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## ABBREVIATIONS

|       |   |
|-------|---|
| 3G    | Third Generation (artificial turf)                |
| AGP   | Artificial Grass Pitch                            |
| CBMDC | City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council    |
| CC    | Cricket Club                                      |
| EA    | England Athletics                                 |
| ECB   | England and Wales Cricket Board                   |
| EH    | England Hockey                                    |
| FA    | Football Association                              |
| FC    | Football Club                                     |
| FF    | Football Foundation                               |
| FIFA  | Fédération Internationale de Football Association |
| GIS   | Geographical Information Systems                  |
| HC    | Hockey Club                                       |
| KKP   | Knight, Kavanagh and Page                         |
| LFFP  | Local Football Facility Plan                      |
| LMS   | Last Man Stands                                   |
| LTA   | Lawn Tennis Association                           |
| MES   | Match Equivalent Sessions                         |
| NGB   | National Governing Body                           |
| NPPF  | National Planning Policy Framework                |
| ONS   | Office for National Statistics                    |
| PPS   | Playing Pitch Strategy                            |
| PQS   | Performance Quality Standard                      |
| RFL   | Rugby Football League                             |
| RLFC  | Rugby League Football Club                        |
| RFU   | Rugby Football Union                              |
| RUFU  | Rugby Union Football Club                         |
| S106  | Section 106                                       |
| TGR   | Team Generation Rate                              |
| U     | Under   |
| UKA   | UK Athletics                                      |

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## PART 1: INTRODUCTION

This is the Playing Pitch Strategy (PPS) for City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council (CBMDC) and its partners. Building upon the preceding Assessment Report, it provides a clear, strategic framework for the maintenance and improvement of existing playing pitches and ancillary facilities up to 2030 (in line with the Bradford Local Plan period).

The primary purpose of the Playing Pitch Strategy is to provide a strategic framework which ensures that the provision of outdoor playing pitches meet local and community needs of existing and future residents and visitors to the Bradford District Area.

To help fund the delivery of the PPS Action Plan, CBMDC in partnership with the relevant NGBs, is seeking to develop a PPS Funding Strategy to generate investment towards creating bigger, better quality sites (Hub sites) in order to meet the objectives of this Strategy.

In line with this Strategy, redevelopment of any existing playing fields sites will be replaced in line with Sport England's Playing Field Policy Exception E4. This will allow the Council to provide good quality sports facilities across the District which in turn will attract more users and contribute to the improving health agenda.

One of the core planning principles of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) is to improve health, social and cultural wellbeing for all, and deliver sufficient community and cultural facilities and services to meet local needs. Paragraph 96 discusses the importance of access to high quality open spaces and opportunities for sport and recreation that can make an important contribution to the health and well-being of communities. Paragraphs 96 and 97 of the NPPF discuss assessments and the protection of "existing open space, sports and recreational buildings and land, including playing fields". The Playing Pitch Strategy will provide the evidence required to help protect playing fields to ensure sufficient land is available to meet existing and projected future pitch requirements.

The Playing Pitch Strategy will support delivery of outcomes under the Bradford District Plan 2016-2020 <https://www.bradford.gov.uk/media/2312/bradford-district-plan-final.pdf> and the ACTIVE BRADFORD Strategy <http://www.activebradford.com/strategy/> which includes the relevant sporting strategies for the District including the Physical Activity and Sport Strategic Framework for Bradford District.

### **Corporate and strategic**

- ◀ It ensures a strategic approach to playing pitch provision. The PPS will act as a tool for the Council and our partner organisations to guide resource allocation and set priorities for pitch sports moving forward. It will contribute directly and support the delivery of the following key areas and targets of the District Plan:

### **Healthy lifestyles**

- ◀ Improve the health and wellbeing of people through services available to everyone e.g. swimming pools, parks, walking and cycling activities.
- ◀ Deliver specialised services to individuals, small groups and deprived neighbourhoods, to increase engagement, raise awareness and provide support for healthier lifestyles, including physical activity, sports, and nutrition.

Targets: Increase the total number of visits to council managed recreation facilities.

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## **Supporting communities**

- ◀ Help maintain an attractive and welcoming environment by supporting people to play their part in making our district a better place to live, and make sure we have enough parks, activity areas and green spaces.
- ◀ Help the transfer of management and ownership of community assets such as council-owned buildings and land to parish and town councils and community organisations, putting local resources in the hands of the community.

Targets: Increase the number of people participating in community life/volunteering by 2020 and the number of successfully Community Asset Transfers by 2020.

- ◀ It provides robust evidence for capital funding. As well as proving the need for developer contributions towards pitches and facilities a Playing Pitch Strategy can provide evidence of need for a range of capital grants. Current funding examples include the Sport England Lottery Fund, Heritage Lottery Fund (for park improvements), the Football Foundation and the Big Lottery. The site specific action plan that will form an integral part of this PPS will identify and prioritise sites that require improvements and where the funding should be secured from.
- ◀ It helps demonstrate the value of leisure services during times of increasing scrutiny of non-statutory services through a desire to increase activity rates as a means to improve the health and wellbeing of the whole community.
- ◀ It helps the Best Value process through:
  - ◀ Consultation with pitch-based sports clubs, providers and organised leagues in the District
  - ◀ Consultation with regional officers from national governing bodies to gain a strategic perspective of sport delivery and growth
  - ◀ Challenges current systems for sports pitch ownership, management and maintenance
  - ◀ Comparison with other local authority neighbours to establish usage from clubs from neighbouring authorities and usage of their playing pitches by Bradford District clubs/teams.
  - ◀ Competition, for example, for pitch and associated facility management / maintenance contracts

## **Planning**

- ◀ The Playing Pitch Strategy will add to the evidence base supporting the Bradford District Local Plan and the updated Leeds City Region Green and Blue Infrastructure Strategy.
- ◀ It will support strategic policies on green infrastructure, leisure, outdoor sports facilities and health and well-being.
- ◀ The Council is currently progressing work on its Site Allocations Development Plan Document (DPD), which will designate sites for housing, employment and other uses, to meet the needs of the District. The findings from the PPS, along with other evidence being prepared on open space provision, will be used to inform this work. Once adopted, the Site Allocations DPD, along with the Core Strategy, will replace the RUDP and will set the planning framework for playing pitches and open spaces. It is important that the new Local Plan is based on robust and credible evidence and is aligned to relevant strategies including the PPS.
- ◀ The PPS action plan will feed into the work on the Site Allocations Local Plan and masterplans for large sites.
- ◀ The PPS will also provide an evidence base to help calculate Developer Contributions through CIL and s106 planning agreements.

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The Core Strategy sets out the current level of housing growth that is proposed within the District. It indicates that a minimum of 42,100 new homes should be provided by 2030. This figure was based on demographic evidence in the form of population and household projections together with evidence relating to market signals and economic growth. However, the Council is currently carrying out a partial review of the Core Strategy and in particular reassessing its housing requirement to take account of government changes to the methodology for calculating housing need. Any future review of the PPS will need to take account of the changes to the amount of housing proposed to determine the impact this may have on future pitch provision/formation rates.

### ***Operational***

- ◀ It can help improve current asset management, which should result in more efficient use of resources and reduced overheads.
- ◀ The site specific Action Plan will identify sites where quality of provision can be enhanced and where appropriate incorporate the Hub based provision strategy implementation.
- ◀ An assessment of all pitches (in use and lapsed) will be undertaken to understand how pitches are used and whether the current maintenance and management regimes are appropriate or require change.

### ***Sports development***

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

### **Structure**

The Strategy has been developed from research and analysis of playing pitch provision and usage within Bradford to provide:

- ◀ A vision for the future improvement and prioritisation of playing pitch facilities.
- ◀ A number of aims to help deliver the recommendations and actions.
- ◀ A series of sport by sport recommendations which provide a strategic framework for sport led improvements to provision
- ◀ A range of sport by sport and local authority wide scenarios to help inform policy recommendations and prioritisation of actions.
- ◀ A series of strategic recommendations which provide a strategic framework for the improvement, maintenance, development and, as appropriate, rationalisation of provision.
- ◀ A prioritised area-by-area action plan to address key issues.

The Strategy and Action Plan recommends a number of priority projects for Bradford which should be implemented over the next 10 years. 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 (see Appendix Two: Funding Plan).

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## Monitoring and updating

A Steering Group has led and will continue to lead the PPS to ensure the delivery and implementation of its recommendations and actions. It is made up of representatives from the Council, Sport England, West Yorkshire Sport, and National Governing Bodies of Sport (NGBs).

It is important that there is regular annual monitoring and review against the actions identified in the Strategy. This monitoring should be led by the Council and supported by the Steering Group. As a guide, if no review and subsequent update has been carried out within three years of the PPS being signed off by the Steering Group, then Sport England and the NGBs would consider the PPS and the information on which it is based to be out of date. If the PPS is used as a 'live' document, and kept up to date, the time frame can be extended to five years.

The PPS should be reviewed on an annual basis from the date it is formally signed off by the Steering Group. This will help to maintain the momentum and commitment that would have been built up when developing the PPS. Taking into account the time to develop the PPS this should also help to ensure that the original supply and demand information is no more than two years old without being reviewed. Part 7 of this strategy report contains a suggested process for carrying out the update and monitoring. The Steering Group will need to agree the process prior to adoption of this strategy.

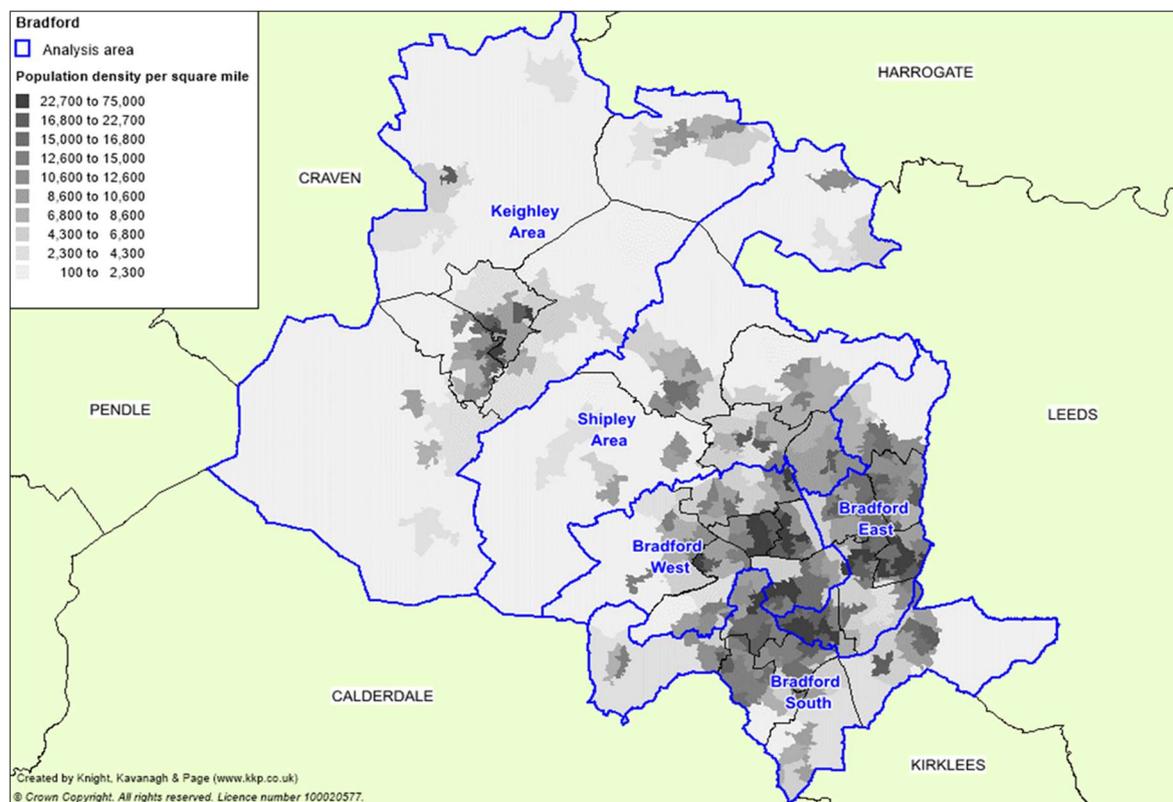
## Study area

The PPS covers the City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council administrative area; however, the data gathered has been presented in such a way as to be further analysed by smaller analysis areas. As an important part of the PPS will be to identify future need for pitch provision based on population growth and areas of growth, it is a logical progression to reflect these sub areas in the PPS. The Bradford District area is divided into five distinct administrative areas:

- ◀ Bradford South
- ◀ Bradford West
- ◀ Bradford East
- ◀ Shipley
- ◀ Keighley

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Figure 1.1: Analysis area map



There are also a number of sports teams from outside the specified area that use pitches within Bradford and sports teams from inside Bradford which use facilities outside of the District.

The Core Strategy divides the District into four distinct sub-areas. These sub-areas group together settlements which have similar characteristics and are defined by their topographical and landscape qualities. These sub-areas are: the City of Bradford including Shipley and Lower Baildon; Airedale; Wharfedale; and the South Pennine Towns and Villages. These areas differ from the parliamentary constituency areas that are used in this Playing Pitch Strategy. However, it is important to show how the Core Strategy areas intersect with the areas used in this study so as to ensure that the findings can be interpreted and used in the development of the Site Allocations plan. The table below shows which PPS areas are covered by the Core Strategy sub-areas.

| Core Strategy sub-area                                    | PPS area (parliamentary constituency boundary)   |
|---|--|
| City of Bradford<br>(including Shipley and Lower Baildon) | Bradford East<br>Parts of Bradford South (excluding Queensbury)<br>Parts of Bradford West (excluding Thornton)<br>South of Shipley area          |
| Airedale  | Central part of Shipley<br>Central part of Keighley  |
| Wharfedale  | Northern part of Keighley<br>Northern part of Shipley  |
| South Pennine Towns and Villages                          | Southern part of Keighley<br>Southern part of Shipley<br>Western part of Bradford West (Thornton)<br>Western part of Bradford South (Queensbury) |

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## ***Other relevant demographic information***

Just over half (51%) of the District's population is considered inactive:

- ◀ 7%-13% of all ages report utilisation of outdoor space for exercise/health over the last three years – lower than national and regional averages.
- ◀ Around 1 in 3 people in the district aged over 16 years report participation in 30 minutes of physical activity once a week – lower than national average.
- ◀ Levels of activity are generally lower in females than males.

The Bradford district is in a particularly good position to benefit from increasing physical activity:

- ◀ There are high levels of urban deprivation, childhood obesity, diabetes and preventable deaths (particularly from cardiovascular disease) in the District.
- ◀ There is a low level of physical activity but the will to become more active is present as the proportion of people wanting to do more activity in the district is the same as nationally.

## **Scope**

The following pitch sports were agreed for inclusion in the Assessment and Strategy:

### *Pitch sports:*

- ◀ Football pitches
- ◀ Rugby union pitches
- ◀ Rugby league pitches
- ◀ Cricket pitches
- ◀ Third generation artificial grass (3G) pitches
- ◀ Artificial grass pitches (including use for hockey)

Pitch sports were assessed using the guidance set out in Sport England's PPS Guidance: An approach to developing and delivering a PPS (2013).

### *Outdoor sports:*

- ◀ Outdoor bowling greens
- ◀ Outdoor tennis courts
- ◀ Athletics tracks

Outdoor sports were assessed using Sport England's Assessing Needs and Opportunities Guidance (2014). Non-pitch outdoor sports require a different methodology to assess demand and supply to that used for pitch sports.

## **Headline findings**

The following table (overleaf) highlights the quantitative headline findings identified for all sports included in the preceding PPS Assessment Report. Please note that this shows the picture on a local authority wide basis and does not include the findings for each specific analysis areas or for each specific site. For the analysis area breakdown see Part 6: Action Plan.

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## Quantitative headline findings

| Sport                    | Analysis area  | Current picture (2018)  | Future demand (2030) <sup>1</sup>   |
|--------------------------|----------------|---|---|
| Football (grass pitches) | Bradford East  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Adult pitches have spare capacity of 8.5 MES per week</li> <li>◀ Youth 11v11 pitches overplayed 3 MES per week</li> <li>◀ Youth 9v9 pitches overplayed 6.5 MES per week</li> <li>◀ Mini 7v7 pitches have spare capacity of 2.5 MES per week</li> <li>◀ Mini 5v5 pitches have spare capacity of 2 MES per week</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Adult pitches have spare capacity of 6.5 MES per week</li> <li>◀ Youth 11v11 pitches overplayed 4 MES per week</li> <li>◀ Youth 9v9 pitches overplayed 8 MES per week</li> <li>◀ Mini 7v7 pitches have spare capacity of 2 MES per week</li> <li>◀ Mini 5v5 pitches have spare capacity of 0.5 MES per week</li> </ul> |
|                          | Bradford South | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Adult pitches overplayed by 10 MES per week</li> <li>◀ Youth 11v11 pitches have spare capacity of 1 MES per week</li> <li>◀ Youth 9v9 pitches have spare capacity of 2.5 MES per week</li> <li>◀ Mini 7v7 pitches played to capacity</li> <li>◀ Mini 5v5 pitches have spare capacity of 0.5 MES per week</li> </ul>      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Adult pitches overplayed by 13.5 MES per week</li> <li>◀ Youth 11v11 pitches overplayed 3 MES per week</li> <li>◀ Youth 9v9 pitches overplayed 1 MES per week</li> <li>◀ Mini 7v7 pitches played to capacity</li> <li>◀ Mini 5v5 pitches overplayed by 1 MES per week</li> </ul>                                       |
|                          | Bradford West  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Adult pitches played to capacity</li> <li>◀ Youth 11v11 pitches overplayed 2.5 MES per week</li> <li>◀ Youth 9v9 pitches overplayed 0.5 MES per week</li> <li>◀ Mini 7v7 pitches played to capacity</li> <li>◀ Mini 5v5 pitches played to capacity</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Adult pitches played to capacity</li> <li>◀ Youth 11v11 pitches overplayed 3.5 MES per week</li> <li>◀ Youth 9v9 pitches overplayed 3 MES per week</li> <li>◀ Mini 7v7 pitches played to capacity</li> <li>◀ Mini 5v5 pitches played to capacity</li> </ul>  |
|                          | Keighley Area  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Adult pitches overplayed by 1.5 MES per week</li> <li>◀ Youth 11v11 pitches overplayed 4.5 MES per week</li> <li>◀ Youth 9v9 pitches played to capacity</li> <li>◀ Mini 7v7 pitches have spare capacity of 2 MES per week</li> <li>◀ Mini 5v5 pitches have spare capacity of 3 MES per week</li> </ul>                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Adult pitches overplayed by 2 MES per week</li> <li>◀ Youth 11v11 pitches overplayed 5.5 MES per week</li> <li>◀ Youth 9v9 pitches overplayed 0.5 MES per week</li> <li>◀ Mini 7v7 pitches have spare capacity of 2 MES per week</li> <li>◀ Mini 5v5 pitches have spare capacity of 3 MES per week</li> </ul>          |

<sup>1</sup> Future demand based on ONS calculations and club consultation which also includes latent and displaced demand identified.

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| Sport                            | Analysis area     | Current picture (2018)  | Future demand (2030) <sup>1</sup>   |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|---|---|
|                                  | Shipley Area      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Adult pitches overplayed by 0.75 MES per week</li> <li>◀ Youth 11v11 pitches have spare capacity of 1.5 MES per week</li> <li>◀ Youth 9v9 pitches overplayed 1.5 MES per week</li> <li>◀ Mini 7v7 pitches have spare capacity of 6 MES per week</li> <li>◀ Mini 5v5 pitches have spare capacity of 1 MES per week</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Adult pitches overplayed by 1.25 MES per week</li> <li>◀ Youth 11v11 pitches played to capacity</li> <li>◀ Youth 9v9 pitches overplayed 1.5 MES per week</li> <li>◀ Mini 7v7 pitches have spare capacity of 6 MES per week</li> <li>◀ Mini 5v5 pitches played to capacity</li> </ul> |
| Football 3G pitches <sup>2</sup> | Bradford District | ◀ Shortfall of 3 full sized 3G pitches for team training  | ◀ Shortfall of 3 full sized 3G pitches for team training  |
| Cricket                          | Bradford East     | ◀ Spare capacity of 27 MES per season   | ◀ Shortfall of 7 MES per season   |
|                                  | Bradford South    | ◀ Shortfall of 31 MES per season  | ◀ Shortfall of 130 MES per season   |
|                                  | Bradford West     | ◀ Shortfall of 20 MES per season  | ◀ Shortfall of 88 MES per season  |
|                                  | Keighley Area     | ◀ Spare capacity of 10 MES per season   | ◀ Shortfall of 32 MES per season  |
|                                  | Shipley Area      | ◀ Shortfall of 59 MES per season  | ◀ Shortfall of 175 MES per season   |
| Rugby union                      | Bradford East     | ◀ Senior pitches played to capacity   | ◀ Senior pitches played to capacity   |
|                                  | Bradford South    | ◀ Senior pitches overplayed by 1 MES per week   | ◀ Senior pitches overplayed by 1.25 MES per week  |
|                                  | Bradford West     | ◀ Senior pitches overplayed by 7 MES per week   | ◀ Senior pitches overplayed by 9 MES per week   |
|                                  | Keighley Area     | ◀ Senior pitches overplayed by 1 MES per week   | ◀ Senior pitches overplayed by 1.5 MES per week   |
|                                  | Shipley Area      | ◀ Senior pitches overplayed by 13.5 MES per week  | ◀ Senior pitches overplayed by 16.5 MES per week  |
| Rugby league                     | Bradford East     | ◀ Senior pitches overplayed by 2.75 MES per week  | ◀ Senior pitches overplayed by 5.25 MES per week  |
|                                  | Bradford South    | ◀ Senior pitches overplayed by 26.75 MES per week   | ◀ Senior pitches overplayed by 32.75 MES per week   |
|                                  | Bradford West     | ◀ Senior pitches have spare capacity of 2 MES per week  | ◀ Senior pitches have spare capacity of 2 MES per week  |
|                                  | Keighley Area     | ◀ Senior pitches overplayed by 0.75 MES per week  | ◀ Senior pitches overplayed by 0.75 MES per week  |
|                                  | Shipley Area      | ◀ Senior pitches overplayed by 8.5 MES per week   | ◀ Senior pitches overplayed by 8.5 MES per week   |
| Hockey                           | Bradford District | ◀ Insufficient capacity to accommodate current and future level of demand. <b>There is a priority need to secure tenure and improve AGP quality.</b>  | ◀ Insufficient capacity to accommodate future and future level of demand. <b>There is a priority need to secure tenure and improve AGP quality.</b>   |

<sup>2</sup> Based on accommodating 38 teams on one full size 3G pitch for football training.

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| Sport     | Analysis area     | Current picture (2018)   | Future demand (2030) <sup>1</sup>   |
|-----------|-------------------|--|---|
| Bowls     | Bradford District | ◀ Sufficient supply of greens to meet current demand   | ◀ Sufficient supply of greens to meet future demand   |
| Tennis    | Bradford District | ◀ Sufficient supply of courts to meet current demand   | ◀ Sufficient supply of courts to meet future demand   |
| Athletics | Bradford District | ◀ Sufficient capacity to accommodate current and future level of demand.<br><b>However, there is a priority need to secure tenure and improve track quality.</b> | ◀ Sufficient capacity to accommodate future and future level of demand.<br><b>However, there is a priority need to secure tenure and improve track quality.</b> |

### Summary

The existing position for all pitch sports is either demand is being met or there is a shortfall, whereas the future position shows the exacerbation of current shortfalls and additional shortfalls in some areas and for some sports. Only hockey is without any current or future shortfalls, although it remains imperative that the current number of hockey suitable AGPs used for hockey are protected and that security of tenure and quality is improved.

For football, all analysis areas evidence shortfalls at one or more pitch formats, with these shortfalls increasing and including new shortfalls at some formats through future demand increases. There are key present and future shortfalls for full sized 3G pitches for football team training and cricket, as well as for senior pitch types for rugby union and rugby league. It is also worthy of note that the high levels of future demand expressed for cricket provision in Bradford is a result of high levels of club aspiration to develop new teams in the future.

Some shortfalls can be reduced through maximised access to future provision, for example, certification and use of 3G pitches for competitive football, rugby union or rugby league match play would create extra capacity to reduce grass pitch shortfalls as well as the shortfalls evidenced for 3G pitches for football team training.

In terms of non-pitch sports, for tennis and bowls there is sufficient capacity to accommodate current and future levels of demand, notwithstanding the need to improve quality and address some isolated overplay. Although there is sufficient current and future capacity for athletics demand to be met, there is a priority need to secure tenure and improve track quality at Horsfall Stadium.

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## PART 2: VISION

### Vision

A vision has been set out to provide a clear focus with desired outcomes for the Bradford District PPS. It seeks to support the Council and its partners in the creation of:

*'To have a sustainable network of outdoor playing pitches and associated facilities to meet current demand and encourage future participation in physical activity and sport in Bradford District'*

To achieve this Vision, the strategy seeks to deliver the following objectives:

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

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## PART 3: AIMS

The following overarching aims are based on the three Sport England themes (see Figure 1 below). It is recommended that they are adopted by the Council and its partners to enable it to achieve the overall vision of the PPS and Sport England planning objectives. Strategy delivery is the responsibility of, and relies upon, all stakeholders.

### AIM 1

To **protect** the existing supply of pitches and ancillary facilities where it is needed for meeting current and future needs up to 2030.

### AIM 2

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

### AIM 3

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

Figure 1: Sport England themes



Source: Sport England 2015

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## 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. Please note that these recommendations are not just for the Council, but also for all the stakeholders and partners involved.

### Football – grass pitches

#### Summary

**There are current and future shortfalls across Bradford District on adult, youth 11v11 and youth 9v9 pitches. However, there is spare capacity expressed on mini pitches.**  
**Shortfalls are predominately as a result of overplayed pitches, particularly adult pitches.**

- ◀ There are current and future shortfalls across Bradford District on adult, youth 11v11 and youth 9v9 pitches. However, there is spare capacity expressed on mini pitches.
- ◀ Shortfalls are predominately as a result of overplayed pitches, particularly adult pitches.
- ◀ The audit identifies a total of 234 grass football pitches in Bradford District across 117 sites. Of these, 217 pitches are available, at some level, for community use across 103 sites. Those unavailable for community use are mostly located at education sites.
- ◀ The Shipley Analysis Area has the largest number of community available grass pitches (62 pitches) which equates to 29% of all provision across the District.
- ◀ The majority of teams across Bradford District play on local authority managed pitches and are therefore considered to be secure for at least the next three years as part of the Council's maintained sports and leisure provision offering.
- ◀ In total, 19 pitches are assessed as good quality, 153 as standard quality and 45 as poor quality.
- ◀ Generally, clubs across Bradford District acknowledge that the quality of pitches has declined in recent seasons due to a reduction in the maintenance programme undertaken by the Council. Despite this, many note that some sites with drainage problems have these issues due to basic maintenance.
- ◀ Overall the quality of ancillary provision in Bradford is of a standard quality. There are some sites which suffer from vandalism or require modernisation but it appears that many sites with ancillary provision have insufficient changing rooms to service all pitches. The size of changing rooms was consistently good but the maintenance of facilities varies.
- ◀ Bradford City FC is the only professional club that plays above the football pyramid in Bradford District. However, a further 15 clubs play within the football pyramid. A common issue for clubs entering the pyramid is size/quality of changing facilities.
- ◀ Through the audit and assessment, 618 teams identified as playing on formal pitches within Bradford District. This consists of 148 adult men's, nine adult women's, 237 youth boys', 21 youth girls' and 203 mini mixed teams.
- ◀ In total 32 clubs' report aspirations to increase the number of teams they are providing a predicted growth of 78 teams.
- ◀ When applied by analysis area, team generation forecast the creation of six youth 11v11 boys' teams, with one new team to be established in each analysis area. The Shipley Analysis Area will see greater growth than the other area, with a forecasted creation of two youth 11v11 boy's teams.
- ◀ Overplay on football pitches across Bradford District amounts to 47 pitches totalling 71.75 match equivalent sessions across 31 sites. The majority of which is on adult pitches.

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- ◀ Despite 161 pitches across Bradford District displaying a combined 289 match equivalent sessions of potential capacity, only 73 match equivalent sessions of actual spare capacity (i.e. at peak time) exists.

## **Scenarios**

### *Improving pitches at priority sites (LFFP)*

The Local Football Facility Plan highlights eight, grass pitch sites, which should be improved as a priority. Each of these sites has at least three grass pitches, totalling 35 full-size pitch equivalents. Wyke Manor is the only priority site which is not currently operational; as the site is being developed, consisting of at least three grass football pitches. The sites highlighted for improvement were:

- ◀ Avenue Road Playing Fields
- ◀ Bronte Playing Fields
- ◀ Horsfall Playing Fields
- ◀ Marley Sports Centre
- ◀ Myra Shay Playing Fields
- ◀ Northcliffe Park
- ◀ Peel Park
- ◀ Woodhall Playing Fields<sup>3</sup>
- ◀ Wyke Manor (new)

Improving the quality of the pitches on the aforementioned sites to good quality would create 77 match equivalent sessions of additional capacity, whilst also removing overplay from four of the five overplayed sites.

The improved quality affects capacity of all pitch types, with 34 match equivalent sessions of additional capacity on adult pitches; three on youth 11v11 pitches; ten on youth 9v9 pitches; 14 on mini 7v7 pitches; and 16 on youth 5v5 pitches.

Increasing the quality and, consequentially, the capacity of these pitch formats would address current shortfalls on adult and youth 9v9 pitches; whilst also addressing future shortfalls on adult pitches.

### *Pitch reconfigurations*

Given current demand for mini 5v5 and 7v7 pitches is being met in the District by current supply on some sites there may be an opportunity to reconfigure pitches to address the shortfalls of other pitch types, notably youth 11v11 and 9v9.

Nationally, there is a trend of mini football being accommodated on 3G pitches; with full size 3G pitches able to accommodate multiple matches simultaneously whilst also being impacted less by local weather. Should this trend continue then the demand for mini grass pitch provision may decline providing greater scope for pitch reconfiguration across Bradford to address residual shortfalls.

