a high likelihood that the clubs using the provision would either fold or be forced to export their demand outside of Shropshire.

This issue is particularly evident at Roman Road Sports Centre, Whitchurch Sports & Leisure Centre and Bridgnorth Endowed School which are all poor quality with each playing surface being beyond the recommended lifespan of ten years. If these sites became unusable due to quality issues, there would be a need to find alternative venues for 31 teams.

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This proves problematic as other sites which have potential capacity to accommodate demand such as RAF Shawbury, RAF Cosford School of Physical Training, Much Wenlock Leisure Centre or Lilleshall National Sports & Conferencing Centre are either being utilised by other clubs are not truly accessible due to their operating structures.

In addition to the above, provision at Roman Road Sports Centre, Whitchurch Sports & Leisure Centre and Bridgnorth Endowed School, are operating close to, or at, capacity on a Saturday. Therefore, remaining provision needs to remain as hockey suitable in order for clubs to continue to grow.

It is recommended that the feasibility of creating regular secured access to provision at RAF Shawbury and RAF Cosford School of Physical Training is explored in order provide alternative venues for clubs to use in case of closure or to actualise future demand.

### *Refurbishment of poor quality provision*

As mentioned above there are three poor quality full size hockey suitable AGPs across Shropshire with one each at Roman Road Sports Centre, Whitchurch Sports & Leisure Centre and Bridgnorth Endowed School. In total these three facilities encapsulate 74% of community hockey demand within Shropshire. The main priority is therefore that each of these pitches is refurbished within the next five years to ensure hockey demand within the Authority is sustain and does not decrease.

Potential avenues on how to finance the pitches should also being examined including (but not limited to) grants, pooling of S106/CIL monies and collective club financial collaborations.

### *Returning of exported demand*

Market Drayton HC currently imports three teams at senior peak time (Saturday) to the hockey suitable AGP at Keele University Sports Centre in the neighbouring authority of Newcastle-under-Lyme.

If this demand were to return to its Shropshire, it would create spare capacity for an additional three teams in Newcastle-under-Lyme. This being said, there is no actual current spare capacity to accommodate the Club on current provision within the North East Analysis Area.

It is recommended that when possible the creation of a full size hockey suitable AGP is explored within the Market Drayton Place Plan area in order to return this demand into Shropshire. Anecdotal evidence suggests this would assist the Club in growth aspirations as demand would no longer have to travel to Newcastle-under-Lyme. Also, there would be potential for demand from Wem & Market Drayton HC to merge with Market Drayton HC in order for the former club to access suitable provision, as it currently plays on a short pile 3G surface at RAF Shawbury.

A potential location for a creation of a full size floodlit hockey suitable AGP within Market Drayton could come with the relocation of Greenfields Sports Ground, however, this is still development is still under consideration.

### *Transferral of demand*

It should be noted that where there is a future transferral of hockey or football demand off the current hockey suitable AGPs stock in Shropshire to new hockey suitable AGPs or new 3G pitches there should be a transition plan put in place to ensure stability. This would ensure pitch utilisation is maximised and safeguard the sustainability of current hockey suitable AGPs.

For example, if a new 3G pitch is created existing football training demand on hockey suitable AGPs may choose to use the new 3G pitch which is more suitable for their sport. This would create free capacity on the hockey suitable AGP which can be used for hockey demand such as Walking Hockey, Back to Hockey and other England Hockey initiatives.

### *Gen 2 Artificial Surfaces*

England Hockey reports it is currently trialling a different multi sport surface in order to better accommodate lower levels of hockey demand and other sports such as netball and tennis. The surface type known as Gen 2<sup>35</sup> is a versatile surface that will ensure sports do not need to compromise on the playing experience. It will be a sand dressed synthetic turf with a compatible shock pad. The concept is designed to provide facilities, including schools, with a dynamic surface which reduces the amount of space required and utilised provision to full potential.

This surface type has the potential to be beneficial at educational sites where outdoor sporting provision has to be used for multiple activities and is often at a premium. The Gen 2 surface should therefore be considered when schools are refurbishing old hockey suitable AGPs or hard courts areas as a potential solution to maximise outdoor provision.

### **Recommendations**

- ◀ As a priority, refurbish the pitches at Roman Road Sports Centre, Whitchurch Sports & Leisure Centre and Bridgnorth Endowed School.
- ◀ Protect all existing full size hockey suitable AGPs for hockey use.
- ◀ Ensure a sinking fund is in place for long-term sustainability of all current and new pitches
- ◀ Explore the potential of returning Market Drayton HC demand back into Shropshire if suitable provision can be created.
- ◀ Explore creating regular secured access to provision at RAF Shawbury and RAF Cosford School of Physical Training.
- ◀ Ensure that future demand from new England Hockey initiative, Hockey Heroes (aimed at growing participation for under 10s) can be accommodated.
- ◀ When the 3G pitch stock increases, encourage the transfer of football demand from the sand-based AGPs in order to free up increased capacity for hockey activity.
- ◀ Ensure discussions take place between the Council, EH, Shropshire FA and FF before any new 3G or hockey suitable provision is created to ensure stock sustainability.
- ◀ Improve ancillary facilities where this is a clear need to do so.
- ◀ Where required, assist clubs in obtaining long term agreements in order to provide security of tenure.
- ◀ When refurbishing/creating provision considered the feasibility of installing a Gen 2 surface.

## **4.6 Bowling greens**

### **Assessment report summary**

- ◀ **Clubs are considered viable as long as they have the appropriate levels of membership to sustain their bowling green and accompanying ancillary facilities. Therefore, clubs that have lower levels of participation in comparison to the remaining clubs within the Authority may have issues maintaining their provision.**
- ◀ There are 97 crown bowling greens in Shropshire located across 82 sites and three flat bowling greens across three sites. All of which are available for community use.

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<sup>35</sup> <http://www.englishockey.co.uk/page.asp?section=2596&sectionTitle=Gen+2+Playing+Surface>

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- ◀ Shropshire is also serviced by a good quality six rink indoor bowling centre at Shrewsbury Sports Village.
- ◀ Where known through consultation there is a total of 26 clubs that own their site, 27 clubs that rent their site and 13 clubs that lease their site or are in the process of obtaining a lease agreement.
- ◀ There is a potential for the crown green at Reman Services Sports & Social Club to be lost through development.
- ◀ In total 28 clubs through consultation report aspirations to improve ancillary provision at their home site. In addition, 12 clubs report accessing poor quality ancillary provision.
- ◀ There are seven sites are not serviced by floodlights, this includes all three flat greens.
- ◀ Following a non-technical assessment of greens in Shropshire and consultation with the Clubs, 43 greens are assessed as good, 48 as standard quality and six as poor quality.
- ◀ The greens at Cheswardine Parish Council, Clun Bowling Green, Ifton Miners Institute Bowling Green, Crescent Bowling Green and the two greens at Ellesmere Bowling Club are all assessed as poor quality.
- ◀ The following clubs report through consultation they are the process of improving / upgrading their floodlighting provision; Hodnet, Shifnal, Worthen & Brockton, Whittington, Cleobury Mortimer, Bridgewater, Ludlow Castle, Victoria, Wem and Cheswardine.
- ◀ Of the 58 clubs playing in Shropshire which responded to consultation requests, membership equates to 3,330 people.
- ◀ Where quantified through consultation, clubs report ambitions for an additional 252 senior members and 230 junior members across Shropshire.

### Scenarios

As no clubs in Shropshire indicate a requirement to access an additional green or report that green quality has deteriorated, it is considered that the current provision for bowls is sufficient to meet current and future demand in Shropshire. Therefore, focus should be on increasing participation and improving or maintaining the current stock of bowling greens in the Authority.

### Flooding

There is a total of 27 sporting sites that are located on flooding Zone Two and/or Zone Three. For bowls these include the following sites.

Table 4.43: Bowls sites within flood zones across Shropshire

| Analysis area | Place plan | Site ID | Site name   | Sport/s         | Flood Zones |     |
|---------------|------------|---------|---|-----------------|-------------|-----|
|               |            |         |   |                 | 2           | 3   |
| Central       | Shrewsbury | 15      | Bagley Sports and Social Club                       | Bowls           | Yes         |     |
| Central       | Shrewsbury | 121     | Greenfields Bowling Club                            | Bowls           | Yes         |     |
| Central       | Shrewsbury | 254     | Shrewsbury Severnside Bowling Club                  | Disused bowls   | Yes         | Yes |
| Central       | Shrewsbury | 258     | Silks Meadow Recreation Ground                      | Bowls<br>Tennis | Yes         | Yes |
| Central       | Shrewsbury | 280     | Telepost Sports & Social Club (Abbey Sports Ground) | Bowls           | Yes         | Yes |
| Central       | Shrewsbury | 347     | Old Shrewsbury Bowling Club                         | Bowls           | Yes         | Yes |
| Central       | Shrewsbury | 349     | Prince of Wales Bowling Greens                      | Bowls           | Yes         | Yes |
| Central       | Shrewsbury | 363     | Crescent Bowling Club                               | Bowls           | Yes         | Yes |

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| Analysis area | Place plan | Site ID | Site name                           | Sport/s         | Flood Zones |     |
|---------------|------------|---------|-------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------|-----|
|               |            |         |                                     |                 | 2           | 3   |
| North East    | Whitchurch | 11      | Archibald Worthington Club          | Bowls           | Yes         |     |
| South         | Ludlow     | 163     | Ludlow Castle Tennis and Bowls Club | Bowls<br>Tennis | Yes         | Yes |
| South East    | Bridgnorth | 55      | Bylet Bowling Club                  | Bowls           | Yes         | Yes |

Due to their locations addressing quality issues through drainage improvements can often be ineffective with options such as dedicated regular and routine maintenance regimes consider a more effective solution. If these sites do flood it is recommended relevant flood relief funds are applied for to address issues and alternative venues are found for clubs utilising the provision.

### *Ancillary facility improvements*

As discussed in the proceeding Assessment report, it is important to recognise the importance of ancillary provision to bowling clubs. If the facilities onsite are of suitable quantity/quality and meet the players needs this can sustain membership levels. This is acknowledged by BCGBA as it offers potential grants for clubs looking to making ancillary improvements. The following clubs indicated through consultation aspirations to make enhancements to their facilities and therefore should be acknowledged when potential funding streams become available or are allocated:

- ◀ Albrighton BC
- ◀ Atcham Malthouse BC
- ◀ Battlefield BC
- ◀ Bayston Hill BC
- ◀ Bicton BC
- ◀ Bridgewater BC
- ◀ Chelmarsh BC
- ◀ Church BC
- ◀ Cleobury Mortimer BC
- ◀ Clun BC
- ◀ Dorrington BC
- ◀ Ellesmere BC
- ◀ Frankwell BC
- ◀ Hadnall BC
- ◀ Hanwood BC
- ◀ Ifton BC
- ◀ Llanymynech BC
- ◀ Ludlow Castle BC
- ◀ Market Drayton BC
- ◀ Meole Brace BC
- ◀ Monkmoor BC
- ◀ Much Wenlock BC
- ◀ Old Shrewsbury BC
- ◀ Tilstock BC
- ◀ Wem BC
- ◀ Weston Rhyn BC
- ◀ Whixall BC
- ◀ Worthen & Brockton BC

### *Housing growth scenarios*

It should be noted that later in the report in Part 7: Housing Growth Scenarios, the PPOSS provides an estimate of demand for pitch sport based on population forecasts and club consultation to 2038 (in line with the emerging Local Plan Review period) using the Sport England New Development Pitch Calculator. This is only for the pitch sports of football, hockey, rugby union and cricket and does not include calculations for sports such as bowls as there is no current guidance established on these sports. However, it is still recommended that bowls is acknowledged as part of this process especially as part of any large scale developments, for example, Ironbridge Power Station, where there may be substantial enough increase in population for a bowling green.

## **Recommendations**

- ◀ Retain existing quantity of greens.
- ◀ Improvements poor and standard quality greens y through enhanced maintenance regimes.
- ◀ Assist clubs, where possible, with any future ancillary provision improvements
- ◀ Support clubs with plans to increase membership so that growth can be maximised.
- ◀ Monitor sites located on flood zones and carry out relevant improvements when required.

## **4.7 Tennis courts**

### **Assessment report summary**

- ◀ **Clubs are considered viable as long as they have the appropriate levels of membership to sustain their courts and accompanying ancillary facilities.**
- ◀ There are 285 tennis courts identified in Shropshire across 84 sites, with 205 of these being available for community use across 61 sites.
- ◀ Market Drayton TC reports Greenfields Sports Ground has been identified in the Neighbourhood Local Plan for potential housing development.
- ◀ In total two clubs, Criftins TC and Market Drayton TC, report a potential issue with onsite tenure with all remaining clubs considering themselves to be secure at their home venue.
- ◀ In Shropshire, most clubs are serviced by some level of floodlit provision, with 73 floodlit courts existing across all club sites.
- ◀ Most community available courts in Shropshire have a macadam surface (72%). The estimated lifespan of a macadam court is ten years, depending on levels of use and maintenance levels.
- ◀ Following a non-technical assessment, of the 205 community available courts, 97 were assessed as good quality, 68 as standard quality and 40 as poor quality.
- ◀ The ancillary facilities servicing the tennis clubs in Shropshire is mixed; with Albrighton, Church Stretton, Cound, Criftins, Hinstock, Llanymynech, Longden and Market Drayton tennis clubs noting that changing facilities at their respective sites are of poor quality.
- ◀ There are 30 tennis clubs in Shropshire, of the clubs which responded to consultation, there is a combined membership equating to 8,489 members.
- ◀ Of the clubs which responded to consultation, 15 indicate plans to increase membership, equating to an additional 215 junior and 258 senior members.

## **Scenarios**

### **Informal tennis**

The LTA has developed a package of support for local authorities to grow the use of park tennis courts by removing key barriers to participation. The three products are ClubSpark, Rally and Gate Access and can be used individually or in combination. The products are used to provide a remote booking and access system.

Instead of providing free access, some local authorities are now securing their courts as per a membership scheme that allows members access through the use of a fob system following payment of a small yearly fee. Not only does this deter unofficial use of courts but it also allows official use to be tracked, thus providing data on how well and how often courts are being accessed. In addition, it provides income generation that can go towards ongoing maintenance of the courts.

In order to facilitate this demand, it is likely that floodlights would have to be provided, in addition to court improvements and potential provision or improvement of changing facilities.

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## Flooding

There is a total of 27 sporting sites that are located on flooding Zone Two and/or Zone Three. For tennis these include the following sites.

Table 4.44: Tennis sites within flood zones across Shropshire

| Analysis area | Place plan | Site ID | Site name                           | Sport/s         | Flood Zones |     |
|---------------|------------|---------|-------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------|-----|
|               |            |         |                                     |                 | 2           | 3   |
| Central       | Shrewsbury | 251     | Shrewsbury Lawn Tennis Club         | Tennis          | Yes         | Yes |
| Central       | Shrewsbury | 258     | Silks Meadow Recreation Ground      | Bowls<br>Tennis | Yes         | Yes |
| Central       | Shrewsbury | 303     | Town Walls Tennis Club              | Tennis          | Yes         | Yes |
| South         | Ludlow     | 163     | Ludlow Castle Tennis and Bowls Club | Bowls<br>Tennis | Yes         | Yes |

Due to their locations addressing quality issues through drainage improvements can often be ineffective with options such as dedicated regular and routine maintenance regimes consider a more effective solution. If these sites do flood it is recommended relevant flood relief funds are applied for to address issues and alternative venues are found for clubs utilising the provision.

### The Shrewsbury Club

Full planning permission (20/01893/FUL) has recently (August 2020) been granted for the extension of existing leisure facilities at The Shrewsbury Club. This will see the removal of two of its four current macadam tennis courts replaced with indoor provision such as a children's nursery/ learner pool/ studios etc.

As mitigation for the loss of these courts two disused clay courts located at The Shrewsbury Club which are not floodlit will resurfaced to acrylic with an air dome to be constructed over them. In addition, the two existing clay courts will be resurfaced to either artificial clay or hardcourt surface (still to be decided) as well as having floodlights installed.

These planned developments will mean this four courts can be utilised all year round and increase the capacity for tennis on the site. Shropshire Tennis reports it plans to convert existing and new members, generated from the enhancements, to become members of the tennis section. In addition, it has plans to allow the new air dome facility to be readily accessible to the wider community.

### Gen 2 Artificial Surfaces

England Hockey reports it is currently trialling a different multi sport surface in order to better accommodate lower levels of hockey demand and other sports such as netball and tennis. The surface type known as Gen 2<sup>36</sup> is a versatile surface that will ensure sports do not need to compromise on the playing experience. It will be a sand dressed synthetic turf with a compatible shock pad. The concept is designed to provide facilities, including schools, with a dynamic surface which reduces the amount of space required and utilised provision to full potential.

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This surface type has the potential to be beneficial at educational sites where outdoor sporting provision has to be used for multiple activities and is often at a premium. The Gen 2 surface should therefore be considered when schools are refurbishing old hockey suitable AGPs or hard courts areas as a potential solution to maximise outdoor provision.

### *Housing growth scenarios*

It should be noted that later in the report in Part 7: Housing Growth Scenarios, the PPOSS provides an estimate of demand for pitch sport based on population forecasts and club consultation to 2038 (in line with the emerging Local Plan Review period) using the Sport England New Development Pitch Calculator. This is only for the pitch sports of football, hockey, rugby union and cricket and does not include calculations for sports such as tennis as there is no current guidance established on these sports. However, it is still recommended that tennis is acknowledged as part of this process especially as part of any large scale developments where there may be substantial enough increase in population for tennis courts.

### **Recommendations**

- ◀ Retain and sustain quality of club courts for competitive play through implementation of appropriate maintenance regimes.
- ◀ Support clubs which have aspirations for courts and ancillary facility improvements.
- ◀ Improve quality of key local authority courts and accompanying ancillary provision, first and foremost focusing on sites that best accommodate informal play.
- ◀ Explore implementation of ClubSpark, Rally and Gate Access schemes at appropriate sites to enhance available provision for informal tennis.
- ◀ Consider the feasibility of operating LTA programmes such as Tennis for Kids, Tennis for Free and Great British Tennis Weekend to attract new players to the sport.
- ◀ When refurbishing/creating provision considered the feasibility of installing a Gen 2 surface.
- ◀ Monitor sites located on flood zones and carry out relevant improvements when required.

## **4.8 Netball courts**

### **Assessment report summary**

- ◀ **In summary, there is enough outdoor netball provision in Shropshire to meet current demand therefore a priority should be placed on improving court quality and ensuring courts remain, specifically at Idsall Sports Centre where the Shropshire County Netball Summer League is based.**
- ◀ **England Netball has identified Lilleshall National Sports & Conferencing Centre and Ellesmere College as key sites in the Authority for improvements, with new courts and quality improvements required respectively.**
- ◀ There are 95 outdoor macadam netball courts located across 31 sites in Shropshire.
- ◀ In total, 20 (21%) courts are assessed as good quality, 31 (33%) as standard quality and 44 (46%) as poor quality.
- ◀ The majority of netball courts in Shropshire (94%) have a macadam surface. The only exception to this is the artificial courts at Idsall Sports Centre.
- ◀ In Shropshire, all sites are overmarked for tennis.
- ◀ There are two leagues across the Authority which generate demand for outdoor courts. Demand across the two leagues totals 67 teams.
- ◀ There are two Back 2 Netball sessions operating in Shropshire, taking place at Church Stretton Leisure Centre and Sir John Talbot Leisure Centre.

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## Scenarios

### Improving court quality at education sites

England Netball aspires to form closer links with education sites to ensure that netball remains on the School curriculum. In order to facilitate this, it hopes to improve all netball courts at education sites to at least standard quality

Table 4.45: Netball courts at education sites in Shropshire

| Analysis area | Place plan              | Site ID | Site name   | Management | Available for community use? | No. of courts | Floodlit? | Court type | Court quality |
|---------------|-------------------------|---------|---|------------|------------------------------|---------------|-----------|------------|---------------|
| Central       | Pontesbury & Minsterley | 174     | Mary Webb School and Science College                          | Education  | No                           | 2             | No        | Macadam    | Poor          |
| Central       | Shrewsbury              | 3       | Adcote School for Girls                                       | Education  | No                           | 3             | No        | Macadam    | Good          |
| Central       | Shrewsbury              | 27      | Belvidere School  | Education  | No                           | 2             | No        | Macadam    | Poor          |
| Central       | Shrewsbury              | 91      | Corbet School   | Education  | Yes                          | 3             | No        | Macadam    | Standard      |
| Central       | Shrewsbury              | 120     | The Grange Sports Centre                                      | Education  | Yes                          | 3             | No        | Macadam    | Standard      |
| Central       | Shrewsbury              | 222     | Prestfelde Preparatory School                                 | Education  | Yes                          | 2             | No        | Macadam    | Good          |
| Central       | Shrewsbury              | 247     | Shrewsbury Academy  | Education  | No                           | 2             | No        | Macadam    | Standard      |
| Central       | Shrewsbury              | 253     | Shrewsbury School   | Education  | Yes                          | 3             | No        | Macadam    | Good          |
| Central       | Shrewsbury              | 295     | The Priory School   | Education  | Yes                          | 3             | No        | Macadam    | Standard      |
| North East    | Market Drayton          | 287     | The Grove School  | Education  | Yes                          | 4             | No        | Macadam    | Poor          |
| North East    | Wem                     | 301     | Thomas Adams Sports Centre                                    | Education  | Yes                          | 4             | No        | Macadam    | Poor          |
| North East    | Whitchurch              | 321     | Whitchurch Sports & Leisure Centre / Sir John Talbot's School | Education  | Yes                          | 4             | No        | Macadam    | Good          |
| North West    | Ellesmere               | 111     | Ellesmere College   | Education  | Yes                          | 6             | Yes       | Macadam    | Poor          |
| North West    | Ellesmere               | 151     | Lakelands Academy   | Education  | No                           | 2             | Yes       | Macadam    | Standard      |
| North West    | Oswestry                | 169     | Marches School  | Education  | No                           | 3             | No        | Macadam    | Poor          |
| North West    | Oswestry                | 187     | Moreton Hall School   | Education  | Yes                          | 2             | Yes       | Macadam    | Good          |
| North West    | Oswestry                | 187     | Moreton Hall School   | Education  | Yes                          | 2             | No        | Macadam    | Good          |
| North West    | Oswestry                | 215     | Packwood Haugh School   | Education  | No                           | 2             | Yes       | Macadam    | Poor          |

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| North West    | Oswestry          | 267     | St Martins School                | Education  | Yes                          | 3             | No        | Macadam    | Standard      |
| South         | Cleobury Mortimer | 184     | Moffats School                   | Education  | No                           | 1             | No        | Macadam    | Poor          |
| South         | Ludlow            | 164     | Ludlow Church of England School  | Education  | No                           | 2             | Yes       | Macadam    | Standard      |
| South         | Ludlow            | 186     | Moor Park School                 | Education  | Yes                          | 2             | Yes       | Macadam    | Standard      |
| South East    | Bridgnorth        | 41      | Bridgnorth Endowed School        | Education  | Yes                          | 8             | No        | Macadam    | Poor          |
| South East    | Bridgnorth        | 206     | Oldbury Wells School             | Education  | Yes                          | 2             | No        | Macadam    | Poor          |
| South West    | Bishop's Castle   | 24      | Bedstone College                 | Education  | No                           | 2             | No        | Macadam    | Poor          |
| South West    | Bishop's Castle   | 86      | Community College Bishops Castle | Education  | No                           | 2             | No        | Macadam    | Poor          |
| South West    | Church Stretton   | 71      | Church Stretton School           | Education  | No                           | 4             | No        | Macadam    | Poor          |

The table above reveals the court quality at education sites across Shropshire. In order to meet England Netball's aspiration, the courts at Mary Webb School and Science College, Belvidere School, The Grove School, Thomas Adams Sports Centre, Ellesmere College, Marches School, Packwood Haugh School, Moffats School, Bridgnorth Endowed School, Oldbury Wells School, Bedstone College, Community College Bishops Castle and Church Stretton School would require improvements.

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This surface type has the potential to be beneficial at educational sites where outdoor sporting provision has to be used for multiple activities and is often at a premium. The Gen 2 surface should therefore be considered when schools are refurbishing old hockey suitable AGPs or hard courts areas as a potential solution to maximise outdoor provision.

## **Recommendations**

- ◀ Protect quantity of courts.
- ◀ When refurbishing/creating provision considered the feasibility of installing a Gen 2 surface.
- ◀ Seek to improve poor quality courts quality through resurfacing or improved maintenance.
- ◀ Look to continue and expand the use of courts for England Netball initiatives such as Back to Netball and Walking Netball.
- ◀ Facilitate improved engagement between England Netball and schools.

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<sup>37</sup> <http://www.englishockey.co.uk/page.asp?section=2596&sectionTitle=Gen+2+Playing+Surface>

## PART 5: STRATEGIC RECOMMENDATIONS

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

### AIM 1

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

#### Recommendations:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## *Policy Exception E1:*

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

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

## *Policy Exception E2*

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

## *Policy Exception E3*

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

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

## *Policy Exception E4:*

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

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

## *Policy Exception E5*

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

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

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

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

A number of education sites are being used across Shropshire for competitive play, predominately for football. The following schools are already used for community use at varying levels but have no secure community usage:

- ◀ Meole Brace Church of England Primary School
- ◀ Whitchurch Sports & Leisure Centre (Sir John Talbot School)
- ◀ Oswestry School
- ◀ Albrighton Primary School
- ◀ Friars Playing Fields (Unattached Playing Fields)
- ◀ Oldbury Wells School
- ◀ Barrow 1618 CE Free School
- ◀ Broseley C of E Primary School
- ◀ John Wilkinson Primary School
- ◀ Highley Primary School
- ◀ Much Wenlock Leisure Centre (William Brookes School)
- ◀ Much Wenlock Primary School
- ◀ Community College Bishops Castle
- ◀ London Road Sports Centre
- ◀ Lacon Childe School
- ◀ Roman Road Sports Centre
- ◀ Bridgnorth Endowed School
- ◀ Moor Park School

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

Further partnership working with NGBs should be carried out to encourage schools to put in place Community Use Agreement (CUA) including access to changing provision where required.

There are also some clubs playing on private sites in Shropshire which are not considered to have secure tenure. For example:

- ◀ Brown Clee Football Club – Brown Clee FC
- ◀ The Showground – Oswestry RFC
- ◀ Swancote Energy Park – Bridgnorth RFC
- ◀ Coton Hall Cricket Club – Coton Hall CC
- ◀ Ludow Cricket Ground – Ludlow CC
- ◀ Sandford Park – Claverley CC

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

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In the context of the Government's 2010 Spending Review, which announced significant public spending cuts, it is increasingly important for the Council to work with voluntary sector organisations to enable them to take greater levels of ownership and support the wider development and maintenance of facilities. To facilitate this, where practical, the Council should support and enable clubs to generate sufficient funds, providing this is to the benefit of sport.

The Council should explore opportunities to grant clubs security of tenure through lease agreements (minimum 25 years as recommended by Sport England and NGBs). The focus should be on clubs at poor quality local authority sites where there is opportunity to improve pitch and / or ancillary facilities. Security of tenure would encourage clubs to take more care of the site through responsible play. It would motivate them to look at ways of enhancing their facilities by using external funding mechanisms that the local authority may not be able to access. Clubs with lease arrangements already in place with other owners should review existing agreements when the term dips below 25 years.

Each club interested in leasing a 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 sport sites to clubs/organisations*

| Club  | Site   |
|---|--|
| <p>Clubs should have 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.</p> <p>Ideally, clubs should have already identified (and received an agreement in principle) any match funding required for initial capital investment identified.</p> <p>Clubs have processes in place to ensure capacity to maintain sites to the existing, or better, standards.</p> | <p>Sites should be those identified as 'Local Sites' (recommendation d) for new clubs (i.e. not those with a Shropshire-wide significance) but that offer development potential.</p> <p>For established clubs which have proven success in terms of self-management 'Main sites' are also appropriate.</p> <p>Sites should acquire capital investment to improve or be leased with the intention that investment can be sourced to contribute towards improvement of the site.</p> |

Local sports clubs should be supported by partners including the Council and NGBs to achieve sustainability across a range of areas including management, membership, funding, facilities, volunteers and partnership work. All clubs could be encouraged to look at different management models such as registering as Community Amateur Sports Clubs (CASC)<sup>38</sup>. They should also be encouraged to work with partners locally – such as volunteer support agencies or local businesses.

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

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

<sup>38</sup> <http://www.cascinfo.co.uk/cascbenefits>

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Although not captured within the remit of a PPOSS, the Shropshire Playing Fields Association reports it would be beneficial to understand whether school playing fields have the capacity to meet curricular and extracurricular demand across the Authority. If this can be obtained a clearer picture on the potential spare capacity at these sites can be examined.

## **AIM 2**

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

### **Recommendations:**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### *Flooding*

Key settlements within Shropshire including Shrewsbury, Church Stretton, Buildwas / Ironbridge, Albrighton, Ludlow, Gobowen, Ellesmere, Whitchurch and Bridgnorth are located near to rivers such as the River Severn. This means specific sports sites within these settlements are located on flood zones. The table below identifies the different definitions for each flood zone.

*Table 5.2: Flood Zones*

| <b>Flood Zone</b>                               | <b>Definition</b>  |
|---|--|
| <b>Zone One - Low Probability</b>               | Land having a less than 1 in 1,000 annual probability of river or sea flooding.  |
| <b>Zone Two - Medium Probability</b>            | Land having between a 1 in 100 and 1 in 1,000 annual probability of river flooding; or land having between a 1 in 200 and 1 in 1,000 annual probability of sea flooding.   |
| <b>Zone Three A - High Probability</b>          | Land having a 1 in 100 or greater annual probability of river flooding; or Land having a 1 in 200 or greater annual probability of sea flooding.   |
| <b>Zone Three B - The Functional Floodplain</b> | This zone comprises land where water has to flow or be stored in times of flood. Local planning authorities should identify in their Strategic Flood Risk Assessments areas of functional floodplain and its boundaries accordingly, in agreement with the Environment Agency. |

In fact, there are a total of 27 sites which contain outdoor sports provision which are located in either flood zones two and/or flood zone three.

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Figure 5.1: Location of sporting sites within flood zones across Shropshire

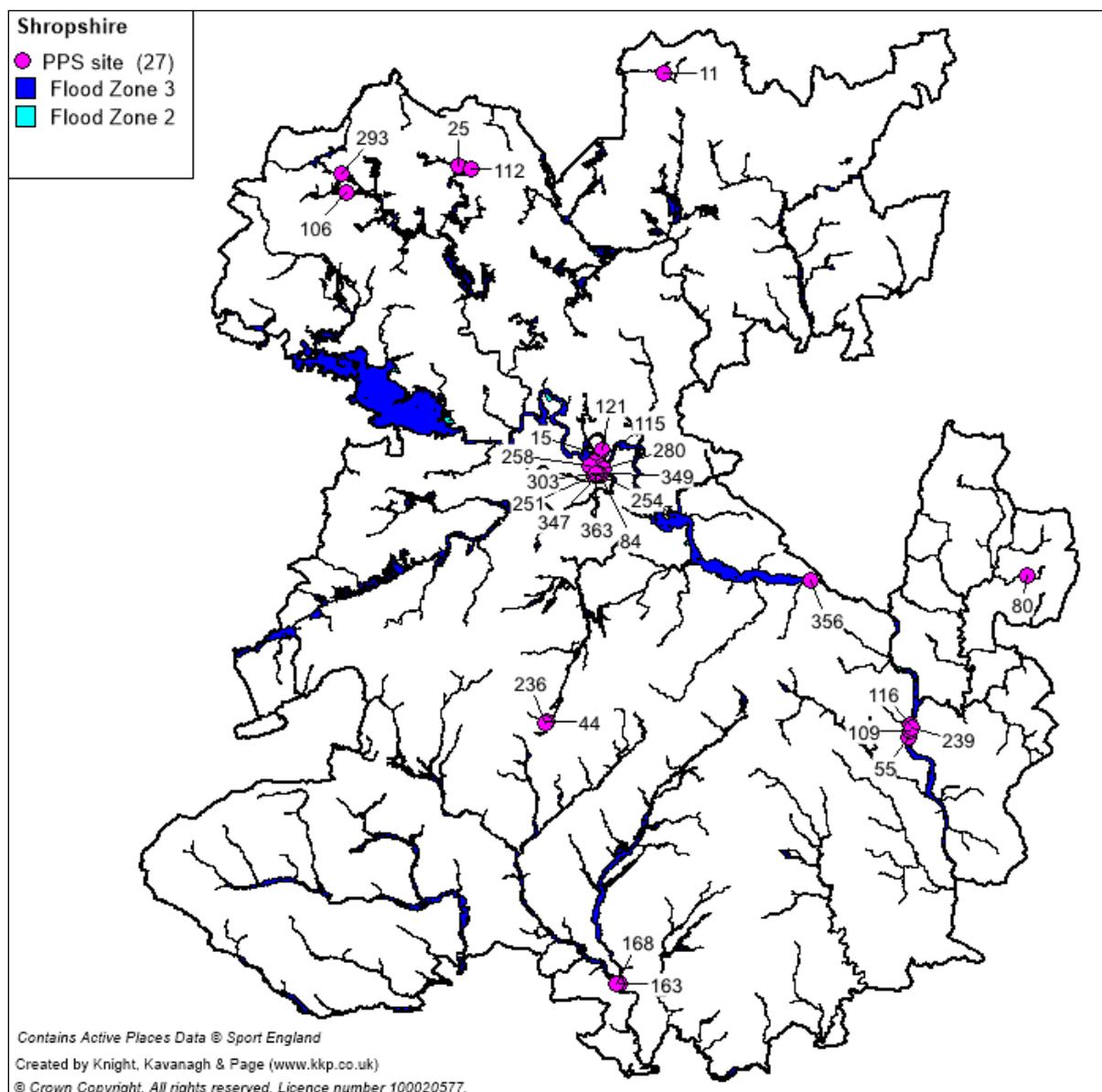


Table 5.3: Key to sporting sites within flood zones across Shropshire

| Analysis area | Place plan | Site ID | Site name                          | Sport/s             | Flood Zones |     |
|---------------|------------|---------|------------------------------------|---------------------|-------------|-----|
|               |            |         |                                    |                     | 2           | 3   |
| Central       | Shrewsbury | 15      | Bagley Sports and Social Club      | Bowls               | Yes         |     |
| Central       | Shrewsbury | 84      | Coleham Primary School             | N/A                 | Yes         |     |
| Central       | Shrewsbury | 115     | Frankwell Recreation Ground        | Football<br>Cricket | Yes         | Yes |
| Central       | Shrewsbury | 121     | Greenfields Bowling Club           | Bowls               | Yes         |     |
| Central       | Shrewsbury | 251     | Shrewsbury Lawn Tennis Club        | Tennis              | Yes         | Yes |
| Central       | Shrewsbury | 254     | Shrewsbury Severnside Bowling Club | Disused bowls       | Yes         | Yes |

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|---------------|-----------------|---------|---|------------------------------------|-------------|-----|
|               |                 |         |   |                                    | 2           | 3   |
| Central       | Shrewsbury      | 258     | Silks Meadow Recreation Ground                      | Bowls<br>Tennis                    | Yes         | Yes |
| Central       | Shrewsbury      | 280     | Telepost Sports & Social Club (Abbey Sports Ground) | Bowls                              | Yes         | Yes |
| Central       | Shrewsbury      | 303     | Town Walls Tennis Club                              | Tennis                             | Yes         | Yes |
| Central       | Shrewsbury      | 347     | Old Shrewsbury Bowling Club                         | Bowls                              | Yes         | Yes |
| Central       | Shrewsbury      | 349     | Prince of Wales Bowling Greens                      | Bowls                              | Yes         | Yes |
| Central       | Shrewsbury      | 363     | Crescent Bowling Club                               | Bowls                              | Yes         | Yes |
| North East    | Whitchurch      | 11      | Archibald Worthington Club                          | Bowls                              | Yes         |     |
| North West    | Ellesmere       | 25      | Beech Grove Playing Fields                          | Football                           | Yes         | Yes |
| North West    | Ellesmere       | 112     | Ellesmere Cricket Club                              | Cricket                            | Yes         |     |
| North West    | Oswestry        | 106     | Derwen College                                      | N/A                                | Yes         |     |
| North West    | Oswestry        | 293     | The Playing Fields                                  | Football                           | Yes         | Yes |
| South         | Ludlow          | 163     | Ludlow Castle Tennis and Bowls Club                 | Bowls<br>Tennis                    | Yes         | Yes |
| South         | Ludlow          | 168     | Ludlow Rugby Football Club                          | Rugby union                        | Yes         | Yes |
| South East    | Albrighton      | 80      | Clockmills  | Informal football                  | Yes         | Yes |
| South East    | Bridgnorth      | 55      | Bylet Bowling Club                                  | Bowls                              | Yes         | Yes |
| South East    | Bridgnorth      | 109     | Edgar Davies Ground (Bridgnorth RFC)                | Rugby union                        | Yes         | Yes |
| South East    | Bridgnorth      | 116     | Friars Playing Fields                               | Football<br>Cricket<br>Rugby union | Yes         | Yes |
| South East    | Bridgnorth      | 239     | Severn Park   | Rugby union                        | Yes         | Yes |
| South East    | Much Wenlock    | 356     | Ironbridge Power Station                            | Lapsed Cricket & Football          | Yes         | Yes |
| South West    | Church Stretton | 44      | Brooksbury Playing Fields                           | Football                           | Yes         | Yes |
| South West    | Church Stretton | 236     | Russels Meadow Ground                               | Football<br>Cricket                | Yes         | Yes |

Due to the above sites' location, addressing quality issues through drainage improvements can often be ineffective with options such as dedicated regular and routine maintenance regimes consider a more effective solution.

If these sites do flood it is recommended relevant flood relief funds are applied for to address issues. The RFU, working with Sport England, has produced a set of information for clubs that have been affected by adverse weather in England<sup>39</sup>.

<sup>39</sup> <https://www.sportengland.org/how-we-can-help/facilities-and-planning/sustainability>

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Sport England also offers various funding options for clubs that have been affected by flooding such as the Community Asset Fund<sup>40</sup>. These are typically separated into three criteria: small scale investment (£1,000 - £15,000), medium scale investment (£15,000 - £50,000) and large scale investment (£50,000 - £150,000). The Community Asset Fund was designed to help communities respond quickly to emergencies or unexpected events that stop people from being active.

### **Addressing overplay**

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

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

*Table 5.4: Capacity of pitches*

| Sport       | Pitch type                 | No. of matches |                  |               |
|-------------|----------------------------|----------------|------------------|---------------|
|             |                            | Good quality   | Standard quality | Poor quality  |
| Football    | Adult pitches              | 3 per week     | 2 per week       | 1 per week    |
|             | Youth pitches              | 4 per week     | 2 per week       | 1 per week    |
|             | Mini pitches               | 6 per week     | 4 per week       | 2 per week    |
| Rugby union | Natural Inadequate (D0)    | 2 per week     | 1.5 per week     | 0.5 per week  |
|             | Natural Adequate (D1)      | 3 per week     | 2 per week       | 1.5 per week  |
|             | Pipe Drained (D2)          | 3.25 per week  | 2.5 per week     | 1.75 per week |
|             | Pipe and Slit Drained (D3) | 3.5 per week   | 3 per week       | 2 per week    |
| Cricket     | One grass wicket           | 5 per season   | 4 per season     | 0 per season  |
|             | One synthetic wicket       | 60 per season  |                  |               |
| Hockey      | Full size AGP              | 4 per day      | 4 per day        | 4 per day     |

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

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

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

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

<sup>40</sup> <https://www.sportengland.org/how-we-can-help/our-funds/community-asset-fund>

## ***Increasing maintenance***

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

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

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

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

In relation to cricket specifically, maintaining high pitch quality is the most important aspect of the sport. If the wicket is poor, it can affect the quality of the game and, in some instances, become dangerous. The ECB recommends full technical assessments of wickets and pitches available through a Performance Quality Standard Assessment (PQS). The PQS assesses a cricket square to ascertain whether it meets the standards that are benchmarked by the Grounds Maintenance Association (GMA)

## ***Improving changing provision***

There is a need to address changing provision at some sites in Shropshire, these are generally centred at either club or town /parish council managed sites.

Sites which predominantly accommodate adult and/or older junior age group sports should be prioritised for improvements, whilst there is a trend for younger junior age groups (particularly for football) not to require use of changing provision, with suitable male and female toilet provision for players and spectators considered to be of greater importance. This include, but are not limited to:

- ◀ London Road Sports Centre
- ◀ Butler Sports Centre
- ◀ Clee Hill Recreation Ground
- ◀ Loak Road
- ◀ Hinstock Cricket Club
- ◀ Harcourt Cricket Club
- ◀ Chelmarsh Sports & Social Club
- ◀ Sandford Park
- ◀ Edgar Davies Ground
- ◀ Oswestry Rugby Club

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- ◀ Most new developments which create net additional floor space of 100 square metres or more or create a new dwelling.
- ◀ Planning consent should include appropriate conditions and/or be subject to specific planning obligations. Where developer contributions are applicable, a Section 106/CIL Agreement or equivalent must be completed that specifies, when applied, the amount that will be linked to Sport England's Building Cost Information Service<sup>41</sup> from the date of the permission and timing of the contribution/s to be made.
- ◀ Contributions should also be secured towards the first ten years of maintenance on new pitches. NGBs and Sport England can provide further and up to date information on the associated costs.
- ◀ External funding should be sought/secured to achieve maximum benefit from the investment into appropriate outdoor sport facility enhancement and its subsequent maintenance.
- ◀ Where new multiple pitches are provided, appropriate changing rooms and associated car parking should be located on site.
- ◀ All new or improved outdoor sport facilities on school sites should be subject to community use agreements.

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<sup>41</sup> <https://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/design-and-cost-guidance/cost-guidance/>

## AIM 3

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

### Recommendations:

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

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

The Steering Group should use the Action Plan within this Strategy for improvements to the Council's own outdoor sports facilities 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 on an area by area basis.

Although there are identified shortfalls of match equivalent sessions, most current and future demand is currently being met and most shortfalls can be addressed via quality improvements and/or improved access to sites that are presently 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 where there is a discrete need, where there is significant housing growth, or where sites fall out of use and require mitigation.

It is important that there is a joined-up approach between the relevant neighbouring authorities to ensure that 3G pitches are developed at the most appropriate sites, such as by selecting sites that can contribute towards accommodating demand from neighbouring authorities. This approach will also ensure there is no duplication of provision that will compete against each other to attract demand.

Where new schools are provided in major new residential developments, they should be designed to facilitate community access, with opportunities for meeting the community's outdoor sports needs explored at the planning stage to maximise potential demand and ensure the correct facility provision. For example, full size 3G pitches are often best suited to secondary school sites, whereas mini football pitches and MUGAs/small sided AGPs on primary school sites tend to be provided.

### **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 3) 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. For most sports the current and future demand for provision identified in Shropshire can be overcome through maximising use of existing stock through a combination of:

- ◀ 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.
- ◀ Securing long term community use at school sites including those currently unavailable.
- ◀ Working with commercial and private providers to secure tenure and increase usage.

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

Furthermore, retaining some spare capacity allows some pitches to be rested to protect overall pitch quality in the long-term. Therefore, whilst in some instances it may be appropriate to re-designate a senior pitch where there is low demand identified a holistic approach should be taken to re-designation for the reasons cited. The site-by-site action planning will seek to provide further clarification on where re-designation is suitable.

*Table 5.4: Likely future sport-by-sport demand trends*

| Sport      | Future sports development trend   | Strategy impact   |
|------------|---|---|
| Football   | Demand for adult football is likely to be sustained with the FA focusing on retention. There is also likely to be some continued movement towards small sided football for adults.  | Additional need for 3G pitches.<br>Sustain current pitch stock but give consideration to pitch reconfiguration to accommodate youth 11v11 football.<br>Qualitative improvements.  |
|            | Demand for mini and youth football is likely to increase and the FA has a key objective to deliver 50% of mini and youth football on 3G pitches.  | Sustain current stock and consideration given to reconfigure pitches if required.<br>Qualitative improvements.<br>Where possible utilise new or existing 3G pitches to further accommodate this demand and ensure FA testing.   |
|            | The FA's strategy for Women's and Girls' football: 2017 – 2020 was released in March 2017. One of the major goals of the new strategy will be to double participation.  | Demand for grass pitches and 3G pitches is likely to increase.  |
| 3G pitches | Demand for 3G pitches for football is high and will continue to increase. It is likely that future demand for the use of 3G pitches will increase for both training and match play purposes.  | Requirement for new 3G pitches to be provided and a need for community use agreements to be in place for any new pitches as well as sinking funds.<br>Requirement for 3G pitches to be FA/FIFA tested to host competitive matches.<br>Utilise Sport England/NGB guidance on choosing the correct surface. |
| Cricket    | Except for grounds identified as poor quality, ECB predicts further growth in cricket demand for pitch use over the next few years.   | Pitches that are already identified in the PPOSS as being at capacity will not be able to accommodate additional playing demand generated and it is predicted there will be demand for access to additional cricket playing facilities.   |
|            | All Stars Cricket, the ECB national programme for 5-8 year olds, is engaging large numbers of children and has already been delivered over the past 3-4 years, with increasing numbers of participants year on year, alongside Chance to Shine cricket delivery in primary schools. | Greater usage of outfielders to accommodate demand from All Stars and Dynamos Cricket.<br>Shorter formats of cricket, and additional formats including softball cricket, are also driving up demand for pitches.<br>An increase stock of NTPs likely to be required to accommodate demand.                |

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| Sport       | Future sports development trend  | Strategy impact  |
|-------------|--|--|
|             | Dynamos Cricket is the latest launch by the ECB, building on the existing All Stars the programme is for 8-11-year-olds. Participants will continue to develop their skills and be introduced to a countdown style of cricket match. |  |
|             | Women's and girls' cricket is a national ECB priority and there is a target to establish more female teams in every local authority.   | Increased requirement for peak time access to pitches and outfielders to utilise playing strips.<br>Need to ensure access to good quality facilities including, segregated changing and toilet provision.  |
| Rugby union | Locally, the RFU want to ensure access to pitches satisfies existing demand and predicted growth. It is also an aim to protect and improve pitch quality, as well as ancillary facilities.   | Clubs are likely to field more teams in the future. It is important, therefore, to work with the clubs to maintain the current pitch stock and support facility development. Capital improvements are required to the existing natural turf pitches as is improvements to the quality of changing rooms, where appropriate. All clubs should have access to high quality floodlit pitches to support training and match play demand. |
| Hockey      | Current playing level is likely to increase.   | Ensure continued use of sand-based AGPs to accommodate current demand and ensure sinking funds are in place for long-term sustainability.<br>Ensure that no 3G pitch conversions take place that are detrimental to hockey.  |
|             | High profile events (Hockey World Cup 2018 Legacy)   | These high profile events aim to raise the profile of the game within England and there will be community events in the build-up within clubs and a promotional programme through clubs and local schools. This will inevitably raise the profile of the game with the aim to increase participation.  |
|             | New 2019 launched England Hockey initiative, Hockey Heroes (aimed at growing participation for under 10s).   | Ensure off peak availability to accommodate additional future demand.  |
| Bowls       | No expected net increase in memberships.   | Likely that any future increase could be accommodated on existing greens but quality may need to be improved.  |
| Tennis      | The LTA has a key priority for the strategic development and growth of tennis at both a club and wider community level such as local parks.  | Increases in participation can be accommodated through providing additional courts that are floodlit.<br>An increase in casual play can be encouraged through adopting LTA initiatives such as digital access systems.   |
| Netball     | Membership of clubs is expected to increase.   | Likely that any future increase could be accommodated on existing courts, however, providing more courts that are floodlit may be beneficial.  |

## PART 6: ACTION PLAN

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

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

The identification of sites is based on their strategic importance within the Authority i.e. they accommodate the majority of demand, or the recommended action has the greatest anticipated impact on addressing shortfalls (identified either on a sport-by-sport basis or across the Council area as a whole).

*Table 6.1: Proposed tiered site criteria*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **Management and development**

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

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

## **Partners**

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

## **Priority**

Although hub sites are mostly likely to have a **high** priority level as they have wide importance, high priority sites 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 Main sites and local sites are 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 Main sites are a **medium** priority, have analysis area importance and have been identified on the basis of the impact that the site will have on addressing the issues identified in the assessment.

The **low** priority sites tend to be 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 in the assessment for specific users.

## **Costs**

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

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

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

## **Timescales**

The Action Plan has been created to be delivered over a ten-year period. The information within the Assessment Report, Strategy and Action Plan will require updating as developments occur.

The indicative timescales relate to delivery times and are not priority based:

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

## **Aim**

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

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## CENTRAL ANALYSIS AREA

| Sport                    | Analysis area | Current demand (2020) |  | Future demand (2038)   |
|--------------------------|---------------|-----------------------|--|--|
|                          |               | Pitch type            | Current capacity total in MES <sup>[1]</sup>   | Future capacity total in MES   |
| Football (grass pitches) | Central       | Adult                 | Spare capacity of 5.5  | Spare capacity of 2.5  |
|                          |               | Youth 11v11           | Spare capacity of 1.5  | Shortfall of 1.5   |
|                          |               | Youth 9v9             | At capacity  | Shortfall of 2   |
|                          |               | Mini 7v7              | Spare capacity of 1  | Spare capacity of 1  |
|                          |               | Mini 5v5              | Spare capacity of 3  | Spare capacity of 3  |
|                          | Shropshire    | Adult                 | Spare capacity of 5  | Spare capacity of 0.5  |
|                          |               | Youth 11v11           | Shortfall of 0.5   | Shortfall of 5   |
|                          |               | Youth 9v9             | Spare capacity of 1.5  | Shortfall of 4.5   |
|                          |               | Mini 7v7              | Spare capacity of 0.5  | Spare capacity of 0.5  |
|                          |               | Mini 5v5              | Spare capacity of 1.5  | Shortfall of 6   |
| Football (3G pitches)    | Central       | Full size, floodlit   | Shortfall of 3 full sized 3G pitch for team training                                   | Shortfall of 3.5 full sized 3G pitch for team training                                 |
| Cricket                  | Central       | Saturday              | Shortfall of 27  | Shortfall of 60  |
|                          |               | Sunday                | Spare capacity of 28   | Shortfall of 5   |
|                          |               | Midweek               | Spare capacity of 46   | Spare capacity of 14   |
|                          | Shropshire    | Saturday              | Shortfall of 29  | Shortfall of 139   |
|                          |               | Sunday                | Spare capacity of 92   | Shortfall of 18  |
|                          |               | Midweek               | Spare capacity of 147  | Spare capacity of 47   |
| Rugby union              | Central       | Senior                | Shortfall of 5.25  | Shortfall of 5.75  |
|                          | Shropshire    | Senior                | Shortfall of 13.5  | Shortfall of 21.75   |
| Hockey (sand AGPs)       | Shropshire    | Full size, floodlit   | There is a need to improve pitch quality and create a pitch to return exported demand. | There is a need to improve pitch quality and create a pitch to return exported demand. |
| Tennis                   | Shropshire    | Courts                | Adequate provision   | Adequate provision   |
| Bowls                    | Shropshire    | Greens                | Adequate provision   | Adequate provision   |
| Netball                  | Shropshire    | Courts                | Adequate provision   | Adequate provision   |
| Other sports             | Shropshire    | Pitches               | Adequate provision   | Adequate provision   |

### Key recommendations for Pontesbury & Minsterley

- ◀ To meet the future shortfalls, improve poor quality football pitches through enhanced levels of maintenance.
- ◀ Assist clubs in ancillary provision improvements where require
- ◀ Examine securing tenure for clubs where not already apparent
- ◀ Explore the feasibility in providing a second square at Pontesbury Playing Fields for the use of Pontesbury CC and the development of its Women and Junior section.

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

## ***Key recommendations for Shrewsbury***

- ◀ To meet the future shortfalls, improve poor quality football pitches through enhanced levels of maintenance in addition to securing access to education sites or pitch reconfiguration.
- ◀ Refurbish the hockey suitable AGP at Roman Road Sports Centre and retain as a hockey suitable surface.
- ◀ In addition, explore the feasibility of developing three full size floodlit 3G FA approved pitch to accommodate both competitive and training demand.
- ◀ Ensure future demand for cricket can be met whether this is through creation of an NTP, additional wickets on site, access to secondary site with capacity or creation of new provision.
- ◀ Explore the feasibility in providing an additional either onsite or in the locality of Shrewsbury Cricket Club for the use of Shrewsbury CC.
- ◀ Ensure sites which are located in Flood Zones have access to flood relief funds when required in addition to preparing on site provision for the possibility of flooding.
- ◀ Assist in alleviating overplay at Shrewsbury Rugby Club where possible.
- ◀ Assist clubs in securing long term tenure where required particularly for cricket clubs to access relevant funding
- ◀ Assist in club's ambitions to improve ancillary provision where deemed necessary.

**PLACE PLAN – PONTESBURY & MINSTERLEY**

| Site ID | Site                                 | Post code | Sport         | Management    | Current status   | Recommended actions  | Partners   | Site hierarchy tier | Priority | Timescales <sup>42</sup> | Cost <sup>43</sup> | Aim                           |
|---------|--------------------------------------|-----------|---------------|---------------|--|--|--|---------------------|----------|--------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|
| 152     | Lea Cross Pitches                    | SY5 8HR   | Football      | Commercial    | Two youth 11v11, one youth 9v9, one mini 7v7 and one mini 5v5 pitch all of which are poor quality. The youth 11v11 pitches are overplayed by one match equivalent sessions whereas the youth 9v9 pitch is overplayed by two match equivalent sessions. Both mini pitches are played to capacity at peak time. Site is not accompanied by ancillary facilities and does not have secure tenure. | Examine securing tenure on the site for community users.<br>Improve pitch quality through an enhanced maintenance regime.<br>If tenure can be secure explore options to create ancillary facilities on the site.   | Commercial<br>SFA<br>FF                                  | Local               | M        | M                        | L-M                | Protect<br>Enhance<br>Provide |
| 174     | Mary Webb School and Science College | SY5 0TG   | Football      | Education     | One poor quality adult pitch that is not available for community use. Pitch is played to capacity.   | Improve pitch quality through an enhanced maintenance regime.<br>Retain as current use.  | Education<br>SFA<br>FF<br>ECB<br>SCB<br>RFU<br>LTA<br>EN | Main site           | L        | S                        | L                  | Protect<br>Enhance            |
|         |                                      |           | Football (3G) |               | One good quality floodlit small size 3G pitch (36x18). Provision is available for community use.   | Ensure pitch quality through regular maintenance and retain as current use.<br>Ensure a sinking fund is in place.  |  |                     |          |                          |                    |                               |
|         |                                      |           | Cricket       |               | One standard quality NTP used for curricular and extracurricular demand.   | Sustain quality and retain as current use.   |  |                     |          |                          |                    |                               |
|         |                                      |           | Rugby union   |               | One poor quality (M0/D1) senior rugby union pitch that is not available for community use.   | Improve pitch quality through enhanced maintenance to better accommodate curricular and extracurricular demand.<br>Explore options for community use of the pitch.   |  |                     |          |                          |                    |                               |
|         |                                      |           | Tennis        |               | Two poor quality macadam tennis courts that are neither available for community use nor floodlit.  | If warranted, improve court quality for curricular and extracurricular demand.   |  |                     |          |                          |                    |                               |
|         |                                      |           | Netball       |               | Two poor quality macadam netball courts that are neither available for community use nor floodlit.   | If warranted, improve court quality for curricular and extracurricular demand  |  |                     |          |                          |                    |                               |
| 182     | Minsterley Playing Fields            | SY5 0BY   | Football      | Minsterley PC | One adult pitch that has spare capacity discounted due to poor quality. Site has no ancillary facilities.  | Improve pitch quality through an enhance maintenance regime.   | PC<br>SFA<br>FF  | Local               | L        | S                        | L                  | Enhance                       |
| 218     | Pontesbury Playing Fields            | SY5 0QD   | Football      | Pontesbury PC | One adult, one mini 7v7 and one mini 5v5 pitch. The adult pitch is poor quality whereas the mini pitches are standard quality. Spare capacity on the adult pitch is discounted due to unsecure tenure with 0.5 match equivalent sessions of spare capacity on the mini 7v7 pitch and one match equivalent session of spare capacity on the mini 5v5 pitch.                                     | Improve poor quality adult pitch through an enhance maintenance regime. When pitch has been improved examine reconfiguration to alleviate shortfalls on youth pitch types.<br>Utilise spare capacity on the mini pitches for future demand or to alleviate overplay in the area.<br>Explore the creation of a junior square on the site and understand its potential impact on football. | PC<br>SFA<br>FF<br>ECB<br>SCB<br>BCGBA                   | Main site           | M        | S                        | L-M                | Protect<br>Enhance            |

<sup>42</sup> (S) -Short (1-2 years); (M) - Medium (3-5 years); (L) - Long (6+ years)

<sup>43</sup> (L) -Low - less than £50k; (M) -Medium - £50k-£250k; (H) -High £250k and above

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| Site ID | Site                                   | Post code | Sport    | Management | Current status   | Recommended actions   | Partners             | Site hierarchy tier | Priority | Timescales <sup>42</sup> | Cost <sup>43</sup> | Aim     |
|---------|--|-----------|----------|------------|--|---|----------------------|---------------------|----------|--------------------------|--------------------|---------|
|         |  |           | Cricket  |            | One good quality grass square that has 13 wickets. Site has minimal current capacity and cannot accommodate future demand, | Sustain square quality through regular maintenance.<br>Explore the creation of a junior square on the site and understand its potential impact on football. |                      |                     |          |                          |                    |         |
|         |  |           | Bowls    |            | One good quality bowling green used by Pontesbury BC. Tenure for the Club is unknown.                                      | Sustain quality and maximise membership in order to create sustainability.<br>Ensure the Club has secure tenure.  |                      |                     |          |                          |                    |         |
| 292     | The Nags Head                          | SY5 0QD   | Bowls    | Commercial | One standard quality bowling green.  | Explore opportunities to make improvements in order to sustain membership levels.   | Commercial<br>BCGBA  | Local               | L        | L                        | L                  | Protect |
| 367     | The Coates (Snailbeach White Stars FC) | SY5 0NS   | Football | Private    | One adult pitch that has spare capacity discounted due poor quality. Site has no ancillary facilities.                     | Improve pitch quality through an enhanced maintenance regime.   | Private<br>SFA<br>FF | Local               | L        | L                        | L                  | Enhance |

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| Site ID | Site                          | Post code | Sport    | Management               | Current status   | Recommended actions   | Partners               | Site hierarchy tier | Priority | Timescales <sup>44</sup> | Cost <sup>45</sup> | Aim     |
|---------|-------------------------------|-----------|----------|--------------------------|--|---|------------------------|---------------------|----------|--------------------------|--------------------|---------|
| 3       | Adcote School for Girls       | SY4 2JY   | Tennis   | Education                | Three good quality macadam tennis courts which are neither available for community use not floodlit.                             | Sustain quality through regular maintenance and retain as current use.  | Education<br>LTA<br>EH | Local               | L        | L                        | L                  | Protect |
|         |                               |           | Netball  |                          | Three good quality macadam netball courts which are neither available for community use not floodlit.                            | Sustain quality through regular maintenance and retain as current use.  |                        |                     |          |                          |                    |         |
| 15      | Bagley Sports and Social Club | SY1 2RP   | Bowls    | Sports club              | Two standard quality bowling greens that are used by Bagley BC. Tenure for the Club is unknown. Site is located on a Flood zone. | Explore opportunities to make improvements in order to sustain membership levels.<br>Ensure the Club has secure tenure.<br>Ensure the Club has access to relevant flood relief funds when required.<br>Ensure the Club is prepared for the potential effects of flooding. | Sports club<br>BCGBA   | Local               | L        | L                        | L                  | Protect |
| 18      | Baschurch Bowling Club        | SY4 2BG   | Bowls    | Sports club              | One good quality bowling green which is lease to Baschurch BC until 2023. Club has c50 members.                                  | Sustain quality and maximise membership in order to create sustainability.<br>Ensure lease is renegotiated to provide security of tenure when required.   | Sports club<br>BCGBA   | Local               | L        | M                        | L                  | Protect |
| 19      | Baschurch Playground          | SY4 2DW   | Football | Baschurch Parish Council | One mini 7v7 pitch that has spare capacity discounted due to poor quality. Site has no ancillary facilities.                     | Based on levels of demand improve pitch quality through enhance maintenance. If pitch quality improved examine pitch reconfiguration to alleviate identified mini 5v5 shortfalls.   | PC<br>SFA<br>FF        | Local               | L        | S                        | L                  | Enhance |
| 20      | Baschurch Tennis Club         | SY4 2EG   | Tennis   | Sports club              | Two good quality macadam tennis courts that are floodlit and available   | Sustain quality and retain as current use.  | Sports club<br>LTA     | Local               | L        | L                        | L                  | Protect |

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<sup>45</sup> (L) -Low - less than £50k; (M) -Medium - £50k-£250k; (H) -High £250k and above

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| Site ID | Site                           | Post code | Sport       | Management                          | Current status  | Recommended actions   | Partners   | Site hierarchy tier | Priority | Timescales <sup>44</sup> | Cost <sup>45</sup> | Aim                |
|---------|--------------------------------|-----------|-------------|-------------------------------------|---|---|--|---------------------|----------|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
|         |                                |           |             |                                     | for community use. Baschurch TC is involved in the British Tennis Weekend. Club has c293 members.   | Seek to retain current membership levels.<br>Assist the Club in participation in LTA initiatives.   |  |                     |          |                          |                    |                    |
| 21      | Baschurch Village Hall Pitches | SY4 2JN   | Football    | Baschurch Parish Council            | One adult, one youth 9v9 and one mini 7v7 pitch all of which are poor quality. The youth 9v9 pitch has spare capacity discounted due to quality whereas the other pitches are played to capacity. Baschurch FC, in conjunction with Baschurch Village Hall, is preparing a joint bid for DEFRA (Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs) funding in order to create a clubhouse facility at Baschurch Village Hall Pitches. | Improve pitch quality through an enhanced maintenance regime.<br>Assist the Club and Baschurch Village Hall in its bid for funding to create ancillary facilities.                | PC<br>Sports club<br>SFA<br>FF                           | Local               | M        | S-M                      | L-M                | Enhance<br>Provide |
| 27      | Belvidere School               | SY2 5LA   | Football    | Education                           | Two adult and one youth 9v9 pitch all of which are poor quality and not available for community use. Pitches are played to capacity through curricular and extracurricular use.   | Improve pitch quality when required to better accommodate levels of curricular and extracurricular demand.  | Education<br>SFA<br>FF<br>ECB<br>SCB<br>RFU<br>LTA<br>EN | Local               | L        | L                        | L                  | Protect<br>Enhance |
|         |                                |           | Cricket     |                                     | One standard quality NTP that is not available for community use.   | Sustain quality and retain as current use.  |  |                     |          |                          |                    |                    |
|         |                                |           | Rugby union |                                     | One poor quality (M0/D1) senior pitch that is not available for community use.  | Improve pitch quality when required to better accommodate levels of curricular and extracurricular demand.<br>Explore options for community use of the pitch.                     |  |                     |          |                          |                    |                    |
|         |                                |           | Tennis      |                                     | Four poor quality macadam tennis courts that are not available for community use nor floodlit.  | Improve court quality when required to better accommodate levels of curricular and extracurricular demand.  |  |                     |          |                          |                    |                    |
|         |                                |           | Netball     |                                     | Four poor quality macadam netball courts that are not available for community use nor floodlit.   | Improve pitch quality when required to better accommodate levels of curricular and extracurricular demand.  |  |                     |          |                          |                    |                    |
| 29      | Bicton Village Hall            | SY3 8ER   | Football    | Bicton Parish Council / Sports club | One mini 7v7 pitch that has spare capacity discounted due to poor quality.  | Based on levels of demand improve pitch quality through enhance maintenance. If pitch quality improved examine pitch reconfiguration to alleviate identified mini 5v5 shortfalls. | PC<br>Sports club<br>SFA<br>FF<br>BCGBA                  | Local               | L        | L                        | L                  | Protect<br>Enhance |
|         |                                |           | Bowls       |                                     | One standard quality bowling green that is owned by Bicton BC. The Club has aspirations to make ongoing improvements to surroundings. Club has c63 members.   | Explore opportunities to make improvements in order to sustain membership levels.<br>Assist the Club in improving ancillary provision.  |  |                     |          |                          |                    |                    |
| 35      | Boiler House Pitch             | SY3 5PS   | Football    | Shrewsbury Town Council             | One poor quality adult pitch that is overplayed by 0.5 match equivalent sessions. Site has no ancillary facilities.   | Improve pitch quality through an enhance maintenance regime   | TC<br>SFA<br>FF  | Local               | M        | S                        | L                  | Enhance            |
| 37      | Bomere Heath Cricket Club      | SY4 3AW   | Cricket     | Sports club                         | One good quality square with 12 grass wickets. Square has capacity for additional demand on Sundays and Midweek. Bomere Heath CC has  | Sustain square quality through regular maintenance.   | Sports club<br>SCB<br>ECB                                | Local               | L        | L                        | L                  | Protect<br>Enhance |

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|---------|-------------------------------|-----------|----------|--|--|---|---|---------------------|----------|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
|         |                               |           |          |  | a long term lease on the site and has aspirations to create a NTP. Club has recently (2020) purchased an adjacent piece of land with a view to create a additional provision such as a small square/practice area for juniors and a potential NTP.   | Explore the feasibility of creating additional provision on newly purchased land including a potential NTP.   |   |                     |          |                          |                    |                    |
| 38      | Bomere Heath Tennis Club      | SY4 3NW   | Tennis   | Bomere Heath & District Parish Council | Two standard quality macadam tennis courts that are floodlit and available for community use.  | Sustain court quality through regular maintenance.<br>Examine potential ways to increase court usage.   | PC<br>LTA                                   | Local               | L        | L                        | L                  | Protect            |
| 58      | Castle Country Club           | SY5 9EP   | Tennis   | Commercial                             | Two macadam tennis courts that are not floodlit nor available for wider community use.   | Retain as current use.  | Commercial<br>LTA                           | Local               | L        | L                        | L                  | Protect            |
| 60      | Saints Recreation Ground      | SY1 2JU   | Bowls    | Shrewsbury Town Council                | Two standard quality bowling greens that are used by Castlefields BC.  | Explore opportunities to make improvements in order to sustain membership levels.   | TC<br>LTA<br>BCGBA                          | Local               | L        | L                        | L                  | Protect            |
|         |                               |           | Tennis   |  | Two grass tennis courts that are available for community use but are not floodlit.   | Sustain quality through regular maintenance and retain as current use   |   |                     |          |                          |                    |                    |
| 69      | Church Road Recreation Ground | SY3 9HG   | Football | Shrewsbury Town Council                | One standard quality adult pitch that has actual spare capacity of 0.5 match equivalent sessions. Site is accompanied by poor quality ancillary facilities.  | Sustain pitch quality through regular maintenance.<br>Utilise spare capacity for future demand or to alleviate identified overplay.<br>Examine the feasibility of improving ancillary facility quality.   | TC<br>SFA<br>FF                             | Local               | M        | M                        | L                  | Protect<br>Enhance |
| 89      | Condover Sports Ground        | SY5 7BQ   | Football | Condover Parish Council                | Two standard quality youth 11v11 pitches that have actual spare capacity of two match equivalent sessions.<br>Condover Parish Council reports sports is integral to its emerging Neighbourhood Plan and includes the enhancement of ancillary provision at Condover Sports Ground.                                 | Sustain pitch quality through regular maintenance.<br>Utilise spare capacity for future demand or to alleviate identified overplay.<br>Assist the Parish Council in enhancing ancillary facilities.<br>Examine the layout of the site to consider increasing capacity requirements for cricket. | PC<br>SFA<br>FF<br>ECB<br>SCB               | Main site           | M        | S                        | L                  | Protect<br>Enhance |
|         |                               |           | Cricket  |  | One standard quality square with 12 grass wickets and an NTP. Square has capacity to accommodate additional demand on Sundays and Midweek.<br>Condover Parish Council reports sports is integral to its emerging Neighbourhood Plan and includes the enhancement of ancillary provision at Condover Sports Ground. | Improve square quality through enhanced maintenance regime.<br>Assist the Parish Council in enhancing ancillary facilities.<br>Examine the layout of the site to consider increasing capacity requirements for cricket.   |   |                     |          |                          |                    |                    |
| 91      | Corbet School                 | SY4 2AX   | Football | Education                              | One standard quality adult pitch that has spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure.  | Sustain pitch quality through regular maintenance.<br>If tenure can be secured through a CUA look to reconfigure pitch type in order to utilise spare capacity for future demand or alleviating shortfalls.   | Education<br>SFA<br>FF<br>ECB<br>SCB<br>LTA | Main site           | L        | L                        | L                  | Protect            |

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|---------|-----------------------------|-----------|--------------|---------------------------------------|---|--|---|---------------------|----------|--------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|
|         |                             |           | Cricket      |                                       | One standard quality NTP.   | Sustain quality and retain as current use.   | EN  |                     |          |                          |                    |                               |
|         |                             |           | Rugby union  |                                       | One senior and one junior pitch both of which are poor quality (M0/D1) and not available for community use.   | Improve pitch quality when required to better accommodate levels of curricular and extracurricular demand. Explore options for community use of the pitch.   |   |                     |          |                          |                    |                               |
|         |                             |           | Tennis       |                                       | Four standard quality macadam courts that are available for community use but not floodlit.   | Sustain quality and retain as current use.   |   |                     |          |                          |                    |                               |
|         |                             |           | Netball      |                                       | Three standard quality macadam courts that are available for community use but not floodlit.  | Sustain quality and retain as current use.   |   |                     |          |                          |                    |                               |
| 94      | Cound Cricket Club          | SY5 6EW   | Cricket      | Sports club                           | A good quality square with ten grass wickets. Square has spare capacity Midweek. Site is owned by Cound CC.   | Sustain square quality through regular maintenance.  | Sports club<br>ECB<br>SCB                     | Local               | L        | L                        | L                  | Protect                       |
| 95      | Cound Tennis Club           | SY5 6AR   | Tennis       | Private                               | Two shale and two macadam courts which are all standard quality. Cound TC rents the site from a private landowner.<br>Cound TC reports that it may struggle in the future to sustain the quality of its shale courts as they require enhanced levels of maintenance in comparison to macadam surfaces. Onsite ancillary provision needs modernising. Club has c239 members. | Examine the feasibility of securing tenure for Cound TC.<br>Seek to retain current membership levels.<br>Assist the Club sustaining the quality of its shale courts.<br>Assist the Club in modernising onsite ancillary provision. | Private<br>LTA<br>Sports club                 | Local               | M        | S-M                      | L-M                | Protect<br>Enhance            |
| 107     | Dorrington Village Hall     | SY5 7LD   | Football     | Condover Parish Council / Sports club | One standard quality adult pitch that has spare capacity of 0.5 match equivalent sessions.  | Sustain pitch quality through regular maintenance.<br>Utilise spare capacity for future demand or to alleviate identified overplay.  | PC<br>Sports club<br>SFA<br>FF<br>EH<br>BCGBA | Local               | M        | S                        | L                  | Protect<br>Enhance            |
|         |                             |           | Hockey (AGP) |                                       | A standard quality small size hockey suitable AGP (30x20) that is available for community use but is not floodlit.  | Sustain quality and retain as current use.<br>Ensure a sinking fund is in place.   |   |                     |          |                          |                    |                               |
|         |                             |           | Bowls        |                                       | One good quality bowling green leased to Dorrington BC. The Club is currently installing an irrigation system. Club has c30 members,  | Sustain quality and maximise membership in order to create sustainability.<br>Assist the Club in improving ancillary provision.  |   |                     |          |                          |                    |                               |
| 108     | Douglas Swire Memorial Hall | SY5 8EX   | Football     | Community organisation                | One adult pitch that has spare capacity discounted due to poor quality. Site has no ancillary facilities.   | Improve pitch quality through an enhanced maintenance regime. After pitch has improved in quality reconfigure it to youth provision to allow for future demand or to alleviate shortfalls  | Community organisation<br>SFA<br>FF<br>LTA    | Local               | M        | S-M                      | L-M                | Protect<br>Enhance<br>Provide |
|         |                             |           | Tennis       |                                       | Two good quality macadam courts that are available for community use  | Sustain court quality through regular maintenance.   |   |                     |          |                          |                    |                               |

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|---------|-----------------------------|-----------|----------------|-------------------------|--|---|---|---------------------|----------|--------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
|         |                             |           |                |                         | and are floodlit. Courts are leased to Longden TC.<br>Longden TC has long term plans to develop its clubhouse however it does not indicate a specific timeframe or funding plan on how it will accomplish these improvements.<br>Club has c164 members.                                      | Seek to retain current membership levels.<br>Assist the Club, where possible, in its plans to develop onsite ancillary facilities.  |   |                     |          |                          |                    |                 |
| 114     | Ford Bowling Club           | SY5 9LH   | Bowls (lapsed) | Private                 | Ford BC decided fold in 2015 after a disagreement with their landlord (Cross Gates Pub) who wanted to build houses on the bowling green. The site has recently been sold into private ownership. The green was previously an asset of community value (ACV), however, this expired 28/05/19. | Explore opportunities for alternative uses as there is no identified demand to retain the site as a bowling green.  | Private BCGBA                                     | Local               | H        | S                        | L                  | Provide         |
| 115     | Frankwell Recreation Ground | SY3 8RF   | Football       | Shrewsbury Town Council | On standard quality youth 9v9 pitch that is played to capacity at peak time. Site is located on a Flood zone. Shrewsbury TC has plans to modernise ancillary facilities.   | Sustain pitch quality through regular maintenance.<br>Assist the TC in modernising ancillary facilities.<br>Ensure the TC has access to relevant flood relief funds when required.<br>Ensure TC is prepared for the potential effects of flooding.  | TC<br>SFA<br>FF<br>ECB<br>SCB                     | Main site           | M        | S-L                      | M                  | Protect Enhance |
|         |                             |           | Cricket        |                         | Two good quality cricket squares; one with ten grass wickets and one with 12 grass wickets. Squares have capacity to accommodate more demand on Sundays and Midweek. Site is located on a Flood zone. Shrewsbury TC has plans to modernise ancillary facilities.                             | Sustain square quality through regular maintenance.<br>Assist the TC in modernising ancillary facilities.<br>Ensure the TC has access to relevant flood relief funds when required.<br>Ensure TC is prepared for the potential effects of flooding. |   |                     |          |                          |                    |                 |
| 120     | The Grange Sports Centre    | SY1 3LP   | Football       | Education               | One adult and one youth 11v11 pitch both of which are standard quality. Spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure.  | Sustain pitch quality through regular maintenance.<br>If tenure can be secured through a CUA look to reconfigure pitch type in order to utilise spare capacity for future demand or alleviating shortfalls.   | Education<br>SFA<br>FF<br>ECB<br>SCB<br>LTA<br>EN | Main site           | L        | S                        | L                  | Protect         |
|         |                             |           | Football (3G)  |                         | One standard quality small size 3G pitch (40x22) which is available for community use and is floodlit.   | Sustain quality and retain as current use.  |   |                     |          |                          |                    |                 |
|         |                             |           | Cricket        |                         | One standard quality standalone NTP. The NTP has ball strike issues.   | Examine potential options to retain the NTP and resolve ball strike issues.   |   |                     |          |                          |                    |                 |
|         |                             |           | Tennis         |                         | Four standard macadam tennis courts that are not floodlit but are available for community use.   | Sustain quality and retain as current use   |   |                     |          |                          |                    |                 |
|         |                             |           | Netball        |                         | Three standard macadam netball courts that are not floodlit but are available for community use. Site is used by the Shrewsbury Summer Netball League.   | Sustain quality and retain as current use. Examine the feasibility of installing floodlights to increase community use.   |   |                     |          |                          |                    |                 |

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|---------|---------------------------------|-----------|---------------|-------------------------|--|--|--|---------------------|----------|--------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|
| 121     | Greenfields Bowling Club        | SY1 2QN   | Bowls         | Sports club             | Two standard quality bowling greens used by Greenfields BC. Site is located on a Flood zone.   | Explore opportunities to make improvements in order to sustain membership levels.<br>Ensure the Club has access to relevant flood relief funds when required.<br>Ensure the Club is prepared for the potential effects of flooding.  | Sports club<br>BCGBA                                   | Local               | L        | L                        | L                  | Protect                       |
| 126     | Hanwood Recreation Ground       | SY5 8LQ   | Football      | Community organisation  | One standard quality adult pitch that has actual spare capacity of 0.5 match equivalent sessions.  | Sustain quality through regular maintenance.<br>Utilise spare capacity for future demand or to alleviate identified overplay.  | Community organisation<br>SFA<br>FF                    | Local               | L        | L                        | L                  | Protect                       |
| 149     | Kynaston Road Recreation Ground | SY1 3JR   | Football      | Shrewsbury Town Council | Site is currently unused but can be reinstated if required.  | Reinstate the site in order to alleviate identified shortfalls on youth football pitches.  | TC<br>SFA<br>FF  | Local               | M        | S                        | L                  | Provide                       |
| 158     | London Road Sports Centre       | SY2 6PR   | Football      | Education / Commercial  | Six adult, two youth 11v11, three youth 9v9 and two mini 5v5 pitches, all of which are good quality apart from one adult pitch which is poor. The youth 9v9 pitches have spare capacity of 1.5 match equivalent sessions whereas the youth 11v11 pitches are overplayed by 0.5 match equivalent sessions. The mini 5v5 and good quality adult pitches are all played to capacity at peak time. The poor quality adult pitch has spare capacity discounted due to quality issues. Site is accompanied by poor quality ancillary facilities. | Sustain good quality through regular maintenance. Improve the poor quality pitch through an enhance maintenance regime or drainage improvements.<br>Examine pitch layout on a seasonal basis in order to maximise pitch utilisation.<br>Explore the feasibility of improving onsite ancillary provision.   | Education<br>Commercial<br>SFA<br>FF<br>Council<br>RFU | Main site           | H        | S - L                    | L - H              | Protect<br>Enhance<br>Provide |
|         |                                 |           | Football (3G) |                         | One good quality full size 3G pitch which is FA certified and floodlit. Site is accompanied by poor quality ancillary facilities.  | Sustain pitch quality through regular maintenance.<br>Ensure pitch is regularly tested and remains on the FA register.<br>Ensure there is a sinking fund in place.<br>Explore the feasibility of improving onsite ancillary provision.<br>Explore the feasibility of the site accommodating a second full size 3G pitch in order to alleviate identified shortfalls. |  |                     |          |                          |                    |                               |
|         |                                 |           | Rugby union   |                         | One senior pitch that has spare capacity discounted due to being poor quality (M0/D1).   | Improve pitch quality when required to better accommodate levels of curricular and extracurricular demand.<br>Explore options for community use of the pitch.  |  |                     |          |                          |                    |                               |
| 176     | Meole Brace Bowling Club        | SY3 9JF   | Bowls         | Sports club             | Two good bowling greens that are owned by Meole Brace BC. The Club has plans to improve the quality of   | Sustain green quality through regular maintenance.   | Sports club<br>BCGBA                                   | Local               | L        | S                        | L                  | Protect<br>Enhance            |

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|         |  |           |               |   | onsite toilets. Club has c153 members.   | Seek to retain current membership levels.<br>Assist the Club in improving ancillary provision.   |  |                     |          |                          |                    |                    |
| 177     | Meole Brace Church of England Primary School | SY3 9HG   | Football      | Education                               | One mini 7v7 and one mini 5v5 pitch both of which are poor quality. Mini 7v7 pitch is played to capacity whereas the mini 5v5 pitch has spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure and poor quality. | Improve pitch quality through an enhanced maintenance regime.<br>Look to secure usage for community clubs through a community use agreement.   | Education<br>Sports club<br>SFA<br>FF          | Local               | M        | S                        | L                  | Enhance<br>Provide |
| 178     | Mereside Church of England Primary School    | SY2 6LE   | Football      | Education                               | One mini 7v7 and one youth 9v9 pitch both of which are poor quality. Each pitch has spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure and poor quality.   | Improve pitch quality through an enhanced maintenance regime.<br>Look to secure usage for community clubs through a community use agreement.   | Education<br>Sports club<br>SFA<br>FF          | Local               | M        | S                        | L                  | Enhance<br>Provide |
| 185     | Monkmoor Outdoor Recreation Centre           | SY2 5BP   | Football      | Shrewsbury Town Council                 | Two standard quality youth 11v11 pitches that are played to capacity at peak time.   | Sustain quality through regular maintenance.   | TC<br>SFA<br>FF<br>BCGBA<br>LTA                | Main site           | L        | M-L                      | L                  | Protect<br>Enhance |
|         |  |           | Football (3G) |   | One standard quality small size 3G pitch (36x36) that is available for community use and is floodlit.  | Sustain quality and retain as current use.   |  |                     |          |                          |                    |                    |
|         |  |           | Bowls         |   | One good quality bowling green that is used by Abbey BC. The Club reports on site ancillary facilities to be poor quality. Club has c28 members.   | Sustain quality and maximise membership in order to create sustainability.<br>Assist the Club in improving ancillary provision.  |  |                     |          |                          |                    |                    |
|         |  |           | Tennis        |   | Two poor quality macadam that are not floodlit in addition to three good quality macadam courts that are floodlit. All provision is available for community use.   | Sustain good court quality and look to improve poor court quality based on levels of demand.   |  |                     |          |                          |                    |                    |
| 196     | Nesscliffe Playing Field                     | SY4 1BY   | Football      | Great Ness & Little Ness Parish Council | One poor quality adult pitch which is currently unused. Spare capacity discounted due to quality. Site has no ancillary facilities.  | Improve pitch quality through an enhanced maintenance regime.<br>If the pitch improves in quality, look to reconfigure to youth football provision to alleviate identified shortfalls. | PC<br>SFA<br>FF                                | Local               | M        | S                        | L                  | Enhance            |
| 205     | Old Malt House Memorial Hall                 | SY5 6QE   | Bowls         | Community organisation                  | One standard quality bowling green used by Atcham Malthouse BC. The Club has aspirations to improve the electric supply to the clubhouse. Club has c49 members.  | Explore opportunities to make improvements in order to sustain membership levels.<br>Assist the Club in improving ancillary provision.   | Community organisation<br>Sports club<br>BCGBA | Local               | L        | L                        | L                  | Enhance            |
| 214     | Oxon Recreation Ground                       | SY3 5BJ   | Football      | Shrewsbury Town Council                 | One youth 11v11 pitch that has spare capacity discounted due to poor quality. Site has no ancillary facilities.  | Improve pitch quality through an enhanced maintenance regime.  | TC<br>SFA<br>FF                                | Local               | M        | S                        | L                  | Enhance            |
| 222     | Prestfelde Preparatory School                | SY2 6NZ   | Football      | Education                               | One youth 11v11, one youth 9v9, two mini 7v7 and two mini 5v5 pitches all of which are good quality. Spare capacity on each pitch is discounted due to unsecure tenure.                                    | Sustain quality through regular maintenance.<br>Explore the feasibility of increasing community use through a community use agreement.   | Education<br>SFA<br>FF<br>ECB<br>SCB<br>RFU    | Main site           | M        | S                        | L                  | Protect<br>Provide |
|         |  |           | Cricket       |   | Two good quality squares each with three grass wickets. Spare capacity has been discounted due to unsecure   | Sustain quality through regular maintenance.   |  |                     |          |                          |                    |                    |

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|         |   |           |              |                         | tenure. Provision has been used by for County Age Group cricket and the School is receptive to working with SCB.  | Explore the feasibility of increasing community use through a community use agreement.  | LTA<br>EN  |                     |          |                          |                    |                    |
|         |   |           | Rugby union  |                         | Two junior and four mini pitches all of which are standard quality (M1/D1). Pitches are available however unused by the community.  | Sustain quality through regular maintenance.<br>Explore the feasibility of increasing community use through a community use agreement.  |  |                     |          |                          |                    |                    |
|         |   |           | Tennis       |                         | Three good quality macadam courts that are available for community use but are not floodlit.  | Sustain quality and retain as current use.  |  |                     |          |                          |                    |                    |
|         |   |           | Netball      |                         | Two good quality macadam courts that are available for community use but are not floodlit.  | Sustain quality and retain as current use.  |  |                     |          |                          |                    |                    |
| 226     | Raby Crescent Recreation Ground               | SY3 7JN   | Football     | Shrewsbury Town Council | One poor quality mini 7v7 pitch that is played to capacity at peak time. Site is not accompanied by ancillary provision.  | Improve pitch quality through an enhanced maintenance regime.   | TC<br>SFA<br>FF  | Local               | L        | S                        | L                  | Enhance            |
| 228     | Radbrook Recreation Ground                    | SY3 9BE   | Football     | Shrewsbury Town Council | Site is currently unused but can be reinstated if required.   | Reinstate the site in order to alleviate identified shortfalls on youth football pitches. Can accommodate one youth 11v11 and one youth 9v9 pitch.  | TC<br>SFA, FF  | Local               | M        | S                        | L                  | Provide            |
| 231     | Reman Services Sports & Social Club           | SY1 4JD   | Cricket      | Sports club             | One good quality square with 11 grass wickets and one NTP. Square has capacity on Sundays and Midweek to accommodate additional demand. Site is leased to Sentinel CC that has aspirations for a non turf practice nets. Anecdotal evidence suggests the provision may be lost in the future for housing. | Sustain quality and maximise use to accommodate future demand, particularly for women and juniors. If the provision is lost due to housing, ensure it is mitigated in consistency with Sports England guidance. | Sports club<br>Private<br>Council<br>ECB<br>SCB<br>BCGBA | Local               | M        | S                        | L-M                | Protect<br>Provide |
|         |   |           | Bowls        | Private                 | One standard quality bowling green that is rented by Albert Road BC. Site is potentially being lost to housing.   | If the provision is lost due to housing, ensure it is mitigated in consistency with Sports England guidance.  |  |                     |          |                          |                    |                    |
| 232     | Rocke Street Recreation Ground                | SY3 7PY   | Football     | Shrewsbury Town Council | One standard quality youth 9v9 pitch that is played to capacity at peak time. Site is not accompanied by ancillary provision.   | Improve pitch quality through an enhanced maintenance regime.   | TC<br>SFA<br>FF  | Local               | L        | L                        | L                  | Enhance            |
| 233     | Roman Road Sports Centre (Meole Brace School) | SY3 9DW   | Football     | Council                 | One adult, one youth 11v11 and one youth 9v9 all of which are standard quality. The adult pitch has spare capacity of one match equivalent sessions whereas the other pitches are played to capacity at peak time.  | Improve pitch quality through an enhanced maintenance regime. Utilised spare capacity to accommodate future demand or alleviate shortfalls.   | Council<br>SFA<br>FF<br>ECB<br>SCB<br>EH<br>LTA          | Hub site            | H        | S-L                      | H                  | Protect<br>Enhance |
|         |   |           | Cricket      |                         | One standard quality standalone NTP   | Sustain quality and retain as current use.  |  |                     |          |                          |                    |                    |
|         |   |           | Rugby union  |                         | One poor quality (M0/D1) senior pitch that is available for community use but unused.   | Improve quality as required to meet curricular an extracurricular demand. Explore options for community use of the pitch.   |  |                     |          |                          |                    |                    |
|         |   |           | Hockey (AGP) |                         | A full size poor quality hockey suitable AGP that is used by Shrewsbury HC and Shropshire Hockey. Pitch was built in 1995.  | As priority ensure the pitch is refurbished as a hockey suitable surface.   |  |                     |          |                          |                    |                    |

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|         |                                     |           | Tennis            |                         | Four poor quality macadam courts that are available for community use but are not floodlit.   | Look to refurbish the courts based on levels of demand.  |   |                     |          |                          |                    |                    |
| 246     | Shorncliffe Drive Recreation Ground | SY3 8TF   | Football          | Shrewsbury Town Council | One standard quality youth 11v11 pitch that is played to capacity at peak time. Site is not accompanied by ancillary facilities.  | Sustain pitch quality through regular maintenance.   | TC<br>SFA<br>FF                             | Local               | L        | S                        | L                  | Protect            |
| 247     | Shrewsbury Academy                  | SY1 4LL   | Tennis<br>Netball | Education               | Two standard quality macadam court overmarked with netball and tennis   | Sustain quality and retain as current use.   | Education<br>LTA, EN                        | Local               | L        | L                        | L                  | Protect            |
| 248     | Shrewsbury Community Football Hub   | SY2 6ST   | Football          | STinC                   | One good quality adult pitch which is used to capacity. Shrewsbury Town in the Community (STinC) has submitted plans to convert the grass adult pitch to a 3G pitch. This proposed full size 3G pitch, as well as the small size 3G pitches at Shrewsbury in the Community Football Hub, will be used primarily by STinC to meet its demand in addition to three partner clubs. The Football Foundation reports a funding application is to be submitted in due course. | Assist in the creation of a full size floodlit 3G pitch to be managed by STinC in order to alleviate identified shortfalls.<br>Ensure the pitch is FA certified and has a sinking fund in place.<br>Ensure the pitch is available for wider community use with a potential anchor club to be found.<br>Sustain quality of the smaller size 3G pitches and retain as current use. | STinC<br>Council<br>SFA<br>FF               | Main site           | H        | S-M                      | H                  | Protect<br>Provide |
|         |                                     |           | Football (3G)     |                         | Seven standard quality small size 3G pitches which are floodlit and available for community use.  |  |   |                     |          |                          |                    |                    |
| 249     | Shrewsbury Cricket Club             | SY2 6PT   | Cricket           | Sports club             | One good quality square with 12 grass wickets. Square has capacity to accommodate minimal levels of demand on Sundays and Midweek.  | Sustain quality and maximise use to accommodate future demand, particularly for women's and juniors. Explore the feasibility of creating a second square onsite or in the locality for Shrewsbury CC to access.  | Sports club<br>ECB<br>SCB                   | Local               | M        | L                        | M                  | Protect<br>Provide |
| 250     | Shrewsbury High Prep School         | SY3 9AH   | Football          | Education               | One youth 11v11 and one youth 9v9 pitch both of which are standard quality. Pitches are not available for community use.  | Sustain quality through appropriate maintenance and retain as current use.<br>Explore options for community use of the pitches to accommodate shortfalls at clubs sites.   | Education<br>SFA<br>FF<br>ECB<br>SCB<br>RFU | Local               | L        | L                        | L                  | Protect            |
|         |                                     |           | Cricket           |                         | One good quality square which has one grass wicket. Not available for community use.  |  |   |                     |          |                          |                    |                    |
|         |                                     |           | Rugby union       |                         | Two standard quality (M1/D1) mini pitches that are no available for community use.  |  |   |                     |          |                          |                    |                    |
| 251     | Shrewsbury Lawn Tennis Club         | SY1 1TR   | Tennis            | Sports club             | Five macadam courts that are both available for community use and floodlit in addition to six grass courts that are also available but not floodlit.  | Sustain court quality through regular maintenance.<br>Seek to sustain membership levels.   | Sports club<br>LTA                          | Local               | M        | L                        | L                  | Protect            |

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|         |                                    |           |                 |                       | The macadam courts are good quality whereas the grass courts are standard quality. Leased to Shrewsbury LTC. Club has c411 members. Site is located on a Flood zone.   | Ensure the sports club has access to relevant flood relief funds when required.<br>Ensure the sports club is prepared for the potential effects of flooding.   |  |                     |          |                          |                    |                    |
| 252     | Shrewsbury Rugby Club              | SY4 4RR   | Rugby union     | Sports club           | Three good quality mini (M2/D1) pitches which are not floodlit, two good quality (M2/D1) senior pitches one of which is floodlit and two good quality (M2/D2) senior pitches which are also floodlit.<br>Two pitches are overplayed by 3.75 and 3.5 match sessions respectively. All remaining senior pitches have capacity with mini pitches having not available at peak time.<br>The Club report ancillary facilities need upgrading and modernising. | Sustain pitch quality through appropriate levels of maintenance.<br>Explore a combination of options for alleviating overplay including improving pitch drainage, spreading of demand across pitches, installation of additional floodlights and utilisation of offsite provision for training.<br>Assist the Club in upgrading and modernising its clubhouse. | Sports club<br>RFU   | Local               | H        | S-L                      | L-M                | Protect<br>Enhance |
| 253     | Shrewsbury School                  | SY3 7BA   | Football        | Education             | Six adult, two youth 11v11, one youth 9v9 and one mini 7v7 pitch all of which are good quality. None of the pitches are available for community use.   | Sustain quality and retain as current use.<br>Explore the feasibility of introducing community use at the site especially for hockey provision.  | Education<br>SFA<br>FF<br>ECB<br>SCB<br>EH<br>LTA<br>EN<br>Council | Main site           | L        | L                        | L                  | Protect            |
|         |                                    |           | Cricket         |                       | Six good quality cricket squares none of which are available for community use.  |  |  |                     |          |                          |                    |                    |
|         |                                    |           | Rugby union     |                       | One good quality (M2/D2) senior pitch which is not available for community use.  |  |  |                     |          |                          |                    |                    |
|         |                                    |           | Hockey (AGP)    |                       | Two full size hockey suitable AGPs neither of which are available for community use. One is standard quality whereas the other is good quality.  |  |  |                     |          |                          |                    |                    |
|         |                                    |           | Tennis          |                       | Eight macadam and six artificial tennis courts all of which are good quality.  |  |  |                     |          |                          |                    |                    |
|         |                                    |           | Netball         |                       | Three good quality netball courts that are not available for community use.  |  |  |                     |          |                          |                    |                    |
| 254     | Shrewsbury Severnside Bowling Club | SY1 1TR   | Bowls (disused) | Horticultural Society | Shrewsbury Severnside Bowling Club accommodates three disused crown bowling greens that were used, until earlier 2019, by Severnside BC. The Club previously rented the site from the Horticultural Society, however, due to declining membership figures it decided to disband. Since the Club  | Retain site as strategic reserve for bowling greens across Shrewsbury, Ensure issues regarding flooding are known and accounted for.   | Horticultural Society<br>BCGBA                                     | Local               | L        | L                        | L                  | Protect            |

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|         |  |           |               |                         | folded the greens have reverted back to the Horticultural Society.<br>Site is located on a Flood zone.  |  |                                   |                     |          |                          |                    |                               |
| 255     | Shrewsbury Sports Village                            | SY1 4RQ   | Football      | Council                 | Eight adult, three youth 11v11, two youth 9v9, two mini 7v7 and two mini 5v5 pitches all of which are standard quality. The youth 11v11 pitches are played to capacity, whereas the youth 9v9 pitches are played to capacity at peak time. There is spare capacity on the remaining pitches. One adult pitch is used for Step pyramid football. | Improve pitch quality through enhanced levels of maintenance.<br>Look to maximise usage of pitches with spare capacity.<br>Ensure the site meets the relevant Step football requirements.  | Council<br>SFA<br>FF<br>LTA<br>EN | Hub site            | H        | S-L                      | S-H                | Protect<br>Provide<br>Enhance |
|         |  |           | Football (3G) |                         | One good quality full size 3G pitch that is FIFA compliant.   | Sustain pitch quality through regular maintenance.<br>Ensure pitch is regularly tested and remains on the FIFA register.<br>Ensure there is a sinking fund in place.<br>Explore the feasibility of improving onsite ancillary provision.<br>Explore the feasibility of the site accommodating a second full size 3G pitch in order to alleviate identified shortfalls, |                                   |                     |          |                          |                    |                               |
|         |  |           | Tennis        |                         | Four standard quality floodlit courts that are available for community use.   | Sustain quality and retain as current use.   |                                   |                     |          |                          |                    |                               |
|         |  |           | Netball       |                         | Four standard quality floodlit courts that are available for community use.   | Sustain quality and retain as current use.   |                                   |                     |          |                          |                    |                               |
| 256     | Shrewsbury Town FC (Sundorne Castle Training Ground) | SY4 4RR   | Football      | Sports club             | Two good quality adult pitches which are used for elite football.   | Sustain quality and retain as current use.   | Sports club<br>SFA, FF            | Local               | L        | L                        | L                  | Protect                       |
| 257     | Shrewsbury Town Football Club (New Meadow)           | SY2 6ST   | Football      | Sports club             | An elite stadium pitch used by Shrewsbury Town FC.  | No action required   | Sports club<br>SFA, FF            | Local               | L        | L                        | L                  | Protect                       |
| 258     | Silks Meadow Recreation Ground                       | SY3 8LN   | Bowls         | Shrewsbury Town Council | One good quality bowling green used by Frankwell BC. The Club indicates there are plans by the Town Council to improve the ancillary provision. Club has c27 members.<br>Site is located on a Flood zone.   | Sustain quality and maximise membership in order to create sustainability.<br>Assist the Club in improving ancillary provision.<br>Ensure the TC has access to relevant flood relief funds when required.<br>Ensure the TC is prepared for the potential effects of flooding.  | TC<br>Sports club<br>BCGBA<br>LTA | Local               | L        | L                        | L                  | Protect<br>Enhance            |
|         |  |           | Tennis        |                         | Two poor quality grass courts that are available for community use but are not floodlit. Site is located on a Flood zone.   | Improve quality and look to maximise usage.<br>Ensure the TC has access to relevant flood relief funds when required.<br>Ensure the TC is prepared for the potential effects of flooding.  |                                   |                     |          |                          |                    |                               |