### *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 capacity is not captured, or it is discounted. Securing access to these sites can provide an opportunity to help address remaining shortfalls across the District.

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<sup>3</sup> Woodhall Playing Fields is currently owned by City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council, despite being within Leeds City Council Local Authority. The site is currently going through a Community Asset Transfer to Albion Sports AFC, which is a Leeds based club.

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There are a number of education sites in Bradford which contain football pitches which have the potential to help address remaining shortfalls by securing access through community use agreements. The following table looks to identify which schools could be suitable for securing use of playing pitches.

*Table 4.1: Potential schools for securing community use*

| Site ID | Site name                                | Analysis area  | Pitch type  | Number of pitches |
|---------|--|----------------|-------------|-------------------|
| 28      | Bradford Academy                         | Bradford East  | Adult       | 2                 |
|         |  |                | Mini 5v5    | 1                 |
|         |  |                | Mini 7v7    | 1                 |
|         |  |                | Youth 11v11 | 1                 |
| 897     | Blakehill Primary School                 | Bradford East  | Youth 9v9   | 1                 |
| 42      | Buttershaw Business & Enterprise College | Bradford South | Youth 9v9   | 3                 |
| 907     | Bradford Forster Academy                 | Bradford South | Adult       | 1                 |
| 110     | Holy Family Catholic School              | Keighley Area  | Adult       | 1                 |
|         |  |                | Youth 9v9   | 1                 |
| 156     | Beckfoot Oakbank School                  | Keighley Area  | Adult       | 1                 |
|         |  |                | Youth 11v11 | 1                 |
| 14      | Beckfoot and Hazelbeck School            | Shipley Area   | Adult       | 1                 |

### **Recommendations**

- ◀ Ensure that a sufficient level of grass pitch provision is retained to meet current and future demand.
- ◀ Explore opportunities to reduce the number of one pitch football sites which are unsustainable and reinvestment in the development of Hub and Key sites.
- ◀ In accordance with the Local Football Facility Plan, improve the quality of pitches at the eight priority sites to good quality; to increase capacity across the District.
- ◀ Where pitches are overplayed and rated as standard or poor quality, review maintenance regimes in order to help address shortfalls.
- ◀ Carry out pitch reconfigurations to address remaining shortfalls, particularly at sites with unused mini pitches.
- ◀ Work with education providers to secure access to football pitches through establishing community use agreements.
- ◀ Seek to improve changing provision at Key and Hub sites, ensuring that each site has a sufficient number of changing rooms to service all pitches on site.
- ◀ Ensure clubs in the football pyramid can progress by being compliant to FA ground grading regulations.
- ◀ Determine the most economically advantageous grass pitches to maintain and invest in moving forward, subject to available funding.

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## 3G pitches

**Supply and demand analysis highlight that Bradford District has insufficient supply of 3G pitches to meet current and future demand for football training, based on the FA training model.  
This shortfall equates to three full size 3G pitches.**

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- ◀ There are 15 full size 3G pitches in Bradford District, all of which, have floodlighting. Of these, 14 are available for community use (Appleton Academy being the exception) to some extent. However, only 11 are fully available in the peak period (i.e. both midweek and weekends) representing 79% of the supply.
- ◀ There are a further 15 small size 3G pitches, all but three, are located at primary school sites and available for community use.
- ◀ Ten of the full size pitches are currently certified for competitive football use and listed on the FA 3G Football Turf Pitch Register and one is a World Rugby certified pitch located at Keighley RFC.
- ◀ Furthermore, there are three small size 3G pitches which features on the FA register and can thus be used for competitive matches.
- ◀ There is also a WR compliant 3G pitch located at Woodhouse Grove School (Leeds) which is accessed by a Bradford based rugby union club (Old Grovians RUFC) for training demand.
- ◀ A new full size 3G pitch is in the process of being considered at Wyke Manor (Bradford South).
- ◀ Most of the full size 3G pitches (nine of the 15) are rated as good quality. Five of the remaining six are rated as standard, whilst one is rated as poor, at Goals Soccer Centre (Bradford East).
- ◀ Two pitches presently exceed the recommended surface lifespan and are considered either poor or standard quality as a result (Marley Sports Centre and Goals Soccer Centre) with Marley Sports Centre in most need of a resurface given its age (14 years).
- ◀ Demand for 3G pitches in Bradford District is predominately driven by football with 103 teams playing competitive club football on 3G pitches (mostly mini teams). Further to this, the FA's long-term ambition is to provide every affiliated team in England the opportunity to train once per week on floodlit 3G surface.
- ◀ The FA training model estimates that there is a need for 16 full size 3G pitches to service football training needs in Bradford District. There are presently 13 full size pitches, available midweek, which can accommodate football training demand, resulting in a shortfall of three. This figure excludes the WR 3G pitch at Keighley RFC which is only used for rugby union.
- ◀ Present use of 3G pitches for rugby union mainly extends to Keighley RUFC with the Club utilising the World Rugby compliant 3G pitch at its home venue for both match and training demand. However, potential demand exists for further greater use of 3G pitches to accommodate training to help reduce shortfalls on grass pitches.
- ◀ Rugby league in Bradford is mainly played on grass pitches, with 3G pitches used to accommodate training demand, particularly throughout the winter pre-season period. It is likely that nationally demand for 3G pitches for training will increase in future but that teams will continue to prefer grass training as the weather allows.

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## **Scenarios**

### *Moving all mini teams to play on 3G pitches*

There are currently 203 mini (5v5 and 7v7) teams playing competitive football in Bradford District, regardless of site management type.

Based on the FA model for competitive football, ten full sized FA/FIFA certified 3G pitches (rounded up from 9.69) would be required to accommodate all mini soccer teams. This is on the basis that both playing formats can be accommodated on one day using staggered kick off times. On this basis, there is enough existing provision across the District to cater for this demand if programming is maximised. However, it is not necessarily all ideally located to service where the demand is based.

### *Use of 3G pitches to accommodate current and future grass pitch shortfalls*

In order to accommodate current grass pitch shortfalls, additional capacity equivalent to five FA/FIFA certified 3G pitches would be required in Bradford South alone. This increases to a total need for seven 3G pitches when accounting for future growth. However, when the District is considered as a whole there is a requirement for four full sized 3G pitches to address current shortfalls, increasing to eight when future growth is considered.

Creating this many additional 3G pitches for competitive match play may be unrealistic, however, it may be suitable within specific localities to better accommodate demand. Furthermore, consideration should be given to any pre-existing small sided 3G pitches in Bradford which may be able to provide opportunities for match play, if able to gain certification onto the FA register.

### *New pitches*

Should new 3G pitches be created, there is a likely impact on the future sustainability of hockey suitable AGPs as some football demand is likely to transfer onto 3G pitches as more are provided.

Access to this capacity should be sought for hockey use to accommodate and facilitate participation growth including access for Bradford based hockey clubs.

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

## **Recommendations**

- ◀ Provide additional 3G pitches in Bradford aligned to identified shortfalls in football training.
- ◀ Retain all certified 3G pitches on the respective sporting registers and ensure certification of each is renewed through performance standard testing so to maintain the level of 3G capacity available to accommodate demand from different sports.
- ◀ Seek to maximise use of all existing 3G pitches at weekends to accommodate match play in order to accommodate all mini demand and additionally to reduce grass pitch shortfalls.
- ◀ Should any new 3G pitches be built, ensure they are constructed to required specifications and to meet FA, RFL and RFU recommendations rather than minimum dimensions where land footprint allows, so to maximise opportunities for use for all formats of competitive play.
- ◀ Further to this, seek to secure access through usage agreements where possible as a condition of partnership investment or planning conditions.

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- ◀ Seek to maximise use of the World Rugby Compliant 3G pitch at the Keighley RFC site by Bradford District based rugby union clubs.
- ◀ Ensure that all rugby league activity currently taking place on 3G pitches is non-contact as none have RFL Community Standard certification.
- ◀ Encourage providers to have a mechanism in place which ensures the long term sustainability of provision, such as an adequate sinking fund for repairs or resurfacing formed over time.
- ◀ Through the creation of new full sized 3G pitches, consider options to deliver a wide variety of sporting opportunities, including new formats of competitive football such as central venue midweek flexi and vets leagues, as well as walking football and female development centres.
- ◀ Should any new 3G pitches be built, consider potential to certify for competitive use by sports additional to football as part of a shared scheme, for example, to reduce shortfalls for rugby union or rugby league.

### *Cricket*

#### Summary

**Present and future demand for cricket cannot be sufficiently accommodated by existing supply of facilities.**

**Supply and demand analysis of natural turf cricket squares in Bradford District at peak times suggests there is a significant shortfall of provision.**

- ◀ In total, there are 73 natural turf cricket squares in Bradford District located across 69 sites, all of which are available for community use.
- ◀ The Shipley Analysis Area has the most natural grass squares with 32% of the supply, whilst the Bradford South, East and West analysis areas each have 11 natural grass squares (15% each).
- ◀ In total, there are 20 non-turf pitches (NTPs) in Bradford District. Of which, five are standalone and the remaining are all located at club sites within the existing square.
- ◀ The majority of natural turf cricket squares 45 (62%) were found to be of standard quality and 23 (32%) to be of good quality. Five natural turf squares in the District are considered poor quality; three of which are located at Council owned sites.
- ◀ 67% of responding clubs in Bradford District consider the ancillary facilities home venues to be of a good quality, with 11 (24%) considering ancillary facilities to be of standard or acceptable quality; and four reporting that ancillary facilities on site are of a poor or unacceptable quality.
- ◀ More than half of the responding clubs report a need for improved training facilities, with these aspiring to have an NTP installed or resurfaced on site, in addition to roll on practice nets which could be used to accommodate training demand.
- ◀ The majority of cricket clubs in Bradford District are considered to have secured use with 21 of the responding clubs owning sites freehold, 16 clubs leasing home venues and eight renting sites. Queensbury CC which rents its home venue from a local landowner without a formal, written agreement in place.
- ◀ There are 62 affiliated clubs playing in Bradford District. producing 135 senior and 103 junior cricket teams playing competitive matches, a number of which are unaffiliated.
- ◀ Team generation rates based on future population when applied District wide, predict an increase of two junior boys' teams, however, when TGRs are applied by analysis area, only one junior team is forecast to be created, located in the Shipley Area.
- ◀ In Bradford District 18 clubs operate as All Star centres, with future demand predicted to come from a number of these.

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- ◀ An analysis of match play identifies that peak time demand for natural turf squares for senior cricket is Saturday (109 teams), though there is also demand for Sunday (16 teams) and midweek cricket (ten teams).
- ◀ Of those sites with existing community use, there are 18 sites which show sufficient potential spare capacity on senior natural turf squares in Bradford District, totalling 501 match sessions per season. However, only eight sites have actual spare capacity at senior peak time (Saturday).
- ◀ There are 26 natural grass squares in Bradford District considered to be overplayed by an accumulative 351 match equivalent sessions per season.
- ◀ Analysis suggests there is sufficient capacity at present to cater for demand in both the Bradford East and Keighley analysis areas, with the other three areas all displaying shortfalls. Overall there is a shortfall of provision across the District which is exacerbated when future demand is considered.

### **Scenarios**

#### *Improving quality*

Improving the quality of all natural grass squares by one increment (poor to standard or standard to good) where possible, increases potential spare capacity in the District by 427 match equivalent sessions per season; with overplay on nine sites being eliminated, eight of which subsequently have potential capacity for additional demand. All of these sites are accessed for regular match demand by clubs.

Increasing the capacity across the District by improving the quality would provide sufficient capacity across the District to accommodate all future demand, as reported in the Assessment Report.

It should be noted that the increased capacity includes squares located at education sites which are considered unsecure; and not all capacity available will be during the peak period for match demand.

#### *Loss of unsecure sites*

At present, only Baildon CC is identified as accommodating match demand at an unsecure site (Sandal Primary School). If the school ceased making the square available for community use, then 21 match equivalent sessions would need be accommodated elsewhere in the District. None of this demand could be accommodated at the Club's primary home venue as it is already overplayed by eight match equivalent sessions; therefore, an alternative venue in the Shipley Analysis Area would be required.

If security of tenure cannot be formalised, one option would be Hirst Lane Playing Fields which has a square consisting of six standard quality grass wickets; and is currently unused by a club. Demand from Sandal Primary School could be relocated to the site with some spare capacity for further demand (three match equivalent sessions).

#### *New provision*

New natural turf provision requires a period of time to become established and therefore it is not recommended that clubs transfer to new sites until it is considered by the ECB that grounds are able to accommodate competitive fixtures.

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It should be noted that the ECB states that where there is either new cricket provision being put in place or more commonly development which may prejudice the use of the sporting facility there would be a requirement for a full ball strike risk assessment to be undertaken and appropriate mitigation put in place as part of the development. As such the ECB recommends that the clubs/organisations seek to have a ball strike risk assessment undertaken. Further information can be provided by the ECB.

The ECB highlights that NTPs which follow its TS6 guidance on performance standards are suitable for high level, senior play and are considered able to take 60 matches per season although this may include training sessions where on occasions mobile nets may be used as a practice facility.

The ECB Get the Game On campaign<sup>4</sup> is focused on increasing participation and reducing the number of matches cancelled in order to keep people interested and playing. During the campaign's inaugural year in 2015 there were 6% more games played nationally with 5% less matches cancelled. Use of NTPs for league cricket may present a way forward to fulfilling more fixtures and use of NTPs for league cricket may increase in future. As such ECB is working with the Council on a programme to increase the number of NTPs available in local authority parks and open space to meet the targets set in ECB's South Asian Strategy and Action Plan where it is ECB's vision that cricket will be the game that truly engages with and works for the benefit of all its communities. It will embrace diversity and inclusivity across all players, coaches, administrators and volunteers, regardless of ethnicity, age or gender. It will be a game to embrace everyone, a game to be celebrated and a force for good.

### *All Stars Cricket*

In partnership with the ECB and Chance to Shine, All Stars Cricket delivers cricket programmes aimed at introducing cricket to children aged from five to eight. It is predicted that this will subsequently lead to increased participation in junior cricket at clubs. Given the target age demographic of All Stars participants, it should be considered that much future demand will be generated in more than five years, when participants will then be aged between ten and 13 years old.

With both this and the level of aspiration that Bradford based clubs have for future junior demand, it could be predicted that the impact of All Stars Cricket will not significantly impact on pitch capacity, at least in the short-term as play will take place on the outfield at off peak times. The table below scenario tests the future demand picture with future junior teams excluded.

*Table 4.2 Capacity of cricket squares with club aspirations for junior demand factored in/out*

| Analysis area   | Total spare capacity (match sessions) | Demand (match sessions per season) |               |               |            |
|---|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|------------|
|   |                                       | Overplay                           | Current total | Future demand | Total      |
| <b>Future junior demand (club aspirations) included</b> |                                       |                                    |               |               |            |
| Bradford East   | 56                                    | 29                                 | 27            | 34            | 7          |
| Bradford South  | -                                     | 31                                 | 31            | 99            | 130        |
| Bradford West   | 53                                    | 73                                 | 20            | 68            | 88         |
| Keighley Area   | 110                                   | 100                                | 10            | 42            | 32         |
| Shipley Area  | 59                                    | 118                                | 59            | 116           | 175        |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>278</b>                            | <b>351</b>                         | <b>73</b>     | <b>359</b>    | <b>432</b> |

<sup>4</sup> <http://getthegameon.co.uk/>

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| Analysis area   | Total spare capacity (match sessions) | Demand (match sessions per season) |               |               |            |
|---|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|------------|
|   |                                       | Overplay                           | Current total | Future demand | Total      |
| <b>Future junior demand (club aspirations) excluded</b> |                                       |                                    |               |               |            |
| Bradford East   | 56                                    | 29                                 | 27            | 22            | 5          |
| Bradford South  | -                                     | 31                                 | 31            | 27            | 58         |
| Bradford West   | 53                                    | 73                                 | 20            | 32            | 52         |
| Keighley Area   | 110                                   | 100                                | 10            | -             | 10         |
| Shipley Area  | 59                                    | 118                                | 59            | 38            | 97         |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>278</b>                            | <b>351</b>                         | <b>73</b>     | <b>119</b>    | <b>192</b> |

If future junior demand is excluded from the analysis, then the future shortfall across the District reduces from 432 match equivalent sessions per year to 192 match equivalent sessions per year shortfall.

In addition to this, shortfalls in the Bradford East and Keighley analysis areas are eliminated when junior demand is excluded, with some spare capacity being evidenced in these analysis areas.

### **Recommendations**

- ◀ Existing quantity of cricket pitches to be protected (unless adequately re-provided elsewhere in accordance with Sport England's Playing Fields Policy Exception E4).
- ◀ As a priority, work to secure long term tenure for Queensbury CC, which rents its home venue from a private landowner without a formal agreement.
- ◀ If clubs are required to relocate, ensure any newly developed site can adequately accommodate demand generated from each club (including current overplay).
- ◀ Improve quality of accompanying pavilion facilities at Bradford Moor CC, Ingrow CC, Low Moor Holy Trinity CC and Bradford CC, preferably through creation of a new buildings to ECB specifications, or through refurbishment of the existing building if not feasible.
- ◀ Seek to secure tenure for clubs identified as having unsecure tenure arrangements.
- ◀ Opportunities for sustainable provision should be explored.
- ◀ Maintain and improve pitch quality through rigorous and regular maintenance, remedial and preparatory work, ensuring that clubs have sufficient access to the required equipment in order to do so.
- ◀ Strong emphasis should be placed on improving pitches from poor to standard quality as this will have a greater impact.
- ◀ Work with clubs and leagues towards permitting use of NTPs to make greater use of NTPs to help alleviate overplay at club sites.
- ◀ Continue to deliver the All Stars Cricket and seek to increase junior participation.
- ◀ 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.
- ◀ Monitor future growth and ensure outfielders are improved to help increase capacity to accommodate future growth from All Stars Cricket.
- ◀ ECB, YCB and CBMDC to establish a suitable site for an Urban Indoor Cricket Centre to align with a key priority action in ECB's South Asian Strategy which provides access to year round cricket facilities in urban areas; reducing the challenges of availability, quality and cost.

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## Rugby union

### Summary

**There is a current and future overall shortfall of senior rugby union pitches in Bradford District. However, there is sufficient supply of junior and mini pitches.**

**Clubs training on match pitches is contributing to the significant levels of overplay.**

- ◀ Within Bradford there are 30 senior, two junior and a mini pitch provided across 19 sites. All but one is available for community use, located at Holy Family Catholic School.
- ◀ Seven of the senior pitches are floodlit.
- ◀ The Keighley Analysis Area has the largest number of rugby union pitches available for community use (12 pitches), distributed across eight sites.
- ◀ In addition, there is one World Rugby compliant 3G pitch located at Keighley RUFC which accommodates all the club's training demand. Another World Rugby 3G pitch is located just outside of Bradford District at Woodhouse Grove School (Leeds), which is used by Old Grovians RUFC for training.
- ◀ Some clubs such as Old Grovians RFC and Wibsey RFC are not considered to have security of tenure. Further to this, the short length of the lease for use of the third pitch used by Baildon RFC (owned by the Diocese of Leeds) is a particular risk to maintaining club activity in the short term.
- ◀ Of the community available pitches in Bradford, four are assessed as good quality, 16 as standard and 12 as poor quality. Most pitches located at school sites are poor quality. In particular, RFU considers it a priority to improve pitch drainage at Ilkley RFC.
- ◀ All community clubs report varying degrees of need to improve/extend ancillary provision at their home grounds. However, for three; Baildon RFC, Bradford & Bingley RFC and Bradford Salem this is considered priority by RFU.
- ◀ There are eight community rugby union clubs based in Bradford District, providing a total of 72 teams. Five of the community clubs have mini and junior teams The University of Bradford RUFC also provides two senior teams.
- ◀ There are women's teams representing Bradford & Bingley RFC (one team), Bradford Salem RFC (one team) and University of Bradford RUFC (one team).
- ◀ In general, participation levels have remained the same over recent seasons although four clubs report fluctuations recently. However, Keighley RUFC and Wibsey RUFC report the creation of additional senior men's teams due to increased club membership.
- ◀ In addition to use of the two World Rugby 3G pitches for training, generally clubs use floodlit pitches at their respective home grounds.
- ◀ Although team generation rates (population increases) do not predict a great increase in future demand, all clubs report aspirations to growth the current number of teams that they have.
- ◀ There are six sites containing senior pitches which display potential spare capacity to accommodate additional play, however, only three of these are considered to have actual spare capacity at peak time for senior play.
- ◀ Eight pitches across five sites are overplayed. All overplayed pitches are senior size, whilst more than half (five pitches) are floodlit and accommodate regular midweek training demand. Overplay throughout the District totals 26 match equivalent sessions per week.

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## **Scenarios**

### *Training on 3G*

Keighley RFC is the venue of the only WR compliant 3G pitch in Bradford District. It was installed as part of the RFU's Rugby 365 programme and exist to service demand from both Bradford District and surrounding areas. At present, Keighley RFC, Old Grovians RFC and clubs based in Skipton and Craven utilise the pitch for some midweek training demand.

If half of all training demand from community clubs was relocated to Keighley this would see a reduction in overplay at all venues utilised by community clubs. It would not be sufficient to eradicate overplay at any of the sites but if this was teamed with pitch improvements then it is possible that overplay could be addressed, particularly at Ilkley RUFC, Bradford & Bingley RFC and Bradford Salem. However, from mapping it is known that Wibsey RFC wouldn't travel to use the pitch at Keighley as it is considered too far, and the Club only has one training session per week. Therefore, an onsite solution at Wibsey RFC is a more realistic option.

The table overleaf looks at the impact of relocating half of each club's training demand would have on individual sites. As midweek training demand can only take place on floodlit pitches; only those pitches that are subject to training demand are examined. It is a key action for RFU to work with these clubs to help realise this capacity.

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It should also be noted that training demand from Keighley RFC and Old Grovians RFC already takes place on the WR compliant 3G pitches, therefore no training demand can be relocated off grass pitches at respective home venues.

Table 4.3: Impact of relocating training demand

| Site ID | Site name                               | Analysis area  | Security of tenure    | Pitch type | Quality rating | Number of pitches | Floodlit? | Usage (MES per week) | Site capacity (MES per week) | Capacity rating (MES per week) | Training demand (MES per week) | Capacity effect (MES per week) |
|---------|---|----------------|-----------------------|------------|----------------|-------------------|-----------|----------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 12      | Baildon Rugby and Cricket Ground        | Shipley Area   | Secure                | Senior     | M1 / D1        | 1                 | Yes       | 8.5                  | 2                            | 6.5                            | 6                              | 3.5                            |
| 29      | Bradford & Bingley Sports & Social Club | Shipley Area   | Secure                | Senior     | M1 / D1        | 1                 | Yes       | 8                    | 2                            | 6                              | 7                              | 2.5                            |
| 35      | Bradford Salem RFC                      | Bradford West  | Secure                | Senior     | M1 / D3        | 1                 | Yes       | 9                    | 3                            | 6                              | 7                              | 2.5                            |
| 221     | Wibsey Rugby pitch                      | Bradford South | Unsecure <sup>5</sup> | Senior     | M1 / D1        | 1                 | Yes       | 3                    | 2                            | 1                              | 1                              | 0.5                            |
| 998     | Ilkley RUFC                             | Keighley Area  | Secure                | Senior     | M1 / D3        | 1                 | Yes       | 7.5                  | 3                            | 4.5                            | 7                              | 1                              |

### Improving pitch quality

As shown in the overleaf, improving maintenance from poor (M0) to standard (M1) or standard (M1) to good (M2) at sites where clubs have security of tenure would create additional capacity of 10.5 match equivalent sessions (MES) per week.

This would create an additional 5.5 match equivalent sessions per week potential spare capacity for use, as well as removing overplay from three pitches; and reducing accumulative shortfalls from 25 match equivalent sessions per week to 12.5 match equivalent sessions.

Of note, all of the pitches that would retain overplay with pitch improvements are all floodlit and therefore, are subject to midweek training demand.

<sup>5</sup> Although not secure yet, this was an action within the previous Bradford PPS and it is progressing.

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Maintenance of one pitch at Bradford & Bingley Sports and Social Club and a pitch at Ilkley RUFC cannot be improved further with a current maintenance rating of M2 the maximum possible for a community club.

Table 4.4: Impact of improving maintenance

| Site ID | Site name                               | Analysis area | Available for community use? | Security of tenure | Pitch type | Quality rating | Number of pitches | Floodlit? | Usage (MES per week) | Site capacity (MES per week) | Capacity rating (MES per week) | Improved quality | Capacity effect (MES per week) |
|---------|---|---------------|------------------------------|--------------------|------------|----------------|-------------------|-----------|----------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|
| 12      | Baildon Rugby and Cricket Ground        | Shipley Area  | Yes                          | Secure             | Senior     | M0 / D0        | 1                 | No        | 1                    | 0.5                          | 0.5                            | M1/D0            | -0.5                           |
|         |   |               |                              |                    |            | M1 / D1        | 1                 | Yes       | 8.5                  | 2                            | 6.5                            | M2/D1            | 5.5                            |
|         |   |               |                              |                    |            | M1 / D1        | 1                 | No        | 2.5                  | 2                            | 0.5                            | M2/D1            | -0.5                           |
| 29      | Bradford & Bingley Sports & Social Club | Shipley Area  | Yes                          | Secure             | Senior     | M1 / D1        | 1                 | Yes       | 8                    | 2                            | 6                              | M2/D1            | 5                              |
|         |   |               |                              |                    |            | M1 / D1        | 1                 | No        | 2                    | 2                            | -                              | M2/D1            | -1                             |
| 35      | Bradford Salem RFC                      | Bradford West | Yes                          | Secure             | Senior     | M1 / D3        | 1                 | Yes       | 9                    | 3                            | 6                              | M2/D3            | 5.5                            |
|         |   |               |                              |                    |            | M1 / D3        | 1                 | No        | 3                    | 3                            | -                              | M2/D3            | -0.5                           |
|         |   |               |                              |                    |            | M1 / D1        | 1                 | No        | 3                    | 2                            | 1                              | M2/D1            | -                              |
| 130     | Keighley RFC                            | Keighley Area | Yes                          | Secure             | Mini       | M1 / D1        | 1                 | No        | 2                    | 2                            | -                              | M2/D1            | -1                             |
|         |   |               |                              |                    | Senior     | M1 / D1        | 1                 | Yes       | 1                    | 2                            | -1                             | M2/D1            | -2                             |
|         |   |               |                              |                    | Senior     | M1 / D1        | 1                 | No        | 1                    | 2                            | -1                             | M2/D1            | -2                             |
| 998     | Ilkley RUFC                             | Keighley Area | Yes                          | Secure             | Senior     | M1 / D3        | 1                 | Yes       | 7.5                  | 3                            | 4.5                            | M2/D3            | 4                              |

Alternatively, improving both maintenance and drainage by one increment would increase capacity by 13.75 match equivalent sessions per week. This would eliminate overplay on three pitches; whilst concurrently decreasing overplay and increasing potential spare capacity. Four pitches remain overplayed, all of which are floodlit and are subject to midweek training demand.

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At these sites, also relocating half of the training demand to the WR compliant 3G pitch at Keighley RFC would not be enough to eradicate overplay. However, at Ilkley RUFC, if these options were combined with a reallocation of match demand it would be possible to remove all overplay for the site, whilst retaining 0.5 match equivalent sessions per week on the non-floodlit pitch.

Even if all pitches were improved to the maximum possible quality rating (M2/D3) this would not create enough capacity on any of the overplayed sites to completely remove shortfalls. Therefore, providing dedicated, floodlit training areas for clubs to utilise midweek would be the most suitable action.

Table 4.5: Improving maintenance and drainage

| Site ID | Site name                               | Analysis area | Available for community use? | Security of tenure | Pitch type | Quality rating | Number of pitches | Floodlit? | Usage (MES per week) | Site capacity (MES per week) | Capacity rating (MES per week) | Improved quality | Capacity effect (MES per week) |
|---------|---|---------------|------------------------------|--------------------|------------|----------------|-------------------|-----------|----------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|
| 12      | Baildon Rugby and Cricket Ground        | Shipley Area  | Yes                          | Secure             | Senior     | M0/D0          | 1                 | No        | 1                    | 0.5                          | 0.5                            | M1/D1            | -1                             |
|         |   |               |                              |                    |            | M1/D1          | 1                 | Yes       | 8.5                  | 2                            | 6.5                            | M2/D2            | 5.25                           |
|         |   |               |                              |                    |            | M1/D1          | 1                 | No        | 2.5                  | 2                            | 0.5                            | M2/D2            | -0.75                          |
| 29      | Bradford & Bingley Sports & Social Club | Shipley Area  | Yes                          | Secure             | Senior     | M2/D1          | 1                 | No        | 2.75                 | 3                            | -0.25                          | M2/D2            | -0.5                           |
|         |   |               |                              |                    |            | M1/D1          | 1                 | Yes       | 8                    | 2                            | 6                              | M2/D2            | 4.75                           |
|         |   |               |                              |                    |            | M1/D1          | 1                 | No        | 2                    | 2                            | -                              | M2/D2            | -1.25                          |
| 35      | Bradford Salem RFC                      | Bradford West | Yes                          | Secure             | Senior     | M1/D3          | 1                 | Yes       | 9                    | 3                            | 6                              | M2/D3            | 5.5                            |
|         |   |               |                              |                    |            | M1/D3          | 1                 | No        | 3                    | 3                            | -                              | M2/D3            | -0.5                           |
|         |   |               |                              |                    |            | M1/D1          | 1                 | No        | 3                    | 2                            | 1                              | M2/D2            | -0.25                          |
| 130     | Keighley RFC                            | Keighley Area | Yes                          | Secure             | Mini       | M1/D1          | 1                 | No        | 2                    | 2                            | -                              | M2/D2            | -1.25                          |
|         |   |               |                              |                    | Senior     | M1/D1          | 1                 | Yes       | 1                    | 2                            | -1                             | M2/D2            | -2.25                          |
|         |   |               |                              |                    | Senior     | M1/D1          | 1                 | No        | 1                    | 2                            | -1                             | M2/D2            | -2.25                          |
| 998     | Ilkley RUFC                             | Keighley Area | Yes                          | Secure             | Senior     | M1/D3          | 1                 | Yes       | 7.5                  | 3                            | 4.5                            | M2/D3            | 4                              |
|         |   |               |                              |                    |            | M2/D0          | 1                 | No        | 2                    | 2                            | -                              | M2/D1            | -1                             |

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### *Loss of Baildon RFC 3<sup>rd</sup> pitch*

The short length of the lease for use of the third pitch used by Baildon RFC (owned by the Diocese of Leeds) is a particular risk to maintaining club activity in the short term. The pitch (standard quality) is currently overplayed by 0.5 match equivalent sessions per week. If access was lost, the current usage (2.5 match equivalent sessions per week) would need to be re-accommodated elsewhere. Given there is no available capacity locally including on the other two existing pitches on Baildon Rugby and Cricket Ground, which are both currently overplayed, a new pitch would need to be provided to accommodate the displaced demand. As demonstrated above, even with quality improvements to the existing pitches, this would not provide enough spare capacity to accommodate all 2.5 match equivalent sessions per week of current demand.

### *Creating new provision*

There is space on the site of Wibsey Rugby pitch to establish a second, senior sized, dual code pitch (rugby union and rugby league). Currently the pitch on site is overplayed by 0.5 match equivalent sessions during the rugby union season.

Creating a second pitch on the site of the same quality (M1/D1) would provide two match equivalent sessions of additional capacity for Wibsey RUFC to utilise. Thus, removing shortfalls on site and establishing one match equivalent session of potential capacity, which could be utilised by both rugby union and rugby league clubs.

### **Recommendations**

- ◀ Existing quantity of rugby union pitches to be protected (unless adequately re-provided elsewhere in accordance with Sport England's Playing Fields Policy Exception E4).
- ◀ Seek to maximise use of the World Rugby Compliant 3G pitch at the Keighley RFC site by Bradford District based clubs particularly for training to help address overplay. It is a key action for RFU to work with clubs to help realise this capacity.
- ◀ Improve pitch maintenance across the District through improved maintenance. Explore options for an equipment bank where clubs can share equipment.
- ◀ Work to ensure that all clubs have long term lease agreements to provide the clubs with security of tenure on all currently used pitches.
- ◀ Improve ancillary provision at Baildon, Bradford Salem, Wibsey and Old Grovians rugby clubs; ensuring that their changing provision is of sufficient quality and number to service all pitches simultaneously.
- ◀ Support Keighley RFC and Bradford Salem RFC to increase the number of ensuite changing rooms on site to increase participation.
- ◀ Working with partners including ECB, consider addressing whether the clubhouse facility at Bradford & Bingley Sports & Social Club is on a floodplain and if there is a need to improve the facilities over the longer term to reduce the potential impact of the site flooding.

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## Rugby league

### Summary

**Currently there is a significant level of overplay on senior rugby league pitches resulting in shortfalls (36.75 match equivalent sessions per week) in all areas except Bradford West Analysis Area which has minimal spare capacity.**

**This is predominantly a result of training and competitive demand taking place on pitches, several of which have limited capacity for use anyway due to poor quality.**

**The current picture for junior pitches across Bradford District indicates that the one pitch located in Keighley Analysis Area has capacity for additional demand.**

- ◀ The audit identifies a total of 24 grass rugby league pitches (23 senior and one junior) across 19 sites in Bradford District. All, but one, is identified as being available for community use on some level. The unavailable pitch is located at Odsal Stadium (Bradford Bulls).
- ◀ Seven clubs in Bradford District are not considered to have long term security of tenure at current home venues. These clubs each rent a pitch or pitches from BMDC on annual agreements.
- ◀ Just over half of pitches (54%) are assessed as poor quality, 25% are standard quality with the remaining 21% rated as good.
- ◀ Anti-social behaviour at rugby league sites appears to be a common issue, with this noted at four sites in particular, three in Bradford South and one in Keighley.
- ◀ Most clubs in Bradford District have access to changing room provision for home games; however, the quality of these varies throughout the District. Four clubs highlight that if better quality ancillary provision was available then this would increase the number of teams representing respective clubs.
- ◀ There are ten community rugby league clubs in Bradford District providing a total of 77 competitive rugby league teams. This includes three women's and two girls' teams.
- ◀ There are also two professional clubs in the District; Bradford Bulls RLFC and Keighley Cougars RLFC, both of which, compete in the RFL Kingstone League 1.
- ◀ The majority of demand is based around the Bradford South Analysis Area where there are 53 teams (69%), whilst there are no rugby league teams based in Bradford West Analysis Area.
- ◀ In general, the number of teams has remained consistent over the last three years, although there has been an increase in junior teams there has also been a decrease in senior teams.
- ◀ Team generation rates based on future population applied by analysis area forecast the likely creation of at least one new junior boys' team based in Bradford South Analysis Area.
- ◀ Six clubs intend to increase the number of teams for next season, which would total 7.75 match equivalent sessions per week.
- ◀ Although, six sites supplying nine pitch display potential spare capacity only eight pitches across five sites have actual spare capacity available at senior peak time (Saturday PM) totalling 7.5 match equivalent sessions per week.
- ◀ Twelve pitches across 11 sites are overplayed by a total of 44.25 match equivalent sessions per week.

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### **Scenarios**

#### *Transfer of training demand from match pitches*

Across all sites present training demand on match pitches totals 31 match equivalent sessions per week, all on senior pitches. Removing all training demand off match pitches significantly reduces the District wide shortfall, which would then total 5.75 match equivalent sessions per week.

Although training demand for Bradford Bulls RLFC does not take place on the Club's match pitch the ten match equivalent sessions per week across two pitches does contribute significant overplay (six match equivalent sessions). If this is factored in to the retained shortfall if all training demand is removed from match pitches, then removing training, as suggested, would eliminate overplay at every site, Tong Sports Centre excepted.

However, this is site specific and site constraints may not allow for teams to train elsewhere onsite.

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### Improving pitch quality

Improving pitch quality at all secure, available for community use (and used) sites by one increment (poor to standard or standard to good) would create ten additional match equivalent sessions of capacity; but this is not sufficient to eliminate overplay at any sites.

Table 4.6: Improving quality

| Site ID | Site name                                | Analysis area  | Available for community use? | Security of tenure | Pitch type        | Quality rating | Number of pitches | Usage (MES per week) | Site capacity (MES per week) | Capacity rating (MES per week) | Improved quality | Capacity effect (MES per week) |
|---------|--|----------------|------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|----------------|-------------------|----------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1       | ASA Briggs Rec Ground (Queensbury ARLFC) | Bradford South | Yes                          | Secure             | Senior            | Poor           | 1                 | 2.5                  | 1                            | 1.5                            | Standard         | 0.5                            |
| 50      | Clayton Rugby Club                       | Bradford South | Yes                          | Secure             | Senior            | Standard       | 1                 | 5.75                 | 2                            | 3.75                           | Good             | 2.75                           |
| 59      | Crossflats CC - Ryshworth Park           | Shipley Area   | Yes                          | Secure             | Senior            | Standard       | 1                 | 10.5                 | 2                            | 8.5                            | Good             | 7.5                            |
| 80      | Emsley Memorial Recreation Ground        | Bradford South | Yes                          | Secure             | Senior            | Standard       | 1                 | 9                    | 2                            | 7                              | Good             | 6                              |
| 107     | Highfield Recreation Ground              | Keighley Area  | Yes                          | Secure             | Senior            | Poor           | 1                 | 3.75                 | 1                            | 2.75                           | Standard         | 1.75                           |
| 128     | Keighley Cougars                         | Keighley Area  | Yes                          | Secure             | Senior (football) | Standard       | 1                 | 2                    | 2                            | -                              | Good             | -1                             |
| 143     | Marley Sports Centre                     | Keighley Area  | Yes                          | Secure             | Senior (football) | Poor           | 1                 | 3                    | 1                            | 2                              | Standard         | 1                              |

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| Site ID | Site name               | Analysis area  | Available for community use? | Security of tenure | Pitch type           | Quality rating | Number of pitches | Usage (MES per week) | Site capacity (MES per week) | Capacity rating (MES per week) | Improved quality | Capacity effect (MES per week) |
|---------|-------------------------|----------------|------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|----------------|-------------------|----------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|
| 160     | Odsal Playing Fields    | Bradford South | Yes                          | Secure             | Senior               | Poor           | 1                 | 0.5                  | 1                            | -0.5                           | Standard         | -1.5                           |
| 161     | Odsal Recreation Ground | Bradford South | Yes                          | Secure             | Senior               | Standard       | 1                 | 4.25                 | 2                            | 2.25                           | Good             | 1.25                           |
| 221     | Wibsey Rugby pitch      | Bradford South | Yes                          | Unsecure           | Senior (rugby union) | Poor           | 1                 | 4.25                 | 1                            | 3.25                           | Standard         | 2.25                           |

Improving all secure, available for community use (and used) sites to good quality would create an additional 15 match equivalent sessions from the current total; and this would remove overplay from two sites (Marley Sports Centre and ASA Briggs Rec Ground), with 0.5 match equivalent sessions of potential capacity being created at the latter. However, significant shortfalls across the District would remain.

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## **Recommendations**

- ◀ Existing quantity of rugby league pitches to be protected (unless adequately re-provided elsewhere in accordance with Sport England's Playing Fields Policy Exception E4).
- ◀ Improve pitch quality where possible to increase capacity in the District and reduce overall shortfalls.
- ◀ Where possible, encourage teams to utilise areas off match pitches for training demand; on some sites this may mean installing floodlighting to encourage use during pre-season in the winter months.
- ◀ Provide a second, dual code (rugby union and rugby league) pitch on Wibsey Rugby pitch to help reduce shortfalls.
- ◀ Work with both Keighley Cougars RLFC and Keighley Albion ARLFC to configure adequate car parking for each site.
- ◀ Support Keighley Cougars RLFC to establish a dedicated training venue, allowing the Club to train on grass as opposed to concrete pathways at the Club's home ground.
- ◀ Improve ancillary facilities available to clubs, particularly at Wibsey Rugby pitch and Emsley Memorial Recreation Ground
- ◀ Ensure that facilities at Albert Road Recreation Ground meet Queensbury ARLFC's requirements.
- ◀ Ensure that one new grass pitch at Wyke Manor is for use by community rugby league clubs.
- ◀ Cease any contact rugby league activity currently taking place on 3G pitches, none of which are understood to have RFL Community Standard certification.
- ◀ Ensure any future provision/site improvements are created/undertaken to a satisfactory standard to accommodate community level rugby league in Bradford.
- ◀ Support Keighley Cougars RLFC to open discussions with Keighley CC and Keighley BC, to ensure positive working relationships amongst the neighbouring clubs.

## **Hockey**

### **Summary**

**The current supply of available hockey suitable AGPs is considered insufficient to accommodate the current and future level of hockey demand at peak time (Saturday) and midweek (for training) in Bradford District.**

**There is also a priority need to address long term security of tenure and the quality of AGP surfaces in Bradford to ensure their continued use to accommodate hockey.**

- ◀ There are currently six full sized hockey suitable AGPs in Bradford, all of which, are floodlit. However, only five are available for community use, with Bradford Grammar School recently (September 2018) withdrawing community use which has displaced Bingley Bees HC.
- ◀ Additionally, there are five smaller sized hockey suitable AGPs.
- ◀ Proposals for new pitches include a full-size hockey AGP at Holy Family Catholic School (planning permission granted); a replacement AGP at Beckfoot Oakbank School for the one decommissioned (also permanently retaining the temporary pitch for training).
- ◀ Although available for community use, Carlton Bolling College AGP is unused for hockey. This is thought to be due to its poor quality and distance from clubs making it unattractive to use.
- ◀ Three full sized hockey suitable AGPs are rated as poor quality, two as good and one as standard quality.

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- ◀ Despite being within recommended lifespans the pitches at Titus Salt School (Shipley Area) and Bradford Grammar School (Bradford West) are both of poor quality.
- ◀ The pitch at Bradford Girls Grammar although assessed as standard quality is 14 years old and will require replacement in the next 18 months.
- ◀ Access to appropriate ancillary provision is also a consistent concern for clubs in Bradford, with both Airedale HC and Bradford HC reporting aspirations to acquire clubhouse facilities on respective home venues.
- ◀ Clubs located at education sites are not considered to have security of tenure, as no long term community use agreements are in place. This means that only Ben Rhydding HC is considered to have security of tenure.
- ◀ There are four community hockey clubs, providing 45 teams, servicing demand from Bradford.
- ◀ The University of Bradford also supplies two senior teams that play matches and train at Bradford Girls' Grammar. These teams are for the University's student population only and are therefore not considered community teams.
- ◀ Three of the four community hockey clubs report aspirations to grow the number of teams representing respective clubs.
- ◀ It is noted that juniors at Bingley Bees HC are not currently able to train regularly due to lack of available capacity which is already starting to impact on participation.
- ◀ All four of the currently used AGPs in Bradford are considered to have minimal capacity for additional use at weekends. Further to this, Bingley Bees HC is currently utilising spare capacity at Ben Rhydding Sports Club to accommodate its displaced adult team.

### **Scenarios**

#### *Loss of unsecure sites*

Of the four community-based hockey clubs in Bradford, only Ben Rhydding HC is considered to have security of tenure at its home site. If a situation did arise in the future which forced the other three clubs to vacate their sites there would be a need to re-accommodate a total of 13 senior and 13 junior teams.

Based on a floodlit, full size AGP being able to accommodate four matches per Saturday and Sunday i.e. eight teams, there is a need for two full sized AGPs (based on peak time demand i.e. Saturday). It should be noted that accommodating this demand would rely on adequate programming and leagues allowing match play to commence at the start of the peak period.

Having a lack of security of tenure has already affected Bingley Bees HC which has recently (September 2018) lost use of Bradford Grammar School (due to the School increasing its extra-curricular hockey) resulting in it having to relocate demand to Ben Rhydding HC as a short-term measure.

The priority option for Bingley Bees HC is to work with the school to secure long-term community use. The Club requires access to the site for one match session per week on Saturday afternoons; and access on Sundays for junior training/matches. Alternatively access to another AGP would need to be secured.

#### *Creating new provision*

Three new full size, hockey suitable AGPs are reported to be available in the future to accommodate community hockey demand, all located in the Keighley Analysis Area. The provision of pitches at Holy Family Catholic School (planning permission granted February 2019) and Beckfoot Oakbank School have both been linked to use by Airedale HC which is currently based at Titus Salt School (Shipley Area).

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Airedale HC was previously based at Beckfoot Oakbank School, prior to the pitch being decommissioned and although there are plans in place for the pitch to be re-provided, the Club is now progressing development of a new sand AGP at Holy Family Catholic School as the partner club.

Should the Club secure its home ground at Holy Family Catholic School, it is highly likely that it will need to retain use of a second home ground and therefore will continue to use the AGP at Titus Salt School (if quality of the surface is improved in the short term to allow current use to continue).

### *Addressing poor quality*

Of the five full size AGPs which are available for community use in Bradford, two are poor quality. Of these, one (Titus Salt School) is utilised for regular competitive hockey by Airedale HC's ten teams. If quality issues are not addressed in the future it, it is likely this AGP will become unsuitable to accommodate competitive matches and therefore demand will have to be transferred elsewhere.

If Airedale HC did relocate then the pitch was not be subject to regular community hockey demand. If the quality of the surface was improved then the site could become an attractive home venue for the currently nomadic Bingley Bees HC.

In addition, the full size AGP at Bradford Girl's Grammar School also requires refurbishment, given its age. If the quality continues to decline Bradford HC note that it would need to relocate to an alternative venue to access provision; meaning 11 teams would need to be accommodated at an alternative venue.

### **Recommendations**

- ◀ England Hockey to work with the Council to fully establish a local plan for hockey in Bradford which seeks to align clubs to home grounds to accommodate current and future demand.
- ◀ Seek to secure formal community use agreements for all clubs playing in Bradford to ensure continued hockey usage.
- ◀ In order to ensure the continued use by Airedale HC, resurface the AGP at Titus Salt School identified as being poor quality.
- ◀ Work to secure a long-term access agreement for Bingley Bees HC, ideally this would be at Bradford Grammar School (which is currently being improved).
- ◀ In the medium term, resurface the AGP at Bradford Girls Grammar School and facilitate ongoing community use through a long term community use agreement.
- ◀ Secure increased access to midweek and non-peak time capacity to allow for both growth in training demand and development and delivery of alternative hockey formats, such as short format matches/leagues and less formal participation-based sessions.
- ◀ Ensure that future demand from new England Hockey initiative, Hockey Heroes (aimed at growing participation for under 10s) can be accommodated.
- ◀ Seek to maximise use of capacity freed up from anticipated transfer of football training demand to 3G pitches as part of any new 3G provision in order to grow hockey participation.
- ◀ Maintain AGPs regularly and to the standard required to preserve quality for performance.
- ◀ Encourage providers to put in place a mechanism for sustainability such as a sinking fund, (formed by periodically setting aside money over time ready for surface repair or replacement when required) in place to maintain AGP pitch quality in the long term.
- ◀ Review security of tenure and long term planning for hockey in Bradford in line with annual PPS updates.

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## Bowls

### Summary

**Overall existing supply of bowling greens is sufficient for both current and future demand in Bradford.**

**Demand for bowls appears to be particularly high in Shipley Analysis Area with three greens being overplayed beyond their recommended capacity by a potential total of 86 members. Further to this, two of these greens are assessed as standard quality.**

- ◀ Overall existing supply of bowling greens is sufficient for both current and future demand in Bradford.
- ◀ Demand for bowls appears to be particularly high in Shipley Analysis Area with three greens being overplayed beyond their recommended capacity by a potential total of 86 members. Further to this, two of these greens are assessed as standard quality.
- ◀ There are 65 crown bowling greens identified in Bradford distributed across 48 sites, with nine double green sites and four triple green sites. The Shipley Analysis Area accommodates the most bowling greens with 17 greens.
- ◀ Following a non-technical assessment of greens and through consultation with the clubs, most greens, 33 or 51%, are assessed as good quality, 21 greens (32%) assessed as standard quality and the remaining 11 greens (17%) good quality.
- ◀ The majority of bowling greens across Bradford are maintained through the Council in some capacity. In 2015 the Council announced that maintenance of greens would be reduced with greater reliance on bowls being self-sufficient throughout the District.
- ◀ Five clubs in Bradford report the quality of the ancillary facilities they access to be poor; Whineswood BC (Crossroads Park), Greengates & Apperley Bridge BC (Greengates Recreation Ground), Haworth BC (Haworth Park), Oakenshaw BC (Oakenshaw Victoria Park) and Oxenhope BC (Oxenhope CC).
- ◀ In total 39 clubs (80%) rent the use of their greens from the Council. The remaining 11 have freeholds of their greens; these include clubs such as Silsden BC, Thornton BC, Shipley BC, The Harold Club BC and The Salts BC.
- ◀ There are 50 bowling clubs in Bradford, each with multiple teams playing various evenings and afternoons throughout the week.
- ◀ Future club aspiration demand amounts to 72 senior and 15 junior members.
- ◀ In total there are five sites which are potentially overplayed across Bradford totalling 113 additional members over recommended capacity.
- ◀ All remaining bowling greens in Bradford are considered to have capacity to accommodate additional members.

### Scenarios

Based on the aforementioned guidance and known membership figures from club feedback, four sites are considered to be overplayed. There is a clear requirement to work with all clubs to ensure quality of each bowling green does not deteriorate due to overplay and that clubs are supported to ensure green quality can be sustained and improved. As mentioned, no clubs report a need to access additional greens.

It is evident that despite overplay at some sites there is a sufficient supply of bowling greens overall to accommodate all current and future demand in Bradford.

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In addition, Thornton, Peel, Oakworth, Lister Park and Haworth bowling clubs are all report having 20 or fewer members. Therefore, the participation levels at these clubs needs to monitored moving forward as they are all operating under the recommend levels to sustain a bowling green.

### **Recommendations**

- ◀ Improve quality at used greens as required, particularly at Silsden Park which has minimal spare capacity at present and a future overplay.
- ◀ Improve ancillary facilities at Crossroads Park, Greengates Recreation Ground, Haworth Park, Oakenshaw Victoria Park and Oxenhope CC.
- ◀ Support clubs with plans to increase membership so that growth can be maximised.
- ◀ Determine the future use of the second green at The Harold Club. Removing the green would result in a small amount of overplay on the sole remaining green.
- ◀ Encourage clubs to take on responsibility for maintaining greens by providing clubs with long term community use agreements.
- ◀ Further explore the sustainability at sites containing more than one bowling green to ensure use is maximised.

### **Tennis**

#### **Summary**

**There is currently sufficient supply of tennis courts in Bradford District to meet current and future club demand expressed.**

**However, most Council managed courts in the District are of poor quality which is likely to result in the high levels of latent demand expressed.**

- ◀ There is a total of 164 tennis courts identified in Bradford located across 42 sites including sports clubs, councils and schools. Of these, 150 courts (91%) are categorised as being available for community use across 39 sites.
- ◀ The majority of courts available for community use are located in the Keighley Analysis Area hosting 49 courts (33%), in contrast the Bradford East Analysis Area has just nine courts (6%) available for community use.
- ◀ In addition, Heaton Tennis & Squash Club hosts three indoor courts, whereas, Ilkley Lawn Tennis & Squash Club has five two indoor courts.
- ◀ Of provision that is available for community use, most courts (57 or 38%) are rated as standard quality. This is followed by 53 courts (35%) rated as good quality and 40 courts (27%) are rated as poor quality.
- ◀ Management across the District sees most provision (47%) located at education sites this is followed by sports clubs or community organisations with 36% or 54 courts. The least amount of provision (17%) is based at council sites.
- ◀ Salts TC indicate plans to redecorate its clubhouse facilities at Salts (Saltaire) Sports Association as it is need of modernisation.
- ◀ There are nine tennis clubs in Bradford which collectively provide 2,438 members.
- ◀ There is a need for further exploration regarding two sites where clubs have not been included in the supply and demand analysis due to court type (Beckfoot & Bingley TC and Ben Rhydding TC).
- ◀ Only three clubs in Bradford indicate plans to increase membership, equating to an additional 45 junior and 28 senior members.
- ◀ Latent demand across Bradford is higher than current levels of active participation with Sport England's Market Segmentation Tool identifying latent demand of 8,933 people, 1,065 (11.9%) of which are within the segment 'Leanne – supportive singles'.

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## **Scenarios**

### *Addressing poor quality*

The poor quality of Council managed courts throughout Bradford can be linked to the high amount of latent demand (8,993 people) forecast in the District. Nationally, LTA insight suggests that 18% of players that pick up a racket each year would play more often if key barriers such as poor promotion of opportunities to get on court, unclear booking journeys (especially those that are 'off line') and low quality facilities were addressed. Therefore, there is a clear opportunity to work with the Council to address these barriers amongst council operated sites, whilst also bettering understanding of court usage at these sites.

All Council managed courts in the District are of poor quality; with all sites, except one (Peel Park) providing multiple courts. The LTA identifies Ilkley Lido Bowling Club and Lister Park as key sites for recreational tennis; which, if improved, would make tennis more accessible to the Bradford population.

Further to this, Northcliffe Park and Myrtle Park are both noted as being key sites from which Tennis for Free could operate successfully; although the latter is not located in a favourable position to make tennis accessible for all.

Combining targeted court improvements at key sites with a Clubspark style booking system should significantly address latent demand in the District.

### *Increasing capacity*

The LTA suggests that a non-floodlit hard court can accommodate 40 members whereas a floodlit hard court can accommodate 60 members. For air domed courts, membership of 100 is considered applicable and permanent indoor courts can accommodate 200 members. It should be noted that the abovementioned figures relate to LTA viability guidelines for clubs and are not the maximum capacity. The figure relates to what most clubs, based on the level of provision, would find sustainable.

Eldwick Tennis Club is overplayed by 14 members based on having a recommended capacity of 80 members (two non-floodlit courts) but having a current membership of 94. Floodlighting at least one court would increase capacity to 100 members and would address overplay.

## **Recommendations**

- ◀ Pursue the strategic development of key tennis sites to achieve a network of sustainable, fit for purpose and accessible community courts across the District to help address latent demand.
- ◀ Improvements should include, resurfacing, floodlighting and implementation of the LTA Clubspark system.
- ◀ Seek to establish Tennis for Free in a phased approach across the District at key sites.
- ◀ Explore opportunity to develop a recreational opportunities within Bradford; to coincide with the development of an online booking system.
- ◀ As required, improve tennis club sites and assist community clubs in accessing funding for the refurbishment of courts (as required).
- ◀ Explore opportunities for investment through the LTA's Transforming British Tennis Together funding initiative.
- ◀ Explore options for floodlighting at Eldwick Tennis Club to address overplay at the site and provide future capacity.
- ◀ Support clubs (as required to improve ancillary facilities to ensure they remain fit for purpose.

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## *Athletics*

### *Summary*

**Key priority for formal athletics facilities should be to secure long-term tenure and management responsibility for Bradford athletics clubs through formal agreement, thus giving the Club confidence to invest in improving facilities and track quality onsite.**

**In addition, a requirement to resurface the track at Horsfall Stadium should be addressed in the shorter term to enable the track to continue to service demand in the south of the District.**

- ◀ There are currently two 400m athletics tracks in Bradford; at Horsfall Stadium and University Academy Keighley<sup>6</sup>. In addition, there is a shorter 210m track at Beckfoot and Hazelbeck School.
- ◀ The Horsfall Stadium Athletics Track is rated as poor quality; conversely, the tracks at the University Academy Keighley and Beckfoot and Hazelbeck School are rated as standard quality.
- ◀ Bradford has four athletics clubs offering participants track and field; plus, an additional eight running clubs providing opportunities to take part in a variety of running event types.
- ◀ Airedale AC indicates the track at Horsfall Stadium needs resurfacing due to the decreasing quality.
- ◀ There are two Parkrun events, plus a Junior Parkrun event in Bradford District, with some based in neighbouring local authorities also servicing Bradford demand.

## *Scenarios*

### *Improving quality*

It is considered that in order for an athletics track to be sustainable, nationally, a club membership of 200 is recommended by UKA<sup>7</sup>; however, a number of other factors should also be considered such as club fees, track rates, income from other sports and track operation costs. Further to this, EA would also recommend a multi sport use of a track to sustain the facility.

The shorter track facility at Beckfoot and Hazelbeck School is operating well above this recommendation with 450 members, indicating that this should be protected as it represents not only a well-used facility for track and field athletics but also has a variety of other users including for cycling and football.

Although membership of Airedale AC does not meet the UKA recommendation to make the track at Horsfall Stadium sustainable, the size of Bradford District and other track facilities being based in the Keighley Analysis Area mean that the track should be protected given its value to the wider community in the south of the District.

However, given the recent use agreements with the football club, it is imperative that a sustainable business model is adopted to ensure that income generation from the track also helps to maintain (and improve as required) the facility itself. Further to this, there is also a recognised need for the AC to increase its membership.

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<sup>6</sup> Note these are not full competition tracks therefore track operators will not be able to make an income from attracting competition providers to use the tracks.

<sup>7</sup> Source: UKA Facilities Strategy recommends that Regional Outdoor Competition Venues should have a strong anchor performance club (i.e. 200+ track and field members).

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Notwithstanding this, the track should also be promoted for greater usage other than through the existing AC to help ensure its sustainability. This will also need to be linked to initial improvements to the track quality to encourage this greater use, whilst the AC should be provided with formal, long term, community use agreements to provide security of tenure (if not already in place).

In addition to the tracks, focus should be placed on sustaining and increasing the popularity of the wider running market and multi-discipline running clubs (Baildon Runners, Eccleshill Road Runners, Idle AC, Leeds & Triathlon Club, One in a Million, Queensbury Running Club, Saltaire Striders, Wharfedale Harriers), including driving participation in running events taking place within Bradford as well as the growth of initiatives such as RunTogether groups.

### ***Recommendations***

- ◀ Improve facilities for field events to enable Horsfall Stadium and University Academy Keighley to continue to accommodate demand.
- ◀ Resurface the track at Horsfall Stadium as a priority and establish an appropriate maintenance regime. In doing so, ensure that an appropriate service level agreement is sought for Airedale AC to retain access to Horsfall Stadium.
- ◀ Ensure a sustainable business model is adopted to manage and maintain the track, including promotion of greater usage other than from the AC.
- ◀ Sustain the quality of the track at University Academy Keighley by continuing with the existing maintenance regime.
- ◀ Improve the ancillary facilities available to all clubs and respective home venues ensuring that they meet all health and safety compliance.
- ◀ Support all track and field clubs with plans to increase membership and community engagement, particularly Airedale AC which has the lowest membership figures.
- ◀ Explore establishing a second Junior Parkrun event within the District given that only one currently exists and that opportunities for junior is limited outside of traditional club settings.
- ◀ Support the running clubs and running events taking place as well as exploring the implementation of initiatives not currently serviced to increase participation in recreational running.

Waiting for quality to be improved at Horsfall Stadium before addressing other issues may result in Airedale AC finding an alternative venue outside of Bradford; and/or provide athletes/runners with a negative experience therefore reducing the usage/income of the track to justify the improvements.

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## 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 playing pitches and ancillary facilities where it is needed for meeting current and future needs.

#### Recommendations:

- a. Protect playing field sites through 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 – Protect playing field sites through local planning policy

The PPS Assessment shows that all currently used playing field sites require protection and therefore cannot be deemed surplus to requirements because of shortfalls now and in the future. Therefore, based on the outcomes of the PPS, local planning policy should reflect this situation.

Paragraph 97 of the Framework 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.

**Lapsed and disused** – playing field sites that formerly accommodated playing pitches but are no longer used for formal or informal sports use.

- ◀ **Disused** – sites that are not being used at all by any users and are not available for community hire either. Once these sites are disused for five or more years they will then be categorised as 'lapsed sites'.
- ◀ **Lapsed** - last known use was as a playing field more than five years ago. These sites fall outside of Sport England's statutory remit but still have to be assessed using the criteria in paragraph 97 of the National Planning Policy Framework and Sport England would nonetheless challenge a proposed loss of playing pitches/playing field which fails to meet such criteria. It should be emphasised that the lawful planning use of a lapsed site is still that of a playing field.