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| 259     | Unison Club (Column Cricket, Bowls & Tennis Club) | SY2 5LP   | Football     | Sports club  | One adult pitch that has spare capacity discounted due to poor quality.  | Improve pitch quality through an enhanced maintenance regime,  | Sports club<br>Council<br>SFA<br>FF<br>ECB<br>SCB<br>BCGBA<br>LTA | Local               | M        | L                        | L-M                | Enhance            |
|         |   |           | Cricket      |  | One poor quality square with seven grass wicket and an NTP. Square is overplayed due to poor quality. During the winter of 2019, the Club has taken on a recovery plan for the square with the Pitch Advisors.   | Assist the Club in improving square quality through an enhanced maintenance regime following Pitch Advisor guidance.   |   |                     |          |                          |                    |                    |
|         |   |           | Tennis       |  | Unison Club (Column Cricket, Bowls & Tennis Club) previously accommodated two macadam tennis courts, however, non-technical site assessments found the area was currently being utilised for additional car parking.   | Retain as current use as no current demand exists. Explore the potential of bringing the courts back into use if demand increase.  |   |                     |          |                          |                    |                    |
|         |   |           | Bowls        |  | One good quality bowling green used by Unison BC. Club has c24 members.  | Sustain quality and maximise membership in order to create sustainability.<br>Assist the Club in improving ancillary provision.  |   |                     |          |                          |                    |                    |
| 260     | Springfield Recreation Ground                     | SY2 6LH   | Football     | Shrewsbury Town Council  | Two adult and one youth 9v9 pitch all of which are standard quality. Adult pitches are played to capacity at peak time whereas the youth 9v9 pitch has spare capacity of 0.5 match equivalent session.   | Sustain pitch quality through regular maintenance.<br>Utilise spare capacity on the youth 9v9 pitch for future demand or to alleviate overplay.  | TC<br>SFA<br>FF   | Local               | M        | S                        | L                  | Provide            |
| 274     | St. Michaels Street Recreation Ground             | SY1 2HQ   | Bowls (flat) | Shrewsbury Town Council  | On good quality flat green used by St Michaels Lawn BC.  | Sustain quality and retain as current use.   | TC<br>EB<br>LTA   | Local               | L        | L                        | L                  | Protect            |
|         |   |           | Tennis       |  | One standard quality grass court that is available for community use but not floodlit.   |  |   |                     |          |                          |                    |                    |
| 276     | Stanley Parker Playing Fields                     | SY3 0AA   | Football     | Bayston Hill Parish Council<br>Shropshire Council<br>Sports club | Three adult, one youth 9v9, one mini 7v7 and one mini 5v5 pitch all of which is standard quality. The adult pitch and mini 5v5 each have spare capacity of 0.5 match equivalent sessions. The remaining pitches are played to capacity at peak time.<br>Bayston Hill Parish Council reports ancillary provision at Stanley Park Playing Fields to be inadequate for the number of teams accessing them. It has ambitions to create additional changing rooms as well as enhancing the accompanying car parking provision. Bayston Hill Parish Council owns part of Stanley Parker Playing Fields, however, has an agreement with Shropshire Council for the remaining section of the land. It reports aspirations to have complete ownership or long term agreement for the entire site to assist it in applying | Improve pitch quality with an enhanced maintenance regime.<br>Utilise spare capacity on the site for alleviate known overplay or accommodating future demand.<br>Explore the feasibility of transferring ownership of the site over to the Parish Council<br>Assist the Parish Council in improving onsite ancillary facilities including exploring potential grant options. | PC<br>Council<br>Sports club<br>SFA<br>FF<br>BCGBA<br>LTA         | Main site           | M        | S-M                      | M                  | Protect<br>Enhance |

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|         |   |           |               |             | for grant funding to improve the quality of onsite ancillary provision.   |  |                                     |                     |          |                          |                    |                 |
|         |   |           | Football (3G) |             | One standard quality small size (38x34) floodlit 3G pitch.  | Sustain quality and retain as current use. Ensure there is a sinking fund in place.  |                                     |                     |          |                          |                    |                 |
|         |   |           | Bowls         |             | One good quality bowling green leased to Bayston Hill BC. The Club wants to improve surrounding hard areas and has c56 members. | Sustain quality and maximise membership in order to create sustainability. Assist the Club in improving ancillary provision.   |                                     |                     |          |                          |                    |                 |
|         |   |           | Tennis        |             | One good quality floodlit macadam court available for community use.  | Sustain quality and retain as current use.   |                                     |                     |          |                          |                    |                 |
| 280     | Telepost Sports & Social Club (Abbey Sports Ground) | SY2 6BT   | Bowls         | Diocese     | One good quality bowling green used by Telepost BC. The Club has c34 members. Site is located on a Flood zone.                  | Sustain quality and maximise membership in order to create sustainability. Ensure the Diocese/sports club is prepared for the potential effects of flooding.   | Diocese BCGBA                       | Local               | L        | L                        | L                  | Protect         |
| 284     | The Cock Inn  | SY5 8LJ   | Bowls         | Sports club | One standard quality bowling green used by Harnwood BC. The Club aspires to improve ancillary provision and has c29 members.    | Explore opportunities to make improvements in order to sustain membership levels. Assist the Club in improving ancillary provision.  | Sports club BCGBA                   | Local               | L        | S                        | L                  | Protect Enhance |
| 286     | The Grapes  | SY3 5BH   | Bowls         | Private     | One standard quality bowling green used by Oxon BC.   | Explore opportunities to make improvements in order to sustain membership levels.  | Sports club BCGBA                   | Local               | L        | L                        | L                  | Protect         |
| 294     | The Prince of Wales (Bynner Street)                 | SY3 7NZ   | Bowls         | Commercial  | One standard quality bowling green used by Prince of Wales Hotel BC. The Club has c72 members.                                  | Explore opportunities to make improvements in order to sustain membership levels. Assist the Club in making improvements to ancillary provision. Ensure the TC has access to relevant flood relief funds when required. Ensure the TC is prepared for the potential effects of flooding. | Commercial Sports club BCGBA        | Local               | L        | L                        | L                  | Protect Enhance |
| 295     | The Priory School                                   | SY3 9EE   | Football      | Education   | One youth 11v11 and one youth 9v9 pitch both of which are standard quality. Spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure.   | Sustain pitch quality through regular maintenance. Look to secure access for community users through a CUA in order to utilise spare capacity.   | Education SFA FF ECB SCB RFU LTA EN | Local               | M        | S                        | L                  | Protect         |
|         |   |           | Cricket       |             | One standard quality standalone NTP   | Sustain quality and retain as current use.   |                                     |                     |          |                          |                    |                 |
|         |   |           | Rugby union   |             | One poor quality (M0/D1) senior pitch that is available for community use but unused.   | Improve pitch quality when required to meet curricular and extracurricular demand. Explore the feasibility of increasing community use through a community use agreement.  |                                     |                     |          |                          |                    |                 |
|         |   |           | Tennis        |             | Two standard quality tennis courts that are not available for community use.  | Sustain quality and retain as current use.   |                                     |                     |          |                          |                    |                 |
|         |   |           | Netball       |             | Three standard quality netball courts which are available for community but not floodlit.                                       | Sustain quality and retain as current use.   |                                     |                     |          |                          |                    |                 |

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| Site ID | Site                                      | Post code | Sport         | Management              | Current status   | Recommended actions   | Partners                   | Site hierarchy tier | Priority | Timescales <sup>44</sup> | Cost <sup>45</sup> | Aim                           |
|---------|---|-----------|---------------|-------------------------|--|---|----------------------------|---------------------|----------|--------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|
| 297     | The Red Lion                              | SY1 4AQ   | Bowls         | Sports club             | One good quality bowling green leased to Battlefield until 2023. The Club aspirations to improve ancillary facilities and has c50 members.   | Sustain quality and maximise membership in order to create sustainability.<br>Ensure lease is renewed when required.<br>Assist the Club in improving ancillary provision.   | Sports club<br>BCGBA       | Local               | L        | L                        | L                  | Protect<br>Enhance            |
| 298     | The Shrewsbury Club                       | SY1 4RG   | Tennis        | Sports club             | Two standard quality clay and four good quality floodlit macadam tennis courts. The Club has c1,991 members and is used for high level tennis competitions. There are planned developments to remove two macadam courts and create an two air dome courts and refurbish the two clay courts and install floodlights. | Sustain current court quality through regular maintenance.<br>Assist where possible in the development of tennis provision on the site for all year round access.<br>Ensure the site has suitable high quality provision to meet current and future levels of demand.                     | Sports club<br>LTA         | Local               | H        | L                        | M/H                | Protect<br>Enhance<br>Provide |
| 300     | The Wilfred Owen School (Monkmoor Campus) | SY2 5SH   | Football (3G) | Education               | One standard quality small size 3G (54x38) pitch. Provision is available for community use and is floodlit.  | Sustain quality and retain as current use.<br>Ensure there is a sinking fund in place.  | Education<br>SFA<br>FF     | Local               | L        | L                        | L                  | Protect                       |
| 303     | Town Walls Tennis Club                    | SY1 1TN   | Tennis        | Sports club             | Three good quality macadam courts which are floodlit. Used by Town Walls TC. The Club has c212 members. Site is located on a Flood zone.   | Seek to maximise membership to help sustain for future of the Club and ensure there is suitable provision to meet demand.<br>Ensure the sports club has access to relevant flood relief funds when required.<br>Ensure the sports club is prepared for the potential effects of flooding. | Sports club<br>LTA         | Local               | L        | L                        | L                  | Protect                       |
| 308     | Upton Lane Recreation Ground              | SY2 5RR   | Football      | Shrewsbury Town Council | One standard quality youth 11v11 pitch that's has actual spare capacity one match equivalent session. No onsite ancillary facilities.  | Sustain pitch quality through regular maintenance.<br>Explore pitch reconfiguration in order to utilise spare capacity.   | TC<br>SFA<br>FF            | Local               | M        | S                        | L                  | Protect                       |
| 310     | Waincott Recreation Ground                | SY1 3RX   | Football      | Shrewsbury Town Council | Site is currently unused but can be reinstated if required.  | Reinstate the site in order to alleviate identified shortfalls on youth football pitches.   | TC<br>SFA<br>FF            | Local               | M        | S                        | L                  | Provide                       |
| 329     | Woodfield Tennis Club                     | SY3 8LU   | Tennis        | Sports club             | Five good quality macadam courts which are available for community use and are floodlit. Used by Woodfield TC which has c390 members.  | Sustain court quality and retain as current use.  | Sports club<br>LTA         | Local               | L        | L                        | L                  | Protect                       |
| 338     | Wroxeter & Uppington Cricket Club         | TF6 5HP   | Cricket       | Sports club             | One good quality square with ten grass wickets used by Wroxeter & Uppington CC. Site has spare capacity throughout the week.   | Sustain square quality and look to utilise spare capacity to alleviate overplay and accommodate future demand.  | Sports club<br>ECB<br>SCB  | Local               | M        | S                        | L                  | Protect<br>Provide            |
| 346     | Monkmoor Bowling Club                     | SY2 5BQ   | Bowls         | Shrewsbury Town Council | One standard quality bowling green used by Monkmoor BC which has c26 members. The Club has submitted planning to improve surrounding hard areas  | Explore opportunities to make improvements in order to sustain membership levels.<br>Assist the Club in improving ancillary provision.  | TC<br>Sports club<br>BCGBA | Local               | L        | S                        | L                  | Protect<br>Enhance            |

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|---------|--------------------------------|-----------|----------|-------------------------|--|---|--|---------------------|----------|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---|
| 347     | Old Shrewsbury Bowling Club    | SY1 1XR   | Bowls    | Sports club             | Two good quality bowling greens used by Old Shrewsbury BC which has c108 members. The Club is in the process of signing a long term lease and has aspirations to improve onsite ancillary facilities. Site is located on a Flood zone. | Sustain quality and maximise membership in order to create sustainability.<br>Assist the Club in improving ancillary provision.<br>Ensure the sports club has access to relevant flood relief funds when required.<br>Ensure the sports club is prepared for the potential effects of flooding. | Sports club<br>BCGBA                   | Local               | H        | S                        | L                  | Protect<br>Enhance |   |
| 349     | Prince of Wales Bowling Greens | SY1 1XL   | Bowls    | Unknown                 | Two standard quality bowling greens used by Prince of Wales BC. Site is located on a Flood zone.   | Explore opportunities to make improvements in order to sustain membership levels.<br>Ensure the Diocese/sports club is prepared for the potential effects of flooding.  | Sports club<br>BCGBA                   | Local               | L        | L                        | L                  | Protect            |   |
| 350     | Shelton Recreation Ground      | SY3 5FU   | Football | Shrewsbury Town Council | One mini 7v7 and one mini 5v5 pitch both of which are standard quality. Each is played to capacity.  | Sustain pitch quality through regular maintenance.  | TC<br>SFA<br>FF<br>ECB<br>SCB<br>BCGBA | Local               | M        | S-L                      | L                  | Protect<br>Enhance |   |
|         |                                |           | Cricket  |                         | One good quality square with ten grass wickets used by Shelton CC. Square is played to capacity with no capacity to accommodate future demand.   |   |  |                     |          |                          |                    |                    | Sustain square quality through regular maintenance. In priority order, assist the Club in actualising future demand whether this is through creation of a NTP, additional wickets on site, access to secondary site with capacity or creation of new provision. |
|         |                                |           | Bowls    |                         | One good quality bowling green used by Shelton BC. The Club has c60 members.   |   |  |                     |          |                          |                    |                    | Sustain quality and maximise membership in order to create sustainability.  |
| 355     | Alberbury Cricket Club         | SY5 9AN   | Cricket  | Education               | On good quality square that has nine grass wickets and one NTP. The Club currently renegotiating lease with Oxford College Square is played to capacity with no capacity to accommodate future demand.                                 | Sustain square quality through regular maintenance.<br>Assist the Club in securing onsite tenure.   | Education<br>Sports club               | Local               | L        | S                        | L                  | Protect<br>Enhance |   |
| 363     | Crescent Bowling Club          | SY1 1TH   | Bowls    | Horticultural Society   | One poor quality bowling green used by Crescent BC. The Club has c41members. Site is located on a Flood zone.  | Improve green quality through an enhanced maintenance regime.<br>Ensure the sports club has access to relevant flood relief funds when required.<br>Ensure the sports club is prepared for the potential effects of flooding.   | Horticultural Society<br>BCGBA         | Local               | M        | S                        | L                  | Protect<br>Enhance |   |
| 366     | Shrewsbury High School         | SY1 1TN   | Tennis   | Education               | Two good quality artificial courts which are available for community use and are floodlit.   | Sustain quality and retain as current use.  | Education<br>LTA                       | Local               | L        | L                        | L                  | Protect            |   |
| 372     | Greenfields Recreation Ground  | SY1 2QN   | Football | Shrewsbury Town Council | Site is currently unused but can be reinstated if required.  | Reinstate the site in order to alleviate identified shortfalls on youth football pitches.   | TC<br>SFA, FF                          | Local               | M        | S                        | L                  | Provide            |   |

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|---------|--|-----------|--|------------|--|--|--------------------------------------|---------------------|----------|--------------------------|--------------------|---------|
| 383     | Shrewsbury Colleges (Former Wakeman School)            | SY2 5GB   | Lapsed (Football, rugby union, tennis) | Education  | One adult football, two junior rugby union and four macadam tennis courts. Site is owned by Shrewsbury Colleges and was last formally used for sport circa 2010.             | Site has the potential to alleviate identified shortfalls. Determine future use of the provision based on the following priority order of options:<br>1) Retain/allocate site as strategic reserve.<br>2) Explore feasibility to bring back into use.<br>3) Use as open space to meet local needs.<br>4) Redevelop site and mitigate loss to meet Sport England Playing Field Policy requirements. | Education<br>SFA<br>FF<br>RFU<br>LTA | Local               | M        | L                        | L/M                | Protect |
| 384     | Shrewsbury Girls High School Unattached Playing Fields | SY1 1 XR  | -                                      | Education  | Area of playing field land alongside macadam area which are marked out when required by Shrewsbury Girls High School for curricular and extra curricular demand.             | Site has the potential to alleviate identified shortfalls. Determine future use of the provision based on the following priority order of options:<br>1) Retain/allocate site as strategic reserve.<br>2) Explore feasibility to bring back into use.<br>3) Use as open space to meet local needs.<br>4) Redevelop site and mitigate loss to meet Sport England Playing Field Policy requirements. | Education                            | Local               | L        | L                        | L                  | Protect |
| 385     | Harlescott Junior School                               | SY1 4QN   | Lapsed (Football)                      | Education  | Two mini 7v7 and one mini 5v5 football pitches. Site was last formally marked out circa 2010 however is still used by the School for curricular and extra curricular demand. | Site has the potential to alleviate identified shortfalls. Determine future use of the provision based on the following priority order of options:<br>1) Retain/allocate site as strategic reserve.<br>2) Explore feasibility to bring back into use.<br>3) Use as open space to meet local needs.<br>4) Redevelop site and mitigate loss to meet Sport England Playing Field Policy requirements. | Education                            | Local               | L        | L                        | L                  | Protect |
| New     | Land at Bowbrook                                       | SY3 8DB   | -                                      | -          | A parcel of land which is being developed for two primary school. The area of land will have an area dedicated for community sports provision.                               | Examine the site for potential to alleviate identified shortfalls of 3G, grass football or cricket provision (Shelton CC) within the Analysis Area.  | Council<br>SFA<br>FF                 | Local               | H        | S                        | L-H                | Provide |

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## NORTH EAST ANALYSIS AREA

| Sport                    | Analysis area | Current demand (2020) |  | Future demand (2038)   |
|--------------------------|---------------|-----------------------|--|--|
|                          |               | Pitch type            | Current capacity total in MES <sup>[1]</sup>   | Future capacity total in MES   |
| Football (grass pitches) | North East    | Adult                 | Spare capacity of 0.5  | Shortfall of 0.5   |
|                          |               | Youth 11v11           | Shortfall of 2.5   | Shortfall of 2.5   |
|                          |               | Youth 9v9             | Spare capacity of 2  | Spare capacity of 2  |
|                          |               | Mini 7v7              | At capacity  | At capacity  |
|                          |               | Mini 5v5              | Spare capacity of 1  | At capacity  |
|                          | Shropshire    | Adult                 | Spare capacity of 5  | Spare capacity of 0.5  |
|                          |               | Youth 11v11           | Shortfall of 0.5   | Shortfall of 5   |
|                          |               | Youth 9v9             | Spare capacity of 1.5  | Shortfall of 4.5   |
|                          |               | Mini 7v7              | Spare capacity of 0.5  | Spare capacity of 0.5  |
|                          |               | Mini 5v5              | Spare capacity of 1.5  | Shortfall of 6   |
| Football (3G pitches)    | North East    | Full size, floodlit   | Shortfall of 2 full sized 3G pitch for team training                                   | Shortfall of 2 full sized 3G pitch for team training                                   |
| Cricket                  | North East    | Saturday              | Shortfall of 20  | Shortfall of 42  |
|                          |               | Sunday                | Spare capacity of 13   | Shortfall of 20  |
|                          |               | Midweek               | Spare capacity of 30   | Spare capacity of 2  |
|                          | Shropshire    | Saturday              | Shortfall of 29  | Shortfall of 139   |
|                          |               | Sunday                | Spare capacity of 92   | Shortfall of 18  |
|                          |               | Midweek               | Spare capacity of 147  | Spare capacity of 47   |
| Rugby union              | North East    | Senior                | At capacity  | Shortfall of 1   |
|                          | Shropshire    | Senior                | Shortfall of 13.5  | Shortfall of 21.75   |
| Hockey (sand AGPs)       | Shropshire    | Full size, floodlit   | There is a need to improve pitch quality and create a pitch to return exported demand. | There is a need to improve pitch quality and create a pitch to return exported demand. |
| Tennis                   | Shropshire    | Courts                | Adequate provision   | Adequate provision   |
| Bowls                    | Shropshire    | Greens                | Adequate provision   | Adequate provision   |
| Netball                  | Shropshire    | Courts                | Adequate provision   | Adequate provision   |
| Other sports             | Shropshire    | Pitches               | Adequate provision   | Adequate provision   |

### Key recommendations for Market Drayton

- ◀ To meet the existing and future football shortfalls secure access to educational sites through CUAs in addition to improve poor pitch quality through enhanced levels of maintenance.
- ◀ Relocation plans for Greenfields Sports Ground to also consider the potential to accommodate an AGP to meet exported demand by Market Drayton HC and a 3G pitch to meet demand identified in the area.
- ◀ Address cricket overplay through a combination of quality improvements, greater use of NTPs and additional wickets.

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

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- ◀ Work to improve the quality of bowling greens and to maximise membership to create future sustainability.
- ◀ Consider options for funding to establish changing provision at Hinstock Recreation Ground.
- ◀ Use future S106/CIL monies from Clive Barracks to alleviate existing and future sporting shortfalls either onsite or offsite.

### ***Key recommendations for Wem***

- ◀ To meet the existing and future football shortfalls secure access to educational sites through CUAs in addition to improve poor pitch quality through enhanced levels of maintenance.
- ◀ Support Shawbury Football Club in its aspirations to develop a new site and when considering its feasibility explore options for a full size 3G pitch to meet demand identified in the area.
- ◀ For cricket, improve quality in order to create future capacity and secure tenure. In addition, explore enhancing cricket provision at Thomas Adams Sports Centre to create additional capacity for Wem CC.
- ◀ Address quality for all other sports.

### ***Key recommendations for Whitchurch***

- ◀ To meet the existing and future football shortfalls secure access to educational sites through CUAs in addition to improve poor pitch quality through enhanced levels of maintenance.
- ◀ For cricket, improve quality in order to create future capacity and secure tenure. Explore opportunities to create additional provision for Whitchurch CC on adjacent land to Heath Round Ground.
- ◀ Refurbish the AGP at Whitchurch Sports & Leisure Centre as a priority in order to ensure the continued use of the site for hockey.
- ◀ Address quality for all other sports.

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| Site ID | Site                              | Post code | Sport                      | Management                        | Current status  | Recommended actions  | Partners   | Site hierarchy tier | Priority | Timescales <sup>46</sup> | Cost <sup>47</sup> | Aim                     |
|---------|-----------------------------------|-----------|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|--|--|---------------------|----------|--------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| 5       | Adderley Village Hall             | TF9 3FA   | Bowls                      | Sports club                       | One standard quality bowling green. Club has c60 members.   | Explore opportunities to make improvements in order to sustain membership levels.  | Sports club BCGBA  | Local               | L        | M                        | L                  | Protect Enhance         |
| 63      | Cheswardine Parish Council        | TF9 2RS   | Football                   | Cheswardine Parish Council        | One poor quality youth 9v9 pitch. No changing provision.  | Improve quality as required to meet levels of demand.  | Sports Club Parish   | Local               | L        | L                        | L                  | Protect Enhance         |
|         |                                   |           | Bowls                      |                                   | One poor quality bowling green. Club has c25 members. Currently negotiating a lease with Cheswardine Parish Council.  | Explore opportunities to make improvements in order to sustain membership levels. Assist the Club in obtaining a lease on the site.  | Sports club Parish BCGBA   |                     | M        | M                        | L                  |                         |
| 65      | Childs Ercall Bowls Club          | TF9 2DA   | Bowls                      | <i>Unknown</i>                    | One standard quality bowling green. Membership unknown.   | Explore opportunities to make improvements in order to sustain membership levels.  | Sports club BCGBA  | Local               | L        | M                        | L                  | Protect Enhance         |
| 66      | Childs Ercall Playing Field       | TF9 2DD   | Football                   | Childs Ercall Parish Council      | One poor quality adult pitch. No changing provision.  | Improve quality as required to meet levels of demand.  | Sports Club Parish   | Local               | L        | L                        | L                  | Protect Enhance         |
| 78      | Clive Barracks                    | TF9 3QE   | Football<br>Cricket<br>RFU | MOD                               | One standalone NTP, one senior rugby union and one adult football pitch all of which are standard quality and not available for community use. The site is subject to strategic housing development.  | Retain as required for the short term. Long term secure S106 / CIL monies to contribute to alleviating identified existing and future shortfalls in Market Drayton for football, rugby union, cricket and hockey either onsite or contribute to offsite developments/enhancements.   | MOD<br>SFA, FF<br>SCB, ECB,<br>RFU, EH<br>Council                    | Local               | M        | L                        | H                  | Protect Enhance Provide |
| 113     | Falcon Field (Woore Cricket Club) | CW3 9SF   | Cricket                    | Sports club                       | One good quality cricket square with 10 wickets plus an NTP which is overplayed by 18 match sessions per season.  | Explore greater utilisation of the NTP in order to reduce overplay. In addition, examine if an additional grass wicket can be established. Alternatively, if unachievable, explore options such as the transfer of demand off the site.  | Sports club ECB, SCB   | Local               | M        | S                        | L                  | Protect Enhance Provide |
| 123     | Greenfields Sports Ground         | TF9 3SL   | Football                   | Market Drayton Sports Association | The site is leased from Market Drayton Town Council to the Market Drayton Sports Association which consists of Market Drayton Town FC, Market Drayton Tigers FC, Market Drayton RFC and Market Drayton TC. Each club has its own clubhouse and utilise their own pitch provision to accommodate demand.<br>Market Drayton Town FC (Step 4) accesses one good quality floodlit adult pitch and one floodlit junior pitch. Market Drayton Tigers FC use one youth 11v11, one youth 9v9, one mini 7v7 and one mini 5v5 pitch, all standard quality.<br>For rugby there is one senior and one junior pitch both of poor quality and overplayed. | Site is allocated for housing within the Local Plan and is currently subject to potential relocation, if a suitable site can be identified to fully mitigate the site to meet Sport England Playing Field Policy.<br>Relocation should include equitable provision of ancillary facilities. Further feasibility is also required to assess the potential for the site to accommodate an AGP to meet exported demand by Market Drayton HC and a 3G pitch to meet demand identified in the area.<br>Explore the feasibility of S106/CIL monies from housing development at Clive Barracks to contribute to the potential Greenfields Sports Ground relocation. | Sport England<br>FF, SFA<br>RFU, LTA<br>Town Council<br>Sports clubs | Hub                 | H        | M                        | H                  | Enhance Provide         |
|         |                                   |           | Rugby union                |                                   |   |  |  |                     |          |                          |                    |                         |
|         |                                   |           | Tennis                     |                                   |   |  |  |                     |          |                          |                    |                         |

<sup>46</sup> (S) -Short (1-2 years); (M) - Medium (3-5 years); (L) - Long (6+ years)

<sup>47</sup> (L) -Low - less than £50k; (M) -Medium - £50k-£250k; (H) -High £250k and above

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|---------|----------------------------|-----------|-------------------|-------------------------|---|--|--|---------------------|----------|--------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|
|         |                            |           |                   |                         | For tennis there are three standard quality macadam and the Club has c180 members.  |  |  |                     |          |                          |                    |                               |
| 133     | Hinstock Cricket Club      | TF9 2TA   | Cricket           | Sports club             | One poor quality square with six wickets. No capacity for play. Changing provision is poor quality.   | As per the PQS for the site, improve current maintenance regime to improve the quality of onsite provision.<br>Explore options for funding to improve changing room provision.<br>Explore the feasibility of S106/CIL monies from housing development at Clive Barracks to contribute to quality enhancements.   | Sports club<br>ECB, SCB                          | Local               | M        | S                        | L                  | Protect<br>Enhance            |
| 135     | Hinstock Recreation Ground | TF9 2SN   | Football          | Hinstock Parish Council | One poor quality adult pitch. No changing provision.  | Improve quality as required in relation to demand and explore a joint funding bid to provide changing provision.<br>Explore the feasibility of S106/CIL monies from housing development at Clive Barracks to contribute to quality enhancements.   | Sports club<br>Parish Council<br>LTA, FF,<br>SFA | Local               | M        | M                        | M-H                | Protect<br>Enhance<br>Provide |
|         |                            |           | Tennis<br>Netball |                         | Three macadam courts, two good quality and one poor. Overmarked with netball courts.<br>Rented by Hinstock TC which only has access to a portacabin for ancillary provision. It has applied for funding from the Parish Council in connection with potential S106/CIL monies to create a pavilion, however, the Parish Council is yet to take action. |  |  |                     |          |                          |                    |                               |
| 136     | HMP Stoke Heath            | TF9 2JL   | Football          | HMP                     | One poor quality adult pitch unavailable for community use. Also, one small 3G pitch (54 x 44) unavailable for community use.   | Retain as required. No action.   | -  | -                   | -        | -                        | -                  | -                             |
| 138     | Hodnet Social Club         | TF9 3NS   | Football          | Sports club             | One poor quality adult pitch. Spare capacity discounted due to quality. Poor quality changing provision servicing football and cricket.   | Improve quality as required to meet levels of demand.<br>Explore the feasibility of S106/CIL monies from housing development at Clive Barracks to contribute to quality enhancements.  | Sports club<br>FF, SFA                           | Main site           | L        | S                        | L                  | Protect<br>Enhance            |
|         |                            |           | Cricket           |                         | One poor quality square with six wickets and overplayed by 12 match sessions per season.<br>Peppercorn rent from private landowner.   | As per the PQS for the site, improve current maintenance regime to improve the quality of onsite provision and address overplay.<br>Explore options for a joint funding to improve changing room provision.<br>Assist the Club in securing on site tenure.<br>Explore the feasibility of S106/CIL monies from housing development at Clive Barracks to contribute to quality enhancements. | Sports club<br>ECB, SCB                          |                     | H        | S                        | M-H                |                               |
|         |                            |           | Bowls             |                         | One standard quality bowling green. Club has c55 members.   | Explore opportunities to make improvements in order to sustain membership levels.  | Sports club<br>BCGBA                             |                     | M        | M                        | L                  |                               |

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|---------|--|-----------|----------------|----------------|---|--|---------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|-----|
| 170     | Market Drayton Bowling Club                  | TF9 1HY   | Bowls          | Private        | One standard quality bowling green. Club has c40 members. Rented from Joules Brewery.   | Explore opportunities to make improvements in order to sustain membership levels. Assist the Club in improving ancillary provision.  | Sports club BCGBA         | Local               | L                    | L                        | L                  | Protect Enhance         |     |
| 171     | Market Drayton Community Amateur Sports Club | TF9 1HH   | Football       | Sports club    | One standard quality youth 9v9 pitch with spare capacity. Standard quality changing.  | Improve quality as required and maximise use. Explore options for a joint funding to improve changing room provision. Explore the feasibility of S106/CIL monies from housing development at Clive Barracks to contribute to quality enhancements. | Sports club FF, SFA       | Local               | M                    | M                        | M                  | Protect Enhance         |     |
|         |  |           | Cricket        |                | One standard quality square with 14 wickets. Some spare capacity on Sunday or midweek. Standard quality changing.   | Improve quality as required and maximise use. Potential to accommodate additional demand from Woore Cricket Club. Explore the feasibility of S106/CIL monies from housing development at Clive Barracks to contribute to quality enhancements.     |                           |                     | Sports club ECB, SCB | M                        | S                  |                         | M   |
| 188     | Moreton Saye Tennis and Bowls                | TF9 3RS   | Bowls (lapsed) | Parish Council | Anecdotal evidence suggests the club which previously used the site, Moreton Saye BC, pulled out of the League due to falling membership. In addition, the landowner (The Village Church) has aspirations to extend its graveyard by using the site where the green is located. | There appears to be little demand to bring back into use, however, further local assessment is required to confirm this position. If lost, provision should be mitigated through improvements to other local facilities.                           | Parish Council BCGBA, LTA | Local               | L                    | M                        | L                  | Enhance                 |     |
|         |  |           | Tennis         |                | One poor quality macadam court. No formal club using the site.  |  |                           |                     |                      |                          |                    |                         |     |
| 191     | Mount Lane Bowling Club                      | TF9 1AQ   | Bowls          | Unknown        | One standard quality bowling green. Membership unknown.   | Explore opportunities to make improvements in order to sustain membership levels.  | Sports club BCGBA         | Local               | L                    | M                        | L                  | Protect Enhance         |     |
| 202     | Norton in Hales Community Sports Club        | TF9 4AP   | Cricket        | Sports club    | One good quality square with nine wickets. No capacity available. Demand for additional non turf pitch. Rented from Charitable Sports Club.   | Look at options to secure tenure and explore options to install an NTP to help build future capacity.  | Sports club ECB, SCB      | Local               | L                    | S                        | L                  | Protect Enhance         |     |
|         |  |           | Bowls          |                | One standard quality bowling green. Rented from Charitable Sports Club.   | Explore opportunities to make improvements in order to sustain membership levels. Look at options to secure tenure.  |                           |                     | Sports club BCGBA    | L                        | S                  |                         | L   |
|         |  |           | Tennis         |                | Two poor quality grass courts. Club has 75 members.   | Improve quality in order to help sustain membership.   |                           |                     | Sports club LTA      | M                        | M                  |                         | L-M |
| 287     | The Grove School                             | TF9 1HF   | Football       | Education      | One adult, one youth 11v11 and one youth 9v9 pitch, all standard quality. Unavailable for community use.  | Explore options to establish community use to help meet identified shortfalls in the area.   | School FF, SFA            | Local               | M                    | S                        | L                  | Protect Enhance Provide |     |
|         |  |           | Cricket        |                | One standalone NTP. Unavailable for community use.  | Retain for school use as no local demand for community use.  | School                    |                     | L                    | L                        | L                  |                         |     |
|         |  |           | Rugby union    |                | Two poor quality senior pitches. Unavailable for community use.   |  |                           |                     |                      |                          |                    |                         |     |

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| Site ID | Site                                     | Post code | Sport             | Management  | Current status  | Recommended actions  | Partners                | Site hierarchy tier | Priority | Timescales <sup>46</sup> | Cost <sup>47</sup> | Aim                |
|---------|--|-----------|-------------------|-------------|---|--|-------------------------|---------------------|----------|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
|         |  |           | Tennis<br>Netball |             | Three macadam courts overmarked with netball. Unavailable for community use.  |  |                         |                     |          |                          |                    |                    |
| 309     | Victoria Bowling Club                    | TF9 3DW   | Bowls             | Sports club | One standard quality bowling green with 65 members.   | Explore opportunities to make improvements in order to sustain membership levels.                    | Sports club<br>BCGBA    | Local               | M        | M                        | L                  | Protect<br>Enhance |
| 327     | Wollerton Bowling Green (Mill Rd)        | TF9 3LX   | Bowls             | Sports club | One good quality bowling green with c40 members.  | Sustain quality and look at ways to maximise use to ensure future sustainability.                    | Sports club<br>BCGBA    | Local               | L        | M                        | L                  | Protect            |
| 328     | Wollerton Tennis Courts (Off Drayton Rd) | TF9 3LX   | Tennis            | Sports club | Two floodlit artificial courts, standard quality. Club has 45 members.  | Improve quality in order to help sustain/improve membership.   | Sports club<br>LTA      | Local               | M        | M                        | L                  | Protect<br>Enhance |
| 333     | Woore Bowling Green                      | CW3 9SA   | Bowls             | Sports club | One good quality bowling green. Club has c50 members.   | Sustain quality and look at ways to maximise use to ensure future sustainability.                    | Sports club<br>BCGBA    | Local               | L        | M                        | L                  | Protect            |
| 335     | Woore Tennis Club (Woore Village Hall)   | CW3 9SF   | Tennis            | Sports club | Two good quality, floodlit macadam courts. Club has c400 members.   | Sustain quality and consider options to increase the number of courts to better meet demand.         | Sports club<br>LTA      | Local               | M        | M                        | M                  | Protect<br>Provide |
| -       | Forton Cricket Club                      | TF10 8BF  | Cricket           | Sports club | Technically falls outside of the Study Area, albeit it is recognised as servicing Shropshire residents to some extent.<br><br>One good quality square with eight wickets and overplayed by three match sessions per season. | Minimal levels of overplay which can generally be accommodate by ensuring good quality is sustained. | Sports club<br>ECB, SCB | Local               | L        | L                        | L                  | Protect            |

**PLACE PLAN – WEM**

| Site ID | Site                       | Post code | Sport    | Management       | Current status  | Recommended actions  | Partners                               | Site hierarchy tier | Priority | Timescales <sup>48</sup> | Cost <sup>49</sup> | Aim                |
|---------|----------------------------|-----------|----------|------------------|---|--|--|---------------------|----------|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 1       | Acton Reynald Cricket Club | SY4 3BH   | Cricket  | Sports club      | One standard quality square with six wickets. Played to capacity. Accompanied by standard quality changing provision.                                   | Explore opportunities to create future spare capacity, including improving quality and extending the square with additional wickets.               | Sports club<br>ECB, SCB                | Local               | M        | M                        | L                  | Protect<br>Enhance |
| 54      | Butler Sports Centre       | SY4 5AP   | Football | Wem Town Council | One adult, one youth 9v9 and one mini 7v7, all standard quality. Only minimal spare capacity available. Accompanied by poor quality changing provision. | Improve pitch quality through an enhanced maintenance regime to create additional capacity. Explore funding options to improve changing.           | Town Council<br>Sports club<br>FF, SFA | Main site           | M        | S                        | M                  | Protect<br>Enhance |
|         |                            |           | Bowls    |                  | Two good quality bowling greens. Club has c65 members. Club has aspiration to improve changing room quality.  | Sustain quality and maximise membership in order to create sustainability. Explore funding options to improve changing as per above with football. | Town Council<br>Sports club<br>BCGBA   |                     | M        | S                        | M                  |                    |
| 93      | Coton Hall Cricket Club    | SY13 3LN  | Cricket  | Private          | One standard quality square with five wickets. No actual spare capacity. Unsecure tenure as rent from private farmer.                                   | Improve quality in order to create future capacity but as a priority work to secure tenure.  | Sports club<br>ECB, SCB                | Local               | H        | S                        | L                  | Protect<br>Enhance |

<sup>48</sup> (S) -Short (1-2 years); (M) - Medium (3-5 years); (L) - Long (6+ years)

<sup>49</sup> (L) -Low - less than £50k; (M) -Medium - £50k-£250k; (H) -High £250k and above

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|---------|--|-----------|---------------|-------------------------|--|--|--|---------------------|----------|--------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|
| 124     | Hadnall Bowling Green                  | SY4 4AG   | Bowls         | Hadnall Parish Council  | One standard quality bowling green. Club has c100 members. Club has aspiration to improve clubhouse quality.   | Explore opportunities to make improvements in order to sustain membership levels.<br>Assist the Club in improving ancillary provision.   | Parish Council<br>Sports club<br>BCGBA | Local               | M        | M                        | M                  | Protect<br>Enhance            |
| 127     | Harcourt Cricket Club                  | SY4 4LT   | Cricket       | <i>Unknown</i>          | One poor quality square with eight wickets and overplayed by 12 match sessions per season. Accompanied by poor quality changing provision.   | Ensure the Club has long term security of tenure.<br>As per the PQS for the site, improve current maintenance regime to improve the quality of onsite provision and address overplay.<br>Explore options for a joint funding to improve changing room provision.   | Sports club<br>ECB, SCB                | Local               | H        | S                        | M-H                | Protect<br>Enhance            |
| 223     | Preston Brockhurst Bowling Green       | SY4 5QA   | Bowls         | <i>Unknown</i>          | One standard quality bowling green. Membership unknown.  | Explore opportunities to make improvements in order to sustain membership levels.  | Sports club<br>BCGBA                   | Local               | M        | M                        | L                  | Protect<br>Enhance            |
| 230     | RAF Shawbury                           | SY4 4DZ   | Football      | MOD                     | Two standard quality adult pitches. No community use   | The RAF cannot offer long term tenure for any community users, as access to the site can be removed at any time based on national requirements. In addition, any current users must go through a rigorous vetting process before they are granted access.<br>Continue to allow use of the 3G for hockey and further explore opportunities to increase and secure use for the Club. | MOD<br>EH<br>Sports club               | Local               | M        | S                        | L                  | Protect<br>Provide            |
|         |  |           | Football (3G) |                         | One full size 3G pitch (short pile) with restrictions on use/availability. Good quality.<br>Used by Wem & Market Drayton HC to accommodate some hockey competitive demand and by ad hoc football teams for midweek training. Although available for community use the pitch does not offer security of tenure. |  |  |                     |          |                          |                    |                               |
|         |  |           | Rugby union   |                         | One senior pitch that is not available for community use.  |  |  |                     |          |                          |                    |                               |
| 240     | Shawbury Bowling Club                  | SY4 4NZ   | Bowls         | Sports club             | One good quality bowling green. Used by Elephant and Castle BC which has c30 members.  | Sustain quality and maximise membership in order to create sustainability.   | Sports club<br>BCGBA                   | Local               | L        | M                        | L                  | Protect                       |
| 242     | Shawbury Recreation Ground             | SY4 4NH   | Football      | Shawbury Parish Council | One standard quality adult pitch overplayed by 1.5 match equivalent sessions. Pitch subject to public use. No changing provision.  | Improve quality as required in order to address overplay. Explore options for access to changing rooms.  | Parish Council<br>FF, SFA              | Local               | M        | M                        | L                  | Protect<br>Enhance            |
| 288     | The Kynaston Ground (Wem Cricket Club) | SY4 5HR   | Cricket       | Sports club             | One good quality square with 14 wickets. Spare capacity is minimal on a Sunday or midweek for additional play.   | Retain some spare capacity in order to help maintain quality.<br>Explore greater utilisation of cricket provision at Thomas Adams Sports Centre only if the amount of provision and quality of provision is improved.  | Sports club<br>ECB, SCB                | Local               | L        | L                        | L                  | Protect                       |
| 301     | Thomas Adams Sports Centre             | SY4 5UB   | Football      | Education               | One adult and three youth 11v11 pitches, all standard quality. Spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure. Accompanied by standard quality changing provision.   | Increasing quality (as required) and securing community use will increase capacity to meet identified shortfalls in the area.  | School<br>FF, SFA                      | Main site           | H        | S                        | L                  | Protect<br>Provide<br>Enhance |
|         |  |           | Cricket       |                         | One standalone NTP   | Explore improving levels of cricket provision on the site, including another NTP, in cohesion with secured usage for Wem CC.   | School                                 |                     | M        | M                        | L                  |                               |

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|---------|---|-----------|-------------|------------------|---|--|---------------------|---------------------|----------|--------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
|         |   |           | Rugby union |                  | One poor quality senior pitch with potential spare capacity discounted due to quality.  | Retain for school use as no local demand to establish community use.   | School              |                     | L        | L                        | L                  |                 |
|         |   |           | Netball     |                  | Four poor quality macadam courts. Available but unused.   | Given size of available courts, explore options to improve quality and establish community use if local demand exists.   | School EN           |                     | M        | M                        | L-M                |                 |
| 307     | United Services Wem Club                | SY4 5EP   | Bowls       | Sports club      | One standard quality bowling green. Club has c60 members.   | Explore opportunities to make improvements in order to sustain membership levels.  | Sports club BCGBA   | Local               | M        | M                        | M                  | Protect Enhance |
| 312     | Wem Recreation Ground                   | SY4 5AY   | Football    | Wem Town Council | One poor quality adult pitch. Spare capacity discounted due to poor quality. Accompanied by standard quality changing provision.  | Improve pitch quality as required in order to create spare capacity.   | Sports club FF, SFA | Main site           | M        | M                        | L                  | Protect Enhance |
|         |   |           | Bowls       |                  | One standard quality bowling green. Club has 40 members.  | Explore opportunities to make improvements in order to sustain membership levels.  | Sports club BCGBA   |                     | M        | M                        | M                  |                 |
|         |   |           | Tennis      |                  | Four standard quality macadam court, three are floodlit. Club has c280 members.   | Improve quality as required to help sustain membership levels.   | Sports club LTA     |                     | M        | M                        | M                  |                 |
| 323     | Whixall Bowling Club                    | SY13 2PP  | Bowls       | Sports club      | One good quality Bowling green. Ongoing club house improvements required. Club has 75 members.  | Sustain quality and maximise membership in order to create sustainability. Assist the Club in improving ancillary provision.   | Sports club BCGBA   | Local               | L        | M                        | L                  | Protect Enhance |
| 324     | Whixall C of E Primary School           | SY13 2SB  | Tennis      | Education        | One macadam court.  | Retain for school use.   | School              | Local               | L        | L                        | L                  | Protect         |
| 331     | Woodlands School                        | SY4 5PJ   | Tennis      | Education        | One macadam court.  | Retain for school use.   | School              | Local               | L        | L                        | L                  | Protect         |
| 370     | Shawbury Junior Football Club (Ponyton) | SY4 4JN   | Football    | Private          | One youth 9v9, one mini 7v7 and one mini 5v5 pitch, all poor quality. No peak time capacity. Pitches are poor quality due to issues with limited maintenance and poor drainage. Site was recently agricultural land.  | Explore opportunities to improve quality in order to create future spare capacity.   | Sports club FF, SFA | Local               | H        | S                        | M                  | Protect Enhance |
| New     | Shawbury Football Club                  | -         | Football    | Private          | The Club aspires to develop as a home site within its locality. Initial plans for the new site include one 5v5, one 7v7, one 9v9, training area and two adult pitches both of which are suitable for Step 6 football (floodlit). It also aspires to have an onsite clubhouse/hospitality to service the grass pitches and make one of the adult pitches a 3G surface (local demand identified). | Before applying for funding/investment the Club should secure a longer term agreement from the private landowner in order to access relevant grant monies. Further feasibility is required to determine the sustainability of such a development. This should also consider the need for a 3G pitch. | Sports club FF, SFA | Main site           | H        | M                        | H                  | Provide         |

**PLACE PLAN – WHITCHURCH**

| Site ID | Site                                    | Post code | Sport         | Management                      | Current status  | Recommended actions   | Partners                | Site hierarchy tier | Priority | Timescales <sup>50</sup> | Cost <sup>51</sup> | Aim                |
|---------|---|-----------|---------------|---------------------------------|---|---|-------------------------|---------------------|----------|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 11      | Archibald Worthington Club (Whitchurch) | SY13 1BQ  | Bowls         | Unknown                         | Two standard quality bowling greens. Membership unknown.  | Explore opportunities to make improvements in order to sustain membership levels.   | Sports club<br>BCGBA    | Local               | M        | M                        | M                  | Protect<br>Enhance |
| 12      | Ash Magna Bowling & Tennis Club         | SY13 4DR  | Bowls         | Whitchurch Rural Parish Council | One standard quality bowling green. Membership unknown.   | Explore opportunities to make improvements in order to sustain membership levels.   | Parish Council<br>BCGBA | Local               | M        | M                        | M                  | Protect<br>Enhance |
|         |   |           | Tennis        |                                 | One standard quality macadam court.   | Retain and maintain for recreation use.   | Parish Council          |                     | L        | L                        | L                  |                    |
| 39      | Bridgewater Bowling Club (Whitchurch)   | SY13 1RE  | Bowls         | Sports club                     | Two standard quality bowling greens. Ongoing installation of irrigation system. Club has c50 members.   | Explore opportunities to make improvements in order to sustain membership levels.<br>Assist the Club in improving ancillary provision.  | Sports club<br>BCGBA    | Local               | M        | M                        | M                  | Protect<br>Enhance |
| 57      | Calverhall Cricket Ground               | SY13 4PE  | Cricket       | Calverhall Village Trust        | One good quality square with eight wickets. Actual spare capacity expressed.<br>Expressed demand for creation of a non turf pitch   | Explore opportunities to maximise use to accommodate future demand and potentially demand from Whitchurch CC / Calverhall CC.   | Sports club<br>ECB, SCB | Main site           | M        | S                        | L                  | Protect<br>Enhance |
|         |   |           | Bowls         |                                 | One good quality bowling green. Club has 45 members.  | Sustain quality and maximise membership in order to create sustainability.  | Sports club<br>BCGBA    |                     | L        | L                        | L                  |                    |
|         |   |           | Tennis        |                                 | Two floodlit artificial courts, standard quality.   | Retain and maintain for recreation use.   | Sports club<br>LTA      |                     | L        | L                        | L                  |                    |
| 62      | Chester Road Bowling Club               | SY13 1ND  | Bowls         | Sports club                     | Two good quality bowling greens. Club has c130 members.   | Sustain quality and membership in order to create sustainability.   | Sports club<br>BCGBA    | Local               | L        | L                        | L                  | Protect            |
| 105     | Deermoss Park                           | SY13 1QW  | Football      | Council                         | One poor quality youth 11v11. Spare capacity discounted due to quality. No changing provision.  | Improve quality as required to meet demand.   | Council                 | Local               | L        | L                        | L                  | Enhance            |
| 130     | Heath Road Ground                       | SY13 3JG  | Cricket       | Sports club                     | One good quality square with 13 wickets. Also, one standalone NTP on site. The limited amount of spare capacity on the site cannot accommodate a senior women's team on a Sunday. The Club is in discussions with a developer of an adjacent site to expand the existing facility which is much needed as its Junior section continues to expand. | Sustain square quality through regular levels of maintenance.<br>Explore the feasibility of assisting the Club in creating a square with a minimum of six wickets and relevant ancillary facilities if security of tenure can be obtained on the adjacent site. | Sports club<br>ECB, SCB | Local               | M        | S                        | M                  | Protect<br>Provide |
| 139     | Hollies Tennis Club                     | SY13 1LP  | Tennis        | Sports club                     | Three good quality macadam courts, all floodlit. Club has over 300 members.   | Sustain quality in order to sustain future membership levels.   | Sports club             | Local               | L        | L                        | L                  | Protect            |
| 221     | Prees Cricket and Recreation Club       | SY13 2DX  | Football      | Sports club                     | One adult, one youth 11v11 and 9v9 and one mini 7v7. All good quality. No peak time capacity. Serviced by good quality changing provision.  | Sustain quality and maximise use of spare capacity where able to. For example, Whitchurch CC could utilise capacity if community use could be secured.  | Sports club<br>ECB, SCB | Hub site            | M        | M                        | L                  | Protect            |
|         |   |           | Football (3G) |                                 | One small size 3G pitch (46 x 28) which is floodlit.  |   |                         |                     |          |                          |                    |                    |

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|---------|---|-----------|--------------|------------------------|--|--|----------------------------|---------------------|----------|--------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
|         |   |           | Cricket      |                        | One good quality square with six wickets and one NTP. Spare capacity at peak time.   |  |                            |                     |          |                          |                    |                         |
|         |   |           | Bowls        |                        | Two good quality bowling greens. Club has c80 members.   |  |                            |                     |          |                          |                    |                         |
| 225     | Queensway Park  | SY13 1HD  | Football     | Community organisation | One adult and one mini 5v5 pitch, both standard quality. No changing provision.  | Improve quality as required and explore options for access to changing rooms.  | Sport club                 | Local               | L        | L                        | L                  | Protect Enhance         |
| 302     | Tilstock Tennis & Bowls Club                                | SY13 3JL  | Bowls        | Sports club            | One good quality bowling green. Aspirations to improve club house quality. Club has c40 members.   | Sustain quality and maximise membership in order to create sustainability. Assist the Club in improving ancillary provision.   | Sports club BCGBA          | Local               | M        | M                        | L                  | Protect Enhance         |
|         |   |           | Tennis       |                        | Two standard quality grass courts. Club has c100 members.  | Improve as required in order to meet levels of demand.   | Sports club LTA            |                     | M        | M                        | L                  |                         |
| 318     | Whitchurch & District Club                                  | SY13 1QW  | Bowls        | Sports club            | Two standard quality bowling greens. Membership unknown.   | Explore opportunities to make improvements in order to sustain membership levels.  | Sports club BCGBA          | Local               | M        | M                        | M                  | Protect Enhance         |
| 320     | Whitchurch Rugby Football Club                              | SY13 4NH  | Rugby union  | Sports club            | Four senior pitches, one floodlit and two mini pitches. All good quality. Mini pitches are played to capacity. Senior pitches have some actual spare capacity.                                   | Sustain quality and maximise use of the senior pitches to accommodate any future demand. Further examine how best to reduce the levels of unauthorised access/dog fouling on the site. | Sports club RFU            | Local               | L        | L                        | L                  | Protect                 |
| 321     | Whitchurch Sports & Leisure Centre (Sir John Talbot School) | SY13 2BY  | Football     | Education              | One adult, one youth 11v11 and mini pitches 5v5 and 7v7. All poor quality with the youth pitch overplayed. Serviced by standard quality changing provision.                                      | Secure community use for Whitchurch Alport Juniors FC and explore funding options to improve quality.  | School Sports club FF, SFA | Hub site            | H        | S                        | M                  | Protect Enhance Provide |
|         |   |           | Cricket      |                        | Two standalone NTPs.   | Retain for school use as required.   | School                     |                     | L        | L                        | L                  |                         |
|         |   |           | Rugby union  |                        | Two senior pitches, poor quality. Spare capacity discounted.   | Retain for school use and improve as required. Explore the feasibility of increasing community use through a community use agreement.  | School                     |                     | L        | L                        | L                  |                         |
|         |   |           | Hockey (AGP) |                        | One full size, floodlit AGP. Poor quality and suffers from drainage problems which often results in standing, and freezing water. Used by Whitchurch HC and Market Drayton HC. Used to capacity. | As a priority refurbish pitch carpet to ensure the continued use of the site for hockey.   | School Sports club EH      |                     | H        | S                        | H                  |                         |
|         |   |           | Tennis       |                        | Four floodlit macadam courts, all good quality. Overmarked with netball.   | Explore options to establish community use if local demand exists.   | School EN                  |                     | M        | S                        | L                  |                         |
| 340     | Yockings Park   | SY13 1PG  | Football     | Sports club            | One adult and one youth 9v9 pitch, both standard quality and with actual spare capacity.   | Improve quality as required to service levels of demand.   | Sports club                | Local               | L        | L                        | L                  | Protect Enhance         |

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## NORTH WEST ANALYSIS AREA

| Sport                    | Analysis area | Current demand (2020) |  | Future demand (2038)   |
|--------------------------|---------------|-----------------------|--|--|
|                          |               | Pitch type            | Current capacity total in MES <sup>[1]</sup>   | Future capacity total in MES   |
| Football (grass pitches) | North West    | Adult                 | Spare capacity of 0.5  | Spare capacity of 0.5  |
|                          |               | Youth 11v11           | Shortfall of 0.5   | Shortfall of 1.5   |
|                          |               | Youth 9v9             | Spare capacity of 0.5  | Spare capacity of 0.5  |
|                          |               | Mini 7v7              | At capacity  | At capacity  |
|                          |               | Mini 5v5              | Spare capacity of 0.5  | At capacity  |
|                          | Shropshire    | Adult                 | Spare capacity of 5  | Spare capacity of 0.5  |
|                          |               | Youth 11v11           | Shortfall of 0.5   | Shortfall of 5   |
|                          |               | Youth 9v9             | Spare capacity of 1.5  | Shortfall of 4.5   |
|                          |               | Mini 7v7              | Spare capacity of 0.5  | Spare capacity of 0.5  |
|                          |               | Mini 5v5              | Spare capacity of 1.5  | Shortfall of 6   |
| Football (3G pitches)    | North West    | Full size, floodlit   | Shortfall of 0.5 full sized 3G pitch for team training                                 | Shortfall of 0.5 full sized 3G pitch for team training                                 |
| Cricket                  | North West    | Saturday              | Shortfall of 13  | Shortfall of 24  |
|                          |               | Sunday                | Shortfall of 13  | Shortfall of 24  |
|                          |               | Midweek               | Shortfall of 5   | Shortfall of 13  |
|                          | Shropshire    | Saturday              | Shortfall of 29  | Shortfall of 139   |
|                          |               | Sunday                | Spare capacity of 92   | Shortfall of 18  |
|                          |               | Midweek               | Spare capacity of 147  | Spare capacity of 47   |
| Rugby union              | North West    | Senior                | Shortfall of 4.5   | Shortfall of 6   |
|                          | Shropshire    | Senior                | Shortfall of 13.5  | Shortfall of 21.75   |
| Hockey (sand AGPs)       | Shropshire    | Full size, floodlit   | There is a need to improve pitch quality and create a pitch to return exported demand. | There is a need to improve pitch quality and create a pitch to return exported demand. |
| Tennis                   | Shropshire    | Courts                | Adequate provision   | Adequate provision   |
| Bowls                    | Shropshire    | Greens                | Adequate provision   | Adequate provision   |
| Netball                  | Shropshire    | Courts                | Adequate provision   | Adequate provision   |
| Other sports             | Shropshire    | Pitches               | Adequate provision   | Adequate provision   |

### Key recommendations for Ellesmere

- ✦ Explore potential options to improve drainage issues at Beech Grove Playing Fields as it is located on a Flood Zone.
- ✦ Explore potential options to assist Ellesmere CC with qualitative issues at Ellesmere Cricket Club including square improvement or relocation.
- ✦ Assist clubs in pitch and ancillary provision enhancements where required.
- ✦ Assist clubs in securing on site tenure, where required.
- ✦ Explore options to increase cricket capacity at sites, such as installing NTPs or creation of additional wickets, if future demand is actualised. Particularly at Hardwick Park.

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

- ◀ Explore improving court quality at Ellesmere College to increase netball activity

### ***Key recommendations for Oswestry***

- ◀ Explore potential options to alleviate overplay at Oswestry RFC such as improving on site pitch and securing access to additional provision.
- ◀ Assist clubs in pitch and ancillary provision enhancements where required.
- ◀ Assist clubs in securing on site tenure, where required.
- ◀ Create additional capacity for youth football pitches in order to accommodate future demand such as securing access to educational site and improving poor quality provision
- ◀ Explore options to increase cricket capacity at sites, such as installing NTPs or creation of additional wickets, if future demand is actualised. Particularly at Knockin & Kinnerly Cricket Ground and Oswestry Cricket Club.
- ◀ Work towards reinstating cricket at Whittington Cricket & Bowling Club.
- ◀ Explore the future feasibility of relocation both Oswestry RFC and Oswestry CC to a new joint site which could increase capacity for each sport.

**PLACE PLAN – ELLESMERE**

| Site ID | Site                                    | Post code | Sport    | Management                           | Current status  | Recommended actions  | Partners   | Site hierarchy tier | Priority | Timescales <sup>52</sup> | Cost <sup>53</sup> | Aim                           |
|---------|---|-----------|----------|--------------------------------------|---|--|--|---------------------|----------|--------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|
| 25      | Beech Grove Playing Fields              | SY12 0BT  | Football | Sports club / Ellesmere Town Council | Two adult, one youth 9v9, one mini 7v7 and one mini 5v5 pitch all of which are standard quality. Adult pitches, youth 9v9 and mini 5v5 pitch all have actual spare capacity of 0.5 match equivalent sessions. The mini 7v7 pitch is played capacity at peak time. One of the adult pitches is suitable for Step football and all remaining pitches suffering from drainage issues. Ellesmere Rangers FC currently has a long term lease of its first team pitch (Step 5 standard) from Ellesmere Town Council. However, it only rents pitches at Beech Grove Playing Fields on an annual basis. The Club has ambitions to formalise a long term agreement for the entire site from the Town Council in order for it to be able to access potential funding streams to improve pitch quality. Site is located on a Flood zone. | Due to site being located on a flood zone examine ways to improve pitch quality such as increased levels of regular maintenance.<br>Assist the Club in securing long term tenure for the entire site in order for it to access relevant potential grant monies.<br>Utilise spare capacity to accommodate future demand or alleviate overplay from surrounding sites.<br>Ensure pitch and ancillary facilities are suitable for relevant Step football.<br>Ensure the sports club has access to relevant flood relief funds when required.<br>Ensure sports club is prepared for the potential effects of flooding. | Sports club<br>TC<br>SFA<br>FF                           | Main site           | H        | S-M                      | L-M                | Protect<br>Enhance<br>Provide |
| 99      | Criftins Village Hall and Playing Field | SY12 9LE  | Bowls    | Community organisation               | One good quality bowling green used by Criftins BC.   | Sustain quality and maximise membership in order to create sustainability.   | Community organisation<br>Sports club<br>LTA<br>BCGBA    | Local               | M        | S                        | L                  | Protect                       |
|         |   |           | Tennis   |                                      | Two good quality macadam courts that are floodlit. Courts are used by Criftins TC which has c176 members. The Club has concerns regarding its tenure onsite.  | Sustain court quality and membership. If demand increases, consider the need for additional provision.<br>Explore options to give Criftins TC secured onsite tenure.   |  |                     |          |                          |                    |                               |
| 110     | Ellesmere Bowling Club                  | SY12 0HA  | Bowls    | Sports club                          | Two poor quality bowling greens owned by Ellesmere BC that has c44 members.<br>The Club has aspirations to improve green and ancillary facility quality.  | Improve green quality through an enhanced maintenance regime.<br>Assist the Club in improving ancillary provision.   | Sports club<br>BCGBA                                     | Local               | M        | M                        | L                  | Protect<br>Enhance            |
| 111     | Ellesmere College                       | SY12 9AB  | Football | Education                            | Five good quality adult pitch that have spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure. Provision is available for community use.   | Sustain quality for curricular and extracurricular demand.<br>Explore options to increase community use for future levels of demand.   | Education<br>SFA<br>FF<br>ECB<br>SCB<br>RFU<br>LTA<br>EN | Main site           | M        | M                        | L                  | Protect<br>Enhance<br>Provide |
|         |   |           | Cricket  |                                      | One standalone NTP and three grass cricket squares with four, 10 and 12 grass wickets respectively. All provision is good quality and available for community use.  | Sustain quality for curricular and extracurricular demand.<br>Explore options to increase community use.   |  |                     |          |                          |                    |                               |

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|         |                                       |           | Rugby union   |                        | Five senior rugby union pitches that are available for community use.   | Sustain quality for curricular and extracurricular demand.<br>Explore options to increase community use.  |                                      |                     |          |                          |                    |                    |
|         |                                       |           | Hockey (AGP)  |                        | One full size floodlit hockey suitable AGP that is floodlit and community available.  | Sustain quality for curricular and extracurricular demand.<br>Explore options to increase community use.  |                                      |                     |          |                          |                    |                    |
|         |                                       |           | Tennis        |                        | Six poor quality macadam courts that are floodlit and available for community use. In addition there are also four new good quality indoor courts.  | Focus on improving court quality in order to increase levels of tennis activity.  |                                      |                     |          |                          |                    |                    |
|         |                                       |           | Netball       |                        | Six poor quality floodlit macadam courts which are in need of posts.  | Focus on improving court quality in order to increase levels of netball activity.   |                                      |                     |          |                          |                    |                    |
| 112     | Ellesmere Cricket Club                | SY12 9AA  | Cricket       | Ellesmere Town Council | One good quality square with eight grass wickets. Square is overplayed by five match equivalent sessions. Ellesmere CC indicates it is currently looking for assistance and potential solutions to a long term drainage issue. The Club indicates the problem is becoming worse on a season by season basis and is causing matches to be moved or cancelled. Site is located on a flood zone. | Ensure good quality in order to sustain minimal levels of overplay. Due to site being located on a flood zone examine ways to improve square quality such as increased levels of regular maintenance, drainage or relocation of the square to a more suitable location. Ensure the sports club has access to relevant flood relief funds when required. Ensure sports club is prepared for the potential effects of flooding. | TC<br>Sports club<br>ECB<br>SCB      | Local               | M        | S                        | L-M                | Protect<br>Enhance |
| 128     | Hardwick Park (Frankton Cricket Club) | SY12 9HG  | Cricket       | Private                | One good quality square that has ten grass wickets. The Club currently has a minimal lease for a private landowner. Square has minimal spare capacity with no capacity to accommodate future demand.  | Sustain square quality through regular maintenance. Assist the Club in securing onsite tenure. In priority order, assist the Club in actualising future demand whether this is through creation of an NTP, additional wickets on site, access to secondary site with capacity or creation of new provision.   | Private<br>Sports club<br>ECB<br>SCB | Local               | M        | S                        | L                  | Protect<br>Enhance |
| 151     | Lakelands Academy                     | SY12 0EA  | Football      | Education              | One poor quality adult pitch that is played to capacity through curricular usage. Pitch is not available for community use.   | Improve pitch quality, as required, to meet curricular and extracurricular demand.  | Education<br>SFA<br>FF<br>EH<br>EH   | Main site           | L        | L                        | L                  | Protect            |
|         |                                       |           | Football (3G) |                        | One standard quality small size floodlit 3G (46x28).  | Sustain quality and retain as current use. Ensure a sinking fund is in place. Explore options to maximise community use.  |                                      |                     |          |                          |                    |                    |
|         |                                       |           | Hockey (AGP)  |                        | One full size floodlit hockey suitable AGP that is good quality. There is minimal current community usage.  | Sustain quality and retain as current use. Ensure a sinking fund is in place. Explore options to maximise community use.  |                                      |                     |          |                          |                    |                    |
|         |                                       |           | Tennis        |                        | Three standard quality macadam courts that are floodlit but not available for community use.  | Sustain quality and retain as current use.  |                                      |                     |          |                          |                    |                    |

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|         |  |           | Netball  |            | Two standard quality macadam courts that are floodlit but not available for community use. | Sustain quality and retain as current use.   |                        |                     |          |                          |                    |         |
| 180     | Millennium Village Hall Playing Fields | SY12 0JE  | Football | Education  | One adult pitch that has spare capacity discounted due to poor quality.                    | Improve pitch quality through enhanced levels of maintenance based on levels of future demand. Examine pitch reconfiguration based on future levels of demand. | Education<br>SFA<br>FF | Local               | L        | L                        | L                  | Enhance |

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| Site ID | Site                                 | Post code | Sport   | Management                                      | Current status  | Recommended actions   | Partners  | Site hierarchy tier | Priority | Timescales <sup>54</sup> | Cost <sup>55</sup> | Aim                |
|---------|--------------------------------------|-----------|---------|---|---|---|---|---------------------|----------|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 56      | Cae Glass Park                       | SY11 1AP  | Bowls   | Oswestry Town Council<br>Community organisation | One standard quality bowling green.   | Explore opportunities to make improvements in order to sustain membership levels.   | TC<br>Community organisation<br>Sports club<br>BCGBA<br>LTA | Main site           | M        | S-M                      | L                  | Protect<br>Enhance |
|         |                                      |           | Tennis  |   | Three artificial courts and three artificial mini courts operated by a community organisation and two macadam courts operated by the Town Council. All courts are available for community and all, except the macadam courts, are floodlit. Artificial courts are good quality with the macadam courts poor quality. Artificial courts are used by Oswestry Team Tennis that have c527 members. | Assist Oswestry Team Tennis in its participation levels through court access and improvements as required (including both artificial and macadam provision).  |   |                     |          |                          |                    |                    |
| 118     | Gatacre Playing Fields               | SY11 1DR  | Cricket | Sports club                                     | One good quality square with seven grass wicket and an NTP. Site has minimal capacity for additional midweek demand. Provision is leased to Cae Glass CC which has aspirations for permanent practice nets.   | Sustain square quality through appropriate levels of maintenance. Utilise minimal spare capacity for additional midweek demand. Explore the feasibility of assisting the Club in its training demand aspirations.                       | Sports club<br>ECB<br>SCB                                   | Local               | L        | L                        | L                  | Protect<br>Provide |
| 141     | Ifton Miners Institute Bowling Green | SY11 3AY  | Bowls   | Sports club                                     | One poor quality bowling green owned by Ifton BC. The Club has plans to fundraise to build a new pavilion and has c53 members.  | Improve green quality through an enhanced maintenance regime. Assist the Club in improving ancillary provision.   | Sports club<br>BCGBA  | Local               | M        | M                        | L                  | Protect<br>Enhance |
| 148     | Knockin & Kinnerly Cricket Ground    | SY10 8HL  | Cricket | Sports club                                     | One good quality square with 12 grass wickets. Square is overplayed by eight match equivalent sessions and has no capacity to accommodate future demand. Site is on a long term lease to Knockin & Kinnerley CC from the Bradford Estate.   | Sustain square quality through regular maintenance. If overplay worsens consider options to alleviate this through creation of an NTP, additional wickets on site, access to secondary site with capacity or creation of new provision. | Private<br>Sports club<br>ECB<br>SCB                        | Local               | M        | S                        | L                  | Protect            |

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| 154     | Lion Quays Leisure Club     | SY11 3EN  | Bowls (lapsed) | Private                                | It is unknown when the artificial bowling green at Lion Quays Leisure Centre was last formally accessed as formal sports provision, however, it is believed to be lapsed. The green was established circa 2009 with the building of Leisure Centre and surrounding facilities.          | Based on levels of demand explore options for alternative uses.   | Private<br>BCGBA<br>LTA   | Local               | L        | L                        | L                  | Protect            |
|         |                             |           | Tennis         |  | Three macadam courts that are floodlit but not available for community use.   | Based on levels of demand retain as current use.  |   |                     |          |                          |                    |                    |
| 155     | Lizbeth Close Bowling Green | SY11 1BZ  | Bowls          | Sports club                            | One good quality bowling green owned by Ye Olde Crofte BC. The site is used by Ye Olde Crofte BC (c32 members and George BC (c10 members). Onsite ancillary provision is poor quality.  | Sustain quality and maximise membership in order to create sustainability.<br>Assist the Club in improving ancillary provision.   | Sports club<br>BCGBA  | Local               | M        | M                        | L                  | Protect<br>Enhance |
| 156     | Llanymynech Village Hall    | SY22 6EE  | Football       | Community organisation<br>Sports clubs | One poor quality youth 11v11 pitch that is overplayed by one match equivalent session. Pitch suffers from limited maintenance and becomes easily waterlogged.   | Improve pitch quality through enhanced levels of maintenance.   | Community organisation<br>Sports clubs<br>SFA<br>FF<br>BCGBA<br>LTA | Local               | M        | S-M                      | L-M                | Protect<br>Enhance |
|         |                             |           | Bowls          |  | One standard quality bowling green owned by Llanymynech BC. The Club has ambitions to build a new toilet block and has c45 members.   | Explore opportunities to make improvements in order to sustain membership levels.<br>Improve green quality through an enhanced maintenance regime.  |   |                     |          |                          |                    |                    |
|         |                             |           | Tennis         |  | Two standard quality macadam courts that are available for community use but are not floodlit. Courts are rented by Llanymynech TC which indicates aspirations for floodlights. The Club has c28 members.   | Improve quality and maximise membership to help sustain for future of each club.<br>Explore opportunities for funding to improve ancillary facilities including floodlights.  |   |                     |          |                          |                    |                    |
| 169     | Marches School              | SY11 2AR  | Football (3G)  | Education                              | One adult, one youth 11v11 and one youth 9v9 pitch all of which are standard quality and not available for community use. St Martins FC has aspirations to enter a partnership with the School in order to create a full size floodlit 3G pitch with relevant Step football facilities. | Improve pitch quality to better meet levels of curricular and extracurricular demand.<br>If pitches improve in quality explore the feasibility of allowing community use to alleviate future shortfalls.<br>Explore the feasibility of creating a full size floodlit 3G pitch on the site with St Martins FC as a partner club. | Education<br>SFA<br>FF<br>RFU<br>EH<br>LTA<br>EN                    | Main site           | M        | S-M                      | H                  | Protect<br>Enhance |
|         |                             |           | Rugby union    |  | Two poor quality senior pitches (M0/D1) which are available for community use but are unused.   | Improve pitch quality to better meet levels of curricular and extracurricular demand.<br>Explore the feasibility of increasing community use through a community use agreement.   |   |                     |          |                          |                    |                    |
|         |                             |           | Hockey (AGP)   |  | One poor quality full size hockey suitable AGP that is floodlit and available for community use. Limited amount of external hockey usage by Oswestry HC. Pitch is over its ten year recommended lifespan.   | As a matter of priority, refurbish the pitch.<br>Ensure there is a sinking fund in place once refurbished.  |   |                     |          |                          |                    |                    |

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|         |                                     |           | Tennis       |                        | Four poor quality macadam courts that are not floodlit nor available for community use.   | Improve quality based on levels of curricular and extracurricular demand,   |                                     |                     |          |                          |                    |                               |
|         |                                     |           | Netball      |                        | Three poor quality macadam courts that are not floodlit nor available for community use.  | Improve quality based on levels of curricular and extracurricular demand,   |                                     |                     |          |                          |                    |                               |
| 187     | Moreton Hall School                 | SY11 3EW  | Hockey (AGP) | Education              | One standard quality full size hockey suitable AGP that is floodlit and available for community use. Pitch is over its ten year recommended lifespan.   | Refurbish the pitch when required to meet curricular and extracurricular demand.<br>Ensure there is a sinking fund in place once refurbished.<br>Before any refurbishment takes place there needs to be dialogue with the SFA, FF and EH.                                 | Education<br>EH<br>LTA<br>EN        | Local               | L        | S-M                      | H                  | Protect<br>Enhance            |
|         |                                     |           | Tennis       |                        | Six good quality macadam courts three of which are floodlit. All courts are available for community use.  | Sustain quality and retain as current use.  |                                     |                     |          |                          |                    |                               |
|         |                                     |           | Netball      |                        | Four good quality macadam courts two of which are floodlit. All courts are available for community use.   | Sustain quality and retain as current use.  |                                     |                     |          |                          |                    |                               |
| 189     | Morton Playing Field                | SY10 8AJ  | Football     | Community organisation | One adult and one youth 9v9 pitch both of which are poor quality. Spare capacity on the adult pitch is discounted due to quality whereas the youth 9v9 pitch is played to capacity. No onsite ancillary facilities.   | Improve pitch quality through an enhanced maintenance regime.<br>If pitches improve in quality explore reconfiguring the adult pitch to a youth 11v11 in order to alleviate future shortfalls.  | Community organisation<br>SFA<br>FF | Local               | L        | S-M                      | L                  | Enhance                       |
| 208     | Oswestry Boys & Girls Football Club | SY11 4AQ  | Football     | Sports club            | Three youth 11v11, one youth 9v9, two mini 7v7 and one mini 5v5 pitch all of which are standard quality. The youth 11v11 pitches have actual spare capacity of 0.5 match equivalents sessions available with all other pitches played to capacity at peak time. Pitches suffer from poor drainage and waterlogging. | Look to improve pitch quality through either an enhanced maintenance regime and/or improve onsite drainage.<br>Utilised actual spare capacity on youth 11v11 pitches for future demand.   | Sports club<br>SFA<br>FF            | Local               | M        | S-M                      | L                  | Enhance                       |
| 209     | Oswestry Cricket Club               | SY11 2AY  | Cricket      | Sports club            | One good quality square with 12 grass wickets. Site is owned by Oswestry CC and has no capacity for future demand.<br>Rough and Tumblers CC also use the site. Oswestry CC has aspirations for new outdoor practice nets.   | Sustain square quality through appropriate levels of maintenance.<br>Explore the feasibility of creating new practice provision.<br>Also explore the feasibility of expanding the Clubs current site or relocation to a new site with at least two grass cricket squares. | Sports club<br>SCB<br>ECB           | Local               | M        | M                        | L-H                | Protect<br>Provide            |
| 210     | Oswestry Rugby Club                 | SY11 4AE  | Rugby union  | Sports club            | Two standard quality senior pitches (M1/D1) one of which is floodlit and one standard quality mini pitch (M1/D1). The floodlit senior pitch is  | Improve pitch quality through increased levels of maintenance and/or drainage enhancements.   | Sports club<br>Council<br>RFU       | Local               | H        | S-L                      | L-H                | Protect<br>Provide<br>Enhance |

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|         |                       |           |              |  | overplayed by 4.5 match equivalent sessions whereas remaining pitches have not actual spare capacity. Site is owned by Oswestry RFC<br>The Club has long term ambitions to relocate to a new home where all its demand can be located. Onsite ancillary is poor quality. | Assist the Club in alleviating levels of overplay through pitch improvements and access/ creation of additional pitches and suitable sites.<br>Explore the feasibility of installing floodlights on its second pitch.<br>Examine the feasibility of rebuilding and relocating onsite ancillary provision to provide better quality facilities and potentially additional land for pitches.<br>Explore the clubs long term ambitions to relocate to a new site with suitable pitch and ancillary provision. This should be examined with future housing growth in the Park Hall area. |   |                     |          |                          |                    |                    |
| 211     | Oswestry School       | SY11 2TL  | Football     | Education  | Two adult, one youth 11v11, one youth 9v9 and one mini 7v7 pitch all of which are good quality. The youth 11v11 and mini 7v7 pitch are played to capacity at peak period with remaining spare capacity on pitch discounted due to unsecure tenure.                       | Sustain quality through appropriate levels of maintenance.<br>Explore formalising community use through a CUA to create additional capacity.   | Education<br>SFA<br>FF<br>ECB<br>SCB<br>EH<br>LTA | Main site           | M        | S-L                      | L-M                | Protect<br>Provide |
|         |                       |           | Cricket      | Two good quality squares one with 12 grass wickets and one with three grass wickets. Spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure. | Sustain quality and retain as current use.<br>Explore formalising community use through a CUA to create additional capacity.   |  |   |                     |          |                          |                    |                    |
|         |                       |           | Rugby union  | One senior and one junior pitch both of which are standard quality (M1/D1). Actual spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure.   | Sustain quality and retain as current use.   |  |   |                     |          |                          |                    |                    |
|         |                       |           | Hockey (AGP) | One full size hockey suitable AGP that is available for community use and floodlit.<br>Used by Oswestry HC.                            | Protect as a hockey suitable surface and support the development and growth of Oswestry HC through the School  |  |   |                     |          |                          |                    |                    |
|         |                       |           | Tennis       | Six good quality artificial courts that are floodlit and available for community use. Courts are marked on the hockey suitable AGP.    | Sustain quality and retain as current use.   |  |   |                     |          |                          |                    |                    |
| 212     | Oswestry Tennis Club  | SY11 2EG  | Tennis       | Sports club  | Two macadam and two dedicated mini macadam courts all of which are standard quality, available for community use and are floodlit. Courts lease to Oswestry TC from Oswestry School. The Club has c122 members.  | As required improve court quality and assist the Club increasing levels of demand to ensure its sustainability.  | Sports club<br>Education<br>LTA                   | Local               | L        | L                        | L                  | Protect<br>Enhance |
| 215     | Packwood Haugh School | SY4 1HX   | Football     | Education  | Four good quality youth 11v11 pitches that are not available for community use.  | Sustain current provision and improve when required to meet levels of curricular and extracurricular activity.   | Education<br>SFA<br>FF<br>ECB<br>SCB              | Main site           | L        | L                        | L                  | Protect<br>Provide |
|         |                       |           | Cricket      | One standalone NTP and five grass squares all of which are good quality and not available for community use.                           | Explore the feasibility of allowing community access to the site in order to alleviate identified future shortfalls  |  |   |                     |          |                          |                    |                    |

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|         |                               |           | Rugby union       |  | Four good quality (M2/D1) mini pitches that are not available for community use.  | in the Analysis Area particularly for youth 11v11 football.   | RFU<br>EH<br>LTA<br>EN                     |                     |          |                          |                    |                    |
|         |                               |           | Hockey (AGP)      | One small size hockey suitable AGP (88x52) that is floodlit but not available for community use.                   |   |   |  |                     |          |                          |                    |                    |
|         |                               |           | Tennis            | Six artificial, two macadam and one grass court all of which are good quality but not available for community use. |   |   |  |                     |          |                          |                    |                    |
|         |                               |           | Netball           | Two poor quality macadam courts that are not available for community use.  |   |   |  |                     |          |                          |                    |                    |
| 266     | St Martins Playing Field      | SY11 3AY  | Football          | Private  | One poor quality adult pitch that is played to capacity. Pitch is suitable for Step pyramid football. Site is used by St Martins FC which report the pitch drains poorly.   | Improve pitch with enhanced levels of regular maintenance.<br>Ensure the site is suitable for appropriate level of Step football.   | Private Sports club<br>SFA<br>FF           | Local               | M        | S                        | L                  | Enhance            |
| 267     | St Martins School             | SY10 7BD  | Tennis            | Education  | Two poor quality macadam courts that are available for community use but are not floodlit.  | Improve court quality as appropriate based on levels of curricular and extracurricular demand,<br>Sustain court quality and retain as current use.  | Education<br>LTA<br>EN                     | Local               | L        | L                        | L                  | Protect<br>Enhance |
|         |                               |           | Netball           |  | Three standard quality courts that are available for community use but are not floodlit.  |   |  |                     |          |                          |                    |                    |
| 293     | The Playing Fields            | SY10 7GA  | Football          | Selattyn & Gobowen Parish Council  | One adult and one youth 9v9 pitch both of which have spare capacity discounted due to poor quality. Site is located on a flood zone and is accompanied by poor quality ancillary facilities.  | Improve pitch quality through an enhanced maintenance regime.<br>Explore the feasibility of improving poor quality ancillary provision.<br>Ensure the PC has access to relevant flood relief funds when required.<br>Ensure PC is prepared for the potential effects of flooding.   | PC<br>SFA<br>FF                            | Local               | M        | S-M                      | L                  | Protect<br>Enhance |
| 299     | The Venue at Park Hall        | SY11 4AS  | Football (3G)     | Sports club  | One full size floodlit 3G pitch which is home to The New Saints FC. The pitches FIFA Pro certification has recently expired however it is in the process of being renewed. Pitch is used for Womens National League Division One football. Since the production of the report it has been indicated that the site has gone into liquidation (2020). | Sustain quality through appropriate levels of maintenance.<br>Ensure the site is suitable for the level of football being played.<br>Ensure there is a sinking fund in place.<br>Ensure the pitch is retested for its FIFA Pro certification and regularly tested hereafter.<br>Ensure the facilities are still accessible for community sports given the site's liquidation. | Sports club<br>SFA<br>FF                   | Local               | H        | S                        | L                  | Protect            |
| 304     | Trefonen Playing Fields       | SY10 9DY  | Football          | Council  | One adult pitch that has spare capacity discounted due to poor quality. Pitch is used by Trefonen FC which plays in the Football Association of Wales football pyramid.   | Improve pitch quality through enhanced levels of maintenance.<br>Ensure the site meets the relevant requirements for the level of Welsh football being played.  | Council<br>Sports club<br>SFA<br>FF<br>FAW | Local               | M        | S                        | L                  | Protect<br>Enhance |
| 315     | Weston Rhyn Recreation Ground | SY10 7RZ  | Football (lapsed) | Unknown  | One lapsed adult pitch that has not been used since circa 2014.   | Keep site as a strategic reserve as potential option to alleviate future youth football shortfalls.   | SFA<br>FF                                  | Local               | L        | L                        | L                  | Protect            |

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| 316     | Weston Road                                | SY10 9NS  | Football    | Oswestry Rural Parish Council | One poor quality adult pitch that is played to capacity. Site is accompanied by poor quality ancillary facilities.  | Improve pitch quality through an enhanced maintenance regime. Explore the feasibility of improving onsite ancillary facilities.                                | PC<br>SFA<br>FF                           | Local               | L        | L                        | L                  | Enhance                       |
| 322     | Whittington Cricket & Bowling Club         | SY11 4PQ  | Cricket     | Sports club                   | The site previously hosted an eight grass wicket square however Whittington CC folded in 2016. The Club has ambitions to reform.                                    | Assist in the growth in cricket demand in order to reintroduce cricket provision.  | Sports club<br>ECB<br>SCB<br>RFU<br>BCGBA | Local               | H        | S                        | L                  | Protect<br>Enhance            |
|         |  |           | Rugby union |                               | Three poor quality (M0/D1) mini pitches used by Oswestry RFC. Pitches are marked on the previous outfield of the cricket square and are rented from Whittington CC. | Improve pitch quality through enhanced levels of maintenance in order to create additional capacity. Ensure Oswestry RFC has secure tenure on the site.        |   |                     |          |                          |                    |                               |
|         |  |           | Bowls       |                               | One good quality bowling green owned by Whittington BC which has c52 members.   | Sustain quality and maximise membership in order to create sustainability.   |   |                     |          |                          |                    |                               |
| 339     | Wynstay Hotel                              | SY11 2SZ  | Bowls       | Commercial                    | One standard quality bowling green owned by Wynstay Hotel   | Explore opportunities to make improvements in order to sustain membership levels.  | Commercial<br>BCGBA                       | Local               | L        | L                        | L                  | Protect                       |
| 354     | Weston Rhyn Bowling Green                  | SY10 7RQ  | Bowls       | Sports club                   | One good quality bowling green leased to Weston Rhyn BC. The Club has plans to improve surrounding hard areas and c55 members.                                      | Sustain quality and maximise membership in order to create sustainability. Assist the Club in improving ancillary provision.                                   | Sports club                               | Local               | M        | M                        | L                  | Protect<br>Enhance            |
| 364     | Oswestry Church Bowling Club               | SY11 2SZ  | Bowls       | Sports club                   | One good quality bowling green owned by Church BC. The Club has c80 members and aspirations to improve its clubhouse provision.                                     | Sustain quality and maximise membership in order to create sustainability. Assist the Club in improving ancillary provision.                                   | Sports club                               | Local               | M        | M                        | L                  | Protect<br>Enhance            |
| 371     | The Showground                             | SY11 4AE  | Rugby union | Private                       | Two poor quality (M0/D1) mini pitches rented by Oswestry RFC. Site is located neighbouring the clubs home venue.  | Assist the club in secure tenure for the use of a dedicated are of land for it to develop additional pitches in order to alleviate overplay off its main site. | Private<br>Sports club<br>RFU             | Local               | M        | S                        | L-M                | Protect<br>Provide<br>Enhance |
| 379     | St Johns The Baptist C of E Primary School | SY4 1LA   | Football    | Education                     | One poor quality mini 7v7 pitch that is not available for community use.  | Improve pitch quality as required to meet levels of curricular and extracurricular demand.   | Education<br>SFA<br>FF                    | Local               | L        | L                        | L                  | Enhance                       |

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| Sport                    | Analysis area | Current demand (2020) |  | Future demand (2038)   |
|--------------------------|---------------|-----------------------|--|--|
|                          |               | Pitch type            | Current capacity total in MES <sup>[1]</sup>   | Future capacity total in MES   |
| Football (grass pitches) | South         | Adult                 | Spare capacity of 0.5  | Spare capacity of 0.5  |
|                          |               | Youth 11v11           | At capacity  | At capacity  |
|                          |               | Youth 9v9             | At capacity  | Shortfall of 1   |
|                          |               | Mini 7v7              | At capacity  | At capacity  |
|                          |               | Mini 5v5              | At capacity  | At capacity  |
|                          | Shropshire    | Adult                 | Spare capacity of 5  | Spare capacity of 0.5  |
|                          |               | Youth 11v11           | Shortfall of 0.5   | Shortfall of 5   |
|                          |               | Youth 9v9             | Spare capacity of 1.5  | Shortfall of 4.5   |
|                          |               | Mini 7v7              | Spare capacity of 0.5  | Spare capacity of 0.5  |
|                          |               | Mini 5v5              | Spare capacity of 1.5  | Shortfall of 6   |
| Football (3G pitches)    | South         | Full size, floodlit   | At capacity  | At capacity  |
| Cricket                  | South         | Saturday              | At capacity  | Shortfall of 11  |
|                          |               | Sunday                | At capacity  | Shortfall of 11  |
|                          |               | Midweek               | At capacity  | At capacity  |
|                          | Shropshire    | Saturday              | Shortfall of 29  | Shortfall of 139   |
|                          |               | Sunday                | Spare capacity of 92   | Shortfall of 18  |
|                          |               | Midweek               | Spare capacity of 147  | Spare capacity of 47   |
| Rugby union              | South         | Senior                | Shortfall of 1.25  | Shortfall of 5.5   |
|                          | Shropshire    | Senior                | Shortfall of 13.5  | Shortfall of 21.75   |
| Hockey (sand AGPs)       | Shropshire    | Full size, floodlit   | There is a need to improve pitch quality and create a pitch to return exported demand. | There is a need to improve pitch quality and create a pitch to return exported demand. |
| Tennis                   | Shropshire    | Courts                | Adequate provision   | Adequate provision   |
| Bowls                    | Shropshire    | Greens                | Adequate provision   | Adequate provision   |
| Netball                  | Shropshire    | Courts                | Adequate provision   | Adequate provision   |
| Other sports             | Shropshire    | Pitches               | Adequate provision   | Adequate provision   |

### Key recommendations for Cleobury Mortimer

- ◀ To meet the future shortfalls and increase current capacity, improve poor/standard quality football pitches. Also consider some reconfiguration of pitches to better meet demand.
- ◀ Ensure long term security of tenure and improve quality for Cleobury Mortimer RFC playing at Lacon Childe School.

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

### ***Key recommendations for Ludlow***

- ◀ To meet the future shortfalls and increase current capacity, improve poor/standard quality football pitches.
- ◀ Improve pitch quality and seek options for access to additional pitches to meet demand for both clubs in the Area.
- ◀ As a priority, seek to establish long term security of tenure for Ludlow CC and explore options for additional access to provision.
- ◀ Requirement for the 3G pitch at The Ludlow Stadium to be resurfaced in the medium term.
- ◀ Improve the quality of the bowling green at Ashford Carbonell Playing Fields.

**PLACE PLAN – CLEOBURY MORTIMER**

| Site ID | Site   | Post code | Sport            | Management                     | Current status  | Recommended actions   | Partners                  | Site hierarchy tier | Priority | Timescales <sup>56</sup> | Cost <sup>57</sup> | Aim                |
|---------|--|-----------|------------------|--------------------------------|---|---|---------------------------|---------------------|----------|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 75      | Clee Hill Recreation Ground (Knowle Sports Club) | SY8 3NL   | Football         | Sports club                    | One adult and one mini 7v7 pitch, both poor quality. Spare capacity discounted due to quality. Poor quality changing provision.   | Improve quality and potential to reconfigure pitch type to alleviate youth 9v9 shortfalls.  | Sports club<br>FF, SFA    | Local               | M        | M                        | M                  | Protect<br>Enhance |
|         |  |           | Cricket (lapsed) |                                | Previously accommodated a four wicket grass square, which aerial imaginary suggests was last formally maintained circa 2009. It is unknown which club previously utilised the provision.        | No current local demand to bring back into use identified.  | Sports club               |                     | L        | L                        | L                  |                    |
| 77      | Cleobury Mortimer Playing Field                  | DY14 8PE  | Football         | Cleobury Mortimer Town Council | One poor youth 9v9 pitch. Spare capacity discounted due to quality. Good quality changing provision.  | Improve quality as required to meet demand.   | Town Council FF, SFA      | Main site           | M        | M                        | L                  | Protect<br>Enhance |
|         |  |           | Cricket          |                                | One good quality square with eight wickets. No peak time capacity.  | Sustain quality and maximise use to accommodate future junior demand (off peak). Explore options to secure long term community use for clubs.   | Town Council ECB, SCB     |                     | L        | L                        | L                  |                    |
| 150     | Lacon Childe School                              | DY14 8PE  | Rugby union      | Education / Sports club        | Two poor quality senior pitches with spare capacity discounted due to quality. Cleobury Mortimer RFC lease from The Shropshire Gateway Educational Trust until 2028. Standard quality changing. | Ensure long term security of tenure and improve quality. Improve quality of the pitches through an enhanced maintenance regime.   | School Sports club<br>RFU | Local               | M        | S                        | M                  | Protect<br>Enhance |
|         |  |           | Football (3G)    |                                | Council   | One small floodlit 3G pitch (54 x 36) used by Cleobury Mortimer RFC for training.   |                           |                     |          |                          |                    |                    |
| 184     | Moffats School                                   | DY12 3AY  | Cricket          | Education                      | One good quality square with six wickets. Unavailable for community use.  | Although there are some shortfalls in the area, there is no local demand for community use to be established at the site. Therefore, the site should be protected for education use and improved as required. | Education                 | Local               | L        | L                        | L                  | Protect<br>Enhance |
|         |  |           | Tennis Netball   |                                | One poor quality macadam court overmarked with netball. Unavailable for community use.  |   |                           |                     |          |                          |                    |                    |
| 344     | Cleobury Mortimer Bowling Club                   | DY14 8AU  | Bowls            | Sports club                    | One good quality bowling green. Aspirations to improve clubhouse quality. Club has c100 members.  | Sustain quality and maximise membership in order to create sustainability. Assist the Club in improving ancillary provision.  | Sports club<br>BCGBA      | Local               | M        | M                        | M                  | Protect<br>Enhance |

<sup>56</sup> (S) -Short (1-2 years); (M) - Medium (3-5 years); (L) - Long (6+ years)

<sup>57</sup> (L) -Low - less than £50k; (M) -Medium - £50k-£250k; (H) -High £250k and above

**PLACE PLAN – LUDLOW**

| Site ID | Site                                | Post code | Sport             | Management                       | Current status  | Recommended actions   | Partners                | Site hierarchy tier | Priority | Timescales <sup>58</sup> | Cost <sup>59</sup> | Aim                           |
|---------|-------------------------------------|-----------|-------------------|----------------------------------|---|---|-------------------------|---------------------|----------|--------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|
| 14      | Ashford Carbonell Playing Fields    | SY8 4DD   | Bowls (flat)      | Ashford Carbonell Parish Council | One poor quality artificial bowling green (flat). The key issue for the green is its artificial surface which makes it more difficult to maintain than a natural grass green. As such it suffers from areas of wear and tear and evidence of moss and lichen.   | Seek advice from BE to reach a greater standard of maintenance which improves quality.  | Parish Council<br>BE    | Local               | H        | S                        | M                  | Protect<br>Enhance            |
|         |                                     |           | Tennis            |                                  | One standard quality macadam court overmarked with netball.   | Retain to meet local demand.  | Parish Council          |                     | L        | L                        | L                  |                               |
| 76      | Clee Hill Rugby Club (Tenbury Road) | SY8 3NJ   | Rugby union       | Sports club                      | Two senior pitches both poor quality and one is floodlit. Overplayed by 1.25 match sessions. Ancillary provision is poor quality. The Club reports current provision is not suitable for the number of people using them. The quality of the showers is also unsuitable. The Club has recently received Sport England Community Asset Funding for pitch levelling and drainage. | In addition to pitch improvements through maintenance enhancements the Club should be assisted in accessing addition pitch provision. Explore options for funding to improve the ancillary provision. Assist the Club in pitch levelling and drainage improvements. | Sports club<br>RFU      | Local               | H        | S                        | M                  | Protect<br>Enhance<br>Provide |
| 163     | Ludlow Castle Tennis and Bowls Club | SY8 1EE   | Bowls             | Sports club                      | One standard quality bowling green. Club has c140 members. Aspirations to improve clubhouse quality.  | Explore opportunities to make improvements in order to sustain membership levels. Assist the Club in improving ancillary provision.   | Sports club<br>BCGBA    | Local               | M        | M                        | M                  | Protect<br>Enhance            |
|         |                                     |           | Tennis            |                                  | Two floodlit clay courts and three artificial courts, two of which, are floodlit. All good quality. Club has over 400 members.  | Sustain quality and membership. Explore funding options to improve the clubhouse.   | Sports club<br>LTA      |                     | M        | M                        | M                  |                               |
| 164     | Ludlow Church of England School     | SY8 1GJ   | Rugby             | Education                        | Two poor quality senior pitches. Unavailable for community use.   | Explore any potential to establish community use to meet demand form Clee Hill Rugby Club. Quality improvements are likely to be needed.  | School<br>RFU           | Local               | H        | S                        | M                  | Protect<br>Enhance<br>Provide |
|         |                                     |           | Football          |                                  | Two poor quality adult pitches. Unavailable for community use.  | There is no local demand for community use to be established on these facilities. Therefore, retain and improve quality as required for the school.   | School                  |                     | L        | L                        | L                  |                               |
|         |                                     |           | Cricket           |                                  | One standalone NTP.   |   |                         |                     |          |                          |                    |                               |
|         |                                     |           | Tennis<br>Netball |                                  | Four standard quality macadam tennis courts, overmarked with netball.   |   |                         |                     |          |                          |                    |                               |
| 166     | Ludlow Cricket Ground               | SY8 1DT   | Cricket           | Private                          | Two good quality squares (with seven and 15 wickets respectively) each with an NTP. No peak time capacity. Rented from the Earl of Plymouth Estates, unsecure use. Serviced by fixed bay practice nets, however, these are of such poor quality they are not used by the Club.  | As a priority, seek to establish long term security of tenure for the Club. Explore opportunities to use Moor Park School to accommodate additional demand, however, tenure would need to be secured.   | Sports club<br>ECB, SCB | Main site           | H        | S                        | L                  | Protect<br>Enhance            |

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| Site ID | Site                       | Post code | Sport          | Management  | Current status  | Recommended actions  | Partners          | Site hierarchy tier | Priority | Timescales <sup>58</sup> | Cost <sup>59</sup> | Aim                     |
|---------|----------------------------|-----------|----------------|-------------|---|--|-------------------|---------------------|----------|--------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
|         |                            |           | Bowls          |             | Two good quality bowling greens.  | Sustain quality and maximise membership in order to create sustainability.   | Sports club BCGBA |                     | L        | L                        | L                  |                         |
|         |                            |           | Tennis         |             | Two poor quality macadam courts. Circa 2009, had a total of two grass, two macadam and one shale tennis court, however, the two grass and one shale court have not been maintained for approximately a decade.  | Retain two courts and explore opportunities to maximise use. Consider alternative sporting uses for the other courts.  |                   |                     | L        | L                        | L                  |                         |
| 168     | Ludlow Rugby Football Club | SY8 1EE   | Rugby union    | Sports club | Two senior pitches, one standard, one poor quality. This is due to its proximity to the River Teme resulting it frequently being waterlogged. is in the process of floodlighting its standard quality pitch. In addition, the Club has aspiration to start using the area of land located in front of its clubhouse known as Linney Park. | Install floodlighting to accommodate all training demand and transfer mini demand to Linney Park to address overplay and create spare capacity.  | Sport club RFU    | Local               | H        | S                        | M                  | Protect Enhance Provide |
| 186     | Moor Park School           | SY8 4DZ   | Football       | Education   | Three mini 7v7 pitches all good quality. Spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure. Over marked with rugby union provision.  | Explore opportunities to establish and secure community use.   | School FF, SFA    | Local               | L        | L                        | L                  | Protect Enhance         |
|         |                            |           | Cricket        |             | One junior pitch with six wickets and one standard pitch with eight wickets. Both good quality.   | Explore opportunities for Ludlow CC to accommodate additional future demand at the site, however, tenure would need to be secured.   | School ECB, SCB   |                     | H        | S                        | L                  |                         |
|         |                            |           | Rugby union    |             | Three standard mini pitches. Spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure. Over marked with football provision.   | Retain for school use. Explore the feasibility of increasing community use through a community use agreement to provide temporary provision for Ludlow RFC when the Clubs site is flooded. | School            |                     | L        | L                        | L                  |                         |
|         |                            |           | Hockey (AGP)   |             | One small sand AGP (55 x 46), floodlit. Ludlow HC accommodates its training demand on this site.  | Ensure quality is sustained to the appropriate standard to continue accommodating hockey training.   | School EH         |                     | M        | L                        | M                  |                         |
|         |                            |           | Tennis Netball |             | Two standard quality macadam tennis courts overmarked with netball.   | Retain for school use.   | School            |                     | L        | L                        | L                  |                         |
| 289     | The Ludlow Stadium         | SY8 2BN   | Football       | STinC       | Two adult and one youth 11v11 pitch, all good quality and serviced by good quality ancillary facilities. Home to Ludlow FC. Shawbury United FC also travels to use this pitch due to a lack of provision locally.   | Retain spare capacity in order to help protect quality.  | STinC FF, SFA     | Main site           | M        | L                        | L                  | Protect Enhance         |
|         |                            |           | Football (3G)  |             | One full size 3G pitch. FA registered which expires 31/05/2021. Good quality and installed 2008. The only reason the pitch has not become poor quality is due to the regular amounts of maintenance.  | Will need refurbishing within the lifespan of the PPOSS.   | STinC FF, SFA     |                     | H        | M                        | H                  |                         |

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|---------|----------------------|-----------|----------|------------------------|---|---|----------|---------------------|----------|--------------------------|--------------------|---------|
| 368     | The Recreation Field | SY8 3LZ   | Football | Community organisation | One poor quality mini pitch with no changing provision. | Improve quality as required and explore opportunity to increase provision at the site if demand exists in the future. | FF, SFA  | Local               | L        | M                        | L                  | Enhance |

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## SOUTH EAST ANALYSIS AREA

| Sport                    | Analysis area | Current demand (2020) |  | Future demand (2038)   |
|--------------------------|---------------|-----------------------|--|--|
|                          |               | Pitch type            | Current capacity total in MES <sup>[1]</sup>   | Future capacity total in MES   |
| Football (grass pitches) | South East    | Adult                 | Shortfall of 3.5   | Shortfall of 3.5   |
|                          |               | Youth 11v11           | Spare capacity of 1  | At capacity  |
|                          |               | Youth 9v9             | Shortfall of 1   | Shortfall of 1.5   |
|                          |               | Mini 7v7              | Shortfall of 0.5   | Shortfall of 0.5   |
|                          |               | Mini 5v5              | Shortfall of 3   | Shortfall of 5.5   |
|                          | Shropshire    | Adult                 | Spare capacity of 5  | Spare capacity of 0.5  |
|                          |               | Youth 11v11           | Shortfall of 0.5   | Shortfall of 5   |
|                          |               | Youth 9v9             | Spare capacity of 1.5  | Shortfall of 4.5   |
|                          |               | Mini 7v7              | Spare capacity of 0.5  | Spare capacity of 0.5  |
|                          |               | Mini 5v5              | Spare capacity of 1.5  | Shortfall of 6   |
| Football (3G pitches)    | South East    | Full size, floodlit   | Shortfall of 3 full sized 3G pitch for team training                                   | Shortfall of 3.5 full sized 3G pitch for team training                                 |
| Cricket                  | South East    | Saturday              | Spare capacity of 9  | Shortfall of 24  |
|                          |               | Sunday                | Spare capacity of 31   | Shortfall of 9   |
|                          |               | Midweek               | Spare capacity of 40   | Spare capacity of 12   |
|                          | Shropshire    | Saturday              | Shortfall of 29  | Shortfall of 139   |
|                          |               | Sunday                | Spare capacity of 92   | Shortfall of 18  |
|                          |               | Midweek               | Spare capacity of 147  | Spare capacity of 47   |
| Rugby union              | South East    | Senior                | Shortfall of 2   | Shortfall of 3   |
|                          | Shropshire    | Senior                | Shortfall of 13.5  | Shortfall of 21.75   |
| Hockey (sand AGPs)       | Shropshire    | Full size, floodlit   | There is a need to improve pitch quality and create a pitch to return exported demand. | There is a need to improve pitch quality and create a pitch to return exported demand. |
| Tennis                   | Shropshire    | Courts                | Adequate provision   | Adequate provision   |
| Bowls                    | Shropshire    | Greens                | Adequate provision   | Adequate provision   |
| Netball                  | Shropshire    | Courts                | Adequate provision   | Adequate provision   |
| Other sports             | Shropshire    | Pitches               | Adequate provision   | Adequate provision   |

### Key recommendations for Albrighton

- ◀ Assist Albrighton FC in alleviating overplay at Loak Road
- ◀ Assist clubs in securing tenure where required for example Albrighton FC and Albrighton Primary School.
- ◀ Assist in Albrighton FC / Albrighton BC ambitions to improve ancillary provision.
- ◀ Explore the feasibility of creating dedicated community access for community clubs at RAF Cosford School of Physical Training.