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As far as possible the PPS audit and assessment aims to capture all of the pitches within Bradford. However, there may be instances, for example, on school sites, where access was not possible and has led to omissions within the report. Any sites omitted from the PPS either intended or having been overlooked, whether used, disused or lapsed, are subject to the same conditions as those detailed herein. Any such site is not to be considered as not required or surplus as part of the planning process.

*Table 5.1 Disused and lapsed sites*

| Site name  | Additional comments  |
|--|--|
| Shetcliffe Lane former St John C of E Playing Fields, Bierley, Bradford                                | Outline planning permission granted for approx. 106 dwellings. Site allocated as a Playing Field in the RUDP. Site included in the SHLAA (Ref: SE/109).  |
| Former Temple Bank School Land, Daisy Hill, Bradford   | No current planning permission on the playing field site. Site allocated as a Playing Field in the RUDP.   |
| Windhill CE Playing Fields, Shipley  | No current planning permission. Site allocated as a Playing Field in the RUDP. Former School Playing Field.  |
| Chapel Street Recreation Ground, Addingham   | No current planning permission. Site included in the SHLAA (Ref: AD/011B). Site allocated as a Playing Field in the RUDP.  |
| Abb Scott Lane Playing Field, Low Moor, Bradford   | No current planning permission. Site included in the SHLAA (Ref: SW/088). Site allocated as a Playing Field in the RUDP.   |
| Leeds Road, Ilkley   | Level land adjacent to Ashlands Primary School. Site included in the SHLAA (Ref: IL/001). Site allocated as a Playing Field in the RUDP.   |
| Haworth Road, Playing Fields, Heaton and land off Sowden Street, Daisy Hill                            | Site included in the SHLAA (Ref: NW/046). Site allocated as a Playing Field in the RUDP.   |
| Cricket Ground, Mill Lane, Mountain  | Former cricket ground. No current planning permission. Site included in the SHLAA (Ref: QB/022).   |
| Lynfield Drive, Daisy Hill (MAF Sports Ground, Sunny Brow Lane, Sport England ref - Y/BC/2017/45531/S) | Lapsed cricket ground with planning application for residential development of 59 affordable homes. A signed Unilateral Undertaking was provided as part of the application. The loss of this open space/playing field has been justified by the use of the funds from the sale of the land to secure an alternative provision. Replacement site on Bingley Rd identified, however, Cross Roads & Daisy Hill Cricket Club is unable to gain a 25yr lease. The Club ceased playing at the site in 2007 and didn't play any fixtures in 2018 season. |
| Eldwick & Gilstead Cricket Club  | Former cricket ground consisting of one square with seven grass wickets. No current planning permission on the playing field site.   |

The PPS Assessment shows that all currently used playing field sites require protection and therefore cannot be deemed surplus to requirements because of shortfalls now and in the future. Lapsed, disused, underused and poor quality sites should also be protected from development or be replaced (unless adequately re-provided elsewhere in accordance with Sport England's Playing Fields Policy Exception E4), as there is potential need for playing field land to accommodate more pitches to meet the identified shortfalls.

Further to the above, there are also several designated playing field sites in the Replacement Unitary Development Plan (RUDP) that are identified within the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA). The majority of these are not currently marked as pitches, and in some cases have never had formal playing pitches marked out. Although these sites are included in the SHLAA this does not mean that they will necessarily be allocated for

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housing in the new Local Plan. However, if they do get allocated, as per above, due to the current shortfalls expressed across the sports, any playing field site in Bradford cannot be deemed surplus to requirements and the loss of any site would need to be justified.

It is recommended that the Council adopts the following priority order of options with regards to addressing any disused/lapsed playing field sites that may be identified for disposal:

- 1) Firstly, explore the feasibility of bringing the site back into use. A feasibility study may show either:
  - a) The site can be brought back into sustainable use where funding is available, and use is secured by the Council and relevant NGBs/Community Groups; or
  - b) The site is not in a sustainable location and in which case no amount of money will make it desirable.
- 2) The site could become public open space to meet a need identified; or
- 3) Redevelop the site for an alternative use but use the capital receipt or contribution to invest in existing sites in the locality

**New housing development** - where proposed housing development is located within access of a high quality playing pitch, this does not necessarily mean that there is no need for further pitch provision or improvements to existing pitches in that area in order to accommodate additional demand arising from that development. The PPS should be used to help determine what impact the new development will have on the demand and capacity of existing sites in the area, and whether there is a need for improvements to increase capacity or if new provision is required.

Development management - the PPS should be used to help inform Development Management decisions that affect existing or new playing fields, pitches and ancillary facilities. All applications are assessed by the Local Planning Authority on a case by case basis taking into account site specific factors. In addition, Sport England as statutory consultee on planning applications that affect or prejudice the use of a playing field will use the PPS to help assess relevant planning applications against paragraph 97 of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and their Playing Fields Policy.

Sport England's playing field policy exception E1 only allows for development of lapsed or disused playing fields if a PPS shows a clear excess in the quantity of playing pitch provision at present and in the future across all playing pitch sports types and sizes.

Policy Exception E1:

'A robust and up-to-date assessment has demonstrated, to the satisfaction of Sport England, that there is an excess of playing field provision in the catchment, which will remain the case should the development be permitted, and the site has no special significance to the interests of sport.'

Where the PPS cannot demonstrate 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 Sport England policy exception E4.

Policy Exception E4:

'The area of playing field to be lost as a result of the proposed development will be replaced, prior to the commencement of development, by a new area of playing field':

- ◀ of equivalent or better quality, and
- ◀ of equivalent or greater quantity, and

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- ◀ in a suitable location, and
- ◀ subject to equivalent or better accessibility and management arrangements

Further to this, all playing fields should be protected or replaced up until the point where all satisfied demand has been met within the study area or each individual sports catchment areas within a sub area.

Local authorities wanting to dispose of school playing field land need consent under Section 77 of the Schools Standards and Framework Act 1998, but consent is now also required for disposal of any land used by a school or academy under Schedule 1 to the Academies Act 2010.

It should be noted that consent under Section 77 of the Schools Standards and Framework Act does not necessarily mean subsequent planning approval will be granted. Therefore, any application for planning permission must meet the requirements of the relevant policy, in this case paragraph 97 of the Framework, Local Plan Policy and Sport England Policy. Indeed, applicants are advised to engage Sport England before submitting applications. Robust implementation of the statutory obligation will ensure protection of school playing fields for use by pupils (and sometimes the community as a whole) to ensure receipt is ploughed back into sports education.

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

A number of schools, commercial and private sites are being used in Bradford for competitive play. In many cases, use of pitches has been classified as secure, however, use is not necessarily formalised and relevant organisations should, thus, seek to establish appropriate community use agreements, including access to changing provision where required. This is especially the case for sites that have unsecured community use despite receiving high levels of activity, such as Hanson Academy or Immanuel College.

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

In the context of the Comprehensive Spending Review, which announced 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, it should support and enable clubs to generate sufficient funds, providing that this is to the benefit of sport.

The Council should further explore opportunities where security of tenure could be granted via lease agreements (minimum 25 years as recommended by Sport England and NGBs) so clubs are in a position to apply for external funding. This is particularly the case at poor quality local authority sites, possibly with inadequate ancillary facilities, so that quality can be improved and sites developed.

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. For example, support club development and encourage clubs to develop evidence of business and sports development plans to generate income via their facilities. All clubs could be encouraged to look at different management models such as

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registering as Community Amateur Sports Clubs (CASC)<sup>8</sup>. They should also be encouraged to work with partners locally – such as volunteer support agencies or local businesses.

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

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For clubs with lease arrangements already in place, these should be reviewed when fewer than 25 years remain on existing agreements to secure extensions, thus improving security of tenure and helping them attract funding for site developments. Any club with less than 25 years remaining on an agreement is unlikely to gain any external funding.

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.

*Table 5.2 Recommended criteria for lease of sport sites to clubs/organisations*

| Club   | Site  |
|--|---|
| <p>Clubs should have Clubmark/FA Charter Standard 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 'Club Sites' (recommendation d) for new clubs (i.e. not those with a City-wide significance) but that offer development potential.</p> <p>For established clubs which have proven success in terms of self-management 'Key Centres' are also appropriate.</p> <p>As a priority, sites should acquire capital investment to improve (which can be attributed to the presence of a Clubmark/Charter Standard club).</p> <p>Sites should be leased with the intention that investment can be sourced to contribute towards improvement of the site.</p> |

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

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

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

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

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

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.

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The following school sites are identified as having potential to accommodate large user groups and should be further explored for securing community access through the appropriate methods:

- ◀ Beckfoot & Hazelbeck School
- ◀ Beckfoot Oakbank School
- ◀ Bradford Academy
- ◀ Bradford Forster Academy
- ◀ Buttershaw Business & Enterprise College
- ◀ Holy Family Catholic School

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.

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

## **AIM 2**

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

### **Recommendations:**

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

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

There are a number of ways in which it is possible to increase pitch quality and these are explored below. One way for improving quality on football sites is via the FA's pitch improvement programme.

#### *The FA Pitch Improvement Programme (PIP)*

The key principles behind the service are to provide football clubs with advice/practical solutions on a number of areas and discounts on machinery and materials to support improving the clubs' playing surface. The programme should be utilised in order to help any clubs that take on the management and maintenance of sites or which are currently managing and maintaining their own pitch site.

As subsidy is removed for pitch maintenance, the PIP is an essential toolkit in supporting self-management/maintenance of sites, particularly on adult sites that have historically been maintained by councils.

#### **Addressing quality issues**

Quality in Bradford is variable but generally pitches are assessed as standard or poor 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 Strategy approach to outdoor sports facilities achieving these standards should be to enhance quality and therefore the planning system should seek to protect them.

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

Good quality refers to provision with, for example, good grass cover, even surfaces, that are free from vandalism and litter. For ancillary facilities, it refers to access for disabled people, sufficient provision for referees, juniors/women/girls and appropriate showers, toilets and car parking.

Standard quality refers to provision with, for example, adequate grass cover, minimal signs of wear and tear and goalposts that 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. 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 sites may be underutilised. Changing facilities form the most essential part of this offer and therefore key sites should be given priority for improvement. For the majority of sports, no senior league matches can take place without appropriate changing facilities and the same applies to women's and girls' demand.

To prioritise investment into key sites it is recommended that the steering group works up a list of criteria, relevant to Bradford, to provide a steer on this. It is the responsibility of the whole steering group to agree and to attend regular subsequent update meetings.

For improvement/replacement of AGPs refer to Sport England and the NGBs 'Selecting the Right Artificial Surface for Hockey, Football, Rugby League and Rugby Union' document for a guide as to suitable AGP surfaces: [www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/tools-guidance/design-and-cost-guidance/artificial-sports-surfaces/](http://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/tools-guidance/design-and-cost-guidance/artificial-sports-surfaces/)

### ***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 seasonal for cricket).

The FA, the ECB and EH all recommend a number of matches that a good quality pitch should take, as seen in the table below. With the exception of rugby union and rugby league, no guidelines are set by the NGBs for other grass pitch sports, although it can be assumed that a similar trend should be followed.

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Table 5.3 Carrying capacity of pitches

| Sport        | Pitch type                 | Number of match equivalent sessions per week |                  |               |
|--------------|----------------------------|--|------------------|---------------|
|              |                            | 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    |
| Rugby league | Senior                     | 3 per week                                   | 2 per week       | 1 per week    |
| Cricket      | One grass wicket           | 5 per season                                 | 4 per season     | None          |
|              | One non-turf wicket        | 60 per season                                |                  | None          |

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 where the boundary size is adequate.

### **Increasing maintenance**

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

The FA and ECB are part of the Pitch Improvement Programme (PIP) which has been developed in partnership with Institute of Groundsmanship (IOG) to develop a grass pitch maintenance service that can be utilised by grassroots clubs with the aim of improving knowledge, skills and therefore the quality of pitches. For ECB, the Regional Pitch Advisor supports the development of County Pitch Advisors in County Boards which can 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.

All local authority sites in Bradford receive a basic level of maintenance., consisting of regular cutting and lining with adhoc works undertaken during the football off season.

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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 IOG.

### ***Improving changing provision***

There is a need to address changing provision at some sites in Bradford, including some local authority sites. It is recommended that a holistic view is taken in regard to improvements and provision on site. Sites identified as priority projects for this are:

- ◀ Avenue Road Playing Fields
- ◀ Horsfall Playing Fields
- ◀ Northcliffe Park
- ◀ Peel Park
- ◀ King George V Playing Fields
- ◀ Wyke Manor (new)

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.

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

To allow for facility developments to be programmed within a phased approach the Council should adopt a tiered approach to the management and improvement of playing pitch 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 playing pitches and accompanying ancillary facilities.

In order to address the community's needs, to target priority areas and to reduce duplication of provision, there should be a coordinated approach to strategic investment. In delivering this recommendation the Council should maintain a regular dialogue with local partners and through the Playing Pitch Strategy Steering Group.

Although some investment in new provision will not be made by the Council directly, it is important that the Steering Group seeks to direct and lead a strategic and co-ordinated approach to facility development by education sites, NGBs, sports clubs and the commercial sector to address community needs whilst avoiding duplication of provision.

One of sport's greatest contributions is its positive impact on public health and 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 Two for further funding information which includes details of the current opportunities, likely funding requirements and indicative project costs.

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

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

For playing pitches the Council is encouraged to work with Sport England to devise a process for securing developer contributions which may include the use of Sport England's strategic planning tool 'New Development Pitch Calculator'. The Calculator uses information from the PPS to estimate the demand from individual or cumulative housing developments. The PPS should be used to help determine whether there is sufficient capacity in existing to accommodate the new demand, if improvements are required, or new provision should be secured.

Where a development is located within access of existing high-quality provision, this does not necessarily mean that there is no need for further provision or improvement to existing provision, as additional demand arising from the development is likely to result in increased usage (which can result in overplay or quality deterioration).

Where it is determined that new provision is required to accompany a development, priority should be placed on providing facilities that contribute towards alleviating existing shortfalls within the locality. To determine what supply of provision is provided, it is imperative that the PPS findings are taken into consideration and that consultation takes place with the relevant NGBs. This is due to the importance of ensuring that the stock of facilities provided is correct to avoid provision becoming unsustainable and unused, such as single grass pitch football sites without adequate ancillary facilities or new cricket/rugby grounds located away from existing clubs. Instead, multi-pitch and multi-sport sites should be developed, supported by a clubhouse and adequate parking facilities which consider the potential for future AGP development.

The guidance should form the basis for negotiation with developers to secure contributions to include provision and/or enhancement of appropriate playing fields and subsequent maintenance. Section 106 contributions could also be used to improve the condition and maintenance regimes of the pitches in order to increase pitch capacity to accommodate more matches. A number of planning policy objectives should be implemented to enable the above to be delivered:

- ◀ 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 should specify, when applied, the amount that will be linked to Sport England's Building Cost Information Service from the date of the permission and timing of the contribution/s to be made.
- ◀ Contributions should also be secured towards the first ten years of maintenance on new pitches. 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 playing pitch 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 sports facilities on school sites should be subject to community use agreements.

### **AIM 3**

To **provide** new pitches and ancillary 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 Council should use, and regularly update its Action Plan within this Strategy for improvements to its own pitches whilst recognising the need to support partners. The Action Plan lists improvements to be made to each site focused upon both qualitative and quantitative improvements as appropriate for each area.

Furthermore, any potential school sites which become redundant over the lifetime of the Strategy may offer potential for meeting community needs on a localised basis. Where schools are closed their playing fields may be converted to dedicated community use to help address any unmet community needs.

Some sites (or adjacent land) may also have the potential to accommodate more pitches which maybe a solution to meeting shortfalls identified as is further explored within the action plan.

#### **Recommendation (j) - 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 Bradford 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 increase usage.

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

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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 and are not necessarily area specific.

*Table 5.3: 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 based on TGRs and the FA has a key objective to deliver 50% of mini and youth football on 3G AGP's.  | 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 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 as currently there is a shortfall of full size pitches. 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      | Demand is likely to remain slightly increase for grass wickets for adult participation. The ECB targets participation increases at junior level through the Allstars Cricket Programme which may have a subsequent future impact on requirement for grass and non-turf cricket provision. | A requirement may be needed to utilise additional natural turf provision in the peak period for senior cricket. pitches are operating at capacity.<br>A need to encourage greater use of non-turf wickets particularly for junior use to help meet shortfalls.  |
|              | Women's and girls' cricket is a national priority and there is a target to establish more female teams in every local authority.  | Ensure access to segregated changing and toilet provision and access to good quality cricket pitches to support growth.   |
| Rugby union  | Locally, the RFU wants to ensure access to pitches in Bradford that satisfies existing demand and predicted growth. It is also an aim to protect and improve pitch quality, as well as ancillary facilities including changing rooms and floodlights.                                     | 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, support facility development where appropriate and increase the number of floodlit pitches where necessary.   |
| Rugby league | RFL is working towards growing rugby league participation including through growth at junior clubs, Play Touch RL and 9 aside RL.   | A need to improve pitch quality and address overplay.<br>Seek 3G pitch venues for training, Play Touch and grass pitches for 9 aside.   |

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| Sport     | Future sports development trend   | Strategy impact   |
|-----------|---|---|
| Hockey    | Current playing level is likely to increase.  | Ensure that no 3G pitch conversions take place that are detrimental to hockey in the future and revisit hockey demand when and if a conversion is proposed to ensure the subjected pitch is not required.<br>Secure long term tenure for clubs.   |
|           | High profile events (Hockey World Cup 2018)   | 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. |
|           | Play Hockey   | The launch of Play Hockey and its subsequent website ensures that those wishing to play the game are able to find their local facility and club.  |
| 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 improving court quality and increasing floodlighting at key sites.<br>An increase in casual play can be encouraged through adopting LTA initiatives such as digital access systems.  |
| Bowls     | No expected net increase in membership, although an increasing elderly population could change this.  | Likely that any future increase could be accommodated on existing greens.   |
| Athletics | Increase membership to above 200 to ensure that track facilities are sustainable.   | Improve quality and secure tenure at Horsfall Stadium in order to help increase and sustain membership.   |

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## PART 6: ACTION PLAN

The site-by-site action plan seeks to address key issues identified in the preceding Assessment Report. It provides recommendations based on current levels of usage, quality and future demand, as well as the potential of each site for enhancement.

It should be reviewed in the light of staff and financial resources in order to prioritise support for strategically significant provision and provision that other providers are less likely to make. Recommendation e below explains the hierarchy of priorities on the list. It is imperative that action plans for priority projects should be developed through the implementation of the strategy.

The Council should make it a high priority to work with NGBs and other partners to comprise a priority list of actions based on local priorities, NGB priorities and available funding. As stated in Recommendation (e), to allow for facility developments to be programmed within a phased approach, the Council should adopt a tiered approach to the management and improvement of playing pitch sites and associated facilities.

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

*Table 6.1: Proposed tiered site criteria*

| Criteria                    | Hub sites   | Key sites   | Local sites   |
|-----------------------------|---|---|---|
| <b>Site location</b>        | Strategically located in the District. 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). |

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**Hub sites** are of strategic District -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.

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

**Key sites** although these sites are more community focused, some are still likely to service a wider analysis area (or slightly wider); however, there may be more of a focus on a specific sport i.e. a dedicated site.

From a football perspective, these sites already seek to accommodate the growing emphasis on football venues catering for youth football (especially mini-soccer) matches. The conditions recommended for mini and youth football are becoming more stringent. This should be reflected in the provision of a unique tier of pitches for mini and youth football solely that can ensure player safety, as well as being maintained more efficiently. It is anticipated that both youth and mini-football matches could be played on these sites. Initial investment could be required in the short term and identified in the Action Plan.

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

**Local sites** refer to those sites which are hired to clubs for a season, or are sites which have been leased on a long-term basis. Primarily they are sites with one facilities or a low number of facilities that service just one sport. The level of priority attached to them for Council-generated investment may be relatively low and consideration should be given, on a site-by-site basis, to the feasibility of a club taking a long-term lease on the site (if not already present), in order that external funding can be sought.

It is possible that sites could be included in this tier which are not currently hired or leased to a club, but have the potential to be leased to a suitable club. 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 the provision. NGBs would expect the facility to be transferred in an adequate condition that the club can maintain. In the longer term, the Club should be in a position to source external funding to improve/extend the facilities.

### 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.

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- ◀ 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 pitches development with the FA.

### Action plan columns

#### *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.

#### *Site hierarchy tier*

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 Key sites and even some Local sites are also identified as having a high priority level. It is these projects/sites which should generally be addressed within the short term (1-2 years).

Further to this, football sites in Bradford have already been prioritised for investment (for both grass pitches and ancillary facilities improvements) as part of the Local Football Facility Plan (LFFP) and are identified as such within the action plan.

The majority of Key sites are a **medium** priority and 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.

**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.

#### *Costs*

The strategic actions have also been ranked as low, medium or high based on cost: (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 included relate to delivery times and are not necessarily priority based: Timescales: (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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**BRADFORD EAST ANALYSIS AREA**

| Site ID | Site                           | Sport    | Management  | Current status  | Recommended actions   | Lead Partners             | Site hierarchy tier | Priority    | Timescales <sup>9</sup> | Cost <sup>10</sup> | Aim                |
|---------|--------------------------------|----------|-------------|---|---|---------------------------|---------------------|-------------|-------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 7       | Apperley Bridge Playing Fields | Football | Council     | Two adult pitches, one youth 11v11 pitch and one mini 7v7 pitch, all of standard quality. The two adult pitches are currently overplayed by 1.5 MES per week whilst the youth 11v11 pitch is currently played to capacity. There is minimal spare capacity for the mini 7v7 pitch at peak times.  | Improve maintenance regime to enhance quality of the adult pitches in particular to remove overplay of these pitches and retain club usage.   | CBMDC<br>FF<br>WRFA       | Local               | Low         | S                       | L                  | Protect<br>Enhance |
| 10      | Avenue Road Playing Fields     | Cricket  | Council     | A poor quality square consisting of two grass wickets. The pitch is available for community use but is currently unused.  | Explore opportunities for greater use locally linked to requirement for improvements.   | CBMDC<br>ECB<br>YCB       | Local               | Low         | S                       | L                  | Protect<br>Enhance |
|         |                                | Football |             | Four adult pitches of standard quality which have 3.5 MES of potential capacity at peak times.<br>Ancillary provision is standard quality with a sufficient number of changing rooms to service all pitches but requires improvement.   | In line with the LFFP, enhance the pitch quality by improving the current maintenance regime. Relocate some demand from overplayed sites to utilise the increased capacity.<br>In line with the LFFP, improve the ancillary facilities on site.                           | CBMDC<br>FF<br>WRFA       |                     | High (LFFP) | S                       | M-H                |                    |
| 25      | Bowling Old Lane CC            | Cricket  | Sports Club | The home venue of Bowling Old Lane CC, the site has a square consisting of ten, good quality, grass wickets. The site has minimal spare capacity which is insufficient to accommodate the Club's aspirations for additional teams. The Club also highlights a need for outdoor nets for training. | Sustain pitch quality by continuing with the current maintenance regime. Should club aspiration be met and new teams are established consider providing the Club with access to a secondary venue. Establish outdoor nets on site to allow training demand to take place. | ECB<br>YCB<br>Sports Club | Local               | Low         | M                       | S                  | Protect<br>Provide |
| 26      | Bowling Park                   | Cricket  | Council     | A standard quality square consisting of five grass wickets. The pitch is available for community use but is currently unused.   | Explore opportunities for greater use locally linked to requirement for improvements.   | CBMDC<br>ECB<br>YCB       | Local               | Low         | S                       | L                  | Enhance            |
|         |                                | Bowls    |             | Three poor quality crown greens used by Bowling Park BC. Membership numbers are unknown.  | Increase green quality by improving the current maintenance regime. Retain the green for community use.   | CBMDC<br>BCGBA            |                     | Low         | S                       | L                  |                    |
|         |                                | Tennis   |             | Two poor quality macadam courts that are floodlit and available for community use.  | Improve court quality through resurfacing and ensure appropriate maintenance.<br>Establish a user-friendly booking system to encourage latent demand to access the site.  | CBMDC<br>LTA              |                     | Low         | M                       | L                  |                    |
| 28      | Bradford Academy               | Football | Education   | Two adult pitches, one youth 11v11 pitch, one mini 7v7 pitch and one mini 5v5 pitch, all of good quality. Well used for community use by local clubs. All of these pitches have actual spare capacity although this has been discounted due to an unsecure tenure.                                | Maintain pitch quality through regular maintenance. Formalise community use agreements to ensure security of tenure.  | FF<br>WRFA<br>School      | Key                 | High        | S                       | L                  | Protect            |
|         |                                | Football |             | Full-size, floodlit 3G pitch on the FA register. It was built in 2014 and is of good quality.   | Maintain pitch quality through regular maintenance and ensure sinking fund is in place to resurface the pitch when necessary. Look to renew FA registration when required.  | FF<br>WRFA<br>School      |                     | Low         | L                       | L                  |                    |

<sup>9</sup> (S) -Short (1-2 years); (M) - Medium (3-5 years); (L) - Long (6+ years)

<sup>10</sup> (L) -Low - less than £50k; (M) -Medium - £50k-£250k; (H) -High £250k and above

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| Site ID | Site                                   | Sport        | Management  | Current status  | Recommended actions   | Lead Partners       | Site hierarchy tier | Priority | Timescales <sup>9</sup> | Cost <sup>10</sup> | Aim                     |
|---------|--|--------------|-------------|---|---|---------------------|---------------------|----------|-------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
|         |  | Tennis       |             | Three standard quality macadam tennis courts that are both floodlit.  | Retain the courts for school demand.  | School              |                     | Low      | L                       | L                  |                         |
| 34      | Bradford Moor Park Bowling Club        | Bowls        | Sports Club | One good quality crown green used by Bradford Moor BC. There is currently ample spare capacity on this green.   | Ensure green quality is maintained through regular maintenance. Retain the green for community use. Monitor membership figures to ensure the long-term viability of this green.                               | BCGBA Sports Club   | Local               | Low      | S                       | L                  | Protect                 |
| 44      | Cambing Cricket Club                   | Cricket      | Sports Club | The home venue of Cambing CC, the site has one, poor quality, square consisting of four grass wickets. As a consequence of its poor quality the site is overplayed by 22 match equivalent sessions per season.  | Enhance the existing maintenance programme to improve pitch quality. Until improvements occur match play should be relocated to alternative sites.  | ECB YCB Sports Club | Local               | Medium   | S                       | M                  | Protect Enhance         |
| 45      | Carlton Bolling College                | Hockey       | Education   | One poor quality full-size, sand filled AGP which is floodlit. Although available for community use, it is unused for hockey.   | Unlikely to be required for hockey in the future. It is thought to be unused for hockey due to its poor quality and distance from clubs making it unattractive to use. Could be considered for 3G conversion. | EH WRFA FF School   | Local               | Low      | M                       | H                  | Protect Enhance Provide |
|         |  | Tennis       |             | Previously hosted eight macadam tennis courts, however, these have recently been lost as part of the wider rebuild of the school. These are to be replaced with three new tennis courts and four dedicated multi use games areas.   | Consider opportunities to establish community use on the tennis courts if local demand exists.  | LTA School          |                     | Low      |                         |                    |                         |
| 67      | Derek Ogden Memorial Playing Fields    | Football     | Council     | Two adult pitches, one youth 9v9 pitch, one mini 7v7 pitch and one mini 5v5 pitch, all of standard quality. The youth 9v9 pitch is currently overplayed by 0.5 MES per week whilst the adult pitches and mini 7v7 pitch both have actual spare capacity of one MES per week. The mini 5v5 pitch has no actual spare capacity. | Improve maintenance regime to enhance pitch quality, especially the youth 9v9 pitch, to remove the overplay of this pitch.  | CBMDC FF WRFA       | Local               | Medium   | S                       | L                  | Protect Enhance         |
| 69      | Dixons City Academy                    | Hockey       | Education   | A small-size, floodlit, sand dressed AGP built in 2003 and available for community use.   | Retain for school demand and resurface as required.   | School              | Local               | Low      | L                       | M                  | Enhance                 |
| 70      | Dudley Hill ARLFC (Neil Hunt Memorial) | Rugby league | Sports Club | One senior pitch with floodlights of good quality which is currently significantly overplayed due to training demand from Bradford Dudley Hill ARLFC.   | Maintain pitch quality through regular maintenance. Attempt to find an alternate site to accommodate training demand to prevent overplay of this pitch.   | RFL Sports Club     | Local               | High     | S                       | L                  | Protect                 |
| 74      | Eccleshill Recreation Ground           | Bowls        | Council     | One standard quality crown green used by Eccleshill BC and Eccleshill Vets BC. Membership numbers are unknown.  | Maintain green quality through regular maintenance. Retain the green for community use.   | CBMDC BCGBA         | Local               | Low      | M                       | L                  | Enhance                 |
|         |  | Football     |             | One adult pitch of standard quality with one MES of actual spare capacity.  | Maintain pitch quality through regular maintenance. Ensure pitch capacity is maximised to reduce overplay of other sites in the area.   | CBMDC FF WRFA       |                     | Medium   |                         |                    |                         |
| 90      | Goals Soccer Centre                    | Football     | Commercial  | Full-size, floodlit 3G pitch. It was built in 2006 and is of poor quality. There is also ten floodlit, small-size 3G pitches on site.   | Explore the feasibility of resurfacing this pitch as it has exceeded the recommended surface lifespan. Look to gain FA certification to host competitive matches.   | FF WRFA             | Local               | Medium   | S                       | M                  | Enhance                 |

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| Site ID | Site                             | Sport    | Management  | Current status   | Recommended actions  | Lead Partners             | Site hierarchy tier | Priority | Timescales <sup>9</sup> | Cost <sup>10</sup> | Aim                |
|---------|----------------------------------|----------|-------------|--|--|---------------------------|---------------------|----------|-------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 94      | Greengates Recreation Ground     | Football | Council     | One adult pitch of standard quality which is currently unused. Ensuite changing rooms and an officials' room. The facility is of standard quality but there are no spectator toilets meaning that changing rooms must be accessed.   | Consider future use of the pitch or reconfigure to a youth 11v11 pitch to reduce overplay of youth 11v11 pitches in the analysis area.   | CBMDC<br>FF<br>WRFA       | Local               | Low      | S                       | L                  | Enhance            |
|         |                                  | Bowls    |             | One good quality crown green used by Greengates & Apperley Bridge BC. There is currently ample spare capacity at this site.  | Ensure green quality is maintained through regular maintenance. Retain the green for community use. Monitor membership figures to ensure the long-term viability of this green.  | CBMDC<br>BCGBA            |                     |          | L                       | L                  |                    |
| 96      | Hanson Academy                   | Football | Education   | Two adult pitches, one youth 9v9 pitch and one mini 5v5 pitch, all of poor quality. The mini 5v5 is currently unused whilst the adult and youth pitches are currently overplayed. The site suffers from poor drainage and has an unsecure tenure.  | Improve pitch quality and look to formalise community use agreements to ensure security of tenure.   | FF<br>WRFA<br>School      | Local               | Medium   | S                       | L                  | Protect<br>Enhance |
|         |                                  | Tennis   |             | Four standard quality macadam tennis courts that are not floodlit. The courts are subject to curricular demand.  | Retain the courts for school demand.   | School                    |                     | Low      | L                       | L                  |                    |
| 105     | Hepworth & Idle Cricket Club     | Cricket  | Sports Club | A standard quality square consisting of ten grass wickets. The site is the home venue of Hepworth & Idle CC and has 15 match equivalent sessions of potential capacity. However, none of this is available during the peak period. The Club reports that it requires new practice nets and wickets; whilst its lease agreement has less than five years remaining. | Where possible enhance the current maintenance regime to improve quality and increase capacity. Seek to extend the current lease agreement to at least 25 years, enabling the Club to access funding streams.  | ECB<br>YCB<br>Sports Club | Local               | Medium   | S                       | L                  | Protect<br>Enhance |
| 116     | Idle Cricket Ground              | Cricket  | Council     | A good quality square consisting of four grass wickets. The site is available for community use but is currently unused.   | Explore opportunities for greater use locally linked to requirement for improvements.  | CBMDC<br>ECB<br>YCB       | Local               | Low      | S                       | L                  | Enhance            |
| 117     | Idle Recreation Ground           | Bowls    | Council     | One poor quality crown green used by Idle Recreation Ground BC. Membership numbers are unknown.  | Increase green quality by improving the current maintenance regime. Retain the green for community use.  | CBMDC<br>BCGBA            | Local               | Low      | M                       | L                  | Enhance            |
| 122     | Immanuel College                 | Football | Education   | One adult pitch, one youth 11v11 pitch, one youth 9v9 pitch and two mini 7v7 pitches, all of standard quality. Both youth pitches currently suffer from significant overplay. The adult and mini pitches both have actual spare capacity although this has been discounted due to an unsecure tenure.  | Look to convert the unused adult pitch to a youth 11v11 pitch to reduce overplay. Convert the two mini 7v7 pitches to a single youth 9v9 pitch to reduce overplay. Improve maintenance regime to enhance quality of all pitches and eliminate overplay of youth pitches at this site. Formalise community use agreements to ensure security of tenure. | FF<br>WRFA<br>School      | Local               | High     | S                       | L                  | Protect            |
| 125     | Institute Road Recreation Ground | Football | Council     | One unused mini 7v7 pitch of standard quality.   | Reconfigure to reduce shortfalls in the analysis area or consider future use of the site for formal pitch sports given investment required for a one pitch site. Potential to not maintain and reinvest in a Hub site development.   | CBMDC<br>FF<br>WRFA       | Local               | Low      | S                       | L                  | Enhance            |

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| Site ID | Site                                      | Sport    | Management  | Current status  | Recommended actions  | Lead Partners             | Site hierarchy tier | Priority    | Timescales <sup>9</sup> | Cost <sup>10</sup> | Aim                |
|---------|---|----------|-------------|---|--|---------------------------|---------------------|-------------|-------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 126     | Intake Road - Undercliffe CC              | Cricket  | Sports Club | A standard quality square consisting of 12 grass wickets. Home venue of Undercliffe CC and has 15 match equivalent sessions of spare capacity. Despite this, there is no capacity for additional demand at peak time.   | Improve pitch quality to build future peak time capacity.  | ECB<br>YCB<br>Sports Club | Local               | Low         | M                       | L                  | Protect<br>Enhance |
| 134     | Laisterdyke Business & Enterprise College | Football | Education   | One adult pitch and one mini 7v7 pitch, both of standard quality. Unused for community use.   | Retain pitches for school demand.  | School                    | Local               | Low         | L                       | L                  | Protect            |
| 140     | Lowerfields Primary                       | Football | Education   | One mini 7v7 pitch of standard quality unused for community use.  | Retain pitches for school demand.  | School                    | Local               | Low         | L                       | L                  | Protect            |
| 150     | Myra Shay Playing Fields                  | Cricket  | Council     | A standard quality square consisting of two grass wickets. The pitch is available for community use but is currently unused.  | Retain the pitch for community use and consider relocating some demand to the site.  | CBMDC<br>ECB<br>YCB       | Key                 | Low         | M                       | L                  | Protect<br>Enhance |
|         |   | Football |             | Three adult pitches, one youth 9v9 pitch, one mini 7v7 pitch and two mini 5v5 pitches, all of which are standard quality. The adult pitches and mini 5v5 pitches currently have actual spare capacity whereas the mini 7v7 and youth 9v9 pitches have no additional capacity at peak periods. Good quality ancillary facilities.  | In line with the LFFP, improve the quality of the pitches on site. Relocate some demand from overplayed sites to utilise the increased capacity.   | CBMDC<br>FF<br>WRFA       |                     | High (LFFP) | S                       | M                  |                    |
| 170     | Peel Park                                 | Football | Council     | Four adult pitches, one mini 5v5 pitch and one youth 9v9 pitch. The youth 9v9 pitch currently has minimal overplay whereas the adult and mini pitches have actual spare capacity. Good size of ancillary provision with adequate provision. Some modernisation of the internal of the building and removal of graffiti to the exterior would improve the provision further. | In line with the LFFP, improve the quality of the pitches on site. Relocate some demand from overplayed sites to utilise the increased capacity. In line with the LFFP, improve the ancillary facilities on site.                  | CBMDC<br>FF<br>WRFA       | Key                 | High (LFFP) | S                       | M-H                | Protect<br>Enhance |
|         |   | Bowls    |             | Three good quality crown greens used by Peel BC which currently has just 16 members.  | Consider the long-term viability of retaining three greens on site, given the low amount of demand that they currently service. Support Peel BC to increase membership numbers.  | CBMDC<br>BCGBA            |                     | Medium      | S                       | L                  |                    |
|         |   | Tennis   |             | One poor quality macadam tennis court which is not floodlit.  | Improve court quality through resurfacing.   | CBMDC<br>LTA              |                     | Low         | M                       | L                  |                    |
| 186     | Seymour Street Recreation Ground          | Football | Council     | One adult pitch of standard quality which is currently unused.  | Reconfigure to reduce shortfalls in the analysis area or consider future use of the site for formal pitch sports given investment required for a one pitch site. Potential to not maintain and reinvest in a Hub site development. | CBMDC<br>FF<br>WRFA       | Local               | Medium      | M                       | L                  | Enhance            |
| 196     | Thackley Cricket & Football Club          | Cricket  | Sports Club | Four standard quality grass squares which are utilised by Thackley CC. The square is overplayed by seven match equivalent sessions per season, which is considered sustainable.   | Enhance wicket quality by improving the current maintenance regime; thus increasing site capacity and eliminating overplay.  | ECB<br>YCB<br>Sports Club | Local               | Low         | S                       | L                  | Protect<br>Enhance |
|         |   | Football |             | One good quality adult, two mini 5v5 and one mini 7v7 pitch of standard quality. The adult pitch currently has one MES of actual spare capacity whereas the mini pitches have no additional capacity at peak times.   | Maintain pitch quality through regular maintenance. Retain pitches for community use.  | FF<br>WRFA<br>Sports Club |                     | Low         | M                       | L                  |                    |

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|---------|-------------------------------------|-------------|------------------------|---|---|-------------------------------|---------------------|----------|-------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|
| 208     | Laisterdyke Cricket & Athletic Club | Cricket     | Sports Club            | The home venue of Bradford Moor CC, the site has one square consisting of seven, standard quality, grass wickets. There is 0.5 match equivalent sessions of actual spare capacity available on site during the peak period. The ancillary provision on site is reportedly poor quality and is affecting club development. | Sustain pitch quality by continuing with the existing maintenance regime. Enhance the ancillary provision on site through refurbishment; alternatively, establish new ancillary provision on site to meet current and future club requirements.               | ECB<br>YCB<br>Sports Club     | Local               | Medium   | L                       | M                  | Protect<br>Provide            |
| 882     | Karmand Cricket Ground              | Cricket     | Community Organisation | The home venue of Karmand CC, the site has one square consisting of 12 standard quality grass wickets; and one match equivalent session of actual spare capacity during the peak time for senior demand. The site also operates as a venue for Last Man Stands. The Club reports aspirations for roll on nets.            | Sustain pitch quality by continuing with the current maintenance regime. Continue to make the pitch available for wider community use. Provide the Club with roll on nets to allow adequate training to take place.   | ECB<br>YCB                    | Local               | Low      | S                       | L                  | Protect<br>Enhance<br>Provide |
|         |                                     | Tennis      |                        | Two poor quality macadam tennis courts that are available for community use but are not floodlit.   | Improve court quality through resurfacing and ensure appropriate maintenance. Establish a user-friendly booking system to encourage latent demand to access the site.   | LTA<br>Community Organisation |                     | Low      | M                       | L                  |                               |
| 894     | Idle CE (A) Primary School          | Football    | Education              | One mini 5v5 pitch of standard quality which is unavailable for community use.  | Retain for school demand.   | School                        | Local               | Low      | S                       | L                  | Protect                       |
| 897     | Blakehill Primary School            | Football    | Education              | One youth 9v9 pitch of standard quality which is currently unused.  | Improve maintenance regime to enhance pitch quality. Explore opportunities to establish community use if a formal use agreement can be put in place to help address overplay of youth 9v9 pitches in the analysis area.                                       | FF<br>WRFA<br>School          | Local               | Medium   | S                       | L                  | Protect<br>Enhance            |
| 898     | Byron Primary School                | Hockey      | Education              | A small-sized, floodlit, sand dressed AGP built in 2005. The pitch is unavailable for community use.  | Retain for school demand and resurface as required.   | School                        | Local               | Low      | M                       | M                  | Enhance                       |
| 899     | Cavendish Primary School            | Football    | Education              | Two mini 5v5 pitches of standard quality which are unavailable for community use.   | Retain for school demand.   | School                        | Local               | Low      | L                       | L                  | Protect                       |
| 900     | Fagley Primary School               | Football    | Education              | One mini 7v7 pitch of standard quality which is unavailable for community use.  | Retain for school demand.   | School                        | Local               | Low      | L                       | L                  | Protect                       |
| 904     | Old Grovians RUFC                   | Rugby union | Sports Club            | One senior pitch of M1/D1 quality which is without floodlighting. The pitch currently has no additional capacity at peak times.   | Look to further improve pitch quality through an enhanced maintenance regime. Secure a formal community use agreement for the WR compliant 3G pitch at Woodhouse Grove School for training demand. Address issues accessing changing provision on match days. | RFU<br>Sports Club            | Local               | Medium   | S                       | L                  | Enhance<br>Provide            |
| 909     | Dixons Marchbank Academy            | Football    | Education              | One mini 7v7 pitch of standard quality which is currently unused. The spare capacity at this site has been discounted due to an unsecure tenure.  | Maintain pitch quality through regular maintenance. Retain pitches for curricular use and potential future community use.   | FF<br>WRFA<br>School          | Local               | Low      | M                       | L                  | Protect                       |

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|---------|---|----------|------------|---|--|----------------------|---------------------|----------|-------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 922     | Exmouth Place Pitch (Ital Pitch, Bolton Road) | Football | Council    | A standard quality, youth 9v9 pitch which is owned by the Council and rented by Eccleshill Barca Juniors FC. The pitch is at capacity. There are no ancillary facilities on site to support the pitch, including car parking. Site included in the SHLAA (Ref: NE/034).   | Consider providing the user club with a long term lease agreement to provide security of tenure.   | CBMDC<br>FF<br>WRFA  | Local               | Low      | S                       | L                  | Protect<br>Enhance |
| 993     | Delph   | Football | Council    | One adult pitch of standard quality which is currently unused.  | Reconfigure to reduce shortfalls in the analysis area or consider future use of the site for formal pitch sports given investment required for a one pitch site. Potential to not maintain and reinvest in a Hub site development. | CBMDC<br>FF<br>WRFA  | Local               | Low      | S                       | L                  | Enhance            |
| 994     | Greengates Primary                            | Football | Education  | One mini 7v7 pitch of standard quality. Has community use. The pitch currently has minimal actual capacity although this has been discounted due to an unsecure tenure.   | Maintain pitch quality through regular maintenance. Formalise a community use agreement to ensure security of tenure.  | FF<br>WRFA<br>School | Local               | Medium   | S                       | L                  | Protect            |
| 9903    | Harrogate Road                                | Football | Council    | One adult pitch of standard quality which is currently unused.  | Reconfigure to reduce shortfalls in the analysis area or consider future use of the site for formal pitch sports given investment required for a one pitch site. Potential to not maintain and reinvest in a Hub site development. | CBMDC<br>FF<br>WRFA  | Local               | Low      | S                       | L                  | Enhance            |
|         | Woodhall Playing Fields (OUTSIDE)             | Football | Council    | A site with four pitches, all of standard quality (an adult, a youth 11v11 and two mini pitches). The site is currently owned by CBMDC despite falling within Leeds City Council boundaries.<br>The site is currently going through a Community Asset Transfer to Albion Sports AFC; which will result in the Club being responsible for the site moving forward. | The site should be protected for sporting demand, with improvements to ancillary facilities required.  | CBMDC<br>FF<br>WRFA  | Local               | Low      | S                       | L                  | Protect<br>Enhance |
|         |   | Cricket  |            | There is a standalone NTP on site which is available for community use.<br>The site is currently owned by CBMDC despite falling within Leeds City Council boundaries.<br>The site is currently going through a Community Asset Transfer to Albion Sports AFC; which will result in the Club being responsible for the site moving forward.                        | The site should be protected for sporting demand, with improvements to ancillary facilities required.  | CBMDC<br>ECB<br>YCB  |                     |          |                         |                    |                    |

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**BRADFORD SOUTH ANALYSIS AREA**

| Site ID | Site  | Sport        | Management  | Current status  | Recommended actions  | Lead Partners       | Site hierarchy tier | Priority | Timescales <sup>11</sup> | Cost <sup>12</sup> | Aim             |
|---------|---|--------------|-------------|---|--|---------------------|---------------------|----------|--------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| 1       | ASA Briggs Rec Ground (Queensbury ARLFC)        | Rugby league | Council     | One senior pitch of poor quality which is without floodlighting and is significantly overplayed.  | Improve pitch quality through enhanced maintenance regime to remove overplay of this site.   | CBMDC RFL           | Local               | Medium   | S                        | L                  | Protect Enhance |
|         |   | Bowls        | Sports Club | One standard quality crown green used by ASA Briggs BC. There is currently minimal spare capacity on this green.  | Increase green quality by improving the current maintenance regime. Retain the green for community use.  | BCGBA Sports Club   |                     | Low      | L                        | L                  |                 |
| 5       | Albert Road Rec Ground (Queensbury ARLFC)       | Rugby league | Sports Club | Previous and future home of Queensbury ARLFC. Development of the site will continue.  | Re-establish the site as the primary home venue of Queensbury ARLFC with appropriate supporting ancillary facilities.  | RFL Sports Club     | Local               | Medium   | M                        | M                  | Provide         |
| 8       | Appleton Academy                                | Football     | Education   | One poor quality adult pitch which currently has minimal overplay. Community use but no formal security of tenure.  | Enhance pitch quality through an improved maintenance regime to eliminate overplay of the pitch. Look to formalise a community use agreement to ensure security of tenure.   | FF WRFA School      | Local               | Medium   | S                        | L                  | Protect Enhance |
|         |   | Football     |             | Full-size, floodlit 3G pitch. It was built in 2011 and is of standard quality. The pitch is neither on the FA register nor available for community use.   | Encourage the provider to obtain FA registration. Maintain pitch quality through regular maintenance and ensure sinking fund is in place to resurface the pitch when necessary. Make the pitch available for community to generate a sinking fund; and maximise use for match demand.      | FF WRFA School      |                     | Medium   | S                        | M                  |                 |
| 9       | Arkwright Street Recreation Ground (Tyersal FC) | Football     | Sports Club | One poor quality adult pitch which is currently overplayed by 1.5 MES per week.   | Enhance pitch quality through an improved maintenance regime to eliminate overplay of the pitch.   | FF WRFA Sports Club | Local               | Medium   | S                        | L                  | Protect Enhance |
| 13      | Bankfoot Cricket Ground                         | Cricket      | Sports Club | A standard quality square consisting of 12 grass wickets. The site is the home venue of Bankfoot CC has some potential capacity for additional demand; although none of this is available during the peak period.   | Where possible enhance the current maintenance regime to improve quality and increase capacity.  | ECB YCB Sports Club | Local               | Low      | S                        | L                  | Protect Enhance |
|         |   | Football     |             | One standard quality adult pitch which is overmarked on a cricket outfield. It currently has minimal actual capacity.   | Maintain pitch quality through regular maintenance to continue to facilitate current usage.  | FF WRFA Sports Club |                     | Low      | M                        | L                  |                 |
| 16      | Beldon Lane Recreation Ground                   | Rugby union  | Council     | A poor quality, senior rugby union pitch which accommodates some match demand from Wibsey RUFC. Subsequently the pitch is at capacity; although the Club is looking to secure a lease agreement for an alternative site, potentially relocating all demand away from Beldon Lane. | Improve the pitch quality by enhancing the current maintenance regime. Should Wibsey RUFC fully relocate to Wibsey Rugby pitch, then consider remarking the pitch for an alternative pitch sport, namely rugby league, for which there is a shortfall in the Bradford South Analysis Area. | CBMDC RFU RFL       | Local               | Low      | M                        | L                  | Enhance Provide |
| 19      | Bierley Recreation Ground                       | Football     | Council     | One adult pitch of standard quality which has one MES of actual spare capacity. Poor quality changing with sufficient to service the number of pitches on the site, but both the internal and external of the facility requires improvement.                                      | Consider future use of the site for formal pitch sports given investment required for a one pitch site. Current demand would need to be sufficiently accommodated elsewhere. Potential to not maintain and reinvest in a Hub site development.   | CBMDC FF WRFA       | Local               | Medium   | S                        | M                  | Enhance         |

<sup>11</sup> (S) -Short (1-2 years); (M) - Medium (3-5 years); (L) - Long (6+ years)

<sup>12</sup> (L) -Low - less than £50k; (M) -Medium - £50k-£250k; (H) -High £250k and above



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|---------|--|--------------|-------------|---|--|----------------------------|---------------------|----------|--------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|
| 27      | Brackenhill Park                         | Bowls        | Council     | One poor quality crown green used by Brackenhill Park BC. Membership numbers are unknown.   | Increase green quality by improving the current maintenance regime. Retain the green for community use.  | CBMDC<br>BCGBA             | Local               | Low      | S                        | L                  | Enhance                       |
|         |  | Tennis       |             | Two poor quality macadam tennis courts that are available for community use but are not floodlit.   | Improve court quality through resurfacing. Establish a maintenance programme to sustain improved quality.  | CBMDC<br>LTA               |                     | Low      | M                        | L                  |                               |
| 42      | Buttershaw Business & Enterprise College | Football     | Education   | One youth 9v9 pitch of standard quality used by Westwood Juniors which has some actual capacity although this has been discounted due to unsecure tenure.   | Maintain pitch quality through regular maintenance to continue to facilitate current usage. Formalise a community use agreement to ensure security of tenure for the Club.   | FF<br>WRFA<br>School       | Key                 | Low      | S                        | L                  | Protect<br>Enhance            |
|         |  | Football     |             | Full-size, floodlit 3G pitch. The pitch was previously on the FA Register but this expired in late 2017 and has not been renewed. The pitch was built in 2009 and is standard quality.  | Monitor performance and rate of deterioration of the pitch and consider resurfacing the pitch when required. Encourage provider to re-register and maximise for match use.   | FF<br>WRFA<br>School       |                     | Medium   | S                        | M                  |                               |
|         |  | Tennis       |             | Four standard quality macadam tennis courts but are not floodlit.   | Retain the courts for school demand.   | School                     |                     | Low      | L                        | L                  |                               |
| 43      | Buttershaw St Paul's Cricket Club        | Cricket      | Sports Club | The home venue of Buttershaw St Paul's CC, the site has one, standard quality square consisting of six grass wickets. The square is overplayed by 12 match equivalent sessions per season. The Club reports aspirations to work with the Council to establish an NTP on site for both club and community use. | Enhance the maintenance regime to improve quality and increase capacity to reduce overplay. Install an NTP on site for both training demand and use by junior teams.   | ECB<br>YCB<br>Sports Club  | Local               | Medium   | S                        | L                  | Protect<br>Enhance<br>Provide |
| 46      | Carrbottom Recreation Ground             | Football     | Council     | One adult pitch of standard quality which is currently overplayed minimally.  | Enhance pitch quality to eliminate overplay of the pitch or consider future use of the site for formal pitch sports given investment required for a one pitch site. Current demand would need to be sufficiently accommodated elsewhere. Potential to not maintain and reinvest in a Hub site development. | CBMDC<br>FF<br>WRFA        | Local               | Medium   | S                        | L                  | Enhance                       |
| 80      | Emsley Memorial Recreation Ground        | Football     | Council     | One adult pitch of standard quality which currently has minimal actual capacity. No separate changing rooms now for adult open age football. It can only use the rugby changing rooms when the juniors are not at home.   | If football demand can be transferred elsewhere consider reconfiguration to rugby league.  | CBMDC<br>FF<br>WRFA<br>RFL | Local               | Medium   | M                        | L                  | Protect<br>Enhance<br>Provide |
|         |  | Rugby league |             | A senior pitch of standard quality which is without floodlights and currently significantly overplayed. Reportedly, the pitch would be good quality if not for vandalism of the site. There is also poor ancillary facilities and inadequate parking on the site.   | Improve pitch quality and consider making this a dedicated rugby league site as per above. Consider funding options to improve ancillary facilities and add measures to reduce vandalism.  | CBMDC<br>RFL               |                     | Medium   | M                        | H                  |                               |

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|---------|---|-----------|-------------|---|--|---------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| 82      | Ewart Street Cricket Ground - Great Horton CC | Cricket   | Sports Club | The home venue of Great Horton Park Chapel CC, the one square on site has ten good quality wickets and potential capacity for additional demand. However, none of the capacity is available during the peak period for senior play.   | Sustain pitch quality by continuing with the current maintenance regime.   | ECB<br>YCB<br>Sports Club | Local               | Low                 | S                        | L                  | Protect         |
| 83      | Field Sports & Social Club                    | Football  | Sports Club | One adult pitch of standard quality which currently has minimal actual capacity.  | Maintain pitch quality through regular maintenance to continue to facilitate current usage.  | FF<br>WRFA<br>Sports Club | Local               | Low                 | M                        | L                  | Protect Enhance |
| 86      | Foxhill Park                                  | Football  | Council     | One adult pitch and one youth 11v11 pitch, both of standard quality. The youth 11v11 pitch is currently unused whilst the adult pitch has one MES of actual spare capacity.   | Maintain pitch quality through regular maintenance. Ensure that both pitches are played to capacity to alleviate overplay of other pitches in the area.  | CBMDC<br>FF<br>WRFA       | Local               | Medium              | S                        | L                  | Protect         |
| 99      | Harold Park                                   | Football  | Council     | One adult pitch of standard quality which has no capacity at peak periods. The changing rooms have been closed due to being inadequate. The teams which play at the site now have changing facilities at a local public house.  | Consider future use of the site for formal pitch sports given investment required for a one pitch site. Current demand would need to be sufficiently accommodated elsewhere. Potential to not maintain and reinvest in a Hub site development.   | CBMDC<br>FF<br>WRFA       | Local               | Medium              | S                        | L                  | Enhance         |
|         |   | Bowls     |             | One poor quality crown green used by Harold Park BC. Membership numbers are unknown.  | Increase green quality by improving the current maintenance regime. Retain the green for community use.  |                           |                     | CBMDC<br>BCGBA      | Medium                   | S                  |                 |
| 111     | Horsfall Playing Fields                       | Cricket   | Council     | A standard quality square of five grass wickets. The site is the home venue of Denholme Clough CC. Although the site has some potential capacity this is insufficient to accommodate a new senior men's team.   | Improve quality and increase capacity. Explore options for a formal, long term, community use agreement to give security of tenure.  | CBMDC<br>ECB<br>YCB       | Key                 | Medium              | S                        | L                  | Protect Enhance |
|         |   | Football  |             | Three adult pitches of poor quality which are overplayed by 3.5 MES per week. The size of the ancillary provision on site is good, however, the quality is adequate, with facilities appearing to be significantly dated.   | In line with the LFFP, improve the quality of the pitches on site. Relocate some demand from overplayed sites to utilise the increased capacity. In line with the LFFP, improve the ancillary facilities on site.  |                           |                     | CBMDC<br>FF<br>WRFA | High (LFFP)              | S                  |                 |
| 112     | Horsfall Stadium                              | Football  | Sports Club | One adult pitch of standard quality. Bradford PA is currently in the process of securing a long-term lease agreement from the Council which will leave the Club responsible for the site and its maintenance.   | Enhance pitch quality through improved maintenance. Ensure that ancillary facilities remain compliant with FA ruling.  | FF<br>WRFA                | Key                 | Medium              | S                        | L                  | Protect Enhance |
|         |   | Athletics |             | A six lane, 400m synthetic track which is fully floodlit. The track is of poor quality and currently used by Bradford Airedale AC. The Club is in the process of agreeing a service level agreement with Bradford Park Avenue Community FC which will see Airedale AC retain access to the track. | Resurface the track and improve maintenance programme to gain UKA certification to encourage club and event usage. Ancillary facility improvements would also be required. In the longer term, ensure a sustainable business model is adopted to manage and maintain the track, including promotion of greater usage other than from the AC. |                           |                     | UKA                 | High                     | M                  |                 |

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|---------|--------------------------------------|----------|-------------|--|--|---------------------------|---------------------|----------------|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 115     | Hudson Avenue Road Recreation Ground | Football | Council     | One adult pitch and one youth 11v11 pitch, both of poor quality. The youth 11v11 pitch is currently unused whilst the adult pitch has minimal actual capacity.   | Enhance pitch quality through improved maintenance to encourage community and recreational use. Explore the possibility of reconfiguring the pitches to alleviate overplay of other pitches in the area.   | CBMDC<br>FF<br>WRFA       | Local               | High           | S                        | L                  | Protect<br>Enhance |
| 127     | Jer Lane Cricket Field               | Cricket  | Sports Club | 12 standard quality grass wickets which are the home venue of Jer Lane CC. Although the site has some potential capacity this is insufficient to accommodate a new senior men's team.  | Where possible enhance the current maintenance regime to improve quality and increase capacity.  | ECB<br>YCB<br>Sports Club | Local               | Low            | S                        | L                  | Protect<br>Enhance |
| 132     | Knowles Recreation Ground            | Football | Council     | One adult pitch and one mini 7v7 pitch, both of poor quality. The adult pitch is currently played to capacity and the mini 7v7 pitch has no capacity at peak times. Site included in the SHLAA (Ref: SE/160).  | Alternatively enhance pitch quality through improved maintenance to alleviate overplay of other pitches in the area.   | CBMDC<br>FF<br>WRFA       | Local               | High           | S                        | L                  | Protect<br>Enhance |
| 137     | Legrams Recreation Ground            | Football | Council     | A standard quality adult pitch which is available for community use and used. The pitch is currently utilised by Bradford Central Sports.  | Retain the pitch for community use. Sustain quality by continuing with the current maintenance regime.   | CBMDC<br>FF<br>WRFA       | Local               | Low            | S                        | L                  | Protect            |
| 139     | Low Moor Holy Trinity Cricket Club   | Cricket  | Sports Club | The home venue of Low Moor Holy Trinity CC, the site has one square with ten good quality wickets. No peak time availability for senior play. The ancillary facilities are poor quality and require improvement. The Club reports aspiration to establish an NTP on site for both club and community use. Last Man Stands also operates from the site. | Sustain pitch quality by continuing with the current maintenance regime. Refurbish ancillary provision to a quality equal to the pitch. Explore whether there is sufficient latent and casual demand in the Area for an NTP to be installed on site. | ECB<br>YCB Sports Club    | Local               | Medium         | M                        | M                  | Protect<br>Enhance |
| 148     | Muff Field CC                        | Cricket  | Sports Club | A standard quality square of seven grass wickets. The site is the home venue of Muff Field CC. Although the site has some potential capacity this is insufficient to accommodate a new senior men's team.  | Where possible enhance the current maintenance regime to improve quality and increase capacity.  | ECB<br>YCB Sports Club    | Local               | Low            | S                        | L                  | Protect<br>Enhance |
| 153     | Newhall Park Primary School          | Football | Education   | One adult pitch of poor quality which is currently played to capacity and a youth 11v11 pitch of standard quality which is overmarked with a mini 7v7 pitch and currently overplayed by one MES per week.  | Enhance pitch quality through improved maintenance to alleviate overplay on the site.  | FF<br>WRFA<br>School      | Local               | High           | S                        | L                  | Protect<br>Enhance |
| 157     | Oakenshaw Victoria Park              | Football | Council     | One youth 9v9 pitch of standard quality which is currently unused.   | Reconfigure to adult to reduce shortfalls in the analysis area or consider future use of the site for formal pitch sports given investment required for a one pitch site. Potential to not maintain and reinvest in a Hub site development.          | CBMDC<br>FF<br>WRFA       | Local               | Medium         | S                        | L                  | Enhance            |
|         |                                      | Bowls    |             | Two standard quality crown green used by Oakenshaw BC. This site currently has ample spare capacity.   | Increase green quality by improving the current maintenance regime. Retain the green for community use.  |                           |                     | CBMDC<br>BCGBA |                          |                    |                    |