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

## ***Key recommendations for Bridgnorth***

- ◀ To meet the future shortfalls, improve poor quality football pitches through enhanced levels of maintenance in addition to securing access to education sites.
- ◀ Refurbish the hockey suitable AGP at Bridgnorth Endowed School and retain as a hockey suitable surface.
- ◀ In addition, explore the feasibility of developing a full size floodlit 3G FA approved pitch to accommodate both competitive and training demand.
- ◀ Ensure future demand for cricket can be met whether this is through creation of an NTP, additional wickets on site, access to secondary site with capacity or creation of new provision (Particularly for Bridgnorth CC).
- ◀ Ensure sites which are located in Flood Zones have access to flood relief funds when required in addition to preparing on site provision for the possibility of flooding.
- ◀ Assist in alleviating overplay at Severn Park where possible.
- ◀ Assist clubs in securing tenure where required.
- ◀ Assist in club's ambitions to improve ancillary provision where deemed necessary.

## ***Key recommendations for Broseley***

- ◀ To meet the future shortfalls, improve poor quality football pitches through enhanced levels of maintenance in addition to securing access to education sites and pitch reconfiguration.
- ◀ Assist clubs in securing tenure where required.
- ◀ Assist in club's ambitions to improve ancillary provision where deemed necessary.

## ***Key recommendations for Highley***

- ◀ To meet the future shortfalls, improve poor quality football pitches through enhanced levels of maintenance in addition to securing access to education sites.
- ◀ Assist clubs in securing tenure where required.
- ◀ Assist in club's ambitions to improve ancillary provision where deemed necessary.
- ◀ Improve poor and standard quality provision where feasible to do so.

## ***Key recommendations for Much Wenlock***

- ◀ To meet the future shortfalls, improve poor quality football pitches through enhanced levels of maintenance in addition to securing access to education sites.
- ◀ Assist clubs in securing tenure where required.
- ◀ Assist in club's ambitions to improve ancillary provision where deemed necessary.
- ◀ Reinstate provision at Ironbridge Power Station
- ◀ Resurface the pitch at Much Wenlock Leisure Centre as a hockey suitable surface when required.

## ***Key recommendations for Shifnal***

- ◀ Explore the feasibility of establishing a full size 3G pitch to benefit both football and education demand within Shifnal.
- ◀ Assist clubs in securing tenure where required.
- ◀ Assist in club's ambitions to improve ancillary provision where deemed necessary.
- ◀ To meet the future shortfalls, improve poor quality football pitches through enhanced levels of maintenance in addition to securing access to education sites.
- ◀ Ensure future demand for cricket can be met whether this is through creation of an NTP, additional wickets on site, access to secondary site with capacity or creation of new provision (Particularly for Shifnal CC).

**PLACE PLAN – ALBRIGHTON**

| Site ID | Site                                    | Post code | Sport             | Management              | Current status  | Recommended actions  | Partners   | Site hierarchy tier | Priority | Timescales <sup>60</sup> | Cost <sup>61</sup> | Aim                           |
|---------|---|-----------|-------------------|-------------------------|---|--|--|---------------------|----------|--------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|
| 7       | Albrighton Cricket Club                 | WV7 3BQ   | Cricket           | Sports club             | One good quality square with 12 grass wickets. Square has additional capacity to accommodate demand on Sundays and Midweek. Site is owned by Albrighton CC. The Club has recently applied for funding to upgrade its changing rooms. It also has ambitions for an NTP.  | Sustain quality and maximise use to accommodate future demand, particularly for juniors and women & girls.<br>Explore the feasibility of upgrading the club's ancillary provision and creating an NTP.   | Sport clubs<br>ECB<br>SCB<br>LTA                   | Local               | M        | M                        | L                  | Protect<br>Enhance            |
|         |   |           | Tennis            |                         | Two artificial courts which are floodlit and one artificial courts that is not floodlit. All courts are good quality. Provision is owned by Albrighton TC which has c147 members.   | Sustain court quality and membership. If demand increases, consider the need to floodlight the artificial court.   |  |                     |          |                          |                    |                               |
| 8       | Albrighton Primary School               | WV7 3QS   | Football          | Education               | One youth 9v9 and one mini 5v5 pitch both of which are poor quality. The youth 9v9 pitch is played to capacity whereas the mini 5v5 pitch is overplayed by three match equivalent sessions. Pitches are used by Albrighton FC.  | Explore securing tenure for Albrighton FC through a CUA or long term agreement.<br>Improve pitch quality through enhanced levels of maintenance.   | Education<br>Sports club<br>SFA<br>FF              | Local               | M        | S                        | L                  | Enhance                       |
| 23      | Beckbury Playing Fields                 | TF11 9DQ  | Football          | Beckbury Parish Council | One poor quality youth 9v9 pitch that is played to capacity.  | Improve pitch quality through enhanced levels of regular maintenance.  | PC<br>SFA<br>FF<br>ECB<br>SCB                      | Local               | L        | S                        | L                  | Enhance                       |
|         |   |           | Cricket (disused) |                         | A disused NTP.  | No action required.  |  |                     |          |                          |                    |                               |
| 157     | Loak Road (Albrighton Football Club)    | WV7 3HR   | Football          | Sports club             | One good quality adult pitch that is overplayed by one match equivalent session. Site is owned by Albrighton FC which is in the process of applying for funding to improve the quality of ancillary provision at Loak Road. The Club has already started the process of buying the site outright and plans to improve the surrounding provision which is in need of modernisation | Sustain pitch quality through appropriate levels of maintenance.<br>Assist the Club in finding suitable alternative provision in order to alleviate demand off its main pitch.<br>Assist the Club in obtaining relevant funding to make improvement to onsite ancillary provision. | Sports club<br>SFA<br>FF                           | Local               | M        | M                        | L-M                | Protect<br>Enhance            |
| 229     | RAF Cosford School of Physical Training | WV7 3EX   | Football          | MOD                     | Three adult pitches that are available for community use and one youth 9v9 pitch which is not available for community use. All pitches are standard quality. Adult pitches have spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure.   | Sustain and improve quality as required based on levels of demand.<br>Explore the feasibility of creating dedicated community access for community clubs especially regarding football and hockey suitable provision.  | MOD<br>SFA<br>FF<br>ECB<br>SCB<br>RFU<br>EH<br>LTA | Main site           | M        | L                        | L                  | Protect<br>Enhance<br>Provide |
|         |   |           | Cricket (disused) |                         | One disused NTP.  |  |  |                     |          |                          |                    |                               |
|         |   |           | Rugby union       |                         | Two poor quality senior pitches (M0/D1) that are not available for community use  |  |  |                     |          |                          |                    |                               |

<sup>60</sup> (S) -Short (1-2 years); (M) - Medium (3-5 years); (L) - Long (6+ years)

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| Site ID | Site                           | Post code | Sport             | Management  | Current status   | Recommended actions   | Partners                             | Site hierarchy tier | Priority | Timescales <sup>60</sup> | Cost <sup>61</sup> | Aim                |
|---------|--------------------------------|-----------|-------------------|---|--|---|--------------------------------------|---------------------|----------|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
|         |                                |           | Hockey (AGP)      |   | Two full size hockey suitable AGPs and one small size AGP all of which are floodlit however only one full size pitch is available for community use.   |   |                                      |                     |          |                          |                    |                    |
|         |                                |           | Tennis            |   | Four macadam courts that are not floodlit nor available for community use.   |   |                                      |                     |          |                          |                    |                    |
| 342     | Albrighton Bowling Club        | WV7 3HR   | Bowls             | Sports club   | One good quality bowling green owned by Albrighton BC. The Club has c48 members and aspires to improve ancillary facilities.   | Sustain quality and maximise membership in order to create sustainability.<br>Assist the Club in improving ancillary provision.   | Sports club<br>BCGBA                 | Local               | M        | M                        | L                  | Protect<br>Enhance |
| 362     | Birchfield School              | WV7 3AF   | Cricket           | Education   | Three good quality cricket squares that are not available for community use.   | Sustain and improve quality as required to meet curricular and extracurricular demand.  | Education<br>ECB<br>SCB<br>EH<br>LTA | Local               | L        | L                        | L                  | Protect            |
|         |                                |           | Hockey (AGP)      | One small size hockey suitable AGP which is floodlight but not available for community use. |  |   |                                      |                     |          |                          |                    |                    |
|         |                                |           | Tennis            | Three artificial courts that are not available for community use.                           |  |   |                                      |                     |          |                          |                    |                    |
| 382     | Worthington Drive (Albrighton) | WV7 3EW   | Football (lapsed) | Private   | There is one lapsed adult pitch located on Worthington Drive (Albrighton). It is unknown when the pitch was last actively used, however, satellite imagery indicates it was last formally marked circa 2000. The land appears to be owned by Severn Trent Water. | Find and contact the owner of the site with the aspirations to provide Albrighton FC long term tenure. Then assist the club in reinstating football provision on the site in order to alleviate overplay off its main site. | Private<br>Sports club<br>SFA<br>FF  | Local               | H        | M                        | L-M                | Provide            |

**PLACE PLAN – BRIDGNORTH**

| Site ID | Site                      | Post code | Sport    | Management             | Current status  | Recommended actions  | Partners  | Site hierarchy tier | Priority | Timescales <sup>62</sup> | Cost <sup>63</sup> | Aim                |
|---------|---------------------------|-----------|----------|------------------------|---|--|---|---------------------|----------|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 6       | AFC Bridgnorth            | WV16 4HS  | Football | Sports club            | One poor quality adult pitch that is played to capacity. Site is suitable for Step pyramid football. Ancillary facilities need modernising. | Improve pitch quality through enhanced levels of regular maintenance.<br>Ensure facilities are suitable for relevant Step football requirements.<br>Explore the feasibility of improving ancillary facilities. | Sports club<br>SFA<br>FF  | Local               | M        | M                        | L-M                | Enhance            |
| 10      | Alveley Recreation Ground | WV15 6JW  | Football | Community organisation | One adult and youth 9v9 pitch that have spare capacity discounted due to poor quality.  | Improve pitch quality through enhanced levels of regular maintenance.  | Community organisation<br>Sports club<br>SFA<br>FF<br>ECB<br>SCB<br>LTA | Main site           | M        | S-M                      | L                  | Protect<br>Provide |
|         |                           |           | Cricket  |                        | One standard quality square with eight grass wickets. Provision is currently unused due to the relocation of Alveley CC.                    | Utilise actual spare capacity to accommodate future demand from Alveley CC / Bridgnorth CC and alleviate overplay from Alveley Cricket Club – Four Oaks Ground and Bridgnorth Bowls, Cricket & Hockey Club.    |   |                     |          |                          |                    |                    |

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| Site ID | Site                                     | Post code | Sport        | Management  | Current status   | Recommended actions  | Partners                                    | Site hierarchy tier | Priority | Timescales <sup>62</sup> | Cost <sup>63</sup> | Aim                |
|---------|--|-----------|--------------|-------------|--|--|---|---------------------|----------|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
|         |  |           | Tennis       |             | Three good quality macadam courts that are floodlit. Courts are used by Alveley TC which has c44 members.  | Sustain court quality and maximise membership to help sustain the future of the Club.  |   |                     |          |                          |                    |                    |
| 40      | Bridgnorth Bowls, Cricket & Hockey Club  | WV16 4LB  | Cricket      | Private     | One good quality square with ten grass wickets. Square is overplayed by 17 match equivalent sessions. Bridgnorth CC lease from the Apley Estates ends in 2021 and needs to be renewed.                       | Sustain square quality through appropriate levels of maintenance. Explore options to alleviate overplay including the creation of new provision. Ensure the Club renews its lease in due course.   | Private Sports clubs<br>ECB<br>SCB<br>BCGBA | Local               | H        | S                        | L                  | Protect<br>Provide |
|         |  |           | Bowls        |             | One good quality bowling green leased to Bridgnorth BC until 2021. The Club has c116 members.  | Sustain quality and maximise membership in order to create sustainability. Ensure the Club renews its lease in due course.   |   |                     |          |                          |                    |                    |
| 41      | Bridgnorth Endowed School/Leisure Centre | WV16 4ER  | Hockey (AGP) | Education   | A full size poor quality hockey suitable AGP that is used by Bridgnorth HC. Pitch was built in 2008.   | As priority ensure the pitch is refurbished as a hockey suitable surface. Examine all options to finance the resurfacing of the pitch. Ensure hockey demand is prioritised and secured on the site from Bridgnorth HC due to limitations in other suitable provision. Ensure a sinking fund is in place after pitch refurbishment. | Education Sports club<br>EH<br>LTA<br>EN    | Local               | H        | S-M                      | H                  | Enhance            |
|         |  |           | Tennis       |             | Nine poor quality macadam courts that are not floodlit however are available for community use.  | Improve court quality as required to meet curricular and extracurricular demand.   |   |                     |          |                          |                    |                    |
|         |  |           | Netball      |             | Eight poor quality macadam courts that are not floodlit however are available for community use.   | Improve court quality as required to meet curricular and extracurricular demand.   |   |                     |          |                          |                    |                    |
| 42      | Bridgnorth Lawn Tennis Club              | WV16 4LB  | Tennis       | Sports club | Four artificial courts two of which are good quality and two of which are standard quality. Courts are floodlit and used by Bridgnorth TC which has c443 members.  | Sustain and improve court quality when required in order to retain levels of demand.   | Sports club<br>LTA                          | Local               | L        | L                        | L                  | Protect            |
| 50      | Brown Clee Football Club                 | WV16 6RP  | Football     | Private     | One adult pitch that has spare capacity discounted due to poor quality. Site is not accompanied by ancillary facilities. Tenure is unsecure.   | Improve pitch quality through enhanced levels of regular maintenance. Look to provide community users security of tenure.  | Private Sports club<br>SFA<br>FF            | Local               | L        | S                        | L                  | Enhance            |
| 53      | Burwarton Cricket Club                   | WV16 6QG  | Cricket      | Unknown     | One good quality square with eight grass wickets. Spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure. Site is accompanied by poor quality ancillary provision. Site is used by unaffiliated club Burwarton CC. | Sustain square quality through appropriate levels of maintenance. Examine securing tenure on the site in order to create actual spare capacity. If tenure can be secured look to use spare capacity to alleviate overplayed sites.   | Sports club<br>ECB<br>SCB                   | Local               | L        | S                        | L                  | Protect            |

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| Site ID | Site                                 | Post code | Sport       | Management              | Current status  | Recommended actions  | Partners  | Site hierarchy tier | Priority | Timescales <sup>62</sup> | Cost <sup>63</sup> | Aim                |
|---------|--------------------------------------|-----------|-------------|-------------------------|---|--|---|---------------------|----------|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 55      | Bylet Bowling Club                   | WV15 6BA  | Bowls       | Sports club             | Two standard quality bowling greens leased to Bylet BC. The Club has c80 members. The site is located on a Flood zone.  | Explore opportunities to make improvements in order to sustain membership levels.<br>Ensure the sports club has access to relevant flood relief funds when required.<br>Ensure sports club is prepared for the potential effects of flooding.  | Sports club<br>BCGBA                                  | Local               | L        | L                        | L                  | Protect            |
| 72      | Claverley CE Primary School          | WV5 7DX   | Football    | Claverly PC / Education | One standard quality 11v11 pitch that has actual spare capacity of one match equivalent sessions.   | Sustain pitch quality through appropriate levels of maintenance.<br>Utilise actual spare capacity to alleviate identified shortfalls or to accommodate future demand.  | Claverly PC / Education<br>SFA<br>FF                  | Local               | L        | L                        | L                  | Protect            |
| 73      | Claverley Tennis Club                | WV5 7DS   | Tennis      | Trust                   | Two good quality macadam courts that are floodlit. Site is used by Claverley TC that has c218 members.  | Sustain court quality through appropriate levels of maintenance.<br>Ensure the site has the capacity to accommodate future demand from the Club.   | Trust<br>Sports club<br>LTA                           | Local               | L        | L                        | L                  | Protect            |
| 102     | Crown Meadow                         | WV16 4HS  | Football    | Bridgnorth Town Council | One adult and one mini 7v7 pitch both of which are poor quality. Spare capacity on the adult pitch is discounted due to quality whereas the mini 7v7 pitch is overplayed by 0.5 match equivalent sessions.                    | Improve pitch quality through enhanced levels of regular maintenance.  | TC<br>SFA<br>FF                                       | Local               | M        | S                        | L                  | Enhance            |
| 104     | Davenport Park                       | WV15 5JZ  | Cricket     | Sports club<br>Private  | One good quality square with 15 grass wickets and an NTP. Square has capacity to accommodate midweek demand. Site is leased to Worfield CC by the Davenport Estate.   | Sustain square quality through appropriate levels of maintenance.  | Sports clubs<br>Private<br>ECB<br>SCB<br>BCGBA<br>LTA | Main site           | M        | M                        | L                  | Protect<br>Enhance |
|         |                                      |           | Bowls       |                         | One standard quality bowling green used by Worfield BC. The Club is negotiating a lease with the Davenport Estate. It has c60 members.  | Explore opportunities to make improvements in order to sustain membership levels.<br>Assist the Club in obtaining security of tenure.  |   |                     |          |                          |                    |                    |
|         |                                      |           | Tennis      |                         | Two good quality courts with floodlights. Courts are used by Worfield TC that has c207 members. The Club reports the floodlights need refurbishing.   | Sustain court quality through appropriate levels of maintenance.<br>Ensure the site has the capacity to accommodate future demand from the Club.<br>Explore the feasibility of refurbishing the floodlights.   |   |                     |          |                          |                    |                    |
| 109     | Edgar Davies Ground (Bridgnorth RFC) | WV15 5AD  | Rugby union | Sports club             | One good quality (M2/D1) senior pitch that is played to capacity at peak time. Pitch is not floodlit and is located on a Flood zone. The site is owned by Bridgnorth RFC that has ambitions to build a clubhouse on the site. | Sustain pitch quality through appropriate maintenance.<br>Assist the Club in creating a clubhouse on site which takes into consideration the site being located on a flood zone.<br>Ensure the sports club has access to relevant flood relief funds when required.<br>Ensure sports club is prepared for the potential effects of flooding. | Sports club<br>RFU<br>Council                         | Local               | H        | M                        | M-H                | Protect<br>Provide |

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|---------|---|-----------|---------------|------------|---|---|--|---------------------|----------|--------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|
| 116     | Friars Playing Fields (Unattached Playing Fields) | WV16 4SQ  | Football      | Education  | Six adult, one youth 11v11, one youth 9v9 and one mini 7v7 pitch all of which are poor quality. The youth 9v9 pitch is played to capacity whereas all remaining pitches have spare capacity discounted due to quality. Site is located on a flood zone and used by Bridgnorth Town Juniors FC. No onsite ancillary provision. | Improve pitch quality through enhanced levels of maintenance. Explore securing tenure for Bridgnorth Town Juniors FC through a CUA. Ensure the School has access to relevant flood relief funds when required. Ensure School is prepared for the potential effects of flooding.   | Education Sports club<br>SFA<br>FF<br>ECB<br>SCB<br>RFU              | Local               | M        | S                        | L-M                | Protect<br>Enhance            |
|         |   |           | Cricket       |            | One standalone NTP.   | No action required.   |  |                     |          |                          |                    |                               |
|         |   |           | Rugby union   |            | One poor quality (M0/D0) senior pitch that is available for community use but is unused.  | Improve pitch quality as required to meet curricular and extracurricular demand. Explore the feasibility of increasing community use through a community use agreement.   |  |                     |          |                          |                    |                               |
| 206     | Oldbury Wells School                              | WV16 5JD  | Football / 3G | Education  | Three youth 11v11, one youth 9v9, one mini 7v7 and two min 5v5 pitch all of which are poor quality. The mini 5v5 pitches are played to capacity at peak time whereas all remaining pitches are played to capacity. Pitches are used by AFC Bridgnorth Spartans FC. There are no ancillary facilities on site.                 | Improve pitch quality through enhanced levels of regular maintenance. Assist AFC Bridgnorth Spartans FC in obtaining security of tenure onsite and develop suitable ancillary facilities.   | Education Sports club<br>SFA<br>FF<br>ECB<br>SCB<br>RFU<br>LTA<br>EN | Main site           | H        | M-L                      | H                  | Protect<br>Enhance<br>Provide |
|         |   |           | Cricket       |            | One standard quality square with two grass wickets that is not available for community use.   | Sustain quality and retain as current use.  |  |                     |          |                          |                    |                               |
|         |   |           | Rugby union   |            | One poor quality (M0/D0) senior pitch that is available for community use but is unused.  | Improve pitch quality, as appropriate, to better accommodate curricular and extracurricular demand. Explore options for community use of the pitch.   |  |                     |          |                          |                    |                               |
|         |   |           | Tennis        |            | Four community available poor quality macadam courts that are not floodlit.   | Improve court quality, as appropriate, to better accommodate curricular and extracurricular demand.   |  |                     |          |                          |                    |                               |
|         |   |           | Netball       |            | Two community available poor quality macadam courts that are not floodlit.  | Improve court quality, as appropriate, to better accommodate curricular and extracurricular demand.   |  |                     |          |                          |                    |                               |
|         |   |           |               |            |   |   |  |                     |          |                          |                    |                               |
| 237     | Sandford Park (Claverly Cricket Club)             | WV5 7AF   | Cricket       | Private    | One good quality square that has 12 grass wickets. The square has no capacity to accommodate future demand. Site is used by Claverly CC which only rents the site. Site is also accompanied by poor quality ancillary facilities.   | Sustain square quality through appropriate levels of maintenance. Assist the Club in securing tenure on the site. In priority order, assist the Club in actualising future demand whether this is through creation of an NTP, additional wickets on site, access to secondary site with capacity or creation of new provision. After tenure has been secured explore the feasibility of improving ancillary facilities quality. | Private Sports club<br>ECB<br>SCB                                    | Local               | M        | S                        | L                  | Protect<br>Enhance            |

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|---------|---|-----------|-------------|-------------|---|--|---------------------------|---------------------|----------|--------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| 239     | Severn Park                             | WV15 5AG  | Rugby union | Sports club | Two good quality senior pitches (M2/D1) which are overplayed by two match equivalent sessions. Site is located on a Flood zone. Pitches are floodlit and leased to Bridgnorth RFC for competitive and training demand,                      | Sustain pitch quality through appropriate levels of maintenance. As pitch drainage cannot be improved due to being located on a flood zone explore options to alleviate overplay such as transferal demand off the site. Ensure the sports club has access to relevant flood relief funds when required. Ensure sports club is prepared for the potential effects of flooding. | Sports club RFU           | Local               | M        | S-M                      | L                  | Protect         |
| 296     | The Quatt Oval                          | WV15 6QW  | Cricket     | Sports club | Two good quality squares with seven and ten grass wickets, respectively. The small square is accompanied by an NTP. ON square is marginally overplayed. Site is leased to Quatt CC that has aspirations to refurbish on site practice nets. | Sustain square quality with appropriate levels of maintenance. Explore the feasibility of refurbishing on site practice facilities. In priority order, assist the Club in actualising future demand whether this is through creation additional wickets on site, access to secondary site with capacity or creation of new provision.  | Sports club ECB SCB       | Local               | L        | L                        | L                  | Protect         |
| 351     | Squirrel Bowling Green                  | WV15 6LW  | Bowls       | Private     | One good quality bowling green rented by Squirrel BC. Ancillary facilities are poor quality. The site is a nominated Asset of Community Value expiring in 18/10/21. The Club has c66 members.   | Sustain quality and maximise membership in order to create sustainability. Assist the Club in improving ancillary provision.   | Private Sports club BCGBA | Local               | L        | M                        | L                  | Protect Enhance |
| 352     | Stockton Bowling Green                  | TF11 9EE  | Bowls       | Unknown     | One standard quality bowling green used by Stockton BC. Membership unknown.   | Explore opportunities to make improvements in order to sustain membership levels.  | Sports club BCGBA         | Local               | M        | M                        | L                  | Protect Enhance |
| 358     | Swancote Energy Park                    | WV15 5HB  | Rugby union | Private     | Two senior, one junior and six mini pitches all of which are good quality (M2/D1) and have spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure. Pitches are rented by Bridgnorth RFC.  | Sustain pitch quality through appropriate levels of maintenance. Assist the Club in securing long term tenure on the site in order to alleviate overplayed from Severn Park and accommodate future demand.   | Private Sport club RFU    | Local               | H        | S                        | L                  | Protect         |
| 360     | Alveley Cricket Club - Four Oaks Ground | WV15 6LR  | Cricket     | Sports club | One standard quality square with eight grass wickets. Square is overplayed by eight match equivalent sessions. There is no capacity onsite to accommodate future demand.  | Improve square quality through an enhanced maintenance regime. Utilise spare capacity at Alverely Recreation Ground in order to actualised future demand.  | Sports club ECB SCB       | Local               | L        | S                        | L                  | Enhance         |

**PLACE PLAN – BROSELEY**

| Site ID | Site                           | Post code | Sport        | Management  | Current status  | Recommended actions  | Partners                              | Site hierarchy tier | Priority | Timescales <sup>64</sup> | Cost <sup>65</sup> | Aim                |
|---------|--------------------------------|-----------|--------------|-------------|---|--|---------------------------------------|---------------------|----------|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 16      | Barrow 1618 CE Free School     | TF12 5BW  | Football     | Education   | One poor quality youth 9v9 pitch that is available for community use. Spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure. No onsite ancillary provision   | Improve pitch quality through enhanced levels of regular maintenance.<br>Examining securing tenure for community users through a CUA.  | Education<br>SFA<br>FF                | Local               | L        | S                        | L                  | Protect<br>Enhance |
| 17      | Barrow Park                    | TF12 5BW  | Cricket      | Private     | One good quality square with eight grass wickets. Square has no capacity to accommodate future demand. Provision is rented by Willey CC which is in the process of improving ancillary provision.                                 | Sustain square quality through appropriate levels of maintenance.<br>Explore the feasibility of assisting Willey CC in securing long term tenure on the site and improving ancillary facility quality.   | Private<br>Sports club<br>ECB<br>SCB  | Local               | M        | M                        | L                  | Protect<br>Enhance |
| 30      | Birchmeadow Playing Fields     | TF12 5NS  | Football     | Council     | One adult and one youth 11v11 pitch booth of which are standard quality. The adult pitch has actual spare capacity of one match equivalent sessions whereas the youth 11v11 pitch is overplayed by 0.5 match equivalent sessions. | Sustain pitch quality through appropriate levels of maintenance.<br>Examine pitch reconfiguration in order to utilise spare capacity and alleviate overplay.   | Council<br>SFA<br>FF                  | Local               | L        | S                        | L                  | Protect            |
| 46      | Broseley C of E Primary School | TF12 5LW  | Football /3G | Education   | One poor quality mini 7v7 pitch that is overplayed by 0.5 match equivalent sessions. In addition, there is a small size 3G pitch on site. Pitches are used by Broseley Youth Sports FC.   | Improve grass pitch quality through an enhanced maintenance regime<br>Examining securing tenure for community users through a CUA.<br>Sustain 3G pitch quality and retain as current use.<br>Ensure there is a sinking fund in place for 3G provision. | Education<br>Sports club<br>SFA<br>FF | Local               | L        | S                        | L                  | Protect<br>Enhance |
| 47      | Broseley CC                    | TF12 5PX  | Cricket      | Sports club | One standard quality square with seven grass wickets and an NTP. Provision is owned by Broseley CC. The Club has ambitions to create fixed bay practice nets.   | Improve square quality through enhanced levels of dedicated maintenance.<br>Explore the feasibility of creating fixed bay practice nets.   | Sports club<br>ECB<br>SCB             | Local               | L        | S-M                      | L                  | Protect<br>Provide |
| 48      | Broseley Tennis Club           | TF12 5LX  | Tennis       | Sports club | Three good quality macadam floodlit tennis courts which are owned by Broseley TC. The Club has c275 members.  | Sustain court quality in order to maintain membership levels.<br>Ensure the Club has suitable provision to accommodate future demand.  | Sports club<br>LTA                    | Local               | L        | L                        | L                  | Protect            |
| 142     | John Wilkinson Primary School  | TF12 5AN  | Football     | Education   | One poor quality mini 5v5 pitch that has spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure. Pitch is used by Broseley Youth Sports FC.   | Improve grass pitch quality through an enhanced maintenance regime<br>Examining securing tenure for community users through a CUA.   | Education<br>Sports club<br>SFA<br>FF | Local               | L        | S                        | L                  | Protect<br>Enhance |
| 330     | Broseley Social Club           | TF12 5HL  | Bowls        | Sports club | One good quality bowling green owned by Broseley BC. Membership is c48.   | Sustain quality and maximise membership in order to create sustainability.   | Sports club<br>BCGBA                  | Local               | L        | L                        | L                  | Protect            |

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**PLACE PLAN – HIGHLEY**

| Site ID | Site                                 | Post code | Sport    | Management  | Current status  | Recommended actions   | Partners   | Site hierarchy tier | Priority | Timescales <sup>66</sup> | Cost <sup>67</sup> | Aim                           |
|---------|--------------------------------------|-----------|----------|-------------|---|---|--|---------------------|----------|--------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|
| 61      | Chelmarsh Sports & Social Club       | WV16 6BA  | Cricket  | Sports club | One good quality square with six grass wickets. Square has spare capacity. Provision is leased to Chelmarsh CC which reports onsite ancillary facilities to be poor quality. The Club also has ambitions for practice nets. | Sustain provision quality through appropriate levels of maintenance in order to retain current participation levels.<br>Assist the clubs in collectively improving onsite ancillary facilities.<br>Explore the feasibility of creating practice nets. | Sports club<br>ECB<br>SCB<br>BCGBA               | Local               | M        | S-M                      | L-M                | Protect<br>Enhance<br>Provide |
|         |                                      |           | Bowls    |             | One good quality bowling green owned by Chelmarsh BC. The Club has aspirations to improve ancillary facilities and has c41 members.   |   |  |                     |          |                          |                    |                               |
| 131     | Highley Primary School               | WV16 6EH  | Football | Education   | One poor quality mini 7v7 pitch that has spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure. Pitch is used by Highley Miner Welfare Juniors FC.   | Improve grass pitch quality through an enhanced maintenance regime<br>Examining securing tenure for community users through a CUA.  | Education<br>Sports club<br>SFA<br>FF            | Local               | L        | S                        | L                  | Protect<br>Enhance            |
| 132     | Highley Rugby Club                   | WV16 6EU  | Football | Council     | One youth 11v11 and one mini 5v5 pitch both of which are poor quality.  | Improve pitch quality through enhanced levels of regular maintenance.   | Council<br>SFA<br>FF                             | Local               | L        | S                        | L                  | Enhance                       |
| 238     | Severn Centre (Highley Cricket Club) | WV16 6JG  | Football | Trust       | One adult and one youth 9v9 pitch both of which are poor quality.   | Improve pitch quality through enhanced levels of regular maintenance.   | Trust<br>SFA<br>FF<br>ECB<br>SCB<br>BCGBA<br>LTA | Main site           | M        | S-M                      | L-M                | Protect<br>Enhance<br>Provide |
|         |                                      |           | Cricket  |             | One standard quality square with eight grass wickets. Square has no capacity to accommodate future demand due to unsecure tenure. Provision is used by Highley CC.  | Improve square quality through enhanced levels of regular maintenance.<br>Explore the option of securing long term tenure for Highley CC.   |  |                     |          |                          |                    |                               |
|         |                                      |           | Bowls    |             | One standard quality bowling green rented by Highley Miners Welfare BC. Membership is unknown.  | Explore opportunities to make improvements in order to sustain membership levels.   |  |                     |          |                          |                    |                               |
|         |                                      |           | Tennis   |             | Three standard quality macadam courts which are floodlit and available for community use.   | Improve court quality when required and maintain as current use.  |  |                     |          |                          |                    |                               |

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**PLACE PLAN – MUCH WENLOCK**

| Site ID | Site  | Post code | Sport        | Management                                 | Current status   | Recommended actions   | Partners  | Site hierarchy tier | Priority | Timescales <sup>68</sup> | Cost <sup>69</sup> | Aim                |
|---------|---|-----------|--------------|--|--|---|---|---------------------|----------|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 97      | Cressage Playing Field (Sheinton Rd)                          | SY5 6DH   | Football     | Cressage, Harley & Sheinton Parish Council | One poor quality adult pitch that is currently unused. Site is also accompanied by poor quality ancillary facilities.  | Improve pitch quality through enhanced levels of regular maintenance and look to reconfigure pitch type to alleviate identified shortfalls.<br>Explore the feasibility of assisting the Parish council in improving onsite ancillary provision. | PS<br>SFA<br>FF                                   | Local               | L        | S-M                      | L                  | Enhance            |
| 117     | Gaskell Recreation Ground (Much Wenlock Cricket & Bowls Club) | TF13 6NB  | Cricket      | Much Wenlock Town Council                  | One good quality square with seven grass wickets and an NTP. Square has no capacity to accommodate further demand. Onsite ancillary provision is poor quality. | Sustain square quality through appropriate levels of maintenance.<br>Explore the feasibility in improving onsite ancillary facilities.  | TC<br>Sports clubs<br>ECB<br>SCB<br>BCGBA         | Local               | M        | S                        | L                  | Protect<br>Enhance |
|         |   |           | Bowls        |  | One standard quality bowling green rented by Much Wenlock BC. The Club has aspirations to create a shelter for spectators and has c36 members.                 | Explore opportunities to make improvements in order to sustain membership levels.<br>Assist the Club in improving ancillary provision.  |   |                     |          |                          |                    |                    |
| 193     | Much Wenlock Leisure Centre (William Brookes School)          | TF13 6NB  | Football     | Education                                  | One youth 9v9 pitch that has spare capacity discounted due to poor quality.  | Improve pitch quality through an enhanced maintenance regime.   | Education Council<br>SFA<br>FF<br>EH<br>LTA<br>EN | Main site           | H        | S-M                      | L-H                | Protect<br>Enhance |
|         |   |           | Hockey (AGP) |  | One standard quality full size hockey suitable AGP which is not floodlit. Pitch was created in 2010. Pitch is used by Ludlow HC.                               | Monitor pitch quality based on surface age and resurface as a hockey suitable surface when deemed necessary.<br>Protect Ludlow HC usage.<br>Explore the feasibility of installing floodlights.  |   |                     |          |                          |                    |                    |
|         |   |           | Tennis       |  | Four good quality macadam courts which are available for community use and are floodlit.   | Sustain court quality through appropriate levels of maintenance and seek to increase community use.   |   |                     |          |                          |                    |                    |
|         |   |           | Netball      |  | Four good quality macadam courts which are available for community use and are floodlit.   |   |   |                     |          |                          |                    |                    |
| 194     | Much Wenlock Primary School                                   | TF13 6JG  | Football     | Education                                  | One poor quality mini 7v7 pitch that has spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure. Pitch is used by Wenlock Warriors FC.                               | Improve grass pitch quality through an enhanced maintenance regime<br>Examining securing tenure for community users through a CUA.  | Education<br>Sports club<br>SFA<br>FF             | Local               | L        | S                        | L                  | Protect<br>Enhance |

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| Site ID | Site                     | Post code | Sport                                   | Management | Current status  | Recommended actions   | Partners                                      | Site hierarchy tier | Priority | Timescales <sup>68</sup> | Cost <sup>69</sup> | Aim     |
|---------|--------------------------|-----------|---|------------|---|---|---|---------------------|----------|--------------------------|--------------------|---------|
| 356     | Ironbridge Power Station | TF8 7BL   | Football (disused)<br>Cricket (disused) | Private    | The site currently has a disused sports field that previously hosted two adult football pitches and a five wicket grass cricket square in addition to a poor quality clubhouse. The Haworth Group reports this area is proposed to be retained as part of the above mentioned masterplan. The site is also located on a flood zone. | Population growth from housing developments at the Ironbridge Power Station indicates there is a need for a youth football pitch. In order to meet this demand, it is recommended that the disused sports field is brought back into use. Not only should the previous football pitches be reinstated, but also the cricket provision and ancillary provision on the site. This is due to there being substantial levels of demand from both Shropshire and Telford & Wrekin for such provision in addition to a lack of capacity in Much Wenlock. Consideration should be taken regarding the site's location on a flood zone. | Private<br>Council<br>SFA<br>FF<br>ECB<br>SCB | Main site           | M-H      | S-L                      | M-H                | Provide |

**PLACE PLAN – SHIFNAL**

| Site ID | Site                      | Post code | Sport         | Management | Current status  | Recommended actions  | Partners   | Site hierarchy tier | Priority | Timescales <sup>70</sup> | Cost <sup>71</sup> | Aim                           |
|---------|---------------------------|-----------|---------------|------------|---|--|--|---------------------|----------|--------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|
| 129     | Houghton Hall Health Club | TF11 8HG  | Tennis        | Private    | One macadam court that is not floodlit nor available for community use.   | Retain as current use.   | Private<br>LTA   | Local               | L        | L                        | L                  | Protect                       |
| 140     | Idsall Sports Centre      | TF11 8PD  | Football / 3G | Council    | Three adult, two youth 9v9 and one mini 7v7 pitch all of which are standard quality. Adult pitches are overplayed by 1.5 match equivalent sessions, youth 9v9 pitches are played to capacity and the mini 7v7 pitches are played to capacity at peak time. Site has been identified for a potential full size 3G pitch with Shifnal Town FC as an anchor club. This would come as a second stage of development after the club's ancillary facilities are improved, in addition, an exact location for such provision has not been decided. | Improve pitch quality through enhanced levels of regular maintenance. Explore the feasibility of providing a full size floodlit 3G pitch on the site to accommodate curricular, extracurricular demand and demand from Shifnal Town FC. The location and operator of the provision would need to be examined in greater detail as part of a phased development approach on the site. | Council<br>Education<br>Sports club<br>SFA<br>FF<br>ECB<br>SCB<br>RFU<br>LTA<br>EN | Hub site            | H        | S-L                      | H                  | Protect<br>Provide<br>Enhance |
|         |                           |           | Cricket       |            | One standalone NTP.   | Retain as current use.   |  |                     |          |                          |                    |                               |
|         |                           |           | Rugby union   |            | One senior pitch which has spare capacity discounted due to being poor quality (M0/D1). Pitch used by Shifnal Saxons RFC.   | Improve pitch quality as required to meet school and community club demand. Provide Shifnal Saxons RFC with a long term agreement for the pitch to give the Club security of tenure.   |  |                     |          |                          |                    |                               |

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| Site ID | Site   | Post code    | Sport         | Management  | Current status   | Recommended actions  | Partners                                   | Site hierarchy tier | Priority | Timescales <sup>70</sup> | Cost <sup>71</sup> | Aim                           |
|---------|--|--------------|---------------|---|--|--|--|---------------------|----------|--------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|
|         |  |              | Tennis        |   | Five standard quality artificial courts, three poor quality macadam and two poor quality mini macadam courts all of which are floodlit. Courts are used by Shifnal TC which has c445 members.  | Improve court quality to better accommodate levels of tennis demand onsite.  |  |                     |          |                          |                    |                               |
|         |  |              | Netball       |   | Six standard quality artificial courts that are floodlit and available for community use. Despite being assessed as standard quality, the artificial courts at Idsall Sports Centre are reported to be in need of resurfacing. Matches have also been cancelled or postponed on site due to issues with floodlighting. | Improve court quality to better accommodate levels of netball demand onsite.   |  |                     |          |                          |                    |                               |
| 153     | Lilleshall National Sports & Conferencing Centre | TF10 9AT     | Football      | Commercial  | Eight good quality adult pitches that have spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure.   | Sustain quality and retain as current use.<br>Explore formalising regular secured community use.<br>Explore the creation of dedicated outdoor netball courts.  | Commercial<br>SFA<br>FF<br>RFU<br>EH<br>EB | Main site           | M        | S-M                      | M                  | Protect<br>Provide            |
|         |  | Rugby union  |               | One good quality (M2/D1) senior pitch which is considered played to capacity.   |  |  |  |                     |          |                          |                    |                               |
|         |  | Hockey (AGP) |               | Two good quality water based hockey suitable AGPs. Pitches are used for elite levels of hockey and ad hoc community use.  |  |  |  |                     |          |                          |                    |                               |
|         |  | Bowls (Flat) |               | On standard quality flat bowling green.   |  |  |  |                     |          |                          |                    |                               |
|         |  | Netball      |               | England Netball states that there is a need for outdoor netball courts to be provided at Lilleshall National Sports & Conferencing Centre in order to increase participation. The Lilleshall Winter Netball League and Back to Netball sessions are based on indoor courts at the site. A community use consultation group has already been formed to help progress this. |  |  |  |                     |          |                          |                    |                               |
| 224     | Priorslee Road                                   | TF11 8HD     | Cricket       | Sports club   | One good quality square with 13 grass wickets and an NTP. Square has capacity both on Sundays and Midweek, Site is owned by Shifnal CC which has aspirations to improve its training facilities.   | Sustain quality and maximise use to accommodate future demand, particularly for juniors, women's and girls' cricket.<br>Explore the feasibility of improving training provision and creating an additional cricket square onsite or in the locality for future growth. | Sports club<br>ECB<br>SCB<br>BCGBA<br>LTA  | Main site           | M        | S                        | L-M                | Protect<br>Provide<br>Enhance |
|         |  | Bowls        |               | One standard quality bowling green leased to Shifnal BC from Shifnal CC. The club has c87 members.  |  |  |  |                     |          |                          |                    |                               |
|         |  | Tennis       |               | Three good quality macadam courts that are floodlit. Courts are leased to Shifnal TC from Shifnal CC. The Club has C445 members.  |  |  |  |                     |          |                          |                    |                               |
| 244     | Shifnal Primary School                           | TF11 8EJ     | Football (3G) | Education   | One small size 3G (32x15) which is not floodlit but us available for community use.  | Sustain quality and retain as current use. Ensure there is a sinking fund in place.  | Education<br>SFA<br>FF                     | Local               | L        | L                        | L                  | Protect                       |

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|---------|---|-----------|---------------|----------------------|---|--|--|---------------------|----------|--------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|
| 245     | Shifnal Town FC (The Acoustaford Stadium) | TF11 8PD  | Football / 3G | Sports club          | One good quality Step football pitch accompanied by poor quality ancillary facilities.<br>Site has been identified for a potential full size 3G pitch with Shifnal Town FC as an anchor club. This would come as a second stage of development after the clubs ancillary facilities are improved, in addition, an exact location for such provision has not been decided. | Sustain pitch quality through appropriate levels of maintenance. Assist the Club in improving the quality of onsite ancillary facility. Explore the feasibility of providing a full size floodlit 3G pitch on the site to accommodate curricular, extracurricular demand and demand from Shifnal Town FC. The location and operator of the provision would need to be examined in greater detail as part of a phased development approach on the site. | Sports club<br>Council<br>Education<br>SFA<br>FF | Hub site            | H        | S-L                      | H                  | Protect<br>Provide<br>Enhance |
| 317     | Wheatfield Drive Recreation Ground        | TF11 8HL  | Football      | Shifnal Town Council | Two poor quality mini 5v5 pitches that are played to capacity at peak time. Pitches are used by Shifnal Town FC.  | Improve poor quality pitches with an enhanced maintenance regime.  | TC<br>SFA<br>FF                                  | Local               | M        | S                        | L                  | Enhance                       |

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## SOUTH WEST ANALYSIS AREA

| Sport                    | Analysis area | Current demand (2020) |  | Future demand (2038)   |
|--------------------------|---------------|-----------------------|--|--|
|                          |               | Pitch type            | Current capacity total in MES <sup>[1]</sup>   | Future capacity total in MES   |
| Football (grass pitches) | South West    | Adult                 | Spare capacity of 1.5  | Spare capacity of 1  |
|                          |               | Youth 11v11           | At capacity  | Shortfall of 1   |
|                          |               | Youth 9v9             | At capacity  | Shortfall of 2.5   |
|                          |               | Mini 7v7              | At capacity  | At capacity  |
|                          |               | Mini 5v5              | At capacity  | At capacity  |
|                          | Shropshire    | Adult                 | Spare capacity of 5  | Spare capacity of 0.5  |
|                          |               | Youth 11v11           | Shortfall of 0.5   | Shortfall of 5   |
|                          |               | Youth 9v9             | Spare capacity of 1.5  | Shortfall of 4.5   |
|                          |               | Mini 7v7              | Spare capacity of 0.5  | Spare capacity of 0.5  |
|                          |               | Mini 5v5              | Spare capacity of 1.5  | Shortfall of 6   |
| Football (3G pitches)    | South West    | Full size, floodlit   | Shortfall of 0.5 full sized 3G pitch for team training                                 | Shortfall of 0.5 full sized 3G pitch for team training                                 |
| Cricket                  | South West    | Saturday              | Spare capacity of 22   | Spare capacity of 22   |
|                          |               | Sunday                | Spare capacity of 33   | Spare capacity of 33   |
|                          |               | Midweek               | Spare capacity of 36   | Spare capacity of 32   |
|                          | Shropshire    | Saturday              | Shortfall of 29  | Shortfall of 139   |
|                          |               | Sunday                | Spare capacity of 92   | Shortfall of 18  |
|                          |               | Midweek               | Spare capacity of 147  | Spare capacity of 47   |
| Rugby union              | South West    | Senior                | Shortfall of 0.5   | Shortfall of 0.5   |
|                          | Shropshire    | Senior                | Shortfall of 13.5  | Shortfall of 21.75   |
| Hockey (sand AGPs)       | Shropshire    | Full size, floodlit   | There is a need to improve pitch quality and create a pitch to return exported demand. | There is a need to improve pitch quality and create a pitch to return exported demand. |
| Tennis                   | Shropshire    | Courts                | Adequate provision   | Adequate provision   |
| Bowls                    | Shropshire    | Greens                | Adequate provision   | Adequate provision   |
| Netball                  | Shropshire    | Courts                | Adequate provision   | Adequate provision   |
| Other sports             | Shropshire    | Pitches               | Adequate provision   | Adequate provision   |

### Key recommendations for Bishop's Castle

- ◀ To meet future shortfalls, improve poor quality football pitches through enhanced levels of maintenance.
- ◀ Secure use for Bishops Castle Town FC at Community College Bishops Castle and develop the site to the required standards, including seeking funding for a clubhouse.
- ◀ Address rugby shortfalls through increasing pitch quality to address overplay.
- ◀ Sustain cricket quality and maximise use to accommodate future demand.

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

### ***Key recommendations for Church Stretton***

- ◀ Improve poor quality football pitches through enhanced levels of maintenance to address overplay and create future spare capacity.
- ◀ Improve quality of rugby pitches and secure community use for Church Stretton RFC at Church Stretton School.
- ◀ Sustain cricket quality and maximise use to accommodate future demand.

### ***Key recommendations for Craven Arms***

- ◀ Improve poor quality football pitches through enhanced levels of maintenance to address overplay and create future spare capacity.
- ◀ Secure use of Millichope Park for Corvedale CC.

**PLACE PLAN – BISHOP’S CASTLE**

| Site ID | Site                                   | Post code | Sport         | Management              | Current status   | Recommended actions  | Partners                    | Site hierarchy tier | Priority | Timescales <sup>72</sup> | Cost <sup>73</sup> | Aim                           |
|---------|--|-----------|---------------|-------------------------|--|--|-----------------------------|---------------------|----------|--------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|
| 24      | Bedstone College                       | SY7 0BG   | Football      | Education               | One good quality youth 9v9 pitch which is unavailable for community use.   | Although there are some shortfalls in the area, there is no local demand for community use to be established at the site. Therefore, the site should be protected for education use and improved as required.      | College                     | Local               | L        | M                        | L                  | Protect<br>Enhance            |
|         |  |           | Cricket       |                         | One good quality grass cricket square with five wickets which is unavailable for community use.  |  |                             |                     |          |                          |                    |                               |
|         |  |           | Rugby union   |                         | Two adult and one mini pitch which are unavailable for community use.  |  |                             |                     |          |                          |                    |                               |
|         |  |           | Hockey (AGP)  |                         | One small size sand filled AGP which is unavailable for community use.   |  |                             |                     |          |                          |                    |                               |
|         |  |           | Tennis        |                         | Two poor quality macadam tennis courts which are unavailable for community. Also overmarked with netball.  |  |                             |                     |          |                          |                    |                               |
| 32      | Bishop Castle & Onny Valley Rugby Club | SY9 5BX   | Rugby union   | Sports club             | One poor quality floodlit senior pitch overplayed by 0.5 match equivalent sessions.  | To alleviate overplay, improve pitch maintenance by one increment. Any further improvements to pitch quality through either maintenance or drainage enhancement would create spare capacity.                       | Sports club RFU             | Local               | M        | M                        | L                  | Protect<br>Enhance            |
| 33      | Bishops Castle Tennis Club             | SY9 5DW   | Tennis        | Sports club             | One artificial and two macadam (floodlit) courts, all good quality. Club membership c170.  | Sustain court quality and membership. If demand increases, consider the need to floodlight the artificial court.   | Sports club LTA             | Local               | L        | M                        | L                  | Protect                       |
| 59      | Castle Hotel Bowls Club                | SY9 5BU   | Bowls         | Sports Club             | One standard quality bowling green. Club has c33 members.  | Explore opportunities to make improvements in order to sustain membership levels.  | Sports club BCGBA           | Local               | M        | M                        | L                  | Protect<br>Enhance            |
| 81      | Clun Bowling Green                     | SY7 8JT   | Bowls         | English Heritage        | One poor quality bowling green which is rented to the Club from English Heritage. Club has c30 members.<br>Minor improvements to sheds and other storage facilities.   | Improve green quality through an enhanced maintenance regime. Assist the Club in improving ancillary provision.  | Sports club BCGBA           | Local               | M        | M                        | L                  | Protect<br>Enhance            |
| 86      | Community College Bishops Castle       | SY9 5AY   | Football      | Education / Sports club | One good quality adult pitch, one poor youth 9v9 pitch and two mini pitches standard quality. All pitches have some actual spare capacity.<br>Bishops Castle Town FC has plans to create a purpose built clubhouse at the site to allow progression to Tier 4. It has been granted planning permission on a compliant design and will be applying for funding once security of tenure has been obtained (in progress). | As a priority ensure long term security of tenure put into place to allow progression of applications for funding to provide clubhouse.<br>Improve pitch quality to accommodate future demand for youth provision. | Sports club FAW, FF College | Main site           | H        | S-M                      | H                  | Protect<br>Enhance<br>Provide |
|         |  |           | Football (3G) |                         | One small 3G pitch (46 x 28).  | Retain and improve as required.  |                             |                     | L        | L                        | L                  |                               |

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|---------|--|-----------|----------------|------------------------|---|---|----------------------|---------------------|----------|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
|         |  |           | Rugby union    |                        | One poor quality pitch which is unused for community use.   | Retain for school use and improve quality as required.<br>Explore options for community use of the pitch.             | College              |                     | L        | L                        | L                  |                    |
|         |  |           | Tennis Netball |                        | Two poor quality macadam courts unused for community use.<br>Overmarked with netball.   | Retain for school use and improve quality as required.  | College              |                     | L        | L                        | L                  |                    |
| 197     | Newcastle Village Football Pitch               | SY7 8QW   | Football       | Community organisation | One adult pitch which is poor quality. No changing on site.   | Improve quality as required and explore opportunity to increase provision at the site if demand exists in the future. | FF, SFA              | Local               | L        | M                        | L                  | Enhance            |
| 198     | Newcastle Village Hall (Mill Road)             | SY7 8QW   | Bowls          | Community organisation | One good quality bowling green. Rented from The Community Centre Committee. Club has c20 members.   | Sustain quality and maximise membership in order to create sustainability.  | Sports club BCGBA    | Local               | M        | S                        | L                  | Protect            |
| 290     | The Manor Ground (Bishops Castle Cricket Club) | SY9 5HA   | Cricket        | Sports club            | One good quality square with eight wickets. Actual spare capacity of 15 match sessions per season. Club has 13 years remaining on lease for the site. | Sustain quality and maximise use to accommodate future demand, particularly for juniors.                              | Sports Club ECB, SCB | Local               | L        | L                        | L                  | Protect            |
| 343     | Chirbury Bowling Club                          | SY15 6BN  | Bowls          | Unknown                | One standard quality bowling green.   | Explore opportunities to make improvements in order to sustain membership levels.                                     | Sports club BCGBA    | Local               | M        | S                        | L                  | Protect<br>Enhance |
| 345     | Clungunford Bowling Club                       | SY7 0PN   | Bowls          | Community organisation | One good quality bowling green rented from Clungunford Village Hall. Club has c20 members and aspires to increase this.                               | Sustain quality and maximise membership in order to create sustainability.  | Sports club BCGBA    | Local               | M        | M                        | L                  | Protect<br>Enhance |
| 369     | Cross Banks (Norbury)                          | SY9 5DX   | Football       | Community organisation | One poor quality adult pitch with poor quality changing rooms.  | Improve quality as required and explore opportunity to increase provision at the site if demand exists in the future. | FF, SFA              | Local               | L        | M                        | M                  | Enhance            |

**PLACE PLAN – CHURCH STRETTON**

| Site ID | Site                       | Post code | Sport    | Management                     | Current status  | Recommended actions  | Partners                           | Site hierarchy tier | Priority | Timescales <sup>74</sup> | Cost <sup>75</sup> | Aim                |
|---------|----------------------------|-----------|----------|--------------------------------|---|--|------------------------------------|---------------------|----------|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 2       | Acton Scott Cricket Club   | SY6 6QL   | Cricket  | Private                        | One standard quality square with five wickets. No actual spare capacity. Rented from the Acton Scott Estate and considered unsecure. No changing although the Club suggests this is not an issue. | Improve quality as required to create future spare capacity and work to secure use.  | Sports club ECB, SCB               | Local               | M        | M                        | L                  | Protect<br>Enhance |
| 44      | Brooksburry Playing Fields | SY6 6AE   | Football | Church Stretton Parish Council | One adult, one youth 9v9 and one mini 5v5 pitch, all poor quality. Lack of capacity and youth pitch overplayed by 0.5 match sessions. Ancillary facilities good quality.                          | Located in a flood zone. Consider options such as dedicated regular and routine maintenance regimes to improve quality. If site floods it is recommended relevant flood relief funds are applied for to address issues and alternative venues are found for clubs utilising the provision. | Sports Club Parish Council FF, SFA | Main site           | H        | S-M                      | M                  | Protect<br>Enhance |

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| Site ID | Site                                | Post code | Sport       | Management                     | Current status   | Recommended actions   | Partners                            | Site hierarchy tier | Priority | Timescales <sup>74</sup> | Cost <sup>75</sup> | Aim             |
|---------|-------------------------------------|-----------|-------------|--------------------------------|--|---|-------------------------------------|---------------------|----------|--------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| 70      | Church Stretton Park Playing Fields | SY6 7AR   | Tennis      | Church Stretton Parish Council | Three standard quality macadam courts used by Church Stretton TC. Club has c130 members. Club reports carparking, changing facilities and kitchen/toilets all need to be improved. | Explore opportunities for funding to improve ancillary facilities. In the longer term, improve court quality and explore opportunities for floodlighting to increase capacity.  | Sports Club Parish Council LTA      | Local               | M        | S-M                      | M                  | Protect Enhance |
|         |                                     |           | Bowls       |                                | One good quality bowling green. Used by Church Stretton Women's BC Membership unknown.   | Sustain quality and maximise membership in order to create sustainability.  | Sports club BCGBA                   |                     | L        | L                        | L                  |                 |
| 71      | Church Stretton School              | SY6 6EX   | Football    | Education                      | Two poor quality adult pitches used for community but unsecure tenure.   | Although in its early stages, this part of the playing field has been identified for development. If the site was lost it would be subject to appropriate mitigation secured to address the loss in line with the National Planning Policy Framework Paragraph 97 and Sport England's Playing Field Policy. | School Sport England FF, SFA        | Main site           | M        | M                        | M-H                | Protect Enhance |
|         |                                     |           | Cricket     |                                | One standalone NTP   | Retain for school use.  | School                              |                     | L        | L                        | L                  |                 |
|         |                                     |           | Rugby union |                                | Two senior pitches which are poor quality. No spare capacity. Used by Church Stretton RFC but unsecure tenure.   | Secure community use and explore options to improve quality.  | School Sports Club RFU              |                     | M        | S                        | M                  |                 |
|         |                                     |           | Tennis      |                                | Five poor quality macadam courts overmarked with netball.  | Retain for school use and improve as required.  | School                              |                     |          |                          |                    |                 |
| 87      | Concord College                     | SY5 7PF   | Tennis      | Education                      | Three macadam courts.  | Retain for school use and improve as required.  | School                              | Local               | L        | L                        | L                  | Protect         |
| 236     | Russels Meadow Ground               | SY6 6AT   | Football    | Church Stretton Parish Council | Two good quality adult pitches with spare capacity. Serviced by good changing rooms. Pitches are subject to public use which causes additional wear/litter.                        | Sustain/improve quality and maximise use to accommodate future demand.  | Sports Club Parish Council FF, SFA  | Main site           | M        | M                        | L                  | Protect Enhance |
|         |                                     |           | Cricket     |                                | One good quality square with 10 wickets. Spare capacity expressed. Secured use by Church Stretton CC.  | Sustain quality and maximise use to accommodate future demand, particularly for juniors.  | Sports Club Parish Council ECB, SCB |                     | L        | M                        | L                  |                 |
| 337     | Worthen Village Hall                | SY5 9HT   | Football    | Community organisation         | One poor quality adult pitch with spare capacity discounted due to quality. Poor quality changing provision.   | Improve quality across the site as required and explore opportunities for funding to improve ancillary facilities as a joint bid to service the whole site.   | Sports clubs FF, SFA, LTA, BCGBA    | Local               | M        | M                        | M                  | Protect Enhance |
|         |                                     |           | Bowls       |                                | One good quality bowling green. Club has c35 members. Aspirations to improve club house quality.   |   |                                     |                     |          |                          |                    |                 |
|         |                                     |           | Tennis      |                                | One standard quality macadam court. Used by Worthen TC which has c10 members.  |   |                                     |                     |          |                          |                    |                 |

**PLACE PLAN – CRAVEN ARMS**

| Site ID | Site                                      | Post code | Sport    | Management             | Current status   | Recommended actions   | Partners             | Site hierarchy tier | Priority | Timescales <sup>76</sup> | Cost <sup>77</sup> | Aim             |
|---------|---|-----------|----------|------------------------|--|---|----------------------|---------------------|----------|--------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| 85      | Community Arts Sports Craven Arms (CASCA) | SY7 9PS   | Football | Community organisation | One poor quality youth 11v11 pitch serviced by standard quality changing provision.  | Improve quality as required and explore opportunity to increase provision at the site if demand exists in the future. | FF, SFA              | Local               | M        | M                        | M                  | Protect Enhance |
|         |   |           | Netball  |                        | One standard quality court.  | Retain and improve quality as required to service demand.   | EN                   |                     | L        | L                        | L                  |                 |
| 96      | Craven Arms Bowling Club                  | SY7 9QL   | Bowls    | Unknown                | One standard quality bowling green. No floodlighting. Membership unknown.  | Explore opportunities to make improvements in order to sustain membership levels.                                     | Sports club BCGBA    | Local               | L        | L                        | L                  | Protect Enhance |
| 181     | Millichope Park                           | SY7 9HA   | Cricket  | Private                | One standard quality square with eight wickets. No actual spare capacity. Serviced by poor quality pavilion. Unsecure use by Corvedale CC. | Work to secure long term use for the Club and then explore opportunities for improvements across the site.            | Sports club ECB, SCB | Local               | M        | M                        | M                  | Protect Enhance |
|         |   |           | Tennis   |                        | Two courts, one macadam and one artificial. Public use.  | Retain and improve quality as required to service local demand.   | LTA                  |                     | L        | L                        | L                  |                 |

<sup>76</sup> (S) -Short (1-2 years); (M) - Medium (3-5 years); (L) - Long (6+ years)

<sup>77</sup> (L) -Low - less than £50k; (M) -Medium - £50k-£250k; (H) -High £250k and above

## PART 7: HOUSING GROWTH SCENARIOS

The PPOSS provides an estimate of demand for pitch sports based on population forecasts and club consultation to 2038 (in line with the emerging Local Plan Review period). This future demand is translated into teams likely to be generated, rather than actual pitch provision required. The Sport England New Development Playing Pitch Calculator (NDC) adds to this, updating the likely demand generated for pitch sports based on housing increases and converts the demand into match equivalent sessions and the number of pitches required. This is achieved via team generation rates (TGRs) in the Assessment Report to determine how many new teams would be generated from an increase in population derived from housing growth and gives the associated costs of supplying the increased pitch provision.

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

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

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

The indicative figure assume that population growth will average 2.36 per dwelling. The indicative figure will be applied to the scenario as follows:

- ◀ **Scenario One** - additional demand for pitch sports generated from housing growth from 750 dwellings by Strategic Site Development (Clive Barracks, Tern Hill). North East Analysis Area / Market Drayton Place Plan
- ◀ **Scenario Two** - additional demand for pitch sports generated from housing growth from 1,000 dwellings by Strategic Site Development (Ironbridge Power Station). South East Analysis Area / Much Wenlock Place Plan
- ◀ **Scenario Three**<sup>78</sup> - additional demand for pitch sports generated from housing growth from 1050 dwellings at the Tasley Garden Development (BRD030). South East Analysis Area / Bridgnorth Place Plan

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<sup>78</sup> Pages 170-172 of the draft plan: <https://shropshire.gov.uk/media/15525/regulation-18-pre-submission-draft-of-the-shropshire-local-plan.pdf>

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- ◀ **Scenario Four**<sup>79</sup> - additional demand for pitch sports generated from housing growth from 1,500 dwellings at the Land between Mytton Oak Road and Hanwood Road Development (SHR060, SHR158 & SHR161). Central Analysis Area / Shrewsbury Place Plan
- ◀ **Scenario Five** - accumulative demand for pitch sports generated from housing growth from total anticipated housing growth across Shropshire.

Please note that scenarios take into consideration training demand for the individual sports which will give an exact requirement for provision required by housing growth.

In addition, the examples of the Sport England New Development Playing Pitch Calculator used in each of the abovementioned scenarios have been provided on the basis that there is no adjustment in future demand (from participation growth) over and above population growth. It is suggested that this is monitored and updated as part of the Stage E review to monitor the impact of the ongoing COVID 19 pandemic and its likely impact on future participation levels.

For scenarios One to Four the amount of predicted new playing pitches calculated from the Sport England New Development Playing Pitch Calculator (NDC) has been totalled to an exact number as the housing figures are known.

In comparison the predicted new playing pitches calculated from the NDC for Scenario Five, and relevant Appendix Four, have been rounded to the nearest whole number. This is due to the scenarios being based on the anticipated housing growth in the remaining time period of the emerging Local Plan Review period rather than a specific amount of housing. It is recommended that these calculations are rerun when exact figures for individual housing developments are known with the growth of playing pitches totalled (akin to Scenarios One to Four) rather than rounded to the nearest whole number.

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<sup>79</sup> Pages 257-258 of the draft plan: <https://shropshire.gov.uk/media/15525/regulation-18-pre-submission-draft-of-the-shropshire-local-plan.pdf>

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## Scenario One – Clive Barrack, Tern Hill

The estimated additional population derived from housing growth from 750 dwellings with an occupancy rate of 2.36 per household is 1,770 people.

This population increase equates to 1.51 match equivalent sessions of demand per week for grass pitch sports, 0.12 match equivalent sessions of demand per week on AGPs for hockey and 13.18 match equivalent sessions of demand per season for cricket.

Training demand equates to 2.65 hours of use per week for football on 3G pitches and hockey equates to 0.29 hours of use per week on AGPs. There are also 0.21 match equivalent sessions per week of training for rugby union on a floodlit grass pitch.

Table 7.1: Likely demand for grass pitch sports generated from 750 dwellings

| Pitch sport           | Estimated demand by sport for 750 dwellings |                                |
|-----------------------|---|--------------------------------|
|                       | Match demand (MES) per week <sup>80</sup>   | Training demand <sup>81</sup>  |
| Adult football        | 0.25  | 2.65 hours                     |
| Youth football        | 0.68  |                                |
| Mini soccer           | 0.40  |                                |
| Rugby union           | 0.18  | 0.21 match equivalent sessions |
| Adult hockey          | 0.08  | 0.24 hours                     |
| Junior & mixed hockey | 0.04  | 0.05 hours                     |
| Cricket               | 13.18                                       | -                              |

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 <sup>82</sup> | Lifecycle Cost (per annum) <sup>83</sup> | Number         | Capital cost     |
| Adult football  | 0.25                                       | £23,544                    | £4,968                                   | 0.5            | £80,050          |
| Youth football  | 0.68                                       | £47,873                    | £10,053                                  | 0.88           | £140,532         |
| Mini soccer     | 0.40                                       | £9,287                     | £1,950                                   | 0              | £0               |
| Rugby union     | 0.18                                       | £23,623                    | £5,055                                   | 0.36           | £57,369          |
| Cricket         | 0.30                                       | £82,464                    | £16,658                                  | 0.59           | £95,043          |
| Sand based AGPs | 0.02                                       | £15,552                    | £482                                     | 0.04           | £6,448           |
| 3G              | 0.07                                       | £64,883                    | £2,554                                   | 0.14           | £22,283          |
| <b>Total</b>    | <b>1.9</b>                                 | <b>£267,226</b>            | <b>£41,720</b>                           | <b>2.51</b>    | <b>£401, 283</b> |

<sup>80</sup> As per the PPS Guidance, demand for cricket is considered in terms of match equivalent sessions per season rather than per week.

<sup>81</sup> Hours equate to access to a full size floodlit 3G pitch or hockey suitable AGP

<sup>82</sup> Sport England Facilities Costs Second Quarter 2020 – (<https://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/design-and-cost-guidance/cost-guidance/>)

<sup>83</sup> Lifecycle costs are based on the % of the total project cost per annum as set out in Sport England's Life Cycle Costs Natural Turf Pitches and Artificial Surfaces documents (2012)

### *Key recommendations*

As discussed earlier in the report there are certain key priorities within the North East Analysis Area, and more specifically Market Drayton, that S106/CIL monies from this development could contribute towards. One of these is returning the demand from Market Drayton HC back in Shropshire from the neighbouring authority of Newcastle-under-Lyme with the creation of a full size floodlit hockey suitable AGP, with potential location options for such provision including but not limited to, the relocation of Greenfields Sports Ground or onsite at Clive Barracks.

The monies could also be used to improve/create youth 11v11 football provision or cricket provision in order to alleviate current and future identified shortfalls. Again, this could be onsite at Clive Barracks or on offsite locations such as Market Drayton Community Amateur Sports Club, Hodnet Social Club, Hinstock Cricket Club or Hinstock Recreation Ground.

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## Scenario Two – Ironbridge Power Station

The estimated additional population derived from housing growth from 1,000 dwellings with an occupancy rate of 2.36 per household is 2,360 people.

This population increase equates to 2.01 match equivalent sessions of demand per week for grass pitch sports, 0.16 match equivalent sessions of demand per week on AGPs for hockey and 17.57 match equivalent sessions of demand per season for cricket.

Training demand equates to 3.53 hours of use per week for football on 3G pitches and hockey equates to 0.38 hours of use per week on AGPs. There are also 0.27 match equivalent sessions per week of training for rugby union on a floodlit grass pitch.

Table 7.3: Likely demand for grass pitch sports generated from 1,000 dwellings

| Pitch sport           | Estimated demand by sport for 1,000 dwellings |                                |
|-----------------------|---|--------------------------------|
|                       | Match demand (MES) per week <sup>84</sup>     | Training demand <sup>85</sup>  |
| Adult football        | 0.33  | 3.53 hours                     |
| Youth football        | 0.91  |                                |
| Mini soccer           | 0.53  |                                |
| Rugby union           | 0.24  | 0.27 match equivalent sessions |
| Adult hockey          | 0.11  | 0.32 hours                     |
| Junior & mixed hockey | 0.05  | 0.06 hours                     |
| Cricket               | 17.57   | -                              |

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

Table 7.4: Estimated demand and costs for new pitch provision

| Pitch type      | Estimated demand and costs for new pitches |                            |  | Changing rooms |                 |
|-----------------|--|----------------------------|--|----------------|-----------------|
|                 | Number of pitches to meet demand           | Capital cost <sup>86</sup> | Lifecycle Cost (per annum) <sup>87</sup> | Number         | Capital cost    |
| Adult football  | 0.33                                       | £31,392                    | £6,624                                   | 0.67           | £106,733        |
| Youth football  | 0.91                                       | £63,831                    | £13,404                                  | 1.17           | £187,376        |
| Mini soccer     | 0.53                                       | £12,382                    | £2,600                                   | 0              | £0              |
| Rugby union     | 0.24                                       | £31,497                    | £6,740                                   | 0.48           | £76,492         |
| Cricket         | 0.4  | £109,952                   | £22,210                                  | 0.79           | £126,725        |
| Sand based AGPs | 0.03                                       | £20,736                    | £643                                     | 0.05           | £8,598          |
| 3G              | 0.09                                       | £86,510                    | £3,405                                   | 0.19           | £29,711         |
| <b>Total</b>    | <b>2.53</b>                                | <b>£356,300</b>            | <b>£55,626</b>                           | <b>3.35</b>    | <b>£535,635</b> |

<sup>84</sup> As per the PPS Guidance, demand for cricket is considered in terms of match equivalent sessions per season rather than per week.

<sup>85</sup> Hours equate to access to a full size floodlit 3G pitch or hockey suitable AGP

<sup>86</sup> Sport England Facilities Costs Second Quarter 2020 – (<https://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/design-and-cost-guidance/cost-guidance/>)

<sup>87</sup> Lifecycle costs are based on the % of the total project cost per annum as set out in Sport England's Life Cycle Costs Natural Turf Pitches and Artificial Surfaces documents (2012)

### *Key recommendations*

Population growth from housing developments at the Ironbridge Power Station indicates there is a need 2.53 pitches. Using information from both the proceeding Assessment report and earlier in this document, not only should the previous football pitches be reinstated, but also the cricket provision and ancillary provision on the site in order to address identified current and future shortfalls.

This is due to there being substantial levels of cricket demand from both Shropshire and Telford & Wrekin for such provision as identified earlier in the report. In addition, there is also a lack of capacity within Much Wenlock and surrounding Place Plan areas.

Therefore, it is recommended that S106/CIL monies from this development contribute to bringing the disused sports field back into use.

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## Scenario Three – Tasley Garden Development

The estimated additional population derived from housing growth from 1050 dwellings with an occupancy rate of 2.36 per household is 2,478 people.

This population increase equates to 2.1 match equivalent sessions of demand per week for grass pitch sports, 0.16 match equivalent sessions of demand per week on AGPs for hockey and 18.45 match equivalent sessions of demand per season for cricket.

Training demand equates to 3.71 hours of use per week for football on 3G pitches and hockey equates to 0.41 hours of use per week on AGPs. There are also 0.29 match equivalent sessions per week of training for rugby union on a floodlit grass pitch.

Table 7.5: Likely demand for grass pitch sports generated from 1,050 dwellings

| Pitch sport           | Estimated demand by sport for 1,050 dwellings |                                |
|-----------------------|---|--------------------------------|
|                       | Match demand (MES) per week <sup>88</sup>     | Training demand <sup>89</sup>  |
| Adult football        | 0.35  | 3.71 hours                     |
| Youth football        | 0.95  |                                |
| Mini soccer           | 0.55  |                                |
| Rugby union           | 0.25  | 0.29 match equivalent sessions |
| Adult hockey          | 0.11  | 0.34 hours                     |
| Junior & mixed hockey | 0.05  | 0.07 hours                     |
| Cricket               | 18.45   | -                              |

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

Table 7.6: 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 <sup>90</sup> | Lifecycle Cost (per annum) <sup>91</sup> | Number         | Capital cost     |
| Adult football  | 0.35                                       | £32,260                    | £6,807                                   | 0.7            | £111,299         |
| Youth football  | 0.95                                       | £69,969                    | £14,694                                  | 1.23           | £195,391         |
| Mini soccer     | 0.55                                       | £12,725                    | £2,672                                   | 0              | £0               |
| Rugby union     | 0.25                                       | £32,368                    | £6,927                                   | 0.5            | £79,764          |
| Cricket         | 0.42                                       | £112,994                   | £22,825                                  | 0.83           | £132,145         |
| Sand based AGPs | 0.03                                       | £21,570                    | £669                                     | 0.06           | £8,966           |
| 3G              | 0.10                                       | £89,352                    | £3,594                                   | 0.2            | £30,981          |
| <b>Total</b>    | <b>2.65</b>                                | <b>£371,238</b>            | <b>£58,720</b>                           | <b>3.52</b>    | <b>£558, 546</b> |

<sup>88</sup> As per the PPS Guidance, demand for cricket is considered in terms of match equivalent sessions per season rather than per week.

<sup>89</sup> Hours equate to access to a full size floodlit 3G pitch or hockey suitable AGP

<sup>90</sup> Sport England Facilities Costs Second Quarter 2020 – (<https://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/design-and-cost-guidance/cost-guidance/>)

<sup>91</sup> Lifecycle costs are based on the % of the total project cost per annum as set out in Sport England's Life Cycle Costs Natural Turf Pitches and Artificial Surfaces documents (2012)

### *Key recommendations*

Population growth due to the housing development at the Tasley Garden Development indicates there is a need for 2.65 pitches. Using this information, and in cohesion with evidence from both PPOSS documents there is an identified need to provide onsite provision at this location.

It should be noted that the exact facility mix of any potential provision should not be limited to football but be dependent on the specific supply and demand requirements at the time of site development. In addition, any future onsite sports provision should explore the feasibility of a multitude of sports and not just be specific to one sport, unless required.

If there is no identified requirement when the above development work is commenced, it is recommended that potential monies from the development should be allocated to improving existing provision within the locality.

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## Scenario Four – Land between Mytton Oak Road and Hanwood Road

The estimated additional population derived from housing growth from 1,500 dwellings with an occupancy rate of 2.36 per household is 3,540 people.

This population increase equates to 3.01 match equivalent sessions of demand per week for grass pitch sports, 0.23 match equivalent sessions of demand per week on AGPs for hockey and 26.36 match equivalent sessions of demand per season for cricket.

Training demand equates to 5.30 hours of use per week for football on 3G pitches and hockey equates to 0.57 hours of use per week on AGPs. There are also 0.41 match equivalent sessions per week of training for rugby union on a floodlit grass pitch.

Table 7.7: Likely demand for grass pitch sports generated from 1,500 dwellings

| Pitch sport           | Estimated demand by sport for 1,500 dwellings |                                |
|-----------------------|---|--------------------------------|
|                       | Match demand (MES) per week <sup>92</sup>     | Training demand <sup>93</sup>  |
| Adult football        | 0.50  | 5.30 hours                     |
| Youth football        | 1.36  |                                |
| Mini soccer           | 0.79  |                                |
| Rugby union           | 0.36  | 0.41 match equivalent sessions |
| Adult hockey          | 0.16  | 0.48 hours                     |
| Junior & mixed hockey | 0.07  | 0.09 hours                     |
| Cricket               | 26.36   | -                              |

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

Table 7.8: 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 <sup>94</sup> | Lifecycle Cost (per annum) <sup>95</sup> | Number         | Capital cost     |
| Adult football  | 0.50                                       | £46,086                    | £9,724                                   | 1              | £158,998         |
| Youth football  | 1.36                                       | £99,956                    | £20,991                                  | 1.76           | £279,130         |
| Mini soccer     | 0.79                                       | £18,179                    | £3,817                                   | 0              | £0               |
| Rugby union     | 0.36                                       | £46,240                    | £9,895                                   | 0.72           | £113,949         |
| Cricket         | 0.59                                       | £161,419                   | £32,607                                  | 1.19           | £188,778         |
| Sand based AGPs | 0.04                                       | £30,814                    | £955                                     | 0.08           | £12,808          |
| 3G              | 0.14                                       | £127,646                   | £5,134                                   | 0.28           | £44,259          |
| <b>Total</b>    | <b>3.78</b>                                | <b>£530,340</b>            | <b>£83,123</b>                           | <b>5.03</b>    | <b>£797, 922</b> |

<sup>92</sup> As per the PPS Guidance, demand for cricket is considered in terms of match equivalent sessions per season rather than per week.

<sup>93</sup> Hours equate to access to a full size floodlit 3G pitch or hockey suitable AGP

<sup>94</sup> Sport England Facilities Costs Second Quarter 2020 – (<https://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/design-and-cost-guidance/cost-guidance/>)

<sup>95</sup> Lifecycle costs are based on the % of the total project cost per annum as set out in Sport England's Life Cycle Costs Natural Turf Pitches and Artificial Surfaces documents (2012)

### *Key recommendations*

Population growth due to the housing development at the 'Land between Mytton Oak Road and Hanwood Road Development' indicates there is a need for 3.78 playing fields. Using this information, and in cohesion with evidence from both PPOSS documents there is an identified need to provide onsite provision at this location.

It should be noted that the exact facility mix of any potential provision should not be limited to football and cricket but be dependent on the specific supply and demand requirements at the time of site development. In addition, any future onsite sports provision should explore the feasibility of a multitude of sports and not just be specific to one sport, unless required.

If there is no identified requirement when the above development work is commenced, it is recommended that potential monies from the development should be allocated to improving existing provision within the locality.

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### **Scenario Five - accumulative demand for pitch sports generated from housing growth from total anticipated housing growth across Shropshire**

The table below identifies the number of proposed dwellings to be built across each of the Place Plan areas within Shropshire as of March 2019 to 2038. It should be noted that none of these have got planning permission to date meaning developer contribution have yet to be calculated.

*Table 7.9: Housing allocations by Place Plan Area*

| <b>Place plan</b>       | <b>Number of dwellings anticipated to be built</b> |
|-------------------------|--|
| Albrighton              | 305  |
| Bishop's Castle         | 360  |
| Bridgnorth              | 1,842  |
| Broseley                | 50   |
| Church Stretton         | 121  |
| Cleobury Mortimer       | 127  |
| Craven Arms             | 419  |
| Ellesmere               | 388  |
| Highley                 | 131  |
| Ludlow                  | 301  |
| Market Drayton          | 1,530  |
| Much Wenlock            | 1,219 <sup>96</sup>                                |
| Pontesbury & Minsterley | 81   |
| Oswestry                | 2,417  |
| Shifnal                 | 322  |
| Shrewsbury              | 4,456  |
| Wem                     | 569  |
| Whitchurch              | 718  |
| <b>Total</b>            | <b>15,356</b>                                      |

Individual housing growth scenarios for each the listed Place Plans are examined in Appendix Four.

The estimated additional population from housing growth in the Local Plan time frame is 15,356 dwellings with an occupancy rate of 2.36 per household this equates to 36,240 people.

This population increase equates to 30.80 match equivalent sessions of demand per week for grass pitch sports, 2.39 match equivalent sessions of demand per week on AGPs for hockey and 269.86 match equivalent sessions of demand per season for cricket.

Training demand equates to 54.25 hours of use per week for football on 3G pitches and hockey equates to 5.92 hours of use per week on AGPs. There are also 4.22 match equivalent sessions per week of training for rugby union on a floodlit grass pitch.

<sup>96</sup> Includes 750 dwellings for Clive Barracks, Tern Hill

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Table 7.10: Likely demand for grass pitch sports generated from 15,356 dwellings

| Pitch sport           | Estimated demand by sport for 15,356 dwellings |                                |
|-----------------------|--|--------------------------------|
|                       | Match demand (MES) per week <sup>97</sup>      | Training demand <sup>98</sup>  |
| Adult football        | 5.13   | 54.25 hours                    |
| Youth football        | 13.90  |                                |
| Mini soccer           | 8.09   |                                |
| Rugby union           | 3.68   | 4.22 match equivalent sessions |
| Adult hockey          | 1.65   | 4.96 hours                     |
| Junior & mixed hockey | 0.74   | 0.96 hours                     |
| Cricket               | 269.86   | -                              |

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

Table 7.11: 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 <sup>99</sup> | Lifecycle Cost (per annum) <sup>100</sup> | Number         | Capital cost      |
| Adult football  | 5 (5.13)                                   | £471,799                   | £99,550                                   | 10.26          | £1,627,708        |
| Youth football  | 14 (13.90)                                 | £1,023,280                 | £214,889                                  | 18.01          | £2,857,531        |
| Mini soccer     | 8 (8.09)                                   | £186,099                   | £39,081                                   | 0              | £0                |
| Rugby union     | 4 (3.68)                                   | £473,372                   | £101,302                                  | 7.35           | £1,166,524        |
| Cricket         | 6 (6.09)                                   | £1,652,496                 | £333,804                                  | 12.18          | £1,932,580        |
| Sand based AGPs | 0 (0.41)                                   | £315,450                   | £9,779                                    | 0.83           | £131,121          |
| 3G              | 1 (1.43)                                   | £1,306,746                 | £52,554                                   | 2.86           | £453,093          |
| <b>Total</b>    | <b>38</b>                                  | <b>£5,429,242</b>          | <b>£850,959</b>                           | <b>51.49</b>   | <b>£8,168,557</b> |

Using the above information, and Appendix Four, the Council should develop its CIL regime through relevant Infrastructure Development Plans that include investment priorities for each of the Place Plan areas based on recommendations within this document.

The conclusion section overleaf will identify key recommendations on how developer contributions should be utilised with relevant policies required in the Local Plan Review to support securing relevant contribution.

<sup>97</sup> As per the PPS Guidance, demand for cricket is considered in terms of match equivalent sessions per season rather than per week.

<sup>98</sup> Hours equate to access to a full size floodlit 3G pitch or hockey suitable AGP

<sup>99</sup> Sport England Facilities Costs Second Quarter 2020 – (<https://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/design-and-cost-guidance/cost-guidance/>)

<sup>100</sup> Lifecycle costs are based on the % of the total project cost per annum as set out in Sport England's Life Cycle Costs Natural Turf Pitches and Artificial Surfaces documents (2012)

## **Conclusions**

The tables above show that through housing growth, demand will be generated for each pitch sport (with the exception of rugby league) to a lesser or greater extent. That being said, it must be noted that not all developments will require new on site provision, with the capacity of existing sites in the locality needing to be assessed to understand if they can accommodate increased usage.

Experience shows that only significantly large housing sites are likely to generate demand in their own right; however, the cumulative impact of housing across the local authority will result in substantial demand generated across the local authority and in each analysis area.

For developments not requiring on site provision, contributions should be focused on improving existing sites.

### *Scenario One – Clive Barrack, Tern Hill (North East Analysis Area)*

The growth anticipated from this development suggests there will be a requirement for 1.9 playing pitches. Based on evidence from the proceeding assessment report shortfalls for youth pitches in the North East Analysis Area can be alleviated through pitch improvements and pitch reconfiguration rather than the creation of additional provision.

Alternatively, developer contributions could also be prioritised towards the creation of a full size floodlit hockey suitable AGP or creation of additional cricket supply within the Market Drayton locality to alleviate identified shortfalls. As discussed earlier this could be onsite at Clive Barracks or at the prospective relocation site of Greenfield Sports Ground.

### *Scenario Two – Ironbridge Power Station*

Similarly, population growth from housing developments at the Ironbridge Power Station indicates there is a need for 2.53 playing pitches. In order to meet this demand, it is recommended that the disused sports field is brought back into use.

Not only should the previous football pitches be reinstated, but also the cricket provision and ancillary provision on the site. This is due to there being substantial levels of demand from both Shropshire and Telford & Wrekin for such provision as identified earlier in the report. In addition, there is also a lack of capacity within Much Wenlock and surrounding Place Plan areas.

### *Scenario Three (Tasley Garden Development) and Scenario Four (Land between Mytton Oak Road and Hanwood Road)*

As discussed, earlier population growth from housing developments at the “Tasley Garden Development” and “Land between Mytton Oak Road and Hanwood Road Development” indicates there is a need for onsite sporting provision to be provided at each site.

The Sport England New Development Playing Pitch Calculator (NDC) gives a preliminary indication on what provision would be required by the increase in population at each site however, as stated, the exact facility mix of any potential provision should be dependent on the specific supply and demand requirements at the time of site development. In addition, any future onsite sports provision should explore the feasibility of a multitude of sports and not just be specific to one sport, unless required.

For example, information provided by Shropshire Cricket Board suggests that currently there is a case for investment in cricket to provide additional capacity particular in the Shrewsbury and Bridgnorth Place Plan areas.

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If new cricket provision were to be created in either Shrewsbury or Bridgnorth it could potentially benefit one or more of the following clubs: Shrewsbury CC, Shelton CC, Beacon CC, Pontesbury CC, Bridgnorth CC and Quatt CC. It should be stated that this is based on current levels of supply and demand (2020) with any future development requiring to take into consideration the supply and demand of that period.

*Scenario Five - accumulative demand for pitch sports generated from housing growth from total anticipated housing growth across Shropshire*

Overall housing growth, based on figures provided in scenarios five, there is a need for five adult football pitches, 14 youth football pitches, eight mini football pitches, four rugby union pitches, nine cricket squares and one full size floodlit 3G pitch. It should be noted that this is the total demand for all housing growth across Shropshire. When analysed by Place Plan area this demand dissipates as can be seen in Appendix Four.

The Sport England New Development Pitch Calculator indicates the following Place Plan areas have enough growth in new population across the lifespan of the Local Plan to warrant new provision:

- ◀ **Bridgnorth** – One adult football, two youth football, one mini football pitch and one cricket square
- ◀ **Market Drayton** – One adult football, one youth football, one mini football pitch and one cricket square
- ◀ **Much Wenlock** – One youth and one mini football pitch
- ◀ **Oswestry** – One adult, two youth and one mini football pitch, one rugby union and one cricket square
- ◀ **Shrewsbury** – One adult, four youth and two mini football pitches, one rugby union pitches and two cricket squares
- ◀ **Wem** – One youth football pitch
- ◀ **Whitchurch** – One youth football pitch

Although there is some need to create new provision for most, developer contributions can be utilised to improve existing facilities, so they have the capacity to accommodate increased levels of demand.

The table below identifies potential sites where developer contributions could be pooled to alleviate current and future shortfalls through qualitative improvements. The detailed actions required can be found in Part 6 Action Plan.

It should be noted that further work is required as part of the Stage E process to fully identify key sites for investment as supply and demand may change on an annual basis.

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Table 7.12: Key site recommendations for investment

| Analysis area | Place Plan                    | Site Id   | Site name   |
|---------------|-------------------------------|-----------|---|
| Central       | Pontesbury & Minsterley       | 152       | Lea Cross Pitches   |
|               |                               | 218       | Pontesbury Playing Fields                                   |
|               | Shrewsbury                    | 21        | Baschurch Village Hall Pitches                              |
|               |                               | 89        | Condoover Sports Ground                                     |
|               |                               | 115       | Frankwell Recreation Ground                                 |
|               |                               | 149       | Kynaston Road Recreation Ground                             |
|               |                               | 158       | London Road Sports Centre                                   |
|               |                               | 177       | Meole Brace Church of England Primary School                |
|               |                               | 178       | Mereside Church of England Primary School                   |
|               |                               | 222       | Prestfelde Preparatory School                               |
|               |                               | 228       | Radbrook Recreation Ground                                  |
|               |                               | 233       | Roman Road Sports Centre (Meole Brace School)               |
|               |                               | 249       | Shrewsbury Cricket Club                                     |
|               |                               | 252       | Shrewsbury Rugby Club                                       |
|               |                               | 255       | Shrewsbury Sports Village                                   |
|               |                               | 259       | Unison Club (Column Cricket, Bowls & Tennis Club)           |
|               |                               | 276       | Stanley Parker Playing Fields                               |
|               |                               | 310       | Waincott Recreation Ground                                  |
|               |                               | 350       | Shelton Recreation Ground                                   |
| 372           | Greenfields Recreation Ground |           |   |
| North East    | Market Drayton                | 63        | Cheswardine Parish Council                                  |
|               |                               | 133       | Hinstock Cricket Club                                       |
|               |                               | 135       | Hinstock Recreation Ground                                  |
|               |                               | 138       | Hodnet Social Club  |
|               |                               | 171       | Market Drayton Community Amateur Sports Club                |
|               | Wem                           | 54        | Butler Sports Centre  |
|               |                               | 301       | Thomas Adams Sports Centre                                  |
|               |                               | 312       | Wem Recreation Ground                                       |
|               |                               | New       | Shawbury Football Club                                      |
|               | Whitchurch                    | 57        | Calverhall Cricket Ground                                   |
|               |                               | 130       | Heath Road Ground   |
|               |                               | 221       | Prees Cricket and Recreation Club                           |
|               |                               | 320       | Whitchurch Rugby Football Club                              |
|               |                               | 321       | Whitchurch Sports & Leisure Centre (Sir John Talbot School) |
|               | North West                    | Ellesmere | 25  |
| 112           |                               |           | Ellesmere Cricket Club                                      |
| 128           |                               |           | Hardwick Park (Frankton Cricket Club)                       |
| Oswestry      |                               | 56        | Cae Glass Park  |
|               |                               | 156       | Llanymynech Village Hall                                    |
|               |                               | 210       | Oswestry Rugby Club   |
|               |                               | 322       | Whittington Cricket & Bowling Club                          |
| South         | Cleobury Mortimer             | 75        | Clee Hill Recreation Ground (Knowle Sports Club)            |
|               |                               | 77        | Cleobury Mortimer Playing Field                             |
|               |                               | 344       | Cleobury Mortimer Bowling Club                              |

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| Analysis area | Place Plan      | Site Id                                     | Site name   |
|---------------|-----------------|---|---|
|               | Ludlow          | 76  | Clee Hill Rugby Club (Tenbury Road)                           |
|               |                 | 163   | Ludlow Castle Tennis and Bowls Club                           |
|               |                 | 168   | Ludlow Rugby Football Club                                    |
| South East    | Albrighton      | 8   | Albrighton Primary School                                     |
|               |                 | 157   | Loak Road (Albrighton Football Club)                          |
|               |                 | 342   | Albrighton Bowling Club                                       |
|               | Bridgnorth      | 10  | Alveley Recreation Ground                                     |
|               |                 | 40  | Bridgnorth Bowls, Cricket & Hockey Club                       |
|               |                 | 41  | Bridgnorth Endowed School/Leisure Centre                      |
|               |                 | 102   | Crown Meadow  |
|               | Broseley        | 109   | Edgar Davies Ground (Bridgnorth RFC)                          |
|               |                 | 30  | Birchmeadow Playing Fields                                    |
|               | Highley         | 46  | Broseley C of E Primary School                                |
|               |                 | 131   | Highley Primary School  |
|               | Much Wenlock    | 238   | Severn Centre (Highley Cricket Club)                          |
|               |                 | 117   | Gaskell Recreation Ground (Much Wenlock Cricket & Bowls Club) |
|               |                 | 194   | Much Wenlock Primary School                                   |
|               | Shifnal         | 356   | Ironbridge Power Station                                      |
| 140           |                 | Idsall Sports Centre                        |   |
| 245           |                 | Shifnal Town FC (The Acoustaf foam Stadium) |   |
| South West    | Bishop's Castle | 32  | Bishop Castle & Onny Valley Rugby Club                        |
|               |                 | 81  | Clun Bowling Green  |
|               |                 | 86  | Community College Bishops Castle                              |
|               | Church Stretton | 44  | Brooksbury Playing Fields                                     |
|               |                 | 70  | Church Stretton Park Playing Fields                           |
|               | Craven Arms     | 337   | Worthen Village Hall  |
|               |                 | 181   | Millichope Park   |

### *Creation of new provision*

Even though most developer contributions generated can go to improving current sites or reintroducing unused and lapsed sites back into use, in order for them to accommodate additional demand there is still a requirement to create new provision. Such provision is outlined below:

- ◀ **Central Analysis Area** – Full size floodlit 3G pitches and additional cricket provision (Pontesbury Playing Fields, Shrewsbury Cricket Club)
- ◀ **North East Analysis Area** – One full size floodlit hockey suitable pitch (Market Drayton), potential relocation of Greenfields Sports Ground, creation of football pitches for Shawbury Football Club and full size floodlit 3G provision and additional cricket provision (Whitchurch CC/Wem CC).
- ◀ **North West Analysis Area** – Additional cricket provision (Ellesmere CC and Oswestry CC) and the relocation of Oswestry RUFC.
- ◀ **South Analysis Area** – Rugby union provision (Clee Hill Rugby Club)
- ◀ **South East Analysis Area** – Full size floodlit 3G provision and additional cricket provision (Bridgnorth CC and Shifnal CC)

Unless stated, the location of new provision is still undetermined at this time and would require further feasibility as part of the Stage E process with dialogue between the relevant stakeholders i.e. the Council, NGBs and Sport England.

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

### ***Delivery***

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

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

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

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

The process of PPOSS development has already led to a number of benefits that assist its application and delivery. These include enhanced partnership work across different agendas and organisations, pooling of resources along with strengthened relationships and understanding between stakeholders, members of the Steering Group and the sporting community. The drivers behind the 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 its influence should be applied and strategy delivered enhanced.

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

It is important that as part of the Stage E process there is need for regular annual monitoring and review against the actions identified in the Strategy. This is particularly pertinent due to the ongoing COVID19 Pandemic (March 2020) which is expected to continue to have a direct impact on participation and funding streams across all sports.

In the case of the Shropshire PPOSS, it is advised the documents are reviewed within 12 months of adoption by the Council to further understand the impact of COVID 19 on the demand for outdoor sports. Depending on the outcomes of the PPOSS review, there may be a need to carry out alterations to the strategic recommendations within this document or add new recommendations.