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| Site ID | Site  | Sport                 | Management  | Current status   | Recommended actions  | Lead Partners              | Site hierarchy tier | Priority | Timescales <sup>15</sup> | Cost <sup>16</sup> | Aim                           |
|---------|---|-----------------------|-------------|--|--|----------------------------|---------------------|----------|--------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|
| 160     | Odsal Playing Fields                                    | Rugby league Football | Council     | One poor quality senior rugby league pitch which is subject to some match demand from Odsal primary teams. The pitch has 0.5 MES of potential capacity. Previously the site also contained three standard quality adult football pitches.<br>Playing field site which is subject to development of an aquatic, sport and leisure facility (App Ref: 17/00352/MAF) which reduces the playing field area but provides two senior and one junior winter sports pitches with two training areas.   | Sport England planning conditions in place to ensure the pitches are constructed to a good standard, community use is secured, and the sporting use of the site is not affected by the construction works.   | CBMDC<br>RFL<br>FF<br>WRFA | Local               | Medium   | M                        | L                  | Enhance                       |
| 161     | Odsal Recreation Ground                                 | Rugby league          | Council     | A senior pitch which is subject to training and some match demand from Odsal Sedbergh ARLFC. The pitch is overplayed by 2.25 MES.  | Improve pitch quality through enhanced maintenance regime to reduce overplay. Look to accommodate training demand at another site to prevent overplay of this pitch.   | CBMDC<br>RFL               | Local               | High     | S                        | L                  | Enhance                       |
| 171     | Pit Lane (Queensbury Celtic FC)                         | Football              | Sports Club | One adult pitch, one youth 11v11 pitch, one youth 9v9 pitch, two mini 7v7 pitches and two mini 5v5 pitches, all of standard quality. The youth 9v9 pitch currently has minimal overplay while the youth 11v11 pitch is played to capacity. The adult pitch and mini 7v7 pitches have no capacity at peak times. There is minimal actual capacity on the mini 5v5 pitches. This site is currently supported by poor ancillary facilities. Football Foundation funding for improvements to the ancillary provision has already been secured. | Enhance pitch quality through improved maintenance to alleviate overplay and enable additional match play on the site.   | FF<br>WRFA<br>Sports Club  | Key                 | Medium   | M                        | M                  | Protect<br>Enhance            |
| 173     | Queensbury Cricket Ground                               | Cricket               | Sports Club | A standard quality square consisting of two grass wickets. The site is the home venue of Queensbury CC and is overplayed by 19 match equivalent sessions per season. The Club has a rental agreement with a local landowner for the site but there is nothing formal about this meaning that the Club does not have security of tenure.  | Establish two additional wickets on site of a good quality; whilst concurrently improving the quality of existing provision. This will reduce overplay to a sustainable level. Secure a formal lease agreement from the landowner to provide the Club with security of tenure. | ECB<br>YCB<br>Sports Club  | Local               | High     | S                        | L                  | Protect<br>Enhance<br>Provide |
| 179     | Russell Hall Park                                       | Bowls                 | Council     | One poor quality crown green used by Queensbury BC. There is currently ample spare capacity at this site.  | Increase green quality by improving the current maintenance regime. Retain the green for community use.  | CBMDC<br>BCGBA             | Local               | Low      | M                        | L                  | Enhance                       |
| 189     | Southfield Vocational Centre/ Grange Technology College | Football              | Education   | One youth 11v11 pitch of standard quality which is overmarked with a youth 9v9 pitch. It is currently played to capacity through curricular use.   | Retain pitches for school use.   | School                     | Local               | Low      | L                        | L                  | Protect                       |
|         |   | Football              |             | One full-size, floodlit 3G pitch on the FA Register. The pitch was refurbished in 2017 and is of good quality. There is also a small-size, floodlit 3G pitch on site.  | Maintain pitch quality through regular maintenance and ensure sinking fund is in place to resurface the pitch when necessary. Renew FA certification when required.  | FF<br>WRFA<br>School       |                     | Low      | L                        | M                  |                               |
|         |   | Tennis                |             | Six standard quality macadam tennis courts but are not floodlit.   | Retain the courts for school demand.   | School                     |                     | Low      | L                        | L                  |                               |

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|---------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------|---|---|----------------------|---------------------|----------|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 195     | TFD Youth Centre                      | Football                     | Council     | A standard quality youth 11v11 pitch which is available for community use and used by Holmewood FC.   | Retain the pitch for community use. Sustain quality by continuing with the current maintenance regime.  | CBMDC<br>FF<br>WRFA  | Local               | Low      | S                        | L                  | Protect            |
| 198     | The Harold Club                       | Bowls                        | Sports Club | Two poor quality crown greens used by The Harold Club BC. There is currently ample spare capacity on these greens. The Harold Club reports evaluating the possibility of leveraging the land which currently services as the second bowling green.  | Increase green quality and explore the sustainability of retaining two greens at the site.  | BCGBA                | Local               | Medium   | M                        | L                  | Enhance            |
| 206     | Tong Sports Centre/Tong High School   | Cricket                      | Education   | A standard quality square consisting of four grass wickets and an NTP. The square is available for community use but is currently unused.   | Retain the pitch for school demand and if demand exists locally explore options for greater use.  | ECB<br>YCB           | Key                 | Low      | S                        | L                  | Protect<br>Enhance |
|         |                                       | Football                     |             | One adult pitch and two youth 9v9 pitches of standard quality. The pitches are currently unused for community use.  | Explore options to establish community use to help meet shortfalls.   | FF<br>WRFA<br>School |                     | Medium   | S                        | L                  |                    |
|         |                                       | Football                     | Council     | One full-size, floodlit 3G pitch. It was built in 2008 and is of standard quality. Not on FA Register.  | Monitor performance and rate of deterioration of the pitch and consider resurfacing the pitch when required. Explore the feasibility of gaining FA certification in order to maximise use for matches.  | CBMDC<br>FF<br>WRFA  |                     | Medium   | M                        | M                  |                    |
|         |                                       | Rugby league                 | Education   | Two good quality senior pitches without floodlights which are significantly overplayed through training demand from Bradford Bulls RLFC.  | Maintain pitch quality through regular maintenance. Look to accommodate Bradford Bulls training demand at an alternate site to prevent overplay of these pitches.   | RFL<br>School        |                     | High     | S                        | L                  |                    |
|         |                                       | Tennis                       |             | Three good quality macadam tennis courts that are available for community use but are not floodlit.   | Sustain court quality by continuing with the current maintenance regime. Retain the courts for school demand. Continue to make the courts available for community use.  | LTA<br>School        |                     | Low      | S                        | L                  |                    |
| 216     | Westwood Park Cricket & Football Club | Football                     | Sports Club | One adult pitch of standard quality which is significantly overplayed. The site also suffers from poor drainage.  | Enhance pitch quality through improved maintenance to reduce overplay. Explore the potential of moving some teams to an alternate site to remove overplay of this pitch.  | FF<br>WRFA<br>School | Local               | High     | S                        | L                  | Enhance            |
| 218     | Wibsey Park Recreation Ground         | Rugby league                 | Council     | One senior pitch of poor quality and currently unused.  | Improve pitch quality through enhanced maintenance regime to encourage community use. Encourage usage of the pitch for match/training demand to alleviate overplay of other pitches in the area.  | CBMDC<br>RFL         | Local               | Medium   | S                        | L                  | Enhance            |
|         |                                       | Bowls                        |             | Two poor quality crown greens used by Wibsey Park BC. Membership numbers are unknown.   | Increase green quality by improving the current maintenance regime. Retain the green for community use.   | CBMDC<br>BCGBA       |                     | Low      | S                        | L                  |                    |
| 221     | Wibsey Rugby pitch                    | Rugby league/<br>rugby union | Council     | One poor quality senior rugby league pitch which is overmarked with rugby union. This pitch is also significantly overplayed and has suffered from frequent vandalism. Poor grass coverage was also noted at the site. Subject to a CAT transfer to rugby club. Site included in the SHLAA (Ref: SW/053). | Maintain pitch quality through regular maintenance. Provide Wibsey RUFC and Wibsey Warriors ARLFC with long term lease agreements for the site. Establish a second, dual code, senior pitch on site. Refurbish the existing changing provision; whilst also | CBMDC<br>RFL<br>RFU  | Local               | High     | M                        | M-H                | Protect<br>Enhance |

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|---------|--------------------------------------|--------------|-------------|--|--|---------------------------|---------------------|----------|--------------------------|--------------------|---------|
|         |                                      |              |             |  | improving site security to reduce anti-social behaviour.   |                           |                     |          |                          |                    |         |
| 229     | Woodlands Sports Hall & Cricket Club | Cricket      | Sports Club | The home venue of Woodlands CC, the site has one square of 14 good quality wickets. Although there are 37 match equivalent sessions of potential capacity none of this is available for community use.   | Sustain pitch quality by continuing with the current maintenance regime.   | ECB<br>YCB<br>Sports Club | Local               | Low      | S                        | L                  | Protect |
| 234     | Wyke Park                            | Bowls        | Council     | One good quality crown green used by Wyke BC. There is currently ample spare capacity at this site.  | Ensure green quality is maintained through regular maintenance. Retain the green for community use.  | CBMDC<br>BCGBA            | Local               | Low      | M                        | L                  | Protect |
|         |                                      | Rugby league |             | One senior pitch of good quality which is without floodlighting and is currently significantly overplayed through match and training demand from Wyke ARLFC. Dog fouling has also been reported as an issue on site.                             | Maintain pitch quality through regular maintenance. Look for an alternate site to accommodate training demand from Wyke ARLFC. Explore potential avenues to reduce the amount of dog fouling on the pitch. | CBMDC<br>RFL              |                     | High     | S                        | L                  |         |
| 879     | Tong Manor CC                        | Cricket      | Sports Club | Although the Club has folded, the square of 10 grass wickets, continues be maintained to a standard quality.   | Retain the pitch for community use. Consider relocating some demand from overplayed sites to utilise spare capacity.   | ECB<br>YCB<br>Sports Club | Local               | Low      | S                        | L                  | Protect |
| 892     | St John's CE Primary School          | Football     | Education   | One mini 5v5 pitch of standard quality which is unavailable for community use.   | Retain for school demand.  | School                    | Local               | Low      | L                        | L                  | Protect |
| 893     | St Matthew's CE Primary School       | Football     | Education   | One mini 5v5 pitch of standard quality which is unavailable for community use.   | Retain for school demand.  | School                    | Local               | Low      | L                        | L                  | Protect |
| 896     | Horton Grange Primary (off site)     | Football     | Education   | One mini 7v7 pitch of standard quality which is currently unused. The spare capacity at this site has been discounted due to an unsecure tenure.   | Maintain pitch quality through regular maintenance. Formalise a community use agreement to ensure security of tenure so that future overplay can be accommodated.  | FF<br>WRFA<br>School      | Local               | Medium   | M                        | L                  | Protect |
| 901     | Fairfield Primary School             | Football     | Education   | One mini 5v5 pitch of standard quality which is unavailable for community use.   | Retain for school demand.  | School                    | Local               | Low      | L                        | L                  | Protect |
| 907     | Bradford Forster Academy             | Football     | Education   | One adult pitch of standard quality which is currently unused for community use. Identified as having potential for greater community use.   | Further explore potential for secured community usage on site to alleviate overplay of other pitches in the area.  | School                    | Local               | Low      | S                        | L                  | Protect |
|         |                                      | Tennis       |             | Three macadam tennis courts of standard quality not floodlit.  | Retain the courts for school demand.   | School                    |                     | Low      | L                        | L                  |         |
| 912     | Wibsey Primary School                | Football     | Education   | A half-size, 3G pitch without floodlights and which is unavailable for community use.  | Retain for school demand. Explore options to establish community use.  | FF<br>WRFA<br>School      | Local               | Low      | M                        | M                  | Protect |
| 920     | Dixons Kings Academy                 | Tennis       | Education   | Four good quality macadam tennis courts that are floodlit but are not available for community use.   | Retain the courts for school demand.   | School                    | Local               | Low      | S                        | L                  | Protect |
| 921     | Odsal Stadium                        | Rugby league | RFL         | Home to professional club Bradford Bulls now playing in the Betfred Championship. One senior pitch of good quality which is floodlit. It primarily services Bradford Bulls but it does also have community and commercial activity taking place. | Maintain pitch quality through regular maintenance to meet RFL standards.  | RFL<br>Sports Club        | Local               | Low      | L                        | L                  | Protect |

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| Site ID | Site                                       | Sport        | Management | Current status   | Recommended actions  | Lead Partners               | Site hierarchy tier | Priority    | Timescales <sup>17</sup> | Cost <sup>18</sup> | Aim     |
|---------|--|--------------|------------|--|--|-----------------------------|---------------------|-------------|--------------------------|--------------------|---------|
| 995     | Marshfield Playing Fields                  | Football     | Council    | One adult pitch of poor quality which is currently overplayed significantly. The site also suffers from poor drainage.   | Enhance pitch quality to eliminate overplay of the pitch or consider future use of the site for formal pitch sports given investment required for a one pitch site. Current demand would need to be sufficiently accommodated elsewhere. Potential to not maintain and reinvest in a Hub site development. | CBMDC<br>FF<br>WRFA         | Local               | High        | S                        | L                  | Enhance |
| New     | Wyke Manor (Wyke Community Sports Village) | Football     | Council    | A full size 3G pitch is to be installed on site.   | Ensure that the pitch is installed to a good quality; with at least FA certification to allow competitive matches to take place on site. Consider the value of making the pitch long-pile and RFL Community Standard to accommodate some rugby league demand.  | CBMDC<br>FF<br>WRFA<br>RFL  | Hub                 | High        | M                        | H                  | Provide |
|         |  | Football     |            | Three grass football pitches to be developed on site<br>All provision to be accompanying by suitable changing provision. | Ensure the pitches are of a good quality. Provide partner clubs with formal community use agreements for the site to give security of tenure.  | CBMDC<br>FF<br>WRFA         |                     | High (LFFP) | M                        | H                  |         |
|         |  | Rugby league |            | One senior rugby league pitch to be installed on site with accompanying changing provision.                              | Ensure the pitch is of a good quality. Provide Wyke ARLFC with a formal lease agreement for the site to provide security of tenure.  | CBMDC<br>RFL<br>Sports Club |                     | High        | M                        | H                  |         |

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**BRADFORD WEST ANALYSIS AREA**

| Site ID | Site                                    | Sport       | Management  | Current status   | Recommended actions   | Lead Partners             | Site hierarchy tier | Priority | Timescales <sup>19</sup> | Cost <sup>20</sup> | Aim                |
|---------|---|-------------|-------------|--|---|---------------------------|---------------------|----------|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 6       | Allerton Cricket Club                   | Cricket     | Sports Club | A standard quality square consisting of four grass wickets alongside an NTP. The site is the home venue of Allerton CC and has a manageable amount of overplay.  | Enhance the maintenance regime to improve quality and increase capacity to reduce overplay. Utilise the NTP for junior cricket to reduce overplay.  | ECB<br>YCB<br>Sports Club | Local               | Low      | S                        | L                  | Protect<br>Enhance |
| 23      | Bingley Road West Recreation Ground     | Football    | Council     | Two adult pitches of standard quality with 1.5 MES of actual capacity.   | Look to maximise the available capacity at this site to alleviate overplay of other pitches in the area.  | CBMDC<br>FF<br>WRFA       | Local               | Medium   | S                        | L                  | Protect            |
| 31      | Bradford College (Trinity Green Campus) | Football    | Education   | One adult pitch of standard quality which is currently unused although the spare capacity at this site has been discounted due to an unsecure tenure.  | Maintain pitch quality through regular maintenance. Formalise community use agreement to ensure security of tenure. Look to reconfigure pitches to reduce overplay of other pitch sizes in the area.  | FF<br>WRFA<br>School      | Local               | Medium   | S                        | L                  | Protect            |
| 32      | Bradford Girls Grammar School           | Hockey      | Education   | One full-size sand dressed AGP which is floodlit and available for community use. It is currently used by Bradford HC and University of Bradford HC. The pitch is of standard quality and was built in 2004.   | Resurface the pitch as the surface has exceeded the recommended lifespan. Maintain pitch quality through regular maintenance and ensure sinking fund is in place for resurfacing. Facilitate ongoing hockey use through a long term community use agreement.  | EH<br>School              | Key                 | High     | M                        | M                  | Protect<br>Enhance |
|         |   | Tennis      |             | Six good quality macadam tennis courts that are not floodlit.  | Retain the courts for school demand.  | School                    |                     | Low      | L                        | L                  |                    |
| 33      | Bradford Grammar School                 | Cricket     | Education   | Three standard quality grass wickets alongside an NTP. The square is available for community use but is currently unused. It is subject to curricular demand.  | Retain pitches for school demand.   | School                    | Key                 | Low      | L                        | L                  | Protect<br>Enhance |
|         |   | Hockey      |             | One full-size, sand filled AGP which is floodlit but unavailable for community use. The pitch is of poor quality and was home to Bingley Bees GC until September 2018 which have been unable to find a suitable alternate venue. The pitch is currently (February 2019) being improved.                | Seek to secure a formal community use agreement for Bingley Bees HC, which requires one match slot every Saturday afternoon.  | EH<br>School              |                     | High     | S                        | M                  |                    |
|         |   | Rugby union |             | Four unused senior pitches of M1/D1 standard which are all without floodlights. These pitches are currently played to capacity through curricular use.   | Retain pitches for school demand.   | School                    |                     | Low      | L                        | L                  |                    |
|         |   | Tennis      |             | Nine good quality macadam tennis courts which are not floodlit.  | Retain the courts for school demand.  | School                    |                     | Low      | S                        | L                  |                    |
| 35      | Bradford Salem RFC                      | Rugby union | Sports Club | Three senior pitches, two of which are of M1/D3 quality and one of these is floodlit. The third pitch is of M1/D1 standard and is without floodlighting. The M1/D3 unfloodlit pitch is played to capacity whilst the floodlit pitch is significantly overplayed. The M1/D1 pitch has minimal overplay. | Improve the maintenance regime to increase site capacity and pitch quality. Utilise the WR compliant 3G pitch at Keighley RFC for some training demand, reducing overplay. Refurbish the changing provision on site, ensuring that there are sufficient changing rooms to service all pitches simultaneously. | RFU<br>Sports Club        | Local               | High     | S                        | L                  | Protect<br>Enhance |

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| 47      | Oasis Academy Lister Park                          | Football     | Education   | One youth 11v11 pitch of standard quality which is currently unused although the spare capacity at this site has been discounted due to an unsecure tenure.                                    | Maintain pitch quality through regular maintenance. Formalise community use agreement to ensure security of tenure. Ensure pitch capacity is maximised to reduce overplay of other pitches in the area.   | FF WRFA School      | Local               | Medium   | S                        | L                  | Protect Enhance |
|         |  | Tennis       |             | One standard quality macadam tennis court which is available for community use but is not floodlit.  | Sustain court quality by continuing with the current maintenance regime. Retain the court for school demand. Continue to make the court available for community use.  | LTA School          |                     | Low      | S                        | L                  |                 |
| 49      | Clayton Cricket Club                               | Cricket      | Sports Club | Six standard quality grass wickets which are overplayed by ten match equivalent sessions. The Club reports that it is in the process of obtaining grant funding for training facilities.       | Where possible improve the maintenance regime to increase pitch quality. Support the Club's application to obtain funding for training provision.   | ECB YCB Sports Club | Local               | Medium   | S                        | L                  | Enhance         |
| 50      | Clayton Rugby Club                                 | Rugby league | Sports Club | One senior pitch of standard quality which is available for community use but without floodlights. The pitch is currently significantly overplayed by Clayton ARLFC.                           | Improve pitch quality through enhanced maintenance regime to reduce overplay of this pitch. Look to move training demand to an alternate site, if possible, to prevent overplay.  | RFL Sports Club     | Local               | High     | S                        | L                  | Enhance         |
| 51      | Clayton Victoria Park                              | Bowls        | Council     | One standard quality crown green used by Clayton Victoria Park BC. There is currently ample spare capacity at this green.  | Maintain green quality through regular maintenance. Retain the green for community use.   | CBMDC BCGBA         | Local               | Low      | M                        | L                  | Protect         |
| 64      | Delph Recreation Ground                            | Rugby league | Council     | Two poor quality senior pitches which are currently unused.  | Improve pitch quality through enhanced maintenance regime to accommodate community usage and reduce overplay of other sites in the area.  | CBMDC RFL           | Local               | High     | S                        | L                  | Protect Enhance |
| 68      | Dixons Allerton Academy                            | Cricket      | Education   | A standalone NTP which is available for community used but is not currently used.  | Retain the pitch for curricular and extra-curricular activity.  | ECB YCB School      | Local               | Low      | S                        | L                  | Protect         |
| 68      | Dixons Allerton Academy                            | Football     | Education   | Two youth 11v11 pitches and one youth 9v9 pitch, all of standard quality. All pitches are currently overplayed and suffer from unsecure tenures.   | Improve pitch quality through enhanced maintenance regime to remove overplay of the youth 9v9 pitch and reduce overplay of the 11v11 pitches. Look for move some of the play on the youth 11v11 pitches to another site to remove overplay. Formalise a community use agreement to ensure security of tenure. | FF WRFA School      | Local               | High     | S                        | L                  | Protect Enhance |
|         |  | Football     |             | Full-size, floodlit 3G pitch. It was built in 2014 and is of good quality. This pitch is currently unavailable for community use at weekends and is not on the FA Register.                    | Maintain pitch quality through regular maintenance and ensure sinking fund is in place to resurface the pitch when required. Explore the feasibility of opening the site at weekends to increase community usage and look to gain FA certification.   | FF WRFA School      |                     | Medium   | L                        | M                  |                 |
| 89      | Girlington CC - Little Horton Green Cricket Ground | Cricket      | Sports Club | Five standard quality grass wickets which accommodate match demand from Girlington CC. The site is overplayed by four match equivalent sessions per season but this is considered sustainable. | Enhance pitch quality by improving the current maintenance regime; to reduce overplay.  | ECB YCB Sports Club | Local               | Low      | S                        | L                  | Enhance         |

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| 92      | Great Horton Church CC              | Cricket  | Sports Club | Eight standard quality wickets which are overplayed by 14 match equivalent sessions per season. The site is the home venue of Girlington CC which has aspirations for new roll-on nets for training demand.<br>Site identified in the SHLAA (ref: NW/042)   | Enhance pitch quality by improving the current maintenance regime; to reduce overplay. Support the Club's aspirations for appropriate training provision.   | ECB<br>YCB<br>Sports Club | Local               | Medium   | S                        | L                  | Protect<br>Enhance |
| 93      | Green Top Street Recreation Ground  | Football | Council     | One adult pitch of standard quality which has no peak time capacity.  | Consider future use of the site for formal pitch sports given investment required for a one pitch site. Current demand would need to be sufficiently accommodated elsewhere. Potential to not maintain and reinvest in a Hub site development.  | CBMDC<br>FF<br>WRFA       | Local               | Medium   | M                        | L                  | Enhance            |
| 95      | Greenwood Park                      | Cricket  | Council     | A poor quality square that is currently rented by Bingley Congs CC. The square consists of six grass wickets; and is overplayed by 16 match equivalent sessions per season.   | Improve pitch quality by establishing a new maintenance regime; decreasing overplay as quality and capacity increase.   | CBMDC<br>ECB<br>YCB       | Local               | Medium   | M                        | L                  | Protect<br>Enhance |
| 108     | Hill Top Rd - Thornton Cricket Club | Cricket  | Sports Club | The home venue for Thornton CC and Bradford Ladies CC; the site has one, standard quality, square consisting of 12 grass wickets alongside an NTP. Although there is some spare capacity on site, it is minimal and insufficient to accommodate demand from any additional teams. A senior men's team for Thornton CC is displaced to Calderdale and Kirklees to access provision during the peak period. | Enhance pitch quality by improving the current maintenance regime. This will increase site capacity, enabling the clubs' future demand to be accommodated on site. Find a suitable location of the displaced demand of Thornton CC in the Analysis Area, securing a long term community use agreement for the Club. | ECB<br>YCB<br>Sports Club | Local               | Low      | S                        | L                  | Protect<br>Enhance |
| 113     | Horton Park                         | Bowls    | Council     | Three poor quality crown greens used by Horton Park BC. Membership numbers are unknown.   | Further establish membership numbers and investigate the sustainability of retaining three greens at the site.  | CBMDC<br>BCGBA            | Local               | Medium   | M                        | L                  | Enhance            |
| 133     | Ladyhill Park                       | Bowls    | Council     | One standard quality crown green used by Ladyhill BC. There is ample spare capacity at this site.   | Maintain green quality through regular maintenance. Retain the green for community use. Monitor membership figures to ensure the long-term viability of this green.   | CBMDC<br>BCGBA            | Local               | Low      | S                        | L                  | Protect            |
| 135     | Lister Park                         | Bowls    | Council     | Three standard quality crown greens used by Lister Park BC. The Club currently has only ten members.  | Consider the long-term viability of retaining three greens on site, given the low amount of demand that they currently service. Support Lister Park BC to increase membership numbers.  | CBMDC<br>BCGBA            | Key                 | Low      | S                        | L                  | Protect<br>Enhance |
|         |                                     | Tennis   |             | Two poor quality macadam tennis courts that are available for community use but are not floodlit.   | Resurface the courts to immediately improve quality.<br>Establish a maintenance regime to sustain improved quality.<br>Establish both Tennis for Kids and Tennis for Free initiatives at the site to address some latent demand.<br>Incorporate the LTA's Clubspark booking system in to any site refurbishments.   | CBMDC<br>LTA              |                     | Medium   | S                        | M                  |                    |

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|---------|--|----------|-------------|--|--|---------------------------|---------------------|----------|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 142     | Manningham Mills Sports Ground                 | Cricket  | Sports Club | A standard quality square consisting of five grass wickets. The site is the home venue of Baptist Bowling CC and has a manageable amount of overplay.  | Enhance the maintenance regime to improve quality and increase capacity to reduce overplay.  | ECB<br>YCB<br>Sports Club | Local               | Low      | M                        | L                  | Protect<br>Enhance |
|         |  | Football |             | One adult pitch of good quality with one MES of actual capacity.   | Maintain pitch quality through regular maintenance. Ensure pitch is played to capacity to alleviate overplay of other pitches in the area.   | FF<br>WRFA                |                     | Low      | M                        | L                  |                    |
| 149     | Mumby Street Recreation Ground                 | Football | Council     | Currently disused, the site previously had an adult football pitch marked out. The Council plans to bring the site back in to use and is in the process of finding an appropriate user group.  | Once an appropriate user group is found, re-establish the pitch on the site and maintain to an adequate quality level.   | CBMDC<br>FF<br>WRFA       | Local               | Low      | S                        | L                  | Provide            |
| 166     | Park Avenue Cricket Ground                     | Cricket  | ECB         | A good quality square consisting of 17 grass wickets alongside an NTP. The site has received significant investment from both YCB and the Council; and is available for community use. There are 53 match equivalent sessions of potential capacity and 0.5 match equivalent sessions of actual spare capacity during the peak period. | Sustain pitch quality by continuing with the current maintenance regime. Continue to make the pitch available for community use. Consider relocating some demand from overplayed venues to the site.   | ECB<br>YCB                | Key                 | Medium   | S                        | L                  | Protect            |
| 172     | Prune Park Recreation Ground                   | Football | Council     | One adult pitch of standard quality which is currently unused.   | Reconfigure to reduce shortfalls in the analysis area or consider future use of the site for formal pitch sports given investment required for a one pitch site. Potential to not maintain and reinvest in a Hub site development.                       | CBMDC<br>FF<br>WRFA       | Local               | High     | S                        | L                  | Enhance            |
| 180     | Salem Athletic Cricket Club, Garden Lane       | Cricket  | Sports Club | Four poor quality grass wickets which accommodate match demand from Salem Athletic CC. The site is overplayed by 24 match equivalent sessions. The Club reports aspirations to establish practice wickets.   | Introduce a new maintenance regime to improve pitch quality and alleviate overplay on site. Should this be done then consider establishing practice wickets on site to support the Club's growth.  | ECB<br>YCB<br>Sports Club | Local               | Medium   | S                        | L                  | Enhance            |
| 190     | St Bede's & St Joseph's Catholic College       | Cricket  | Education   | Five standard quality grass wickets which are available for community use but are currently unused. The square is subject to curricular demand.  | Retain for school demand.  | School                    | Local               | Low      | L                        | L                  | Protect            |
|         |  | Football |             | Two youth 11v11 pitches of poor quality which are unavailable for community use.   | Retain for school demand.  | School                    |                     | Low      | L                        | L                  |                    |
| 200     | The Zara Sports Centre (Belle Vue Girls Field) | Football | Education   | One full-size, floodlit 3G pitch on the FA register. It was built in 2015 and is of good quality. The pitch is currently unavailable for community use on Saturday mornings.   | Maintain pitch quality through regular maintenance and ensure sinking fund is in place to resurface the pitch when necessary. Renew FA certification when required. Explore the feasibility of opening on Saturday mornings to increase community usage. | FF<br>WRFA<br>School      | Key                 | Medium   | S                        | M                  | Protect            |
|         |  | Tennis   |             | Four standard quality tennis courts that are floodlit.   | Retain the courts for school demand.   | School                    |                     | Low      | L                        | L                  |                    |
| 201     | Thornton Bowling Club - Wensley Bank           | Bowls    | Sports Club | One standard quality crown green used by Thornton BC. There is currently ample spare capacity at this site.  | Maintain green quality through regular maintenance. Retain the green for community use.  | BCGBA<br>Sports Club      | Local               | Low      | M                        | L                  | Protect            |
| 202     | Thornton Primary School                        | Football | Education   | One youth 9v9 pitch of standard quality which has minimal actual capacity which has been discounted due to an unsecure tenure.   | Improve pitch quality as required and seek to formalise community use.   | FF<br>WRFA<br>School      | Local               | Medium   | S                        | L                  | Protect<br>Enhance |

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| 203     | Thornton Recreation Centre/<br>Thornton Grammar | Football    | Education   | One adult pitch of standard quality which is currently overplayed by 2.5 MES per week.  | Improve pitch quality through enhanced maintenance regime to reduce overplay. Look to move some of the demand for this pitch to an alternate site to remove overplay.  | FF<br>WRFA<br>School          | Key                 | Medium   | S                        | L                  | Protect<br>Enhance |
|         |   | Football    | Council     | One full-size, floodlit 3G pitch on the FA Register. It was refurbished in 2006 and is of standard quality.   | Explore the feasibility of resurfacing this pitch as it has exceeded the recommended surface lifespan. Renew FA certification when required.   | CBMDC<br>FF<br>WRFA<br>School |                     | High     | S                        | M                  |                    |
|         |   | Rugby union | Education   | One unused senior pitch which is without floodlighting and is of a M0/D1 standard. This pitch is currently played to capacity through curricular use.   | Retain for school demand.  | School<br>RFU                 |                     | Low      | L                        | L                  |                    |
|         |   | Tennis      |             | Four standard quality tennis courts with an artificial surface. The courts are floodlit but are not available for community use.  | Explore opportunities to establish community use in the future if demand exists.   | LTA<br>School                 |                     | Low      | S                        | L                  |                    |
| 210     | University of Bradford                          | Football    | Education   | One full-size, floodlit 3G pitch on the FA register. It was built in 2017 and is of good quality.   | Maintain pitch quality through regular maintenance and ensure sinking fund is in place to resurface the pitch when necessary. Renew FA certification when required.  | FF<br>WRFA<br>University      | Key                 | Low      | L                        | L                  | Protect            |
|         |   | Tennis      |             | Four good quality tennis courts with an artificial surface. The courts are floodlit and available for community use, with Undercliffe TC based at the site. The Club is reported to be at risk of folding.  | Sustain court quality by continuing with the current maintenance regime. Support Undercliffe TC to increase membership numbers.  | LTA<br>University             |                     | Medium   | S                        | L                  |                    |
| 213     | West Bradford Bowling Club                      | Bowls       | Sports Club | One standard quality crown green used by West Bradford BC. Membership numbers are unknown.  | Improve green quality as required.   | BCGBA                         | Local               | Low      | S                        | L                  | Protect<br>Enhance |
| 215     | West Park, Girlington                           | Football    | Council     | One adult pitch of poor quality which is currently overplayed by 1.5 MES per week.  | Enhance pitch quality to eliminate overplay of the pitch or consider future use of the site for formal pitch sports given investment required for a one pitch site. Current demand would need to be sufficiently accommodated elsewhere. Potential to not maintain and reinvest in a Hub site development. | CBMDC<br>FF<br>WRFA           | Local               | High     | S                        | L                  | Enhance            |
|         |   | Bowls       |             | Two poor quality crown greens used by West Park BC. Membership numbers are unknown.   | Increase green quality by improving the current maintenance regime. Retain the green for community use.  | CBMDC<br>BCGBA                |                     | Low      | S                        | L                  |                    |
| 226     | Woodhead Recreation Ground                      | Football    | Council     | One adult pitch and one youth 9v9 pitch, both of standard quality. The adult pitch currently has minimal overplay whereas the youth pitch is played to capacity at peak times. Alpha Juniors FC have aspirations of a long-term lease agreement for the site to enable the Club to improve the site by reducing unofficial use. This would also support the club's ambition to build ancillary facilities for the site. | Improve pitch quality through enhanced maintenance regime to remove overplay of the adult pitch. Consider leasing the pitch to Alpha Juniors FC in order to pass responsibility for maintenance to the club.   | CBMDC<br>FF<br>WRFA           | Local               | Medium   | S                        | L                  | Protect<br>Enhance |
| 884     | Manningham Sports Centre                        | Hockey      | Commercial  | A small sized, floodlit, sand dressed AGP built in 2005. It is available for community use.   | Retain for school demand and resurface as required.  | School                        | Local               | Low      | M                        | M                  | Enhance            |

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| 903     | Valley Parade                                    | Football | Sports Club | One good quality adult pitch which is currently the home ground for Bradford City FC and so unavailable for community use.  | Maintain facility quality to FA standards.  | FF<br>WRFA<br>Sports<br>Club | Local               | Low      | L                        | L                  | Protect |
| 905     | Dixons McMillan Academy & Dixons Trinity Academy | Football | Education   | One adult pitch of standard quality which is unavailable for community use.   | Retain for school demand.   | School                       | Local               | Low      | L                        | L                  | Protect |
| 906     | Beckfoot Upper Heaton Academy                    | Football | Education   | One youth 9v9 pitch of standard quality which is unavailable for community use.   | Retain for school demand.   | School                       | Local               | Low      | L                        | L                  | Protect |
| 910     | Heaton St Barnabas Primary School                | Football | Education   | One mini 7v7 pitch of standard quality. No community use.   | Retain for school demand.   | School                       | Local               | Low      | M                        | L                  | Protect |
| 914     | Heaton Tennis & Squash Club (Heaton TC)          | Tennis   | Sports Club | Six standard quality courts, two of macadam surface and four of an acrylic surface. All courts are available for community use but only the macadam courts are floodlit. There are also indoor courts onsite which contribute to the overall capacity. There is sufficient capacity on site to support club demand. | Sustain court quality by continuing with the current maintenance regime. Continue to make the courts available for community use. | LTA<br>Sports<br>Club        | Local               | Low      | S                        | L                  | Protect |
| 919     | Dixons Allerton Academy                          | Tennis   | Education   | Three standard quality macadam tennis courts that are not floodlit.   | Retain the courts for school demand.  | School                       | Local               | Low      | L                        | L                  | Protect |
| 992     | Whetley Academy                                  | Football | Education   | One mini 7v7 pitch and one mini 5v5 pitch, both of standard quality. Both pitches have no community use.  | Retain for school demand.   | School                       | Local               | Low      | L                        | L                  | Protect |

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**KEIGHLEY ANALYSIS AREA**

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|---------|-----------------------------|----------|-------------|--|--|---------------------------|---------------------|----------|--------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|
| 2       | Addingham Cricket Club      | Cricket  | Sports Club | A good quality square of eight grass wickets. The site is the home venue of Addingham CC and is overplayed by 14 match equivalent sessions per season. The Club reports aspirations for a new roll-on practice net.  | Sustain pitch quality by continuing with the current maintenance regime. Relocate some demand to alternative venues with spare capacity to reduce levels of overplay to a manageable quantity.   | ECB<br>YCB<br>Sports Club | Local               | Medium   | S                        | L                  | Protect                       |
| 3       | Addingham Recreation Ground | Football | Council     | One poor quality adult pitch which is currently overplayed minimally. The site also suffers from poor drainage.  | Enhance pitch quality to eliminate overplay of the pitch or consider future use of the site for formal pitch sports given investment required for a one pitch site. Current demand would need to be sufficiently accommodated elsewhere. Potential to not maintain and reinvest in a Hub site development. | CBMDC<br>FF<br>WRFA       | Local               | High     | S                        | L                  | Enhance                       |
|         |                             | Bowls    |             | One poor quality crown green used by Addingham BC. Membership numbers are unknown.   | Increase green quality by improving the current maintenance regime. Retain the green for community use.  | CBMDC<br>BCGBA            |                     | Low      | M                        | L                  |                               |
| 4       | Airedale CC                 | Cricket  | Sports Club | Seven good quality grass wickets which has seven match equivalent sessions of potential capacity. Although there is potential capacity it is not sufficient to accommodate additional teams.   | Sustain pitch quality by continuing with the current maintenance regime.   | ECB<br>YCB<br>Sports Club | Local               | Low      | S                        | L                  | Protect                       |
| 18      | Ben Rhydding Sports Club    | Cricket  | Sports Club | Six good quality grass wickets, alongside an NTP, which is the home venue of Ben Rhydding CC. The site is overplayed by 17 match equivalent sessions per season.   | Sustain pitch quality by continuing with the current maintenance regime. Consider installing an NTP on site for use by junior teams to reduce overplay.  | ECB<br>YCB<br>Sports Club | Hub                 | Medium   | M                        | M                  | Protect<br>Provide<br>Enhance |
|         |                             | Football |             | Two mini 5v5 pitches of standard quality which currently have minimal actual capacity.   | Maintain pitch quality through regular maintenance to continue to facilitate current demand.   | FF<br>WRFA<br>Sports Club |                     | Low      | S                        | L                  |                               |
|         |                             | Hockey   |             | Two full-size, sand dressed AGPs which are floodlit and available for community use. They are currently used by Ben Rhydding HC and both pitches are considered to be good quality. The first pitch was refurbished in 2012 whilst the second pitch was built in 2017. | Maintain pitch quality through regular maintenance and ensure sinking fund is in place for resurfacing when necessary.   | EH<br>Sports Club         |                     | Low      | M                        | M                  |                               |
|         |                             | Bowls    |             | One poor quality crown green used by Ben Rhydding Bowls Club. Membership numbers are unknown.  | Increase green quality by improving the current maintenance regime. Retain the green for community use.  | BCGBA<br>Sports Club      |                     | Low      | S                        | L                  |                               |
|         |                             | Tennis   |             | Five grass tennis courts of good quality. The Club reports that capacity on site is sufficient to accommodate demand.  | Sustain court quality by continuing with the current maintenance regime.   | LTA<br>Sports Club        |                     | Low      | S                        | L                  |                               |

<sup>21</sup> (S) -Short (1-2 years); (M) - Medium (3-5 years); (L) - Long (6+ years)

<sup>22</sup> (L) -Low - less than £50k; (M) -Medium - £50k-£250k; (H) -High £250k and above

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|---------|-------------------------------|-------------|------------------------|--|--|---------------------------|---------------------|-------------|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 38      | Bronte Playing Fields         | Football    | Council                | One adult, one youth 9v9, two mini 7v7 and one mini 5v5 pitch, all of standard quality. The adult pitch is currently overplayed while the mini 5v5 pitch is played to capacity. The youth 9v9 pitch and mini 7v7 pitches currently have actual capacity.<br>Good quality ancillary facilities. | In line with the LFFP, improve the quality of the pitches on site. Relocate some demand from overplayed sites to utilise the increased capacity.   | CBMDC<br>FF<br>WRFA       | Key                 | High (LFFP) | S                        | L-M                | Protect<br>Enhance |
| 58      | Crossroads Park               | Bowls       | Council                | One good quality crown green used by Whinswood BC and Cross Roads BC. There is currently significant overplay of this green.   | Ensure green quality is maintained through regular maintenance. Retain the green for community use. Explore the feasibility of moving one of the bowling clubs at this green to another green to remove the overplay of this site.   | CBMDC<br>BCGBA            | Local               | Medium      | L                        | L                  | Protect            |
| 72      | East Holmes Playing Field     | Rugby union | Council                | Two senior and one junior pitch, all of M0/D1 quality and without floodlighting. The junior pitch has no additional capacity at peak times whereas the senior pitches could accommodate one additional MES per week.<br>Ilkley RUFC has no secure use of this site.                            | Improve quality of all pitches on site through improved maintenance to accommodate additional demand to alleviate overplay of other pitches in the area. Provide Ilkley RUFC with a lease agreement for the site; supporting the Club to maintain the pitches; and allowing temporary barriers to be placed around pitches, reducing incidences of unofficial use. | CBMDC<br>RFU              | Local               | Medium      | S                        | L                  | Protect<br>Enhance |
| 100     | Haworth CC                    | Cricket     | Sports Club            | Six good quality grass wickets which have minimal potential spare capacity. This spare capacity is not sufficient to accommodate demand from the creation of any additional teams.   | Sustain pitch quality by continuing with the current maintenance regime.   | ECB<br>YCB<br>Sports Club | Local               | Low         | S                        | L                  | Protect            |
| 101     | Central Park, Haworth         | Bowls       | Council                | One poor quality crown green used by Haworth BC. There is significant spare capacity at this green.  | Increase green quality by improving the current maintenance regime. Consider the long-term viability of retaining this green, given the low amount of demand that they currently service. Support Haworth BC to increase membership numbers.   | CBMDC<br>BCGBA            | Local               | Medium      | S                        | L                  | Enhance            |
| 104     | Haworth Westend Cricket Field | Cricket     | Sports Club            | The secondary venue for Oakworth CC, the site has eight standard quality squares with 16 match equivalent sessions per season of potential capacity. There is some actual spare capacity on site during the peak period.   | Enhance pitch quality by increasing the current maintenance regime. Relocate demand from the Club's overplayed primary venue to the site; reducing overplay at Oakworth CC.  | ECB<br>YCB<br>Sports Club | Local               | Low         | S                        | L                  | Enhance            |
| 106     | Highfield Community Centre    | AGP         | Community Organisation | A small size, sand based AGP which is available for community use and used. The pitch is solely used for recreational football.  | Retain the pitch for community use, sustaining quality through continued maintenance.  | FF<br>WRFA                | Local               | Low         | S                        | L                  | Protect            |
| 107     | Highfield Recreation Ground   | Football    | Council                | One unused youth 11v11 pitch of standard quality.  | Ensure pitch capacity is fully utilised in order to alleviate overplay of some of the other pitches in the area.   | CBMDC<br>FF<br>WRFA       | Local               | High        | S                        | L                  | Protect<br>Enhance |
|         |                               | Rugby       |                        | Two poor quality rugby pitches which have most recently been used for rugby league by Cowling Harlequins ARLFC. One pitch is overplayed.   | Improve pitch quality and explore options to maximise use, including use by local rugby union clubs.   | CBMDC<br>RFU<br>RFL       |                     | Medium      | S                        | L                  |                    |
|         |                               | Bowls       |                        | Two poor quality crown greens. One green is redundant and has not been let for the last two seasons. The other green is used   | Increase green quality on the used green by improving the current maintenance regime.  | CBMDC<br>BCGBA            |                     | Low         | S                        | L                  |                    |

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|         |                                      |             |             | by Highfield BC and membership is unknown.   |   |                            |   |          |                          |                    |                               |
| 110     | Holy Family Catholic School          | Football    | Education   | <p>One adult pitch and one youth 9v9 pitch, both of standard quality unused for community use.</p> <p>Planning permission granted to replace part of the playing field with a full size sand AGP for hockey. Plans also include provision of changing accommodation to support community use. It has been suggested that Airedale HC would be the partner club at the site and be provided with a community use agreement.</p> <p>The excavated topsoil from the pitch area is to be re-spread over an old shale rugby pitch, located to the south of the main school building, which is currently disused as a result of its condition. The replacement playing field will provide a 9v9 football pitch and a rounders pitch (which was also previously marked on the field).</p> | <p>If successful, ensure Airedale HC have a formal, long term, community use agreement in place for use of the AGP and ancillary facilities.</p> <p>Also ensure community use agreement is put in place to establish community use of the grass football pitch to alleviate shortfalls in the locality.</p> | EH<br>FF<br>WRFA<br>School | Local                                       | High     | S                        | L                  | Protect<br>Provide            |
|         |                                      | Tennis      | Education   | Three poor quality tarmac tennis courts which are not floodlit.  | Retain the courts for school demand.  | School                     |   | Low      | L                        | L                  |                               |
| 118     | Ilkley Bowling Club                  | Bowls       | Sports Club | One poor quality crown green used by Ilkley BC. Membership numbers are unknown.  | Increase green quality by improving the current maintenance regime.   | BCGBA                      | Local                                       | Low      | S                        | L                  | Enhance                       |
| 119     | Ilkley Cricket Ground                | Cricket     | Sports Club | Three squares with an accumulative 29 grass wickets of good quality. The site is the home venue of Ilkley CC and has 80 match equivalent sessions of potential capacity; with two match equivalent sessions of actual spare capacity during the peak period. The Club reports aspirations for an NTP on site to be utilised for training demand.   | Sustain pitch quality by continuing with the current maintenance regime. Relocate some demand from overplayed sites, utilising the spare capacity available. Establish an NTP alongside on off the squares that can be used for training demand.  | ECB<br>YCB<br>Sports Club  | Local                                       | Low      | M                        | M                  | Protect<br>Provide            |
| 120     | Ilkley Grammar School (Ben Rhydding) | Football    | Education   | One youth 11v11 pitch of standard quality which is overmarked with a rugby union. There is also a youth 9v9 pitch on site of standard quality. Both pitches have unsecure tenures and are significantly overplayed through curricular and usage from Ilkley Town FC. The current ancillary provision is considered dated and does not service all pitches on site simultaneously which can be an issue for the Club.   | Formalise community use agreement to ensure security of tenure. Improve pitch quality through more enhanced maintenance regime. Aim to move some demand to an alternate site to alleviate overplay of these pitches.  | FF<br>WRFA<br>School       | Hub<br>(linked to Ben Rhydding Sports Club) | High     | L                        | H                  | Protect<br>Provide<br>Enhance |
|         |                                      | Football    |             | Full-size, floodlit 3G pitch on the FA register. Currently leased to Ilkley Town FC for their home ground. Although, the ground does not meet Step 7 requirement. The pitch was built in 2018 and is of good quality.  | Maintain pitch quality through regular maintenance and ensure sinking fund is in place to resurface the pitch when necessary. Aim to improve ancillary provision to continue to accommodate Ilkley Town FC.   | FF<br>WRFA<br>School       |   | Medium   | L                        | H                  |                               |
|         |                                      | Rugby union |             | One senior pitch of M1/D1 quality without floodlights. This pitch is also overmarked for football during part of the school year. It is played to capacity through curricular use.   | Retain for school demand.   | School                     |   | Low      | L                        | L                  |                               |

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| 120     | Ilkley Grammar School            | Tennis       | Education   | Five good quality tennis courts with a macadam surface. The courts are not floodlit but are available for community use. Site identified in the SHLAA (ref: IL/023).   | Although there is no club demand locally, if lost, these courts should be mitigated through quality improvements elsewhere.  | School                    | Local               | Low      | L                        | L                  | Protect                       |
| 121     | Ilkley Lido                      | Tennis       | Council     | Four poor quality macadam tennis courts which are available for community use but are not floodlit.  | Improve court quality through resurfacing.   | CBMDC<br>LTA              | Local               | Low      | S                        | L                  | Enhance                       |
| 123     | Ingrow CC                        | Cricket      | Sports Club | Ten standard quality grass wickets which have eight match equivalent sessions of potential capacity per season. This capacity is insufficient to accommodate demand from new teams. Ingrow CC reports that its pavilion is of a poor quality and requires significant refurbishment.   | Enhance pitch quality by improving the current maintenance regime. This increased capacity will further increase the potential spare capacity on site, which could then support the Club's aspirations for additional teams.   | ECB<br>YCB<br>Sports Club | Local               | Low      | S                        | L                  | Protect<br>Enhance            |
| 124     | Ingrow St Johns CC – Street Lane | Cricket      | Private     | The previous home of Ingrow St John's CC. The Club previously rented the site from a private landowner; with a cricket square consisting of six grass wickets maintained by the Club. In 2016 the Club and landowner were unable to come to an agreement resulting in the site becoming disused and the Club folding in 2017.  | Seek an agreement for other community clubs to access the site to reduce overplay in the Local Authority. If an agreement can be sought then re-establish the pitch sustaining quality to at least a standard quality rating.  | ECB<br>YCB                | Local               | Low      | S                        | L                  | Provide                       |
| 128     | Keighley Cougars (Cougar Park)   | Rugby league | Sports Club | Owned by Keighley Cougars RLFC professional rugby league club playing in the Betfred League 1.<br>One senior rugby league pitch of standard quality and is floodlit. The Club reports improvement since a new maintenance regime has been implemented.<br>The pitch is also overmarked with football and is played to capacity.<br>Car parking on site is inadequate.<br>A lack of training facilities on site and access locally results in the Club training on the concrete paths at the site which is unsustainable. | Work to further improve pitch quality through enhanced maintenance regime for competitive play.<br>Investigate options to secure access to training facilities either on site or locally.<br>Explore funding opportunities to establish increased car parking at the site. | RFL<br>Sports Club        | Key                 | High     | S                        | M                  | Protect<br>Enhance<br>Provide |
|         |                                  | Football     |             | The Club rents the site to Steeton AFC from the commencement of the 2018/19 season on an annual rental agreement; with the football club responsible for pitch maintenance.  | As above, work to further improve pitch quality through enhanced maintenance regime for competitive play.  | FF<br>WRFA                |                     | Medium   | S                        | M                  |                               |
| 129     | Keighley Cricket Ground          | Cricket      | Sports Club | Six standard quality grass wickets which accommodate match demand from both Keighley CC and Keighley RZM CC. The site is overplayed by a manageable two match equivalent sessions per season.  | Enhance pitch quality by improving the current maintenance regime, increasing site capacity and eliminating overplay. Support the Club to develop positive working relations with neighbouring Keighley Cougars RLFC and Keighley BC.                                      | ECB<br>YCB<br>Sports Club | Local               | Medium   | L                        | M                  | Protect<br>Enhance            |
|         |                                  | Bowls        |             | One standard quality crown green used by Keighley BC. Membership numbers are unknown.  | Maintain green quality through regular maintenance. Retain the green for community use.  | BCGBA                     |                     | Low      | S                        | L                  |                               |
| 130     | Keighley RFC                     | Football     | Sports Club | One full-size, floodlit, World Rugby compliant 3G pitch. The pitch was built in 2017 and is of good quality.   | Maintain pitch quality through regular maintenance and ensure sinking fund is in place to resurface the pitch when   | RFU<br>Sports Club        | Local               | Low      | L                        | M                  | Protect                       |

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|         |                         |              |             |  | necessary. Renew World Rugby certification when necessary.  |                          |                     |             |                          |                    |                 |
| 130     | Keighley RFC            | Rugby union  | Sports Club | Two senior pitches of M1/D1 quality which are both floodlit. There is also a mini pitch on site which is without floodlighting and of M1/D1 quality. The mini pitch is currently played to capacity whilst the senior pitches could accommodate a further MES per week.  | Sustain pitch quality by continuing with the current maintenance regime.  | RFU Sports Club          | Local               | Medium      | S                        | L                  | Protect         |
| 138     | Long Lee CC             | Cricket      | Sports Club | Seven standard quality grass wickets which are available for community use and used by Long Lee CC. The site has six match equivalent sessions of potential capacity; however, this is an insufficient amount to accommodate demand from additional teams.   | Enhance pitch quality where possible by improving the current maintenance regime.   | ECB YCB Sports Club      | Local               | Low         | L                        | S                  | Protect Enhance |
| 141     | Lund Park Bowling Green | Bowls        | Council     | Two poor quality crown greens used by Lund Park BC. Membership numbers are unknown.  | Increase green quality by improving the current maintenance regime. Retain the green for community use. Monitor membership figures to ensure the long-term viability of this green. | CBMDC BCGBA              | Local               | Low         | S                        | L                  | Enhance         |
| 143     | Marley Sports Centre    | Cricket      | Council     | An NTP sits alongside eight grass wickets. All wickets in the square are standard quality. Despite being available for community use the pitch is currently unused by community clubs.   | Retain the pitch, sustaining quality by continuing with the current maintenance regime. Continue to make the pitch available for community use.                                     | CBMDC ECB YCB            | Hub                 | Low         | S                        | L                  | Protect Enhance |
|         |                         | Football     |             | Three adult pitches, Two unused mini 5v5 pitches, two mini 7v7 pitches, one youth 11v11 pitch and two youth 9v9 pitches, all of poor quality. The adult pitches are currently overplayed and the mini 7v7 pitches have no additional capacity at peak periods. The mini 5v5 pitches and youth pitches all have additional capacity. However, the site suffers from poor drainage. Good quality ancillary facilities. | In line with the LFFP, improve the quality of the pitches on site. Relocate some demand from overplayed sites to utilise the increased capacity.                                    | CBMDC FF WRFA Commercial |                     | High (LFFP) | S                        | M                  |                 |
|         |                         | Football     |             | One full-size, floodlit 3G pitch on the FA Register. It was built in 2004 and is of standard quality.  | Explore the feasibility of resurfacing this pitch as it has exceeded the recommended surface lifespan. Ensure FA certification is renewed when necessary.                           | CBMDC FF WRFA Commercial |                     | High        | S                        | M                  |                 |
|         |                         | Rugby league |             | One poor quality senior pitch which is overmarked with football. It is available for community use but is without floodlighting. The pitch is currently overplayed by two MES due to match and training demand from Worth Village ARLFC.   | Improve pitch quality through enhanced maintenance regime to reduce/remove overplay. Look to accommodate training demand at another site to prevent overplay of this pitch.         | CBMDC RFL Commercial     |                     | High        | S                        | L                  |                 |

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|---------|-------------------------------------|--------------|-------------|---|---|---------------------------|---------------------|----------|--------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|
| 156     | Beckfoot Oakbank School             | Football     | Education   | One adult pitch and one youth 11v11 pitch, both are of standard quality and currently unused. Identified as having potential for greater community use.   | Further explore potential for secured community usage on site to alleviate overplay of other pitches in the area.   | School                    | Key                 | Medium   | S                        | L                  | Protect<br>Enhance<br>Provide |
|         |                                     | Rugby union  |             | One unused junior pitch which is without floodlighting and is of a M0/D1 standard. The pitch has minimal additional capacity.   | Further explore potential for secured community usage on site to alleviate overplay of other pitches in the area.   | School                    |                     | Low      | S                        | L                  |                               |
|         |                                     | Rugby league |             | One senior pitch of standard quality with floodlight which is currently unused.   | Further explore potential for secured community usage on site to alleviate overplay of other pitches in the area.   | School                    |                     | Low      | S                        | L                  |                               |
|         |                                     | Hockey       |             | A full-size, sand dressed AGP which was built in 2001. It has recently been decommissioned for use due to wider school developments. As part of the developments it is expected that a new full size hockey suitable AGP will be subsequently provided on site and be available for community use. The AGP was previously used by Airedale HC's junior teams. | Ensure AGP is re-provided in line with school developments to retain Bingley Harriers & AC and Airedale HC's usage.   | EH School                 |                     | High     | M                        | H                  |                               |
|         |                                     | Tennis       |             | Two, standard quality, macadam courts which are available for community use but are not floodlit.   | Retain the courts for school demand. Continue to make the courts available for community use.   | LTA School                |                     | Low      | S                        | L                  |                               |
| 158     | Oakworth CC                         | Cricket      | Sports Club | The primary home venue of Oakworth CC the one square on site has ten good quality grass wickets and is overplayed by eight match equivalent sessions per season.  | Sustain pitch quality by continuing with the current maintenance regime. Relocate some demand off the site, potentially to the Club's secondary venue, Haworth Westend Cricket Field, which has potential capacity for additional demand. | ECB<br>YCB<br>Sports Club | Local               | Low      | S                        | L                  | Protect                       |
| 159     | Holden Park, Oakworth Bowling Green | Bowls        | Council     | One poor quality crown green used by Oakworth BC. The Club currently has just 17 members.   | Increase green quality by improving the current maintenance regime. Consider the long-term viability of retaining this green, given the low amount of demand that it services. Support Oakworth BC to increase membership numbers.        | CBMDC<br>BCGBA            | Local               | Low      | S                        | L                  | Enhance                       |
| 162     | Olicanian Cricket Ground            | Cricket      | Sports Club | Four standard quality grass wickets that are overplayed by 41 match equivalent sessions per season.   | Improve pitch quality by enhancing the current maintenance regime. Relocate some demand from the site to utilise potential capacity elsewhere in the Analysis Area.   | ECB<br>YCB<br>Sports Club | Local               | Medium   | S                        | L                  | Protect<br>Enhance            |
| 163     | Oxenhope AFC                        | Football     | Sports Club | Two adult pitches of standard quality with two MES of spare capacity. However, there is poor drainage reported at this site.  | Improve quality and maximise pitch capacity at this site to alleviate overplay of other sites in the area.  | FF<br>WRFA<br>Sports Club | Local               | Low      | S                        | L                  | Protect<br>Enhance            |
| 165     | Oxenhope CC                         | Cricket      | Sports Club | Eight good quality grass wickets alongside an NTP, which have minimal potential capacity for additional demand. The minimal capacity on the site would not adequately meet the Club's future demand.  | Sustain pitch quality by continuing with the current maintenance regime. Utilise the NTP for junior cricket to increase spare capacity; preventing a future shortfall.  | ECB<br>YCB<br>Sports Club | Local               | Low      | S                        | L                  | Protect<br>Enhance            |