As mentioned in Part 7: Housing Growth Scenarios, it is also suggested that any usage of Shropshire's New Development Playing Pitch Calculator should be carried out as part of a Stage E review and updated following consultation with the NGBs in relation to adjusting future demand from participation.

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This should be led by the Council and supported by all members of, and reported back to, the Steering Group. Understanding and learning lessons from how the PPOSS has been applied should be a key component of monitoring its delivery and be an on-going role of the steering group.

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

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

This being said, the Council has detailed plans to update the document in solidarity with any future refresh of its Local Plan Review (every five years). Please note the timeframe of when the Local Plan Review is updated may be prior to five years which would result in an earlier refresh of the PPOSS.

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

- ◀ How delivery of the recommendations and action plan has progressed and any changes required to the priority afforded to each action (e.g. the priority of some may increase or reduce following the delivery of others).
- ◀ How the PPOSS has been applied and the lessons learnt.
- ◀ Any changes to particularly important sites and/or clubs in the area (e.g. the most used or high quality sites for a particular sport) and other supply and demand information, what this may mean for the overall assessment work and the key findings and issues.
- ◀ Any development of a specific sport or particular format of a sport.
- ◀ Any new or emerging issues and opportunities.
- ◀ Impact of COVID 19.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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## Checklists

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

| Stage D Checklist: Develop the Strategy  | Tick ✓ |                    |
|--|--------|--------------------|
|  | Yes    | Requires Attention |
| <b>Step 7: Develop the recommendations and action plan</b>   | ✓      |                    |
| 1. Have a number of study area specific scenarios been looked at to help explore key issues and findings along with possible recommendations and actions?                                  | ✓      |                    |
| 2. Have any recommendations and actions regarding AGP provision taken into account the guidance in the 'Selecting the Right Artificial Surface' document and any NGB specific information? | ✓      |                    |
| 3. Do the recommendations reflect the drivers, vision and objectives of the work?  | ✓      |                    |
| 4. Are the recommendations precise enough to enable the development of clear individual area, sport and site specific actions to help achieve them?  | ✓      |                    |
| 5. Have all relevant parties been engaged with the development of, and are signed up to the delivery of, the recommendations and actions?  | ✓      |                    |
| 6. Are the recommendations and actions clearly presented?  | ✓      |                    |
| 7. Has particular attention been paid to the situation at priority sites and those which are being significantly overlapped?   | ✓      |                    |
| 8. Have area, sport and site specific solutions been proposed to protect, enhance, and provide playing pitch provision to meet the current and future demand?                              | ✓      |                    |
| 9. Has guidance on the future of any sites highlighted as being at risk been provided?   | ✓      |                    |
| 10. Do the recommendations and actions seek to make the best use of existing pitches?  | ✓      |                    |
| 11. Has the detriment and benefit of proposals to relocate provision been presented?   | ✓      |                    |
| 12. Has the level and type of any new playing pitch provision required been presented?   | ✓      |                    |
| 13. Has the importance of providing appropriate and fit for purpose ancillary facilities been highlighted in order to maximise the potential benefit to sport of any pitches?              | ✓      |                    |
| 14. Have the recommendations sought to ensure an adequate amount of spare capacity in the provision of accessible pitches with secured community use?                                      | ✓      |                    |
| 15. Does the PPS provide a steer as to the future of any spare capacity and any provision that may be genuinely surplus to requirements (paragraphs D12 to D15)?                           | ✓      |                    |
| 16. Does the action plan cover the points listed in paragraph D17?   | ✓      |                    |
| 17. Does the action plan provide the most appropriate actions to improve provision in the study area rather than just those which the local authority can deliver?                         | ✓      |                    |
| 18. Does the action plan represent an infrastructure plan for playing pitches with deliverable area, sport and site specific actions and projects?   | ✓      |                    |
| <b>Step 8: Write and Adopt the Strategy</b>  | ✓      |                    |
| 1. Does the PPS document provide the reader with a clear understanding of the areas listed in paragraph D20?   | ✓      |                    |

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| 2. | Is it clear from the PPS document why the recommendations and actions have been included, how they are to be delivered and what they will achieve?                   | ✓ |  |
| 3. | Does the PPS document indicate how it should be used and applied in different areas and circumstances along with the benefits of doing so?                           | ✓ |  |
| 4. | Has the PPS document been subject to appropriate consultation?   | ✓ |  |
| 5. | Do all members of the steering group and other relevant parties endorse the PPS and recognise its lead role in guiding the improvement of pitches in the study area? | ✓ |  |
| 6. | Has the PPS document been formally adopted by the local authority and is its status recognised across all relevant departments?                                      | ✓ |  |

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

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

For more information, see:

<https://www.sportengland.org/how-we-can-help/facilities-and-planning/planning-for-sport>

**APPENDIX ONE: FUNDING PLAN**

**Funding opportunities**

**Please note that due to the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic (2020) the below funding opportunities may alter or become less prevalent in the forthcoming years as NGBs prioritise new methods of funding as a reaction to the developing situation.**

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

| Awarding body   | Description   |
|---|---|
| <p>Big Lottery Fund<br/><a href="http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/">http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/</a></p>   | <p>The Big Lottery Fund distributes over £500m a year to communities across the UK, raised by players of The National Lottery.</p> <p><b>Awards for All</b> – this fund offers National Lottery grants between £300 and £10,000. Applications can be made by: voluntary or community organisations, registered charities, constituted groups or clubs, not-for-profit companies or community interest companies, social enterprises, schools and statutory bodies (including town, parish and community councils). To receive funding, the applicant must meet at least one of the funding priorities listed for these grants. The funding priorities are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Bringing people together and building strong relationships in and across communities.</li> <li>◀ Improving the places and spaces that matter to communities.</li> <li>◀ Enabling more people to fulfil their potential by working to address issues at the earliest possible stage.</li> </ul> <p><b>Reaching Communities England</b> – this programme provides flexible funding over £10,000 for up to five years to organisations in England who want to act on the issues that matter to people and communities. Grants will be awarded to voluntary and community organisations or social enterprises to fund project activities, operating costs, organisational development and capital costs. Ideas must meet one or more of the following funding priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Bringing people together and building strong relationships in and across communities.</li> <li>◀ Improving the places and spaces that matter to communities.</li> <li>◀ Enabling more people to fulfil their potential by working to address issues at the earliest possible stage.</li> </ul> |
| <p>Sport England<br/>The current funding streams may change so refer to the website for the latest information:<br/><a href="https://www.sportengland.org/funding/">https://www.sportengland.org/funding/</a></p> | <p>Sport England’s vision is that everyone in England feels able to take part in sport or activity, regardless of age, background or ability.</p> <p><b>Small Grants</b> – this programme offers funding to projects involving adults and young people aged 14 or over which meet one or more of the aims of their ‘Towards an Active Nation’ strategy. These aims are: get inactive people more active, develop lasting sporting habits, engender more positive attitudes among young people, develop more diverse volunteers and to improve progression and inclusion among</p>   |

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| Awarding body  | Description  |
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|  | <p>the most talented. Projects with mixed age groups may still be considered if there is a focus on people aged 14 and over.</p> <p><b>Community Asset Fund</b> – this programme is dedicated to enhancing the spaces in your local community that give people the opportunity to be active.</p> <p><b>Major Events Engagement Fund</b> – Sport England’s ‘Towards an Active Nation’ strategy commits them to invest £2m in helping national governing bodies (NGBs) to host major events which evolve their existing business model and derive a greater financial return from their existing customers (players, volunteers or spectators). This funding can also be used to develop programmes that engage with individuals local to the major event, who are currently less likely to take part regularly in sport or physical activity.</p>   |
| <p>Football Foundation<br/><a href="http://www.footballfoundation.org.uk/funding-schemes/">http://www.footballfoundation.org.uk/funding-schemes/</a></p> | <p>This trust provides financial help for football at all levels, from national stadia and FA Premier League clubs down to grassroots local development.</p> <p><b>Premier League &amp; The FA Facilities Fund</b> – this fund is available to football clubs, schools, councils and local sports associations that improve facilities for football and other sport in local communities, sustain or increase participation amongst children and adults, regardless of background age or ability and to help children and adults to develop their physical, mental, social and moral capacities through regular participation in sport. Grants are available for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Grass pitch drainage/improvements,</li> <li>◆ Pavilions, clubhouses and changing rooms,</li> <li>◆ 3G Football Turf Pitches (FTPs) and multi-use games areas,</li> <li>◆ Fixed floodlights for artificial pitches.</li> </ul> <p><b>Premier League &amp; The FA Facilities Fund Small Grants Scheme</b> – this scheme awards grants of up to £10,000 for the provision of capital items, or to refurbish/improve existing facilities. This scheme aims to support the growth of football clubs and activity, prevent a decline in football participation and make improvements to facilities to address any health and safety issues. Grants, which cannot exceed 50% of the total project cost, are awarded to support the costs of the following list of projects and items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Replacement of unsafe goalposts,</li> <li>◆ Portable floodlights,</li> <li>◆ Storage containers,</li> <li>◆ Changing pavilion/clubhouse refurbishment and external works (not including routine maintenance works),</li> <li>◆ Grounds maintenance equipment,</li> <li>◆ Pitch improvement works (not including routine maintenance works),</li> <li>◆ Fencing.</li> </ul> <p>The scheme is available to local authorities, educational establishments, grassroots football clubs and professional and semi-professional football clubs and their associated community organisations, to support their community outreach programmes.</p> |

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| Awarding body   | Description   |
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|   | <p><b>Premier League Primary Stars Kit and Equipment Scheme</b><br/>- this scheme, run in partnership with Nike and delivered by the Football Foundation, gives teachers the opportunity to get their hands on free resources to aid their pupils' learning. Primary school teachers registered at <a href="http://plprimarystars.com">plprimarystars.com</a> can access either a free Nike football strip, or a free equipment pack which can be used across the curriculum.</p>   |
| <p>Rugby Football Union (RFU)<br/><a href="https://www.englandrugby.com/participation/running-your-club/funding">https://www.englandrugby.com/participation/running-your-club/funding</a></p> | <p>The RFU now provides Local Club Grants for facility improvements. These are managed and administered locally by RFU staff and Constituent Body volunteers.</p>   |
| <p>The England and Wales Cricket Trust<br/><a href="https://www.ecb.co.uk/be-involved/club-support/club-funding">https://www.ecb.co.uk/be-involved/club-support/club-funding</a></p>          | <p><b>The Interest Free Loan Scheme</b> provides finance to clubs for various capital projects such as buildings, equipment purchase, fine turf, land purchase and non-turf. All ECB affiliated cricket clubs are eligible to apply, as well as other organisations that can evidence achievement/delivery of the EWCT's charitable aims. Clubs with a junior section can apply for funding from £1,000 to £50,000 whereas clubs without a junior section can apply for funding from £1,000 to £20,000. A minimum of 10% partnership funding is required from the applicant.</p> <p><b>The Small Grant Scheme</b> aims to support the ECB's national programmes – Get the Game On, All Stars Cricket, Women's Cricket and U19 Club T20. Clubs can apply for funding towards the purchase of relevant products or materials, and associated professional labour costs.</p> <p>Project themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Covers – supporting Get the Game On</li> <li>◀ Family Friendly Facilities – supporting All Stars Cricket</li> <li>◀ Improved Changing Facilities for Females – supporting Women's Cricket</li> <li>◀ Great Events – supporting U19 Club T20.</li> </ul> |
| <p>EU Life Fund<br/><a href="http://ec.europa.eu/environment/funding/intro_en.htm">http://ec.europa.eu/environment/funding/intro_en.htm</a></p>   | <p>LIFE is the EU's financial instrument supporting environmental and nature conservation projects throughout the EU. LIFE also finances some grants for non-governmental organisations active in the field of the environment because they are key players in the development and implementation of environmental policy.</p>  |
| <p>National Hockey Foundation<br/><a href="http://www.thenationalhockeyfoundation.com/">http://www.thenationalhockeyfoundation.com/</a></p>   | <p>The Foundation primarily makes grants to a wide range of organisations that meet one of the areas of focus: young people and hockey, young people and sport in Milton Keynes, enabling the development of hockey at youth or community level and smaller charities. There is no limit on the amount of funding that an organisation can request. However, the Foundation does not generally award grants for less than £10,000 or more than £75,000.</p>   |
| <p>Rugby Football League<br/><a href="https://www.rlwc2021.com/facilities">https://www.rlwc2021.com/facilities</a></p>  | <p><b>Rugby League World Cup 2021 Capital Facilities Legacy funding.</b> Small Grants Scheme awards grants of up to £15,000 for the provision of capital items, kit and equipment or to refurbish/improve existing facilities. Large capital grants programme of £15,000 plus focused on supporting the development of new or refurbished local rugby league facilities. The programme is split into four themes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Welcoming environments</li> <li>2. More players</li> <li>3. Community engagement</li> <li>4. Innovation fund</li> </ol>   |

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| Awarding body   | Description  |
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| Rugby Football League<br><a href="https://www.rlwc2021.com/facilities">https://www.rlwc2021.com/facilities</a>  | Rugby League World Cup 2021 Capital Facilities legacy funding. Small Grants Scheme awards grants of up to £15,000 for the provision of capital items, kit and equipment or to refurbish/improve existing facilities. Large capital grants programme of £15,000 plus focused on supporting the development of new or refurbished local rugby league facilities. The programme is split into four themes:<br>5. Welcoming environments<br>6. More players<br>7. Community engagement<br>8. Innovation fund |
| National Hockey Foundation<br><a href="http://www.thenationalhockeyfoundation.com/">http://www.thenationalhockeyfoundation.com/</a>   | The Foundation primarily makes grants to a wide range of organisations that meet one of the areas of focus: Young people and hockey, Enabling the development of hockey at youth or community level.   |
| LTA Transforming British Tennis Together<br><a href="https://www.lta.org.uk/workforce-venues/tennis-venue-support/tennis-facility-funding-and-advice/transforming-british-tennis-together/">https://www.lta.org.uk/workforce-venues/tennis-venue-support/tennis-facility-funding-and-advice/transforming-british-tennis-together/</a> | Transforming British Tennis Together (TBTT) is the largest capital investment programme the LTA has undertaken. It aims to invest £125 million over the next ten years in tennis facilities which it hopes can be match funded by partners to bring £250 million into the sport.   |
| BCGBA grants<br><a href="https://www.bcgba.org.uk/grants/">https://www.bcgba.org.uk/grants/</a>   | Provided a club is subscribed to the BCGBA it can apply for a grant a range of ancillary issues, providing it has not already received one in the previous five years.   |

### *Flooding Funding*

Sport England also offers various funding options for clubs that have been affected by flooding such as the Community Asset Fund<sup>101</sup>. These are typically separated into three criteria: small scale investment (£1,000 - £15,000), medium scale investment (£15,000 - £50,000) and large scale investment (£50,000 - £150,000). The Community Asset Fund was designed to help communities respond quickly to emergencies or unexpected events that stop people from being active.

### **Protecting Playing Fields**

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

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

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

<sup>101</sup> <https://www.sportengland.org/how-we-can-help/our-funds/community-asset-fund>

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

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

Sport England's Community Asset Fund<sup>102</sup> programme will be delivered via funding rounds and replaced its previous Inspired Facilities Fund. The Community Asset Fund opened in late January 2017 with an annual budget of £15 million, anticipating funding applications to range anywhere from £1000 to £150,000.

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

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

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

### **Strategic Facilities Fund**

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

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

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<sup>102</sup> <https://www.sportengland.org/media/11425/community-asset-fund-guide-january-2017.pdf>

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Key features which applications must demonstrate are:

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

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

The Strategic Facilities Fund will prioritise projects that:

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

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

## **Funder's requirements**

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

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

## **Indicative costs**

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

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

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

## APPENDIX TWO: GLOSSARY

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## APPENDIX THREE: SPORTING CONTEXT

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

### National context

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## ***National Planning Policy Framework (2019)***

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### *Local Football Facility Plans*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## ***England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) Inspiring Generations (2020-2024)***

The England and Wales Cricket Board unveiled a new strategic plan in 2019. The strategic plan aims to connect communities and improve lives by inspiring people to discover and share their passion for cricket

The plan sets out six important priorities and activities, these are:

- ◀ ***Grow and nurture the core***
  - ◀ Create an infrastructure investment fund for First Class County Clubs (FCCs)
  - ◀ Introduce a new Community Investment Funding for FCCs and County Cricket Boards (CCBs)
  - ◀ Invest in club facilities
  - ◀ Develop the role of National Counties Cricket
  - ◀ Further invest in County Competitions
- ◀ ***Inspire through elite teams***
  - ◀ Increase investment in the county talent pathway
  - ◀ Incentivise the counties to develop England Players
  - ◀ Drive the performance system through technology and innovation
  - ◀ Create heroes and connect them with a new generation of fans
- ◀ ***Make cricket accessible***
  - ◀ Broaden crickets appeal through the New Competition
  - ◀ Create a new digital community for cricket
  - ◀ Install non-traditional playing facilities in urban areas
  - ◀ Continue to deliver South Asian Action Plans
  - ◀ Launch a new participation product, linked to the New Competition

## ◀ **Engage children and young people**

- ◀ Double cricket participation in primary schools
- ◀ Deliver a compelling and coordinated recreational playing offer from age five upwards
- ◀ Develop our safeguarding to promote safe spaces for children and young people

## ◀ **Transform women's and girls' cricket**

- ◀ Grow the base through participation and facilities investment
- ◀ Launch centres of excellence and a new elite domestic structure
- ◀ Invest in girls' county age group cricket
- ◀ Deliver a girls' secondary school programme

## ◀ **Support our communities**

- ◀ Double the number of volunteers in the game
- ◀ Create a game-wide approach to Trust and Foundations through the cricket network
- ◀ Develop a new wave of officials and community coaches
- ◀ Increase participation in disability cricket

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Underpinning all this is the infrastructure which makes our sport function. We know the importance of our volunteers, coaches, officials, clubs and facilities. The more inspirational our people can be, the more progressive we can be and the more befitting our facilities can be, the more we will achieve for our sport. England Hockey will enable this to happen and we are passionate about our role within the sport. We will lead, support, counsel, focus and motivate the Hockey Nation and work tirelessly towards our vision.

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

The core objectives are as follows:

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

### *Club participation*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The 3 main objectives of the facilities strategy are:

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### ***England Netball - Your Game, Your Way 2013-17***

Even though this Plan is out of date, England Netball remains committed to its '10-1-1' mission, vision and values that form the fundamentals for its strategic planning for the future for the sport and business.

To facilitate the successful achievement of Netball 10:1:1 and Goal 4, England Netball will:

- ◀ Accelerate the participation growth by extending our market penetration and reach through the activation of a range of existing and new participant-focused products and programmes that access new and targeted markets.
- ◀ Increase the level of long-term participant retention through targeting programmes at known points of attrition and easy transition through the market segments, supported by an infrastructure that reflects the participant needs and improves their netball experience.
- ◀ Build a sustainable performance pathway and system built on the principles of purposeful practice and appropriate quality athlete coach contact time.
- ◀ Develop sustainable revenue streams through the commercialisation of a portfolio of products and programmes and increasing membership sales. This will also include the creation of cost efficiencies and improved value for money through innovative partnerships and collaborations in all aspects of the business.
- ◀ Establish high standards of leadership and governance that protect the game and its people and facilitates the on-going growth and transformation of the NGB and sport.

#### ***British Tennis Strategy 2019***

The new LTA Strategy includes seven strategies relating to three objectives which are built around the following vision and mission:

**Vision:** tennis opened up

**Mission:** to grow tennis by making it relevant, accessible, welcoming and enjoyable

#### **Objectives**

- ◀ Increase the number of fans on our database from [623,602] to [1,000,000] by 2023.
- ◀ More people playing more often;
  - ◀ Increase the number of adults playing tennis each year from [7.7% (4,018,600)] of the population to [8.5% (4,420,460)], and the frequency of adults playing tennis twice a month from [1.9% (858,700)] of the population to [2.2% (1,000,000)] by 2023.

- ◀ The number of children playing tennis from [x] to [y] by 2023 (to be finalised December 2018 on publication of Sport England's new Child Participation Survey).
- ◀ Enable 5 new players to break into the top 100 by 2023 and inspire the tennis audience.

### Strategies

1. Visibility - Broaden relevance and increase visibility of tennis all year round to build engagement and participation with fans and players.
2. Innovation - Innovate in the delivery of tennis to widen its appeal.
3. Investment - Support community facilities and schools to increase the opportunities to play
4. Accessibility - Make the customer journey to playing tennis easier and more accessible for anyone
5. Engagement - Engage and collaborate with everyone involved in delivering tennis in Britain, particularly coaches and volunteers to attract and maintain more people in the game.
6. Performance - Create a pathway for British champions that nurtures a diverse team of players, people and leaders.
7. Leadership - Lead tennis in Britain to the highest standard so it is a safe, welcoming, well-run sport.

### **British Crown Green Bowling Association**

Please note there is no current facility guidance provided by British Crown Green Bowling Association responsible for crown green bowls in England.

<http://bcqba.org.uk/index.html>

### **Bowls England: Strategic Plan 2014-2017**

Although the Plan is out of date, it remains the most up to date available. Bowls England will provide strong leadership and work with its stakeholders to support the development of the sport of bowls in England for this and future generations.

The overall vision of Bowls England is to:

- ◀ Promote the sport of outdoor flat green bowls.
- ◀ Recruit new participants to the sport of outdoor flat green bowls.
- ◀ Retain current and future participants within the sport of flat green bowls.

In order to ensure that this vision is achieved, ten key performance targets have been created, which will underpin the work of Bowls England up until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017.

- ◀ 115,000 individual affiliated members.
- ◀ 1,500 registered coaches.
- ◀ Increase total National Championship entries by 10%.
- ◀ Increase total national competition entries by 10%.
- ◀ Medal places achieved in 50% of events at the 2016 World Championships.
- ◀ 35 county development plans in place and operational.
- ◀ County development officer appointed by each county association.
- ◀ National membership scheme implemented with 100% uptake by county associations.
- ◀ Secure administrative base for 1st April 2017.
- ◀ Commercial income to increase by 20%.

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Despite a recent fall in affiliated members, and a decline in entries into National Championships over the last five years, Bowls England believes that these aims will be attained by following core values. The intention is to:

- ◀ Be progressive.
- ◀ Offer opportunities to participate at national and international level.
- ◀ Work to raise the profile of the sport in support of recruitment and retention.
- ◀ Lead the sport.
- ◀ Support clubs and county associations.

**APPENDIX FOUR: HOUSING GROWTH SCENARIOS**

**Scenario Three - Albrighton**

The estimated additional population derived from housing growth from 305 dwellings with an occupancy rate of 2.36 per household is 720 people.

This population increase equates to 0.61 match equivalent sessions of demand per week for grass pitch sports, 0.04 match equivalent sessions of demand per week on AGPs for hockey and 5.36 match equivalent sessions of demand per season for cricket.

Training demand equates to 1.08 hours of use per week for football on 3G pitches and hockey equates to 0.12 hours of use per week on AGPs. There are also 0.08 match equivalent sessions per week of training for rugby union on a floodlit grass pitch.

*Table 7.13: Likely demand for grass pitch sports generated from 305 dwellings*

| Pitch sport           | Estimated demand by sport for 305 dwellings |                                |
|-----------------------|---|--------------------------------|
|                       | Match demand (MES) per week <sup>103</sup>  | Training demand <sup>104</sup> |
| Adult football        | 0.10  | 1.08 hours                     |
| Youth football        | 0.28  |                                |
| Mini soccer           | 0.16  |                                |
| Rugby union           | 0.07  | 0.08 match equivalent sessions |
| Adult hockey          | 0.03  | 0.10 hours                     |
| Junior & mixed hockey | 0.01  | 0.02 hours                     |
| Cricket               | 5.36  | -                              |

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

*Table 7.14: 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 <sup>105</sup> | Lifecycle Cost (per annum) <sup>106</sup> | Number         | Capital cost    |
| Adult football  | 0 (0.10)                                   | £9,373                      | £1,978                                    | 0.2            | £32,339         |
| Youth football  | 0 (0.28)                                   | £20,330                     | £4,269                                    | 0.36           | £56,772         |
| Mini soccer     | 0 (0.16)                                   | £3,697                      | £776                                      | 0              | £0              |
| Rugby union     | 0 (0.07)                                   | £9,405                      | £2,013                                    | 0.15           | £23,176         |
| Cricket         | 0 (0.12)                                   | £32,831                     | £6,632                                    | 0.24           | £38,396         |
| Sand based AGPs | 0 (0.01)                                   | £6,267                      | £194                                      | 0.02           | £2,605          |
| 3G              | 0 (0.03)                                   | £25,962                     | £1,044                                    | 0              | £9,002          |
| <b>Total</b>    | <b>0</b>                                   | <b>£107,865</b>             | <b>£16,905</b>                            | <b>1.03</b>    | <b>£162,290</b> |

<sup>103</sup> As per the PPS Guidance, demand for cricket is considered in terms of match equivalent sessions per season rather than per week.

<sup>104</sup> Hours equate to access to a full size floodlit 3G pitch or hockey suitable AGP

<sup>105</sup> Sport England Facilities Costs Second Quarter 2020 – (<https://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/design-and-cost-guidance/cost-guidance/>)

<sup>106</sup> Lifecycle costs are based on the % of the total project cost per annum as set out in Sport England's Life Cycle Costs Natural Turf Pitches and Artificial Surfaces documents (2012)

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## Scenario Three – Bishop’s Castle

The estimated additional population derived from housing growth from 360 dwellings with an occupancy rate of 2.36 per household is 850 people.

This population increase equates to 0.73 match equivalent sessions of demand per week for grass pitch sports, 0.06 match equivalent sessions of demand per week on AGPs for hockey and 6.33 match equivalent sessions of demand per season for cricket.

Training demand equates to 1.27 hours of use per week for football on 3G pitches and hockey equates to 0.14 hours of use per week on AGPs. There are also 0.10 match equivalent sessions per week of training for rugby union on a floodlit grass pitch.

Table 7.15: Likely demand for grass pitch sports generated from 360 dwellings

| Pitch sport           | Estimated demand by sport for 360 dwellings |                                |
|-----------------------|---|--------------------------------|
|                       | Match demand (MES) per week <sup>107</sup>  | Training demand <sup>108</sup> |
| Adult football        | 0.12  | 1.27 hours                     |
| Youth football        | 0.33  |                                |
| Mini soccer           | 0.19  |                                |
| Rugby union           | 0.09  | 0.10 match equivalent sessions |
| Adult hockey          | 0.04  | 0.12 hours                     |
| Junior & mixed hockey | 0.02  | 0.02 hours                     |
| Cricket               | 6.33  | -                              |

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

Table 7.16: 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 <sup>109</sup> | Lifecycle Cost (per annum) <sup>110</sup> | Number         | Capital cost    |
| Adult football  | 0 (0.12)                                   | £11,066                     | £2,335                                    | 0.24           | £38,177         |
| Youth football  | 0 (0.33)                                   | £24,001                     | £5,040                                    | 0              | £67,023         |
| Mini soccer     | 0 (0.19)                                   | £4,365                      | £917                                      | 0              | £0              |
| Rugby union     | 0 (0.09)                                   | £11,103                     | £2,376                                    | 0              | 27,361          |
| Cricket         | 0 (0.14)                                   | £38,759                     | £7,829                                    | 0              | £45,328         |
| Sand based AGPs | 0 (0.1)                                    | £7,399                      | £229                                      | 0.02           | £3,075          |
| 3G              | 0 (0.03)                                   | £30,649                     | £1,233                                    | 0.07           | £10,627         |
| <b>Total</b>    | <b>0</b>                                   | <b>£127,342</b>             | <b>£19,959</b>                            | <b>0.33</b>    | <b>£191,591</b> |

<sup>107</sup> As per the PPS Guidance, demand for cricket is considered in terms of match equivalent sessions per season rather than per week.

<sup>108</sup> Hours equate to access to a full size floodlit 3G pitch or hockey suitable AGP

<sup>109</sup> Sport England Facilities Costs Second Quarter 2020 – (<https://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/design-and-cost-guidance/cost-guidance/>)

<sup>110</sup> Lifecycle costs are based on the % of the total project cost per annum as set out in Sport England’s Life Cycle Costs Natural Turf Pitches and Artificial Surfaces documents (2012)

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## Scenario Three – Bridgnorth

The estimated additional population derived from housing growth from 1,842 dwellings with an occupancy rate of 2.36 per household is 4,347 people.

This population increase equates to 3.7 match equivalent sessions of demand per week for grass pitch sports, 0.29 match equivalent sessions of demand per week on AGPs for hockey and 32.37 match equivalent sessions of demand per season for cricket.

Training demand equates to 6.51 hours of use per week for football on 3G pitches and hockey equates to 0.70 hours of use per week on AGPs. There are also 0.51 match equivalent sessions per week of training for rugby union on a floodlit grass pitch.

Table 7.17: Likely demand for grass pitch sports generated from 1,842 dwellings

| Pitch sport           | Estimated demand by sport for 1,842 dwellings |                                |
|-----------------------|---|--------------------------------|
|                       | Match demand (MES) per week <sup>111</sup>    | Training demand <sup>112</sup> |
| Adult football        | 0.62  | 6.51 hours                     |
| Youth football        | 1.67  |                                |
| Mini soccer           | 0.97  |                                |
| Rugby union           | 0.44  | 0.51 match equivalent sessions |
| Adult hockey          | 0.20  | 0.59 hours                     |
| Junior & mixed hockey | 0.09  | 0.11 hours                     |
| Cricket               | 32.37   | -                              |

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

Table 7.18: 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 <sup>113</sup> | Lifecycle Cost (per annum) <sup>114</sup> | Number         | Capital cost     |
| Adult football  | 1 (0.62)                                   | £56,592                     | £11,941                                   | 1.23           | £195,244         |
| Youth football  | 2 (1.67)                                   | £122,743                    | £25,776                                   | 2.16           | £342,762         |
| Mini soccer     | 1 (0.97)                                   | £22,323                     | £4,688                                    | 0              | £0               |
| Rugby union     | 0 (0.44)                                   | £56,781                     | £12,151                                   | 0.88           | £139,925         |
| Cricket         | 1 (0.73)                                   | £198,217                    | £40,040                                   | 1.46           | £231,814         |
| Sand based AGPs | 0 (0.05)                                   | £37,838                     | £1,173                                    | 0.1            | £15,728          |
| 3G              | 0 (0.17)                                   | £156,745                    | £6,304                                    | 0.34           | £54,349          |
| <b>Total</b>    | <b>5</b>                                   | <b>£651,239</b>             | <b>£102,073</b>                           | <b>6.17</b>    | <b>£979, 822</b> |

<sup>111</sup> As per the PPS Guidance, demand for cricket is considered in terms of match equivalent sessions per season rather than per week.

<sup>112</sup> Hours equate to access to a full size floodlit 3G pitch or hockey suitable AGP

<sup>113</sup> Sport England Facilities Costs Second Quarter 2020 – (<https://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/design-and-cost-guidance/cost-guidance/>)

<sup>114</sup> Lifecycle costs are based on the % of the total project cost per annum as set out in Sport England's Life Cycle Costs Natural Turf Pitches and Artificial Surfaces documents (2012)

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## Scenario Three – Broseley

The estimated additional population derived from housing growth from 50 dwellings with an occupancy rate of 2.36 per household is 118 people.

This population increase equates to 0.11 match equivalent sessions of demand per week for grass pitch sports, 0.03 match equivalent sessions of demand per week on AGPs for hockey and 0.88 match equivalent sessions of demand per season for cricket.

Training demand equates to 0.18 hours of use per week for football on 3G pitches and hockey equates to 0.02 hours of use per week on AGPs. There are also 0.01 match equivalent sessions per week of training for rugby union on a floodlit grass pitch.

Table 7.19: Likely demand for grass pitch sports generated from 50 dwellings

| Pitch sport           | Estimated demand by sport for 50 dwellings |                                |
|-----------------------|--|--------------------------------|
|                       | Match demand (MES) per week <sup>115</sup> | Training demand <sup>116</sup> |
| Adult football        | 0.02                                       | 0.18 hours                     |
| Youth football        | 0.05                                       |                                |
| Mini soccer           | 0.03                                       |                                |
| Rugby union           | 0.01                                       | 0.01 match equivalent sessions |
| Adult hockey          | 0.03                                       | 0.02 hours                     |
| Junior & mixed hockey | 0.00                                       | 0.00 hours                     |
| Cricket               | 0.88                                       | -                              |

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

Table 7.20: 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 <sup>117</sup> | Lifecycle Cost (per annum) <sup>118</sup> | Number         | Capital cost   |
| Adult football  | 0 (0.02)                                   | £1,536                      | £324                                      | 0.03           | £5,300         |
| Youth football  | 0 (0.05)                                   | £3,332                      | £700                                      | 0.06           | £9,304         |
| Mini soccer     | 0 (0.03)                                   | £606                        | £127                                      | 0              | £0             |
| Rugby union     | 0 (0.01)                                   | £1,541                      | £330                                      | 0.02           | £3,798         |
| Cricket         | 0 (0.02)                                   | £5,381                      | £1,087                                    | 0.04           | £6,293         |
| Sand based AGPs | 0 (0.00)                                   | £1,027                      | £32                                       | 0              | £427           |
| 3G              | 0 (0.00)                                   | £4,255                      | £171                                      | 0.01           | £1,475         |
| <b>Total</b>    | <b>0</b>                                   | <b>£17,678</b>              | <b>£2,771</b>                             | <b>0.16</b>    | <b>£26,597</b> |

<sup>115</sup> As per the PPS Guidance, demand for cricket is considered in terms of match equivalent sessions per season rather than per week.

<sup>116</sup> Hours equate to access to a full size floodlit 3G pitch or hockey suitable AGP

<sup>117</sup> Sport England Facilities Costs Second Quarter 2020 – (<https://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/design-and-cost-guidance/cost-guidance/>)

<sup>118</sup> Lifecycle costs are based on the % of the total project cost per annum as set out in Sport England's Life Cycle Costs Natural Turf Pitches and Artificial Surfaces documents (2012)

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## Scenario Three – Church Stretton

The estimated additional population derived from housing growth from 121 dwellings with an occupancy rate of 2.36 per household is 286 people.

This population increase equates to 0.24 match equivalent sessions of demand per week for grass pitch sports, 0.02 match equivalent sessions of demand per week on AGPs for hockey and 2.13 match equivalent sessions of demand per season for cricket.

Training demand equates to 0.43 hours of use per week for football on 3G pitches and hockey equates to 0.05 hours of use per week on AGPs. There are also 0.03 match equivalent sessions per week of training for rugby union on a floodlit grass pitch.

Table 7.21: Likely demand for grass pitch sports generated from 121 dwellings

| Pitch sport           | Estimated demand by sport for 121 dwellings |                                |
|-----------------------|---|--------------------------------|
|                       | Match demand (MES) per week <sup>119</sup>  | Training demand <sup>120</sup> |
| Adult football        | 0.04  | 0.43 hours                     |
| Youth football        | 0.11  |                                |
| Mini soccer           | 0.06  |                                |
| Rugby union           | 0.03  | 0.03 match equivalent sessions |
| Adult hockey          | 0.01  | 0.04 hours                     |
| Junior & mixed hockey | 0.01  | 0.01 hours                     |
| Cricket               | 2.13  | -                              |

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

Table 7.22: 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 <sup>121</sup> | Lifecycle Cost (per annum) <sup>122</sup> | Number         | Capital cost   |
| Adult football  | 0 (0.04)                                   | £3,723                      | £786                                      | 0.08           | £12,846        |
| Youth football  | 0 (0.11)                                   | £8,076                      | £1,696                                    | 0.14           | £22,551        |
| Mini soccer     | 0 (0.06)                                   | £1,469                      | £308                                      | 0              | £0             |
| Rugby union     | 0 (0.03)                                   | £3,736                      | £799                                      | 0.06           | £9,206         |
| Cricket         | 0 (0.05)                                   | £13,041                     | £2,634                                    | 0.1            | £15,252        |
| Sand based AGPs | 0 (0.00)                                   | £2,489                      | £77                                       | 0.01           | £1,035         |
| 3G              | 0 (0.01)                                   | £10,313                     | £415                                      | 0.02           | £3,576         |
| <b>Total</b>    | <b>0</b>                                   | <b>£42,847</b>              | <b>£6,715</b>                             | <b>0.41</b>    | <b>£64,466</b> |

<sup>119</sup> As per the PPS Guidance, demand for cricket is considered in terms of match equivalent sessions per season rather than per week.

<sup>120</sup> Hours equate to access to a full size floodlit 3G pitch or hockey suitable AGP

<sup>121</sup> Sport England Facilities Costs Second Quarter 2020 – (<https://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/design-and-cost-guidance/cost-guidance/>)

<sup>122</sup> Lifecycle costs are based on the % of the total project cost per annum as set out in Sport England's Life Cycle Costs Natural Turf Pitches and Artificial Surfaces documents (2012)

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### Scenario Three – Cleobury Mortimer

The estimated additional population derived from housing growth from 127 dwellings with an occupancy rate of 2.36 per household is 300 people.

This population increase equates to 0.26 match equivalent sessions of demand per week for grass pitch sports, 0.02 match equivalent sessions of demand per week on AGPs for hockey and 2.23 match equivalent sessions of demand per season for cricket.

Training demand equates to 0.45 hours of use per week for football on 3G pitches and hockey equates to 0.05 hours of use per week on AGPs. There are also 0.03 match equivalent sessions per week of training for rugby union on a floodlit grass pitch.

Table 7.23: Likely demand for grass pitch sports generated from 127 dwellings

| Pitch sport           | Estimated demand by sport for 127 dwellings |                                |
|-----------------------|---|--------------------------------|
|                       | Match demand (MES) per week <sup>123</sup>  | Training demand <sup>124</sup> |
| Adult football        | 0.04  | 0.45 hours                     |
| Youth football        | 0.12  |                                |
| Mini soccer           | 0.07  |                                |
| Rugby union           | 0.03  | 0.03 match equivalent sessions |
| Adult hockey          | 0.01  | 0.04 hours                     |
| Junior & mixed hockey | 0.01  | 0.01 hours                     |
| Cricket               | 2.23  | -                              |

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

Table 7.24: 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 <sup>125</sup> | Lifecycle Cost (per annum) <sup>126</sup> | Number         | Capital cost   |
| Adult football  | 0 (0.04)                                   | £3,906                      | £824                                      | 0.08           | £13,474        |
| Youth football  | 0 (0.12)                                   | £8,471                      | £1,779                                    | 0.15           | £23,655        |
| Mini soccer     | 0 (0.07)                                   | £1,541                      | £324                                      | 0              | £0             |
| Rugby union     | 0 (0.03)                                   | £3,919                      | £839                                      | 0.06           | £9,657         |
| Cricket         | 0 (0.05)                                   | £13,680                     | £2,763                                    | 0.1            | £15,998        |
| Sand based AGPs | 0 (0.00)                                   | £2,611                      | £81                                       | 0.01           | £1,085         |
| 3G              | 0 (0.01)                                   | £10,817                     | £435                                      | 0.02           | £3,751         |
| <b>Total</b>    | <b>0</b>                                   | <b>£44,945</b>              | <b>£7,045</b>                             | <b>0.42</b>    | <b>£67,620</b> |

<sup>123</sup> As per the PPS Guidance, demand for cricket is considered in terms of match equivalent sessions per season rather than per week.

<sup>124</sup> Hours equate to access to a full size floodlit 3G pitch or hockey suitable AGP

<sup>125</sup> Sport England Facilities Costs Second Quarter 2020 – (<https://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/design-and-cost-guidance/cost-guidance/>)

<sup>126</sup> Lifecycle costs are based on the % of the total project cost per annum as set out in Sport England's Life Cycle Costs Natural Turf Pitches and Artificial Surfaces documents (2012)

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## Scenario Three – Craven Arms

The estimated additional population derived from housing growth from 419 dwellings with an occupancy rate of 2.36 per household is 989 people.

This population increase equates to 0.84 match equivalent sessions of demand per week for grass pitch sports, 0.07 match equivalent sessions of demand per week on AGPs for hockey and 7.36 match equivalent sessions of demand per season for cricket.

Training demand equates to 1.48 hours of use per week for football on 3G pitches and hockey equates to 0.12 hours of use per week on AGPs. There are also 0.17 match equivalent sessions per week of training for rugby union on a floodlit grass pitch.

Table 7.25: Likely demand for grass pitch sports generated from 419 dwellings

| Pitch sport           | Estimated demand by sport for 419 dwellings |                                |
|-----------------------|---|--------------------------------|
|                       | Match demand (MES) per week <sup>127</sup>  | Training demand <sup>128</sup> |
| Adult football        | 0.14  | 1.48 hours                     |
| Youth football        | 0.38  |                                |
| Mini soccer           | 0.22  |                                |
| Rugby union           | 0.10  | 0.12 match equivalent sessions |
| Adult hockey          | 0.05  | 0.14 hours                     |
| Junior & mixed hockey | 0.02  | 0.03 hours                     |
| Cricket               | 7.36  | -                              |

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

Table 7.26: 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 <sup>129</sup> | Lifecycle Cost (per annum) <sup>130</sup> | Number         | Capital cost     |
| Adult football  | 0 (0.14)                                   | £12,876                     | £2,717                                    | 0.28           | £44,421          |
| Youth football  | 0 (0.38)                                   | £27,926                     | £5,864                                    | 0.49           | £77,983          |
| Mini soccer     | 0 (0.22)                                   | £5,079                      | £1,067                                    | 0              | £0               |
| Rugby union     | 0 (0.10)                                   | £12,918                     | £2,765                                    | 0.2            | £31,835          |
| Cricket         | 0 (0.17)                                   | £45,097                     | £9,110                                    | 0.33           | £52,741          |
| Sand based AGPs | 0 (0.01)                                   | £8,609                      | £267                                      | 0.02           | £3,578           |
| 3G              | 0 (0.04)                                   | £35,661                     | £1,434                                    | 0.08           | £12,365          |
| <b>Total</b>    | <b>0</b>                                   | <b>£148,166</b>             | <b>£23,224</b>                            | <b>1.4</b>     | <b>£222, 923</b> |

<sup>127</sup> As per the PPS Guidance, demand for cricket is considered in terms of match equivalent sessions per season rather than per week.

<sup>128</sup> Hours equate to access to a full size floodlit 3G pitch or hockey suitable AGP

<sup>129</sup> Sport England Facilities Costs Second Quarter 2020 – (<https://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/design-and-cost-guidance/cost-guidance/>)

<sup>130</sup> Lifecycle costs are based on the % of the total project cost per annum as set out in Sport England's Life Cycle Costs Natural Turf Pitches and Artificial Surfaces documents (2012)

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## Scenario Three – Ellesmere

The estimated additional population derived from housing growth from 388 dwellings with an occupancy rate of 2.36 per household is 916 people.

This population increase equates to 0.77 match equivalent sessions of demand per week for grass pitch sports, 0.06 match equivalent sessions of demand per week on AGPs for hockey and 6.82 match equivalent sessions of demand per season for cricket.

Training demand equates to 1.37 hours of use per week for football on 3G pitches and hockey equates to 0.15 hours of use per week on AGPs. There are also 0.11 match equivalent sessions per week of training for rugby union on a floodlit grass pitch.

Table 7.27: Likely demand for grass pitch sports generated from 388 dwellings

| Pitch sport           | Estimated demand by sport for 388 dwellings |                                |
|-----------------------|---|--------------------------------|
|                       | Match demand (MES) per week <sup>131</sup>  | Training demand <sup>132</sup> |
| Adult football        | 0.13  | 1.37 hours                     |
| Youth football        | 0.35  |                                |
| Mini soccer           | 0.20  |                                |
| Rugby union           | 0.09  | 0.11 match equivalent sessions |
| Adult hockey          | 0.04  | 0.13 hours                     |
| Junior & mixed hockey | 0.02  | 0.02 hours                     |
| Cricket               | 6.82  | -                              |

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

Table 7.28: 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 <sup>133</sup> | Lifecycle Cost (per annum) <sup>134</sup> | Number         | Capital cost    |
| Adult football  | 0 (0.13)                                   | £11,925                     | £2,516                                    | 0.26           | £41,142         |
| Youth football  | 0 (0.35)                                   | £25,864                     | £5,432                                    | 0.46           | £72,227         |
| Mini soccer     | 0 (0.20)                                   | £4,704                      | £988                                      | 0              | £0              |
| Rugby union     | 0 (0.09)                                   | £11,965                     | £2,560                                    | 0.19           | £29,485         |
| Cricket         | 0 (0.15)                                   | £41,768                     | £8,437                                    | 0.31           | £48,848         |
| Sand based AGPs | 0 (0.01)                                   | £7,973                      | £247                                      | 0.02           | £3,314          |
| 3G              | 0 (0.04)                                   | £33,029                     | £1,328                                    | 0.07           | £11,452         |
| <b>Total</b>    | <b>0</b>                                   | <b>£137,228</b>             | <b>£21,508</b>                            | <b>1.31</b>    | <b>£206,468</b> |

<sup>131</sup> As per the PPS Guidance, demand for cricket is considered in terms of match equivalent sessions per season rather than per week.

<sup>132</sup> Hours equate to access to a full size floodlit 3G pitch or hockey suitable AGP

<sup>133</sup> Sport England Facilities Costs Second Quarter 2020 – (<https://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/design-and-cost-guidance/cost-guidance/>)

<sup>134</sup> Lifecycle costs are based on the % of the total project cost per annum as set out in Sport England's Life Cycle Costs Natural Turf Pitches and Artificial Surfaces documents (2012)

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## Scenario Three – Highley

The estimated additional population derived from housing growth from 131 dwellings with an occupancy rate of 2.36 per household is 309 people.

This population increase equates to 0.26 match equivalent sessions of demand per week for grass pitch sports, 0.02 match equivalent sessions of demand per week on AGPs for hockey and 2.30 match equivalent sessions of demand per season for cricket.

Training demand equates to 0.46 hours of use per week for football on 3G pitches and hockey equates to 0.05 hours of use per week on AGPs. There are also 0.04 match equivalent sessions per week of training for rugby union on a floodlit grass pitch.

Table 7.29: Likely demand for grass pitch sports generated from 131 dwellings

| Pitch sport           | Estimated demand by sport for 131 dwellings |                                |
|-----------------------|---|--------------------------------|
|                       | Match demand (MES) per week <sup>135</sup>  | Training demand <sup>136</sup> |
| Adult football        | 0.04  | 0.46 hours                     |
| Youth football        | 0.12  |                                |
| Mini soccer           | 0.07  |                                |
| Rugby union           | 0.03  | 0.04 match equivalent sessions |
| Adult hockey          | 0.01  | 0.04 hours                     |
| Junior & mixed hockey | 0.01  | 0.01 hours                     |
| Cricket               | 2.30  | -                              |

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

Table 7.30: 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 <sup>137</sup> | Lifecycle Cost (per annum) <sup>138</sup> | Number         | Capital cost    |
| Adult football  | 0 (0.04)                                   | £4,023                      | £849                                      | 0.09           | £13,879         |
| Youth football  | 0 (0.12)                                   | £8,725                      | £1,832                                    | 0.15           | £24,365         |
| Mini soccer     | 0 (0.07)                                   | £1,587                      | £333                                      | 0              | £0              |
| Rugby union     | 0 (0.03)                                   | £4,036                      | £864                                      | 0.06           | £9,946          |
| Cricket         | 0 (0.05)                                   | £14,090                     | £2,846                                    | 0.1            | £16,478         |
| Sand based AGPs | 0 (0.00)                                   | £2,690                      | £83                                       | 0.01           | £1,118          |
| 3G              | 0 (0.01)                                   | £11,142                     | £448                                      | 0.02           | £3,863          |
| <b>Total</b>    | <b>0</b>                                   | <b>£46,293</b>              | <b>£7,255</b>                             | <b>0.43</b>    | <b>£69, 649</b> |

<sup>135</sup> As per the PPS Guidance, demand for cricket is considered in terms of match equivalent sessions per season rather than per week.

<sup>136</sup> Hours equate to access to a full size floodlit 3G pitch or hockey suitable AGP

<sup>137</sup> Sport England Facilities Costs Second Quarter 2020 – (<https://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/design-and-cost-guidance/cost-guidance/>)

<sup>138</sup> Lifecycle costs are based on the % of the total project cost per annum as set out in Sport England's Life Cycle Costs Natural Turf Pitches and Artificial Surfaces documents (2012)

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## Scenario Three – Ludlow

The estimated additional population derived from housing growth from 301 dwellings with an occupancy rate of 2.36 per household is 710 people.

This population increase equates to 0.6 match equivalent sessions of demand per week for grass pitch sports, 0.04 match equivalent sessions of demand per week on AGPs for hockey and 5.29 match equivalent sessions of demand per season for cricket.

Training demand equates to 1.06 hours of use per week for football on 3G pitches and hockey equates to 0.12 hours of use per week on AGPs. There are also 0.08 match equivalent sessions per week of training for rugby union on a floodlit grass pitch.

Table 7.31: Likely demand for grass pitch sports generated from 301 dwellings

| Pitch sport           | Estimated demand by sport for 301 dwellings |                                |
|-----------------------|---|--------------------------------|
|                       | Match demand (MES) per week <sup>139</sup>  | Training demand <sup>140</sup> |
| Adult football        | 0.10  | 1.06 hours                     |
| Youth football        | 0.27  |                                |
| Mini soccer           | 0.16  |                                |
| Rugby union           | 0.07  | 0.08 match equivalent sessions |
| Adult hockey          | 0.03  | 0.10 hours                     |
| Junior & mixed hockey | 0.01  | 0.02 hours                     |
| Cricket               | 5.29  | -                              |

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

Table 7.32: 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 <sup>141</sup> | Lifecycle Cost (per annum) <sup>142</sup> | Number         | Capital cost    |
| Adult football  | 0 (0.1)                                    | £9,243                      | £1,950                                    | 0.2            | £31,889         |
| Youth football  | 0 (0.27)                                   | £20,048                     | £4,210                                    | 0.35           | £55,984         |
| Mini soccer     | 0 (0.16)                                   | £3,646                      | £766                                      | 0              | £0              |
| Rugby union     | 0 (0.07)                                   | £9,274                      | £1,985                                    | 0.14           | £22,854         |
| Cricket         | 0 (0.12)                                   | £32,375                     | £6,540                                    | 0.24           | £37,862         |
| Sand based AGPs | 0 (0.01)                                   | £6,180                      | £192                                      | 0.02           | £2,569          |
| 3G              | 0 (0.03)                                   | £25,601                     | £1,030                                    | 0.06           | £8,877          |
| <b>Total</b>    | <b>0</b>                                   | <b>£106,367</b>             | <b>£16,673</b>                            | <b>1.01</b>    | <b>£160,035</b> |

<sup>139</sup> As per the PPS Guidance, demand for cricket is considered in terms of match equivalent sessions per season rather than per week.

<sup>140</sup> Hours equate to access to a full size floodlit 3G pitch or hockey suitable AGP

<sup>141</sup> Sport England Facilities Costs Second Quarter 2020 – (<https://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/design-and-cost-guidance/cost-guidance/>)

<sup>142</sup> Lifecycle costs are based on the % of the total project cost per annum as set out in Sport England's Life Cycle Costs Natural Turf Pitches and Artificial Surfaces documents (2012)

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## Scenario Three – Market Drayton

The estimated additional population derived from housing growth from 1,530 dwellings with an occupancy rate of 2.36 per household 3,611 people.

This population increase equates to 3.08 match equivalent sessions of demand per week for grass pitch sports, 0.23 match equivalent sessions of demand per week on AGPs for hockey and 26.89 match equivalent sessions of demand per season for cricket.

Training demand equates to 5.41 hours of use per week for football on 3G pitches and hockey equates to 0.59 hours of use per week on AGPs. There are also 0.42 match equivalent sessions per week of training for rugby union on a floodlit grass pitch.

Table 7.33: Likely demand for grass pitch sports generated from 1,530 dwellings

| Pitch sport           | Estimated demand by sport for 1,530 dwellings |                                |
|-----------------------|---|--------------------------------|
|                       | Match demand (MES) per week <sup>143</sup>    | Training demand <sup>144</sup> |
| Adult football        | 0.51  | 5.41 hours                     |
| Youth football        | 1.39  |                                |
| Mini soccer           | 0.81  |                                |
| Rugby union           | 0.37  | 0.42 match equivalent sessions |
| Adult hockey          | 0.16  | 0.49 hours                     |
| Junior & mixed hockey | 0.07  | 0.10 hours                     |
| Cricket               | 26.89   | -                              |

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

Table 7.34: 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 <sup>145</sup> | Lifecycle Cost (per annum) <sup>146</sup> | Number         | Capital cost     |
| Adult football  | 1 (0.51)                                   | £47,011                     | £9,919                                    | 1.02           | £162,187         |
| Youth football  | 1 (1.39)                                   | £101,961                    | £21,412                                   | 1.79           | £284,728         |
| Mini soccer     | 1 (0.81)                                   | £18,543                     | £3,894                                    | 0              | £0               |
| Rugby union     | 0 (0.37)                                   | £47,167                     | £10,094                                   | 0.73           | £116,234         |
| Cricket         | 1 (0.61)                                   | £164,657                    | £33,261                                   | 1.21           | £192,565         |
| Sand based AGPs | 0 (0.04)                                   | £31,432                     | £974                                      | 0.08           | £13,065          |
| 3G              | 0 (0.14)                                   | £130,206                    | £5,237                                    | 0.28           | £45,14           |
| <b>Total</b>    | <b>4</b>                                   | <b>£540,977</b>             | <b>£84,791</b>                            | <b>5.11</b>    | <b>£768, 779</b> |

<sup>143</sup> As per the PPS Guidance, demand for cricket is considered in terms of match equivalent sessions per season rather than per week.

<sup>144</sup> Hours equate to access to a full size floodlit 3G pitch or hockey suitable AGP

<sup>145</sup> Sport England Facilities Costs Second Quarter 2020 – (<https://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/design-and-cost-guidance/cost-guidance/>)

<sup>146</sup> Lifecycle costs are based on the % of the total project cost per annum as set out in Sport England's Life Cycle Costs Natural Turf Pitches and Artificial Surfaces documents (2012)

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## Scenario Three – Much Wenlock

The estimated additional population derived from housing growth from 1,219 dwellings with an occupancy rate of 2.36 per household is 2,877 people.

This population increase equates to 2.44 match equivalent sessions of demand per week for grass pitch sports, 0.19 match equivalent sessions of demand per week on AGPs for hockey and 21.42 match equivalent sessions of demand per season for cricket.

Training demand equates to 4.31 hours of use per week for football on 3G pitches and hockey equates to 0.47 hours of use per week on AGPs. There are also 0.33 match equivalent sessions per week of training for rugby union on a floodlit grass pitch.

Table 7.35: Likely demand for grass pitch sports generated from 1,219 dwellings

| Pitch sport           | Estimated demand by sport for 1,219 dwellings |                                |
|-----------------------|---|--------------------------------|
|                       | Match demand (MES) per week <sup>147</sup>    | Training demand <sup>148</sup> |
| Adult football        | 0.41  | 4.31 hours                     |
| Youth football        | 1.10  |                                |
| Mini soccer           | 0.64  |                                |
| Rugby union           | 0.29  | 0.33 match equivalent sessions |
| Adult hockey          | 0.13  | 0.39 hours                     |
| Junior & mixed hockey | 0.06  | 0.08 hours                     |
| Cricket               | 21.42   | -                              |

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

Table 7.36: 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 <sup>149</sup> | Lifecycle Cost (per annum) <sup>150</sup> | Number         | Capital cost    |
| Adult football  | 0 (0.41)                                   | £37,455                     | £7,903                                    | 0.81           | £129,220        |
| Youth football  | 1 (1.1)                                    | £81,236                     | £17,059                                   | 1.43           | £226,852        |
| Mini soccer     | 1 (0.64)                                   | £14,774                     | £3,103                                    | 0              | £0              |
| Rugby union     | 0 (0.29)                                   | £37,580                     | £8,042                                    | 0.58           | £92,607         |
| Cricket         | 0 (0.48)                                   | £131,187                    | £26,500                                   | 0.97           | £153,423        |
| Sand based AGPs | 0 (0.03)                                   | £25,043                     | £776                                      | 0.07           | £10,409         |
| 3G              | 0 (0.11)                                   | £103,739                    | £4,172                                    | 0.23           | £35,970         |
| <b>Total</b>    | <b>2</b>                                   | <b>£431,014</b>             | <b>£67,555</b>                            | <b>4.09</b>    | <b>£648,481</b> |

<sup>147</sup> As per the PPS Guidance, demand for cricket is considered in terms of match equivalent sessions per season rather than per week.

<sup>148</sup> Hours equate to access to a full size floodlit 3G pitch or hockey suitable AGP

<sup>149</sup> Sport England Facilities Costs Second Quarter 2020 – (<https://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/design-and-cost-guidance/cost-guidance/>)

<sup>150</sup> Lifecycle costs are based on the % of the total project cost per annum as set out in Sport England's Life Cycle Costs Natural Turf Pitches and Artificial Surfaces documents (2012)

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## Scenario Three – Pontesbury and Minsterley

The estimated additional population derived from housing growth from 81 dwellings with an occupancy rate of 2.36 per household is 191 people.

This population increase equates to 0.16 match equivalent sessions of demand per week for grass pitch sports, 0.01 match equivalent sessions of demand per week on AGPs for hockey and 1.42 match equivalent sessions of demand per season for cricket.

Training demand equates to 0.29 hours of use per week for football on 3G pitches and hockey equates to 0.04 hours of use per week on AGPs. There are also 0.02 match equivalent sessions per week of training for rugby union on a floodlit grass pitch.

Table 7.37: Likely demand for grass pitch sports generated from 81 dwellings

| Pitch sport           | Estimated demand by sport for 81 dwellings |                                |
|-----------------------|--|--------------------------------|
|                       | Match demand (MES) per week <sup>151</sup> | Training demand <sup>152</sup> |
| Adult football        | 0.03                                       | 0.29 hours                     |
| Youth football        | 0.07                                       |                                |
| Mini soccer           | 0.04                                       |                                |
| Rugby union           | 0.02                                       | 0.02 match equivalent sessions |
| Adult hockey          | 0.01                                       | 0.03 hours                     |
| Junior & mixed hockey | 0.00                                       | 0.01 hours                     |
| Cricket               | 1.42                                       | -                              |

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

Table 7.38: 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 <sup>153</sup> | Lifecycle Cost (per annum) <sup>154</sup> | Number         | Capital cost   |
| Adult football  | 0 (0.03)                                   | £2,487                      | £525                                      | 0.05           | £8,579         |
| Youth football  | 0 (0.07)                                   | £5,393                      | £1,133                                    | 0.09           | £15,060        |
| Mini soccer     | 0 (0.04)                                   | £981                        | £206                                      | 0              | £0             |
| Rugby union     | 0 (0.02)                                   | £2,495                      | £534                                      | 0.04           | £6,148         |
| Cricket         | 0 (0.03)                                   | £8,709                      | £1,759                                    | 0.06           | £10,186        |
| Sand based AGPs | 0 (0.0)                                    | £1,663                      | £52                                       | 0              | £691           |
| 3G              | 0 (0.01)                                   | £6,887                      | £277                                      | 0.02           | £2,388         |
| <b>Total</b>    | <b>0</b>                                   | <b>£28,615</b>              | <b>£4,486</b>                             | <b>0.26</b>    | <b>£43,052</b> |

<sup>151</sup> As per the PPS Guidance, demand for cricket is considered in terms of match equivalent sessions per season rather than per week.

<sup>152</sup> Hours equate to access to a full size floodlit 3G pitch or hockey suitable AGP

<sup>153</sup> Sport England Facilities Costs Second Quarter 2020 – (<https://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/design-and-cost-guidance/cost-guidance/>)

<sup>154</sup> Lifecycle costs are based on the % of the total project cost per annum as set out in Sport England's Life Cycle Costs Natural Turf Pitches and Artificial Surfaces documents (2012)

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## Scenario Three – Oswestry

The estimated additional population derived from housing growth from 2,417 dwellings with an occupancy rate of 2.36 per household is 5,704 people.

This population increase equates to 4.85 match equivalent sessions of demand per week for grass pitch sports, 0.58 match equivalent sessions of demand per week on AGPs for hockey and 42.47 match equivalent sessions of demand per season for cricket.

Training demand equates to 8.54 hours of use per week for football on 3G pitches and hockey equates to 0.93 hours of use per week on AGPs. There are also 0.66 match equivalent sessions per week of training for rugby union on a floodlit grass pitch.

Table 7.39: Likely demand for grass pitch sports generated from 2,417 dwellings

| Pitch sport           | Estimated demand by sport for 2,417 dwellings |                                |
|-----------------------|---|--------------------------------|
|                       | Match demand (MES) per week <sup>155</sup>    | Training demand <sup>156</sup> |
| Adult football        | 0.81  | 8.54 hours                     |
| Youth football        | 2.19  |                                |
| Mini soccer           | 1.27  |                                |
| Rugby union           | 0.58  | 0.66 match equivalent sessions |
| Adult hockey          | 0.26  | 0.78 hours                     |
| Junior & mixed hockey | 0.12  | 0.15 hours                     |
| Cricket               | 42.47   | -                              |

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

Table 7.40: 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 <sup>157</sup> | Lifecycle Cost (per annum) <sup>158</sup> | Number         | Capital cost      |
| Adult football  | 1 (0.81)                                   | £74,259                     | £15,669                                   | 1.61           | £256,193          |
| Youth football  | 2 (2.19)                                   | £161,059                    | £33,822                                   | 2.83           | £449,762          |
| Mini soccer     | 1 (1.27)                                   | £29,291                     | £6,151                                    | 0              | £0                |
| Rugby union     | 1 (0.58)                                   | £74,506                     | £15,944                                   | 1.16           | £183,605          |
| Cricket         | 1 (0.96)                                   | £260,095                    | £52,539                                   | 1.92           | £304,179          |
| Sand based AGPs | 0 (0.07)                                   | £49,650                     | £1,539                                    | 0.13           | £20,638           |
| 3G              | 0 (0.22)                                   | £205,676                    | £8,272                                    | 0.45           | £71,315           |
| <b>Total</b>    | <b>6</b>                                   | <b>£854,536</b>             | <b>£133,936</b>                           | <b>8.1</b>     | <b>£1,285,692</b> |

<sup>155</sup> As per the PPS Guidance, demand for cricket is considered in terms of match equivalent sessions per season rather than per week.

<sup>156</sup> Hours equate to access to a full size floodlit 3G pitch or hockey suitable AGP

<sup>157</sup> Sport England Facilities Costs Second Quarter 2020 – (<https://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/design-and-cost-guidance/cost-guidance/>)

<sup>158</sup> Lifecycle costs are based on the % of the total project cost per annum as set out in Sport England's Life Cycle Costs Natural Turf Pitches and Artificial Surfaces documents (2012)

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## Scenario Three – Shifnal

The estimated additional population derived from housing growth from 322 dwellings with an occupancy rate of 2.36 per household is 760 people.

This population increase equates to 0.65 match equivalent sessions of demand per week for grass pitch sports, 0.08 match equivalent sessions of demand per week on AGPs for hockey and 5.66 match equivalent sessions of demand per season for cricket.

Training demand equates to 1.14 hours of use per week for football on 3G pitches and hockey equates to 0.09 hours of use per week on AGPs. There are also 0.12 match equivalent sessions per week of training for rugby union on a floodlit grass pitch.

Table 7.41: Likely demand for grass pitch sports generated from 322 dwellings

| Pitch sport           | Estimated demand by sport for 322 dwellings |                                |
|-----------------------|---|--------------------------------|
|                       | Match demand (MES) per week <sup>159</sup>  | Training demand <sup>160</sup> |
| Adult football        | 0.11  | 1.14 hours                     |
| Youth football        | 0.29  |                                |
| Mini soccer           | 0.17  |                                |
| Rugby union           | 0.08  | 0.09 match equivalent sessions |
| Adult hockey          | 0.03  | 0.10 hours                     |
| Junior & mixed hockey | 0.02  | 0.02 hours                     |
| Cricket               | 5.66  | -                              |

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

Table 7.42: 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 <sup>161</sup> | Lifecycle Cost (per annum) <sup>162</sup> | Number         | Capital cost    |
| Adult football  | 0 (0.11)                                   | £9,894                      | £2,088                                    | 0.22           | £34,135         |
| Youth football  | 0 (0.29)                                   | £21,460                     | £4,506                                    | 0.38           | £59,926         |
| Mini soccer     | 0 (0.17)                                   | £3,903                      | £820                                      | 0              | £0              |
| Rugby union     | 0 (0.08)                                   | £9,927                      | £2,124                                    | 0.15           | £24,464         |
| Cricket         | 0 (0.13)                                   | £34,655                     | £7,000                                    | 0.26           | £40,529         |
| Sand based AGPs | 0 (0.01)                                   | £6,615                      | £205                                      | 0.02           | £2,750          |
| 3G              | 0 (0.03)                                   | £27,404                     | £1,102                                    | 0.06           | £9,502          |
| <b>Total</b>    | <b>0</b>                                   | <b>£113,858</b>             | <b>£17,845</b>                            | <b>1.09</b>    | <b>£171,306</b> |

<sup>159</sup> As per the PPS Guidance, demand for cricket is considered in terms of match equivalent sessions per season rather than per week.

<sup>160</sup> Hours equate to access to a full size floodlit 3G pitch or hockey suitable AGP

<sup>161</sup> Sport England Facilities Costs Second Quarter 2020 – (<https://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/design-and-cost-guidance/cost-guidance/>)

<sup>162</sup> Lifecycle costs are based on the % of the total project cost per annum as set out in Sport England's Life Cycle Costs Natural Turf Pitches and Artificial Surfaces documents (2012)

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## Scenario Three – Shrewsbury

The estimated additional population derived from housing growth from 4,456 dwellings with an occupancy rate of 2.36 per household is 10,516 people.

This population increase equates to 8.94 match equivalent sessions of demand per week for grass pitch sports, 1.07 match equivalent sessions of demand per week on AGPs for hockey and 78.31 match equivalent sessions of demand per season for cricket.

Training demand equates to 15.74 hours of use per week for football on 3G pitches and hockey equates to 1.72 hours of use per week on AGPs. There are also 1.22 match equivalent sessions per week of training for rugby union on a floodlit grass pitch.

Table 7.43: Likely demand for grass pitch sports generated from 4,456 dwellings

| Pitch sport           | Estimated demand by sport for 4,456 dwellings |                                |
|-----------------------|---|--------------------------------|
|                       | Match demand (MES) per week <sup>163</sup>    | Training demand <sup>164</sup> |
| Adult football        | 1.49  | 15.74 hours                    |
| Youth football        | 4.03  |                                |
| Mini soccer           | 2.35  |                                |
| Rugby union           | 1.07  | 1.22 match equivalent sessions |
| Adult hockey          | 0.48  | 1.44 hours                     |
| Junior & mixed hockey | 0.21  | 0.28 hours                     |
| Cricket               | 78.31   | -                              |

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

Table 7.44: 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 <sup>165</sup> | Lifecycle Cost (per annum) <sup>166</sup> | Number         | Capital cost      |
| Adult football  | 1 (1.49)                                   | £136,905                    | £28,887                                   | 2.98           | £472,323          |
| Youth football  | 4 (4.03)                                   | £296,932                    | £62,356                                   | 5.22           | £829,189          |
| Mini soccer     | 2 (2.35)                                   | £54,001                     | £11,340                                   | 0              | £0                |
| Rugby union     | 1 (1.07)                                   | £137,361                    | £29,395                                   | 2.13           | £338,498          |
| Cricket         | 2 (1.77)                                   | £479,516                    | £96,862                                   | 3.53           | £560,789          |
| Sand based AGPs | 0 (0.12)                                   | £91,536                     | £2,838                                    | 0.24           | £38,048           |
| 3G              | 0 (0.41)                                   | £379,187                    | £15,250                                   | 0.83           | £131,477          |
| <b>Total</b>    | <b>10</b>                                  | <b>£1,575,438</b>           | <b>£246,928</b>                           | <b>14.93</b>   | <b>£2,370,324</b> |

<sup>163</sup> As per the PPS Guidance, demand for cricket is considered in terms of match equivalent sessions per season rather than per week.

<sup>164</sup> Hours equate to access to a full size floodlit 3G pitch or hockey suitable AGP

<sup>165</sup> Sport England Facilities Costs Second Quarter 2020 – (<https://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/design-and-cost-guidance/cost-guidance/>)

<sup>166</sup> Lifecycle costs are based on the % of the total project cost per annum as set out in Sport England's Life Cycle Costs Natural Turf Pitches and Artificial Surfaces documents (2012)

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## Scenario Three – Wem

The estimated additional population derived from housing growth from 569 dwellings with an occupancy rate of 2.36 per household is 1,343 people.

This population increase equates to 1.15 match equivalent sessions of demand per week for grass pitch sports, 0.09 match equivalent sessions of demand per week on AGPs for hockey and 10.00 match equivalent sessions of demand per season for cricket.

Training demand equates to 2.01 hours of use per week for football on 3G pitches and hockey equates to 0.22 hours of use per week on AGPs. There are also 0.16 match equivalent sessions per week of training for rugby union on a floodlit grass pitch.

Table 7.45: Likely demand for grass pitch sports generated from 569 dwellings

| Pitch sport           | Estimated demand by sport for 569 dwellings |                                |
|-----------------------|---|--------------------------------|
|                       | Match demand (MES) per week <sup>167</sup>  | Training demand <sup>168</sup> |
| Adult football        | 0.19  | 2.01 hours                     |
| Youth football        | 0.52  |                                |
| Mini soccer           | 0.30  |                                |
| Rugby union           | 0.14  | 0.16 match equivalent sessions |
| Adult hockey          | 0.06  | 0.18 hours                     |
| Junior & mixed hockey | 0.03  | 0.04 hours                     |
| Cricket               | 10.00                                       | -                              |

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

Table 7.46: 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 <sup>169</sup> | Lifecycle Cost (per annum) <sup>170</sup> | Number         | Capital cost    |
| Adult football  | 0 (0.19)                                   | £17,484                     | £3,689                                    | 0.38           | £60,320         |
| Youth football  | 1 (0.52)                                   | £37,921                     | £7,963                                    | 0.67           | £105,896        |
| Mini soccer     | 0 (0.3)                                    | £6,897                      | £1,448                                    | 0              | £0              |
| Rugby union     | 0 (0.14)                                   | £17,542                     | £3,754                                    | 0.27           | £43,230         |
| Cricket         | 0 (0.23)                                   | £61,239                     | £12,370                                   | 0.45           | £71,619         |
| Sand based AGPs | 0 (0.02)                                   | £11,690                     | £362                                      | 0.03           | £4,859          |
| 3G              | 0 (0.05)                                   | £48,426                     | £1,948                                    | 0.11           | £16,791         |
| <b>Total</b>    | <b>1</b>                                   | <b>£201,199</b>             | <b>£31,534</b>                            | <b>1.91</b>    | <b>£302,715</b> |

<sup>167</sup> As per the PPS Guidance, demand for cricket is considered in terms of match equivalent sessions per season rather than per week.

<sup>168</sup> Hours equate to access to a full size floodlit 3G pitch or hockey suitable AGP

<sup>169</sup> Sport England Facilities Costs Second Quarter 2020 – (<https://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/design-and-cost-guidance/cost-guidance/>)

<sup>170</sup> Lifecycle costs are based on the % of the total project cost per annum as set out in Sport England's Life Cycle Costs Natural Turf Pitches and Artificial Surfaces documents (2012)

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## Scenario Three – Whitchurch

The estimated additional population derived from housing growth from 718 dwellings with an occupancy rate of 2.36 per household is 1,694 people.

This population increase equates to 1.44 match equivalent sessions of demand per week for grass pitch sports, 0.25 match equivalent sessions of demand per week on AGPs for hockey and 12.61 match equivalent sessions of demand per season for cricket.

Training demand equates to 2.54 hours of use per week for football on 3G pitches and hockey equates to 0.27 hours of use per week on AGPs. There are also 0.20 match equivalent sessions per week of training for rugby union on a floodlit grass pitch.

Table 7.47: Likely demand for grass pitch sports generated from 718 dwellings

| Pitch sport           | Estimated demand by sport for 718 dwellings |                                |
|-----------------------|---|--------------------------------|
|                       | Match demand (MES) per week <sup>171</sup>  | Training demand <sup>172</sup> |
| Adult football        | 0.24  | 2.54 hours                     |
| Youth football        | 0.65  |                                |
| Mini soccer           | 0.38  |                                |
| Rugby union           | 0.17  | 0.20 match equivalent sessions |
| Adult hockey          | 0.08  | 0.23 hours                     |
| Junior & mixed hockey | 0.03  | 0.04 hours                     |
| Cricket               | 12.61                                       | -                              |

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

Table 7.48: 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 <sup>173</sup> | Lifecycle Cost (per annum) <sup>174</sup> | Number         | Capital cost    |
| Adult football  | 0 (0.24)                                   | £22,054                     | £4,653                                    | 0.48           | £76,085         |
| Youth football  | 1 (0.65)                                   | £47,832                     | £10,045                                   | 0.84           | £133,572        |
| Mini soccer     | 0 (0.38)                                   | £8,699                      | £1,827                                    | 0              | £0              |
| Rugby union     | 0 (0.17)                                   | £22,127                     | £4,735                                    | 0.34           | £54,528         |
| Cricket         | 0 (0.28)                                   | £77,244                     | £15,603                                   | 0.57           | £90,336         |
| Sand based AGPs | 0 (0.02)                                   | £14,745                     | £457                                      | 0.04           | £6,129          |
| 3G              | 0 (0.07)                                   | £61,082                     | £2,457                                    | 0.13           | £21,179         |
| <b>Total</b>    | <b>1</b>                                   | <b>£253,783</b>             | <b>£39,777</b>                            | <b>2.4</b>     | <b>£381,829</b> |

<sup>171</sup> As per the PPS Guidance, demand for cricket is considered in terms of match equivalent sessions per season rather than per week.

<sup>172</sup> Hours equate to access to a full size floodlit 3G pitch or hockey suitable AGP

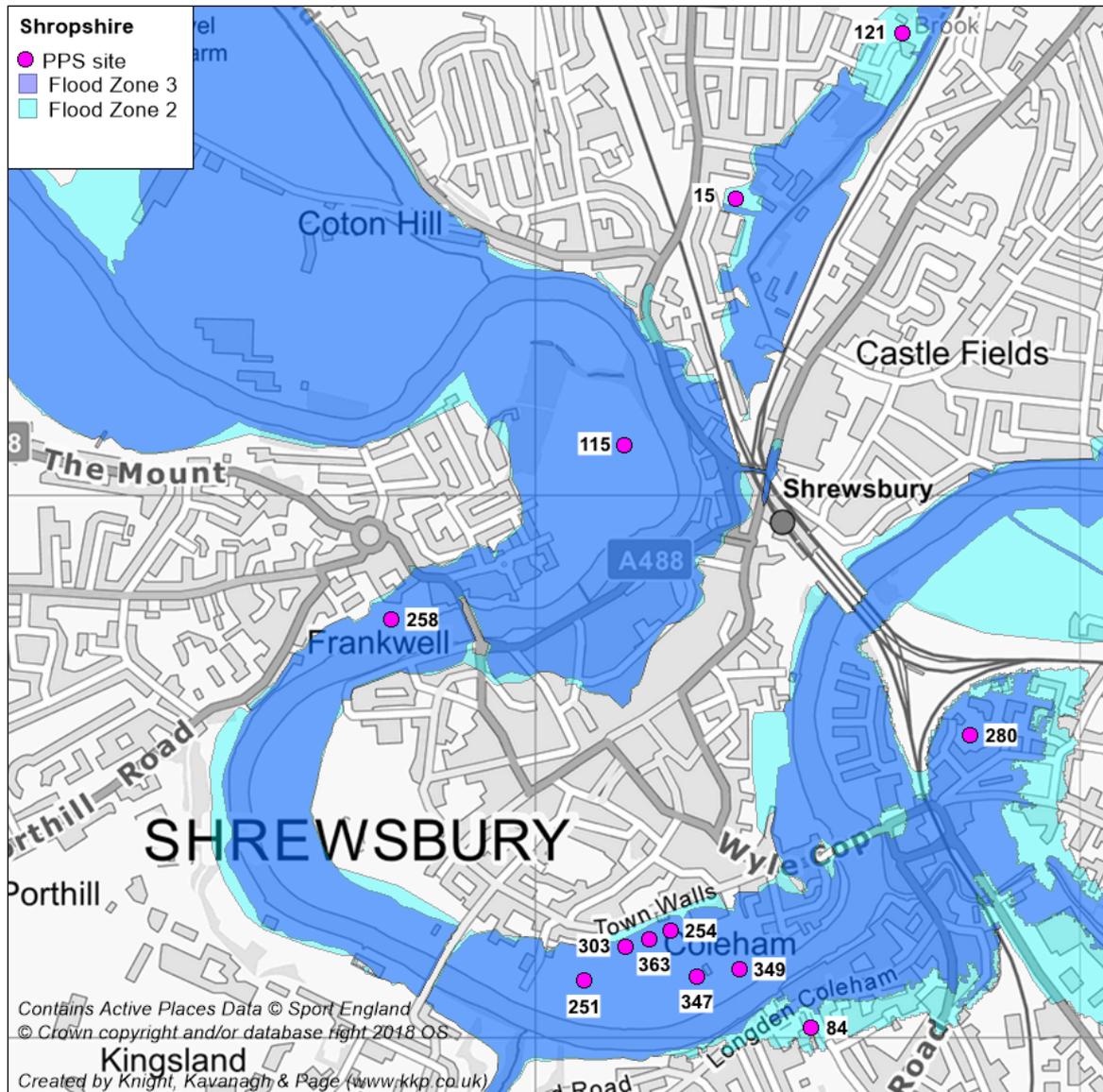
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## APPENDIX FIVE: ADDITIONAL FLOOD ZONE MAPPING

Please see Table 5.1 in PART 5: STRATEGIC RECOMMENDATIONS for map keys.

Figure 5.1: Location of sporting sites within flood zones across Shrewsbury



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Figure 5.2: Location of sporting sites within flood zones across Church Stretton

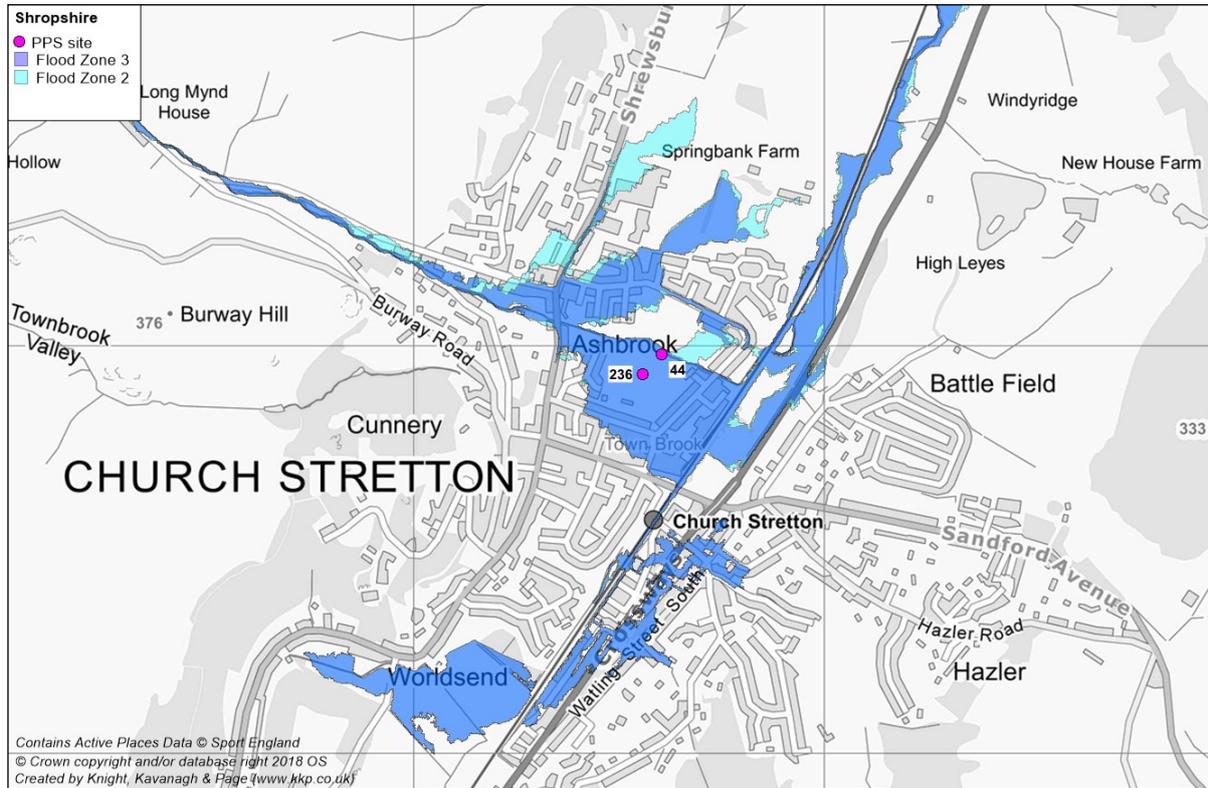


Figure 5.3: Location of sporting sites within flood zones across Buildwas

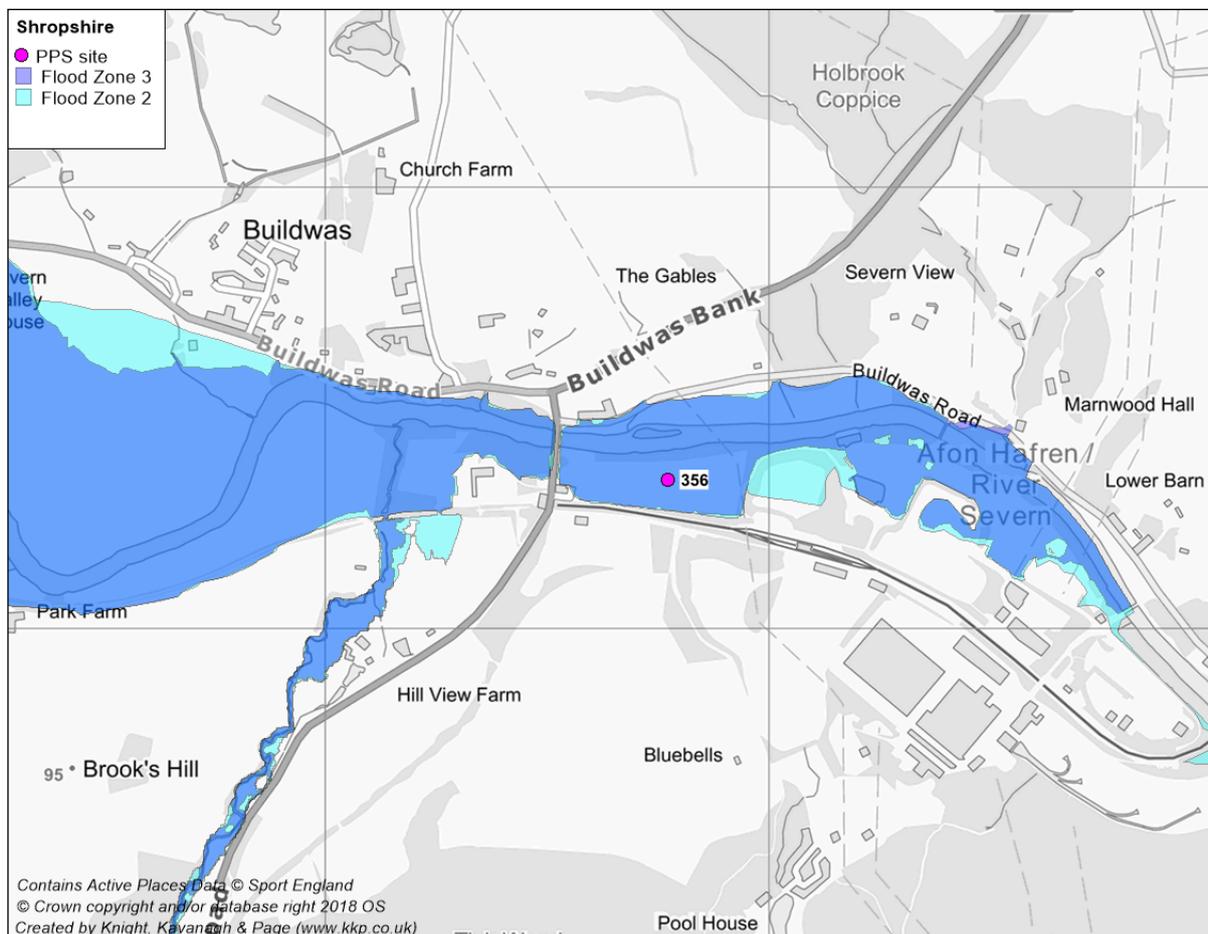


Figure 5.4: Location of sporting sites within flood zones across Albrighton

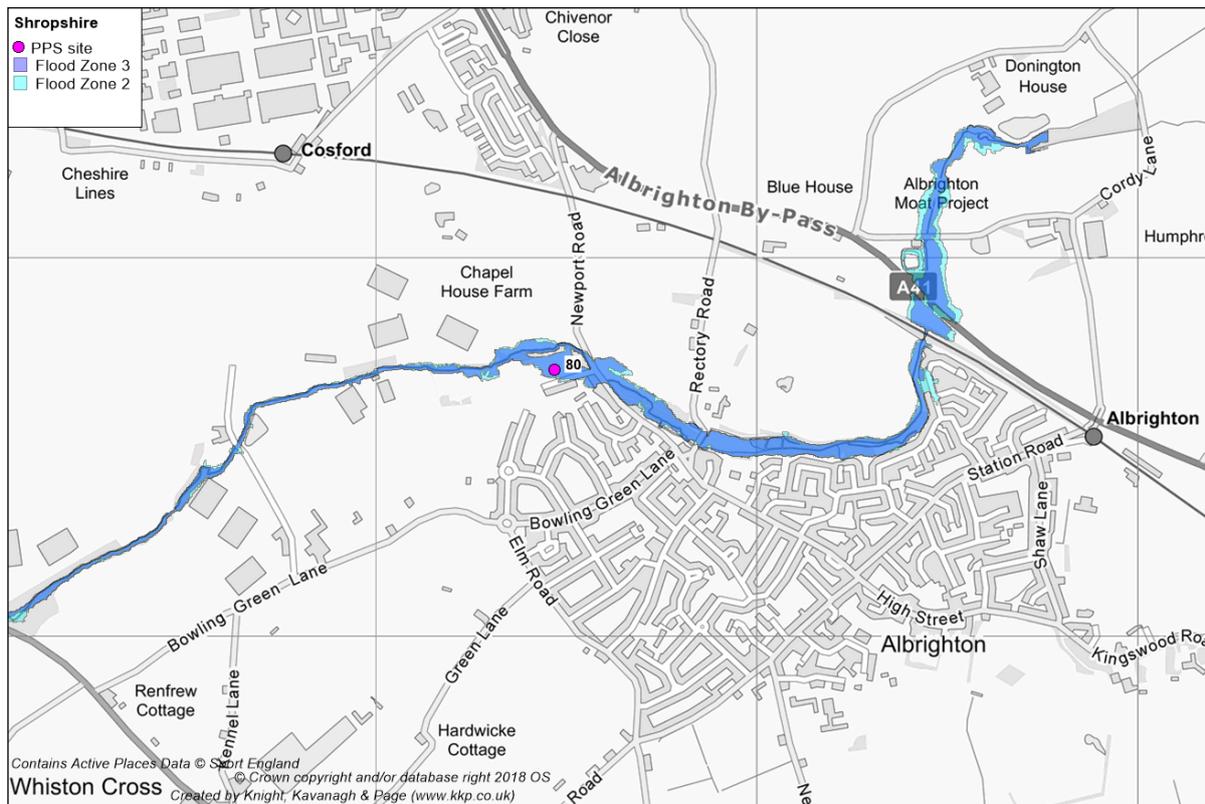


Figure 5.5: Location of sporting sites within flood zones across Ludlow



Figure 5.6: Location of sporting sites within flood zones across Gobowen

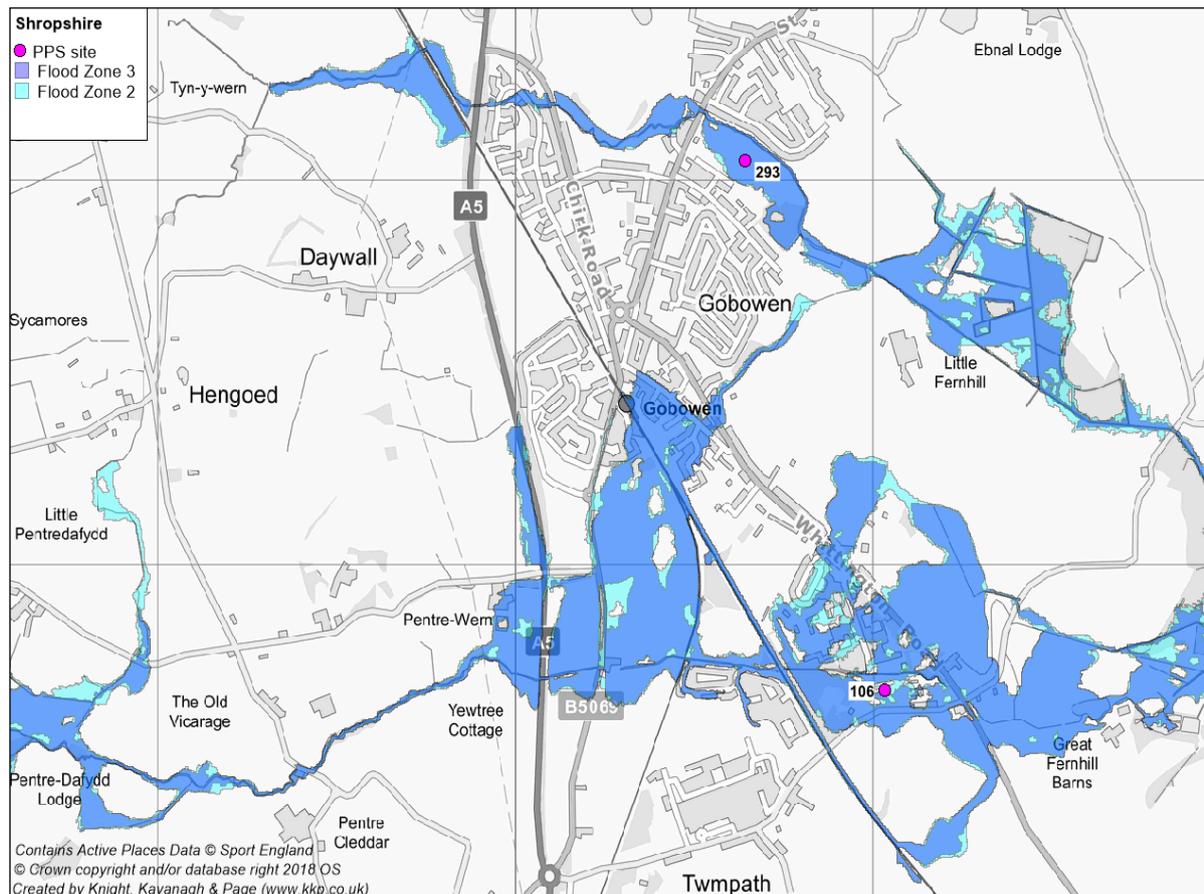
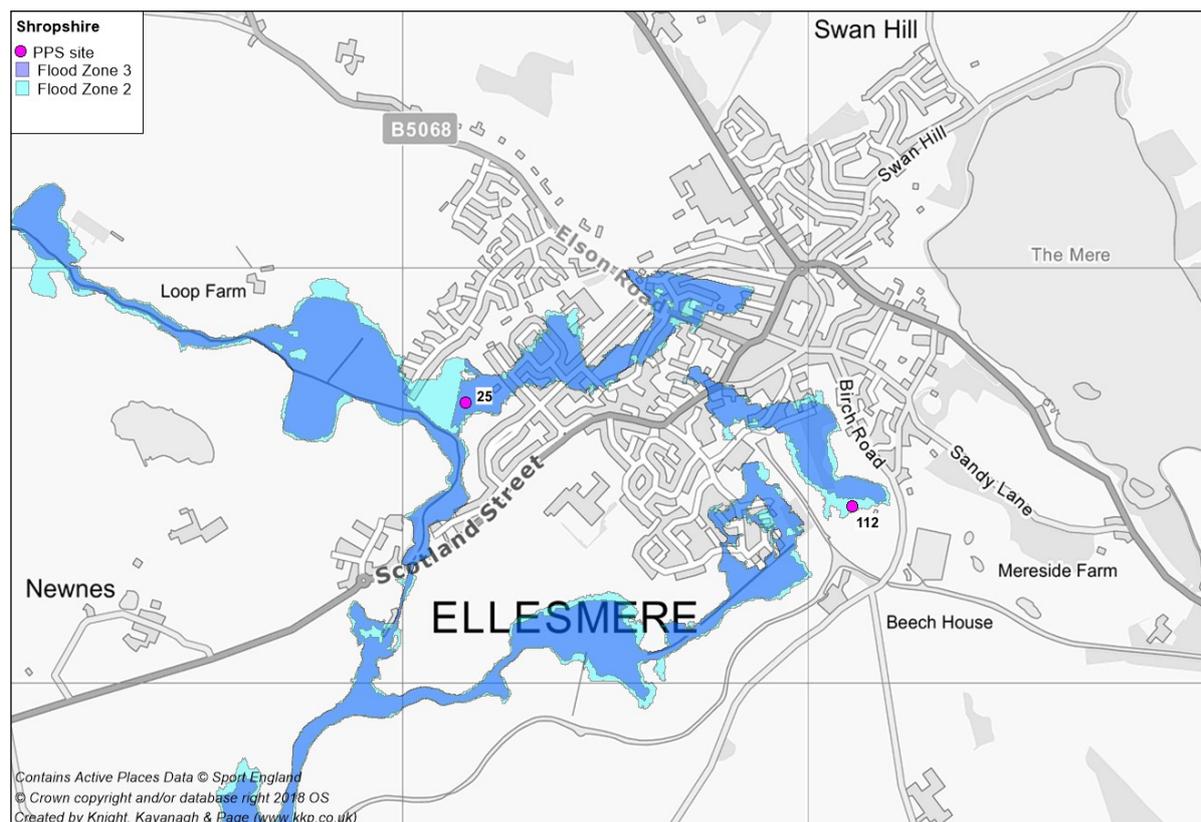
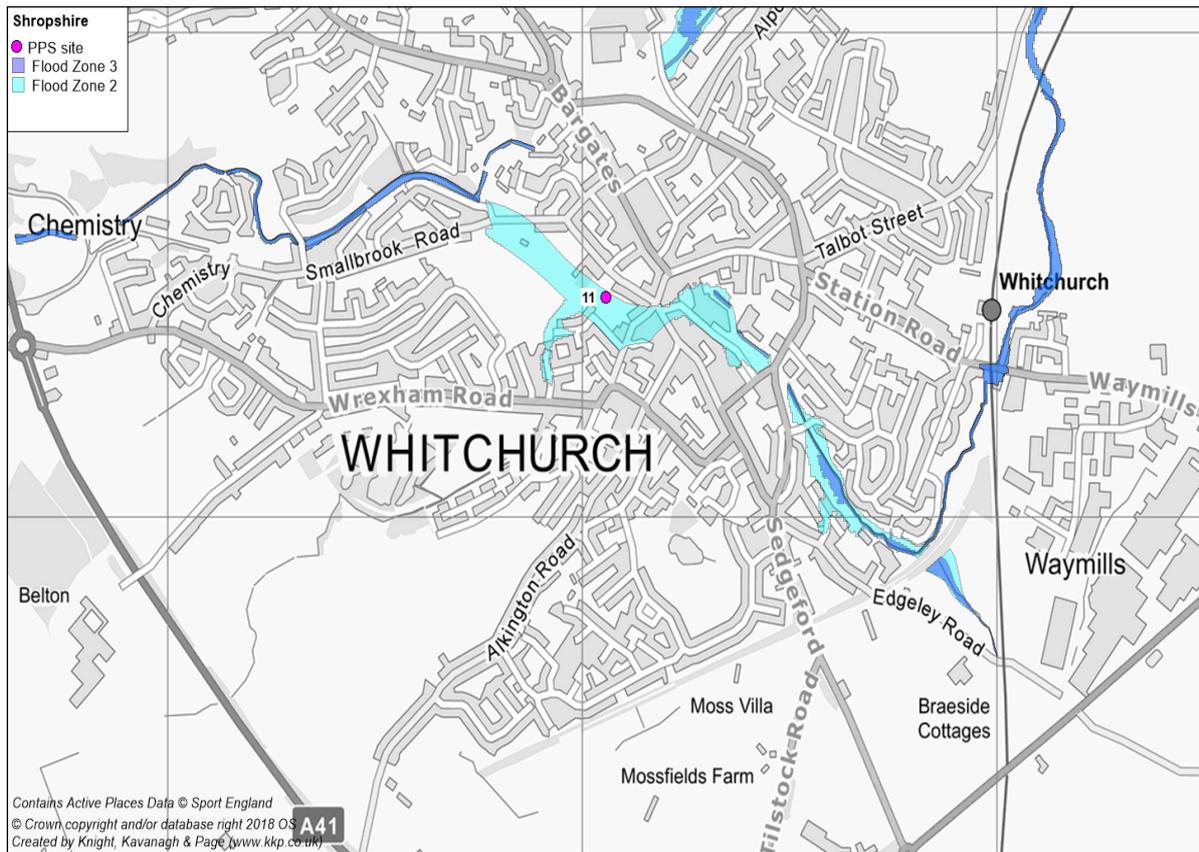


Figure 5.7: Location of sporting sites within flood zones across Ellesmere



*Figure 5.8: Location of sporting sites within flood zones across Whitchurch*



*Figure 5.9: Location of sporting sites within flood zones across Bridgnorth*