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|---------|-------------------------|--------------|-------------|--|---|----------------------------|---------------------|----------|--------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|
|         |                         | Bowls        |             | One standard quality crown green used by Oxenhope BC. This site currently has ample spare capacity.  | Maintain green quality through regular maintenance. Retain the green for community use.   | BCGBA                      |                     | Low      | S                        | L                  |                               |
|         |                         | Tennis       |             | One poor quality, macadam tennis court which is available for community use but is not floodlit.   | Enhance court quality through resurfacing or with improved maintenance.<br>Retain the court for community use.  | LTA Sports Club            |                     | Low      | S                        | L                  |                               |
| 176     | Riddlesden Cricket Club | Cricket      | Sports Club | The home venue of Riddlesden CC, the square on site consists of eight standard quality grass wickets which have 14 match equivalent sessions of potential capacity remaining. There is some actual spare capacity available during the peak period.  | Improve pitch quality by continuing with the current maintenance regime. Consider relocating some demand from overplayed sites to here, provided that this does not result in a shortfall of capacity.  | ECB<br>YCB<br>Sports Club  | Local               | Low      | S                        | L                  | Protect<br>Enhance            |
| 187     | Silsden Sports Club     | Cricket      | Sports Club | A standalone NTP which accommodates some demand from Silsden CC.   | Retain the pitch for community use. Consider providing a grass wicket alongside the NTP allowing match demand to be accommodated on a grass wicket.   | ECB<br>YCB<br>Sports Club  | Local               | Medium   | S                        | L                  | Protect<br>Provide<br>Enhance |
|         |                         | Football     |             | One good quality adult, two poor quality mini 5v5 and one mini 7v7 pitch, one youth 9v9 and one youth 11v11 pitch, all of standard quality.<br>The adult pitch and youth 9v9 pitches are played to capacity. The youth 11v11 pitch is overplayed by 3 MES per week whilst the mini 7v7 pitch has no capacity at peak periods. The mini 5v5 pitches have minimal additional capacity. | Improve pitch quality through a more enhanced maintenance regime to reduce overplay of the youth 11v11 pitch and accommodate additional demand for other pitch sizes to reduce overplay in the area. Look to move some of the youth 11v11 demand to an alternate site to remove overplay of this pitch. | FF<br>WRFA<br>Sports Club  |                     | Medium   | S                        | L                  |                               |
|         |                         | Bowls        |             | One poor quality crown green used by Silsden Sports Club BC. Membership numbers are unknown.   | Increase green quality by improving the current maintenance regime. Retain the green for community use.   | BCGBA<br>Sports Club       |                     | Low      | S                        | L                  |                               |
| 188     | Silsden Park            | Football     | Council     | One adult pitch of standard quality which is currently unused.<br>Good quality ancillary facilities but a lack of spectator toilets, storage and a medical room adversely impact overall quality.  | Consider future use of the pitches or improve pitch quality and reconfigure to better service local demand either for football or rugby league.   | CBMDC<br>FF<br>WRFA<br>RFL | Local               | Medium   | S                        | M                  | Enhance<br>Provide            |
|         |                         | Rugby league |             | Two poor quality senior pitches without floodlights which are currently unused.  |   |                            |                     |          |                          |                    |                               |
|         |                         | Bowls        |             | One standard quality crown green used by Silsden BC. There is minimal spare capacity and anticipate future overplay.   | Improve green quality to ensure increased capacity to cater for future demand.  | CBMDC<br>BCGBA             |                     | High     | M                        | L                  |                               |
|         |                         | Tennis       |             | Two poor quality macadam tennis courts which are available for community use but are not floodlit.   | Resurface the courts for an immediate upgrade of quality.<br>Establish a new maintenance regime to sustain improved quality.<br>Implement an online booking system for the courts to encourage latent demand use of the site.   | CBMDC<br>LTA               |                     | Medium   | M                        | L                  |                               |

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|---------|--|--------------|-------------|--|---|---------------------------|---------------------|----------|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 192     | Steeton AFC - Doris Wells Foundation Ground      | Cricket      | Sports Club | The home venue of Steeton CC, the site has one, standard quality, square consisting of ten grass wickets. Accommodating all match demand the square is overplayed by 18 match equivalent sessions per season.              | Enhance the current maintenance regime to improve pitch quality, thus increasing site capacity. Should quality be improved to good then overplay on site will be at a manageable level. Consider relocating some demand from the site to further reduce overplay. | ECB<br>YCB<br>Sports Club | Local               | High     | S                        | L                  | Protect<br>Enhance |
|         |  | Football     |             | One good quality adult pitch which currently has no additional capacity at peak times.   | Maintain pitch quality through regular maintenance to continue to facilitate current demand.  | FF<br>WRFA<br>Sports Club |                     | Low      | S                        | L                  |                    |
| 193     | Steeton Bowling Club                             | Bowls        | Sports Club | One poor quality crown green used by Steeton BC. Membership numbers are unknown.   | Increase green quality by improving the current maintenance regime. Retain the green for community use.   | BCGBA<br>Sports Club      | Local               | Low      | S                        | L                  | Enhance            |
| 209     | University Academy Keighley                      | Cricket      | Education   | A standalone NTP which is not available for community use.   | Retain the pitch for curricular and extra-curricular activity.  | School                    | Key                 | Low      | S                        | L                  | Protect<br>Enhance |
|         |  | Football     |             | Two poor quality adult pitches which have minimal overplay. Used for community use.  | Improve pitch quality through a more enhanced maintenance regime to remove overplay of these pitches.   | FF<br>WRFA<br>School      |                     | Medium   | S                        | L                  |                    |
|         |  | Football     |             | One full-size, floodlit 3G pitch on the FA register. It was built in 2011 and is of good quality.  | Maintain pitch quality through regular maintenance and ensure sinking fund is in place to resurface the pitch when necessary. Renew FA certification when required.   | FF<br>WRFA<br>School      |                     | Low      | M                        | M                  |                    |
|         |  | Rugby union  |             | One senior pitch of M0/D1 quality which is currently unused and without floodlighting. The pitch is currently played to capacity through curricular use.   | Retain the pitch for school demand.   | School                    |                     | Low      | L                        | L                  |                    |
|         |  | Athletics    |             | An eight lane, 400m synthetic track with part UKA certification. The track is of good quality and is currently used by Keighley & Craven AC. The infield of the track cannot be used for field events as it is a 3G pitch. | Ensure quality is retained through regular maintenance work. Provide the Club with a formal community use agreement to give security of tenure.   | UKA<br>School             |                     | High     | M                        | L                  |                    |
|         |  | Tennis       |             | Four standard quality macadam tennis courts that are both floodlit.  | Retain the courts for school demand.  | School                    |                     | Low      | L                        | L                  |                    |
| 212     | Utley Recreation Ground                          | Rugby league | Council     | Two senior pitches and one junior pitch, all poor quality.   | Improve pitch quality through enhanced maintenance regime to encourage community use. Encourage usage of the pitch for match/training demand to alleviate overplay of other pitches in the area.  | CBMDC<br>RFL              | Local               | Medium   | S                        | M                  | Protect<br>Enhance |
| 214     | West Holmes Field                                | Football     | Council     | Two adult pitches of standard quality with one MES of actual spare capacity.   | Maintain pitch quality through regular maintenance to continue to facilitate current demand. Aim to maximise pitch capacity to alleviate overplay of other adult pitches in the area.   | CBMDC<br>FF<br>WRFA       | Local               | Low      | S                        | L                  | Protect<br>Enhance |
| 891     | Ashlands Primary School                          | Football     | Education   | One mini 7v7 pitch of standard quality which is currently unavailable for community use.   | Retain the pitch for school demand.   | School                    | Local               | Low      | L                        | L                  | Protect            |
| 895     | St Joseph's Catholic Primary A Voluntary Academy | Football     | Education   | One mini 7v7 pitch of standard quality which is currently unavailable for community use.   | Retain the pitch for school demand.   | School                    | Local               | Low      | L                        | L                  | Protect            |

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|---------|----------------------------------|-------------|-------------|---|--|-----------------|---------------------|----------|--------------------------|--------------------|---------|
| 902     | Merlin Top Primary Academy       | Football    | Education   | One poor quality 9v9 pitch which is currently played to capacity through curricular use.  | Retain the pitch for school demand.  | School          | Local               | Low      | L                        | L                  | Protect |
| 916     | Ilkley Lawn Tennis & Squash Club | Tennis      | Sports Club | 20 tennis courts consisting of 14 grass, three artificial and three acrylic. All courts are good quality with all, except the grass courts, also floodlit. In addition, there are indoor courts onsite which are used year round. There is capacity on site for 85 additional members, although membership on the site for both tennis and health & fitness combined is capped at 2,500. The Club reports that it is not actively seeking to grow membership but will continue to grow organically. | Sustain court quality by continuing with the current maintenance regime. Continue to provide a variety of court surfaces offering members different opportunities.   | LTA Sports Club | Key                 | Low      | S                        | L                  | Protect |
| 917     | Riddlesden Tennis Club           | Tennis      | Sports Club | Three good quality macadam tennis courts which are available for community use but are not floodlit. There is sufficient capacity on site to accommodate club demand.   | Sustain court quality by continuing with the current maintenance regime.   | LTA Sports Club | Local               | Low      | L                        | L                  | Protect |
| 990     | Long Lee Primary School          | Football    | Education   | Two standard quality youth 9v9 pitches which are currently unavailable for community use.   | Retain the pitch for school demand.  | School          | Local               | Low      | L                        | L                  | Protect |
| 998     | Ilkley RUFC                      | Rugby union | Sports Club | Two senior pitches, one of which is M1/D3 and floodlit, the other is M2/D0 and is without floodlighting. The floodlit pitch is significantly overplayed whilst the non-floodlit pitch is currently played to capacity.  | Maintain pitch quality through regular maintenance. Look to move some of Ilkley RUFC's training/match demand to an alternate site to prevent overplay of this pitch. Utilise the WR compliant 3G pitch at Keighley RFC for some training demand. | RFU Sports Club | Local               | High     | S                        | L                  | Enhance |

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**SHIPLEY ANALYSIS AREA**

| Site ID | Site   | Sport                   | Management       | Current status  | Recommended actions  | Lead Partners                | Site hierarchy tier | Priority | Timescales <sup>25</sup> | Cost <sup>26</sup> | Aim                           |
|---------|--|-------------------------|------------------|---|--|------------------------------|---------------------|----------|--------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|
| 11      | Baildon Trinity Athletic FC - The Dell, West Baildon | Football                | Sports Club      | One adult pitch of standard quality and two poor quality youth 9v9 pitches which are overplayed by 2.5 MES per week. The adult pitch has one MES of actual spare capacity. The site also suffers from poor drainage.  | Improve pitch quality through more enhanced maintenance regime to reduce overplay of the youth 9v9 pitches. Look to move some of the demand for youth 9v9 pitches to an alternate site to prevent overplay of these pitches.   | FF<br>WRFA<br>Sports<br>Club | Local               | Medium   | S                        | L                  | Protect<br>Enhance            |
| 12      | Baildon Rugby and Cricket Ground                     | Cricket                 | Sports Club      | Six standard quality grass wickets, alongside an NTP. The site is the primary venue for Baildon CC and is overplayed by eight match equivalent sessions per season. The Club reports a requirement for two new static nets as the current provision is dilapidated.   | Increase site capacity by improving pitch quality. Utilise the NTP for junior demand to reduce overplay. Support the Club's aspirations for new training nets on site.   | ECB<br>YCB<br>Sports<br>Club | Key                 | Medium   | M                        | M                  | Protect<br>Enhance<br>Provide |
|         |  | Rugby union             |                  | Two senior pitches both M1/D1 quality. One pitch is floodlit which is significantly overplayed. The other pitch is overplayed by 0.5 MES.   | Improve pitch quality through enhanced maintenance regime to remove overplay from the pitches. Provide a floodlit training area to remove some training demand from the pitch. Utilise the WR compliant 3G pitch at Keighley RFC.  | RFU<br>Sports<br>Club        |                     | High     | S                        | M                  |                               |
|         |  | Rugby union/<br>cricket |                  | Baildon RFC leases its ancillary provision from Baildon CC. The provision has four changing rooms, one of which is smaller than the others; communal showers and toilets; a bar area and car parking. The provision is poor quality, with the Club reporting that the facility requires structural modification and improvement as opposed to basic refurbishment.<br>It also considers car parking is inadequate, particularly on match days, whilst the access road is an issue with a number of potholes decreasing quality. | Rugby and cricket clubs to work together to develop an ancillary facilities solution for the site.<br>The facility should provide sufficient changing provision for both sports and all pitches; each with ensuite provision to help support growth in women's and girls' participation. | RFU<br>ECB<br>Sports<br>Club |                     | Medium   | M                        | H                  |                               |
| 12      | Baildon Rugby Club (Jenny Lane)                      | Rugby union             | Diocese of Leeds | One senior pitch unfloodlit and assessed as M0/D0. It is overplayed by 0.5 MES. Club has a short-term lease for use of the pitch which is considered at risk.<br>Site identified for potential development within the SHLAA (ref: BA/001).  | Work to secure long term use by Baildon RFC.<br>Improve pitch quality through enhanced maintenance regime to remove overplay.<br>If access to this pitch was lost, a new pitch would need to be provided to accommodate the displaced demand.  | RFU<br>Sports<br>Club        |                     | High     | S                        | L                  | Protect<br>Enhance            |
| 14      | Beckfoot and Hazelbeck School                        | Football                | Education        | One adult pitch of standard quality which is currently unused for community use. Identified as having potential for greater community use.  | Maintain pitch quality through regular maintenance.<br>Further explore potential for secured community usage on site to alleviate overplay of other pitches in the area.   | FF<br>WRFA<br>School         | Key                 | Low      | S                        | L                  | Protect<br>Enhance            |

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|---------|---|-------------|-------------|---|---|------------------------------|---------------------|----------|--------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|
|         |   | Football    |             | Full-size, floodlit 3G pitch on the FA register. It was built in 2012 and is of good quality. There is also a small-size floodlit 3G on site.   | Maintain pitch quality through regular maintenance and ensure sinking fund is in place to resurface the pitch when necessary. Look to renew FA registration when required.  | FF<br>WRFA<br>School         |                     | Low      | M                        | M                  |                               |
|         |   | Rugby union |             | One senior pitch without floodlighting of M0/D1 quality which is currently unused. The pitch is currently played to capacity through curricular use.  | Improve pitch quality through enhanced maintenance regime. Look to formalise a community use agreement with Bradford & Bingley RFC to alleviate overplay of other pitches in the area.  | RFU<br>School                |                     | Low      | S                        | L                  |                               |
|         |   | Athletics   |             | Four lane 120m synthetic track of standard quality, which is accessed by Bingley Harriers & AC. No floodlighting due to planning restrictions.  | Ensure secured community use for Bingley Harriers & AC. Improve maintenance to ensure quality is sustained/improved.  | EH<br>School                 |                     | Medium   | S                        | L                  |                               |
| 20      | Bingley Congregational Cricket Club     | Cricket     | Sports Club | The primary home venue of Bingley Congs CC, the site has 15 grass wickets of standard quality and 36 match equivalent sessions per season of potential capacity, although none of this is available during the peak period for senior play.   | Sustain pitch quality by continuing with the current maintenance regime. Accommodate demand from overplayed sites to utilise the spare capacity available.  | ECB<br>YCB<br>Sports<br>Club | Local               | Medium   | S                        | L                  | Protect<br>Enhance            |
|         |   | Tennis      |             | Four standard quality, clay/shale tennis courts which are available for community use but are not floodlit. The Club previously had an application rejected to install floodlighting on site. Despite this there is sufficient capacity to accommodate current and future demand.   | Improve court quality as required to meet demand. Should club membership continue to grow re-consider the demand for floodlighting on site.   | LTA<br>Sports<br>Club        |                     | Medium   | S                        | L                  |                               |
| 21      | Bingley Grammar School                  | Football    | Education   | Two adult pitches, one of a standard quality and one of poor quality. Both pitches are currently played to capacity. The pitches are also overmarked with rugby union throughout the school year.   | Retain the pitch for school demand.   | School                       | Local               | Low      | L                        | L                  | Protect<br>Enhance            |
|         |   | Rugby union |             | One senior pitch without floodlighting of M1/D0 quality which is currently unused for community use. The pitch is currently played to capacity through curricular use.  | Retain the pitch for school demand.   | School                       |                     | Low      | L                        | L                  |                               |
| 24      | Bolton Villas Cricket Ground            | Cricket     | Sports Club | Six standard quality grass wickets which are overplayed by 26 match equivalent sessions per season.   | Improve pitch quality by enhancing the current maintenance regime; increasing site capacity. Consider installing an NTP on site for use by junior teams to reduce overplay.   | ECB<br>YCB<br>Sports<br>Club | Local               | Medium   | M                        | M                  | Protect<br>Enhance<br>Provide |
| 29      | Bradford & Bingley Sports & Social Club | Cricket     | Sports Club | Three squares with an accumulative 26, good quality, grass wickets. The site has capacity for 30 additional match equivalent sessions per season, with one match equivalent session of actual spare capacity during the peak period. The Club reports a need for new indoor training facilities locally; along with new outdoor nets. | Sustain pitch quality by continuing with the current maintenance regime. Relocate demand from overplayed sites in the Shipley Area to utilise the capacity available on site. Support the Club to establish new training facilities both on site and locally. | ECB<br>YCB<br>Sports<br>Club | Key                 | Medium   | S                        | L                  | Protect<br>Provide<br>Enhance |

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|---------|--|-------------|-------------|---|--|------------------------------------|---------------------|----------|--------------------------|--------------------|---------|
|         |  | Football    |             | One adult pitch of standard quality with one MES of actual spare capacity. It is currently the home ground for Bingley Town although they are looking to move away from the site as the ancillary facilities would not meet Step 7 League criteria.   | Improve pitch quality through enhanced maintenance regime for league match play. Explore the feasibility of improving the ancillary provision on site to retain club usage.  | FF<br>WRFA<br>Sports<br>Club       |                     | Low      | M                        | M                  |         |
|         |  | Rugby union |             | Three senior pitches, one of which is without floodlighting and of M2/D1 quality. The remaining two pitches are M1/D1 standard and one of these pitches is floodlit. The floodlit pitch is significantly overplayed whilst the other M1/D1 pitch is played to capacity. The M2/D1 pitch has minimal spare capacity. | Maintain quality of the M2/D1 pitch through regular maintenance. Improve pitch quality through enhanced maintenance regime to reduce overplay of the M1/D1 floodlit pitch. Look to move some match/training demand to the WR compliant 3G pitch at Keighley RFC.           | RFU<br>Sports<br>Club              |                     | High     | S                        | L                  |         |
|         |  | All sports  |             | There is an identified need to consider potential long term plans around flood resilience plans at the site.  | Work with all site partners to consider addressing whether the clubhouse facility at Bradford & Bingley Sports & Social Club is on a floodplain and if there is a need to improve the facilities over the longer term to reduce the potential impact of the site flooding. | ECB<br>RFU<br>FF<br>Sports<br>Club |                     | High     | S                        | H                  |         |
| 39      | Burley Recreation Ground                   | Football    | Council     | Two adult pitches of standard quality with two MES of additional capacity.  | Maintain pitch quality through regular maintenance. Ensure pitch capacity is maximised to reduce overplay of other sites in the area.  | CBMDC<br>FF<br>WRFA                | Local               | Medium   | S                        | L                  | Protect |
| 40      | Burley in Wharfedale Sports & Cricket Club | Cricket     | Sports Club | 12 good quality grass wickets, alongside an NTP. The site is overplayed by 27 match equivalent sessions per season.   | Sustain pitch quality by continuing with the current maintenance regime. Utilise the NTP on site to reduce overplay of the grass wickets. Relocate some demand to sites in the Analysis Area which have capacity to accommodate additional demand.                         | ECB<br>YCB<br>Sports<br>Club       | Local               | High     | S                        | L                  | Protect |
| 40      | Burley in Wharfedale Sports & Cricket Club | Bowls       | Sports Club | One poor quality crown green used by Burley in Wharfedale BC. Membership is unknown.  | Increase green quality by improving the current maintenance regime. Retain the green for community use.  | BCGBA<br>Sports<br>Club            | Local               | Low      | S                        | L                  | Enhance |
| 41      | Windhill CC – Busy Lane                    | Cricket     | Sports Club | A disused cricket square previously consisting of 12 grass wickets. The site was the home of Windhill CC but the Club does not appear to have played a formal home fixture since 2014.  | Explore whether an agreement can be sought with the landowner and a community cricket club. If so, re-establish the square to reduce overplay elsewhere in the Local Authority.  | ECB<br>YCB                         | Local               | Low      | S                        | L                  | Provide |
| 48      | Claremont Recreation Ground                | Football    | Council     | One poor quality adult pitch with 0.5 MES of actual capacity. The site also suffers from poor drainage.   | Reconfigure to reduce shortfalls in the analysis area or consider future use of the site for formal pitch sports given investment required for a one pitch site. Potential to not maintain and reinvest in a Hub site development.   | CBMDC<br>FF<br>WRFA                | Local               | Low      | M                        | L                  | Enhance |
| 52      | Cliffe Lane Recreation Ground              | Football    | Council     | Two unused youth 9v9 pitches which are of standard quality.   | Reconfigure to reduce shortfalls in the analysis area or consider future use of the site for formal pitch sports given investment required for a one pitch site. Potential to not maintain and reinvest in a Hub site development.   | CBMDC<br>FF<br>WRFA                | Local               | Low      | S                        | L                  | Enhance |
| 53      | Cottingley Manor Recreation Ground         | Football    | Council     | One adult pitch of standard quality which is currently unused.  | Reconfigure to reduce shortfalls in the analysis area or consider future use of  | CBMDC<br>FF                        | Local               | Low      | S                        | L                  | Enhance |

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|         |                                | Tennis   |             | Two poor quality, tarmac tennis courts that are not floodlit.  | Resurface the courts to improve quality. Establish a new maintenance regime to sustain improved quality.   | WRFA<br>CBMDC<br>LTA      |                     | Low                       | M                        | L                  |                               |
| 54      | Cottingley Recreation Ground   | Football | Council     | One adult pitch of standard quality which has no peak time capacity.   | Consider future use of the site for formal pitch sports given investment required for a one pitch site. Current demand would need to be sufficiently accommodated elsewhere. Potential to not maintain and reinvest in a Hub site development.           | CBMDC<br>FF<br>WRFA       | Local               | Low                       | S                        | L                  | Enhance                       |
| 55      | Crowgill Park Bowling Green    | Bowls    | Council     | One standard quality crown green used by Crowgill Park BC. There is currently ample spare capacity at this green.  | Maintain green quality through regular maintenance. Retain the green for community use.  | CBMDC<br>BCGBA            | Local               | Low                       | M                        | L                  | Enhance                       |
| 59      | Crossflats CC - Ryshworth Park | Cricket  | Sports Club | Eight standard quality grass wickets which are used by Crossflats CC. The site is overplayed by 11 match equivalent sessions which is not considered manageable.   | Enhance the current maintenance regime to increase pitch quality and site capacity. Doing so, will reduce current overplay on site to a manageable three match equivalent sessions per season.   | ECB<br>YCB<br>Sports Club | Local               | Low                       | S                        | L                  | Enhance                       |
| 60      | Crossflats Recreation Ground   | Football | Council     | One adult pitch of standard quality with 0.5 MES of spare capacity.  | Consider future use of the site for formal pitch sports given investment required for a one pitch site. Current demand would need to be sufficiently accommodated elsewhere. Potential to not maintain and reinvest in a Hub site development.           | CBMDC<br>FF<br>WRFA       | Local               | Low                       | S                        | L                  | Enhance                       |
| 61      | Cullingworth Bowling Club      | Bowls    | Sports Club | One good quality crown green used by Cullingworth BC. There is currently ample spare capacity at this green.   | Ensure green quality is maintained through regular maintenance. Retain the green for community use.  | BCGBA                     | Local               | Low                       | M                        | L                  | Enhance                       |
| 62      | Cullingworth Sports Club       | Cricket  | Sports Club | Two standard quality, grass squares which are overplayed by three match equivalent sessions.   | Either improve pitch quality to reduce overplay on site by two match equivalent sessions per season; or establish a third grass wicket on site, completely removing overplay on site whilst creating one match equivalent session of potential capacity. | ECB<br>YCB<br>Sports Club | Local               | Low                       | M                        | L                  | Protect<br>Enhance<br>Provide |
|         |                                | Football |             | One standard quality adult pitch with one MES of additional capacity.  | Maintain pitch quality through regular maintenance. Ensure pitch capacity is maximised to reduce overplay of other sites in the area.  |                           |                     | FF<br>WRFA<br>Sports Club | Low                      | L                  |                               |
| 65      | Denholme Clough CC             | Cricket  | Private     | The former home venue of Denholme Clough CC. The site is owned by a private landowner, with whom the Club was unable to agree long term tenure and as such the site is now disused. The Club has since relocated to an alternative site. | Explore whether an agreement can be sought with the landowner and a community cricket club. If so, re-establish the square to reduce overplay elsewhere in the Local Authority.  | ECB<br>YCB                | Local               | Low                       | S                        | L                  | Provide                       |
| 66      | Denholme CC                    | Cricket  | Sports Club | Ten good quality grass wickets which are utilised by Denholme CC. The site has 18 match equivalent sessions of potential capacity, none of which is available during the peak period.  | Sustain pitch quality by continuing with the current maintenance regime.   | ECB<br>YCB<br>Sports Club | Local               | Low                       | S                        | L                  | Protect                       |

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| 76      | Eccleshill United Sports Club | Football | Sports Club | Semi-professional sports clubs which owns the site. Contains one adult pitch, two mini 5v5 pitches and one mini 7v7 pitch, all of good quality. All pitches also have minimal additional capacity. Site included in the SHLAA (Ref: NE/122).   | Club plans to sell the site and re-investing proceeds for alternative sports provision. Adequately re-provide elsewhere in accordance with Sport England's Playing Fields Policy Exception E4.   | FF<br>WRFA<br>Sports Club | Local               | Medium   | M                        | H                  | Provide            |
| 78      | Eldwick Primary School        | Football | Education   | Two mini 7v7 pitches and a youth 9v9 pitch, all of standard quality and used for community use although unsecure. The youth 9v9 pitch is currently played to capacity.   | Look to establish formal community use agreements to secure usage for clubs.   | FF<br>WRFA<br>School      | Local               | Medium   | S                        | L                  | Protect            |
| 79      | Eldwick Recreation Ground     | Football | Council     | One poor quality adult pitch overmarked with two mini 7v7 pitches. There is also a poor quality youth 9v9 pitch. The adult pitch currently has minimal overplay whereas the youth pitch is played to capacity. Drainage on the site remains poor despite recent investment. Eldwick Juniors FC has ambitions to extend and improve the ancillary facilities on site. | Further work is required to investigate need for pitch improvements. Explore funding opportunities to improve/extend the ancillary facilities.   | CBMDC<br>FF<br>WRFA       | Local               | Medium   | S                        | M                  | Protect<br>Enhance |
| 81      | Esholt Sport & Social Club    | Cricket  | Sports Club | Six standard quality grass wickets which are at capacity, accommodating some demand from Tong Park Esholt CC. The Club reports aspirations for some indoor training facilities locally.  | Enhance the current maintenance regime to improve pitch quality, thus increasing site capacity. Should quality be improved to good, then future some future demand can be accommodated on site.  | ECB<br>YCB<br>Sports Club | Local               | Low      | S                        | L                  | Protect<br>Enhance |
|         |                               | Football |             | One standard quality adult pitch which is currently played to capacity. The site is the home venue of Route One Rovers FC which compete at Step 7 of the football pyramid. The site does not currently meet minimum ground requirements for Step 6 should the Club achieve its ambitions and gain promotion.   | Maintain pitch quality through regular maintenance to continue to accommodate current demand. Should Route One Rovers FC gain promotion to Step 6, then improve the site to meet minimum ground requirements for that level.   | FF<br>WRFA<br>Sports Club |                     | Low      | M                        | L                  |                    |
| 85      | Foster Park                   | Football | Council     | One poor quality adult pitch which is currently overplayed by 0.5 MES per week. The site also suffers from poor drainage.  | Enhance pitch quality to eliminate overplay of the pitch or consider future use of the site for formal pitch sports given investment required for a one pitch site. Current demand would need to be sufficiently accommodated elsewhere. Potential to not maintain and reinvest in a Hub site development. | CBMDC<br>FF<br>WRFA       | Local               | Medium   | S                        | L                  | Enhance            |
|         |                               | Bowls    |             | One poor quality crown green used by Foster Park BC. Membership numbers are unknown.   | Increase green quality by improving the current maintenance regime. Retain the green for community use.  | CBMDC<br>BCGBA            |                     | Low      | S                        | L                  |                    |
| 88      | Gilstead Recreation Ground    | Football | Council     | One standard quality adult pitch which is currently overplayed by 1.5 MES per week.  | Enhance pitch quality to eliminate overplay of the pitch or consider future use of the site for formal pitch sports given investment required for a one pitch site. Current demand would need to be sufficiently accommodated elsewhere. Potential to not maintain   | CBMDC<br>FF<br>WRFA       | Local               | Medium   | S                        | L                  | Enhance            |

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|         |   |          |             |   | and reinvest in a Hub site development.  |                     |                     |               |                          |                    |                 |
| 91      | Grange Park (Burley-in-Wharfedale Bowling Club) | Bowls    | Sports Club | One standard quality crown green used by Burley BC. Membership numbers are unknown.   | Maintain green quality through regular maintenance. Retain the green for community use.  | BCGBA Sports Club   | Local               | Low           | S                        | L                  | Protect         |
| 97      | Harden CC                                       | Cricket  | Sports Club | Six standard quality grass wickets which are overplayed by, a manageable, one match equivalent session per season.  | Enhance pitch maintenance to improve quality and increase capacity; thus eliminating overplay and creating potential capacity to accommodate additional demand.  | ECB YCB Sports Club | Local               | Low           | S                        | L                  | Protect Enhance |
| 98      | Harden Recreation Ground                        | Football | Council     | Two mini 7v7 pitches of standard quality which could accommodate an additional two MES per week.  | Maintain pitch quality through regular maintenance to continue to accommodate current demand. Aim to maximise pitch capacity to reduce overplay of other mini 7v7 pitches in the area.   | CBMDC FF WRFA       | Local               | Low           | M                        | L                  | Protect Enhance |
| 103     | Haworth Road Methodists Church CC               | Cricket  | Sports Club | A good quality square consisting of eight grass wickets. The site is the home venue of Haworth Road Methodists CC and has 16 match equivalent sessions of potential capacity, none of which is available during the peak period for senior play.  | Sustain pitch quality by continuing with the current maintenance regime.   | ECB YCB Sports Club | Local               | Low           | S                        | L                  | Protect         |
| 109     | Hirst Lane Playing Fields                       | Cricket  | Council     | A square of six, standard quality, grass wickets which are available for community use but are currently unused.  | Relocate demand from overplayed sites in the Analysis Area to utilise the capacity available on the site. Retain the pitch for community use; sustaining quality by continuing with the current maintenance regime.                | CBMDC ECB YCB       | Local               | Low           | S                        | L                  | Enhance         |
|         |   | Football |             | One standard quality adult pitch which is currently unused.   | Reconfigure to reduce shortfalls in the analysis area or consider future use of the site for formal pitch sports given investment required for a one pitch site. Potential to not maintain and reinvest in a Hub site development. |                     |                     | CBMDC FF WRFA |                          |                    |                 |
| 131     | King George V Playing Fields                    | Cricket  | Council     | A poor quality square consisting of 12 grass wickets alongside an NTP. The site is used by Bradford Indians CC and Central YMCA CC and is subsequently overplayed by 19 match equivalent sessions. Users report that the quality of the square has declined, following a lack of maintenance at the close of the 2017 season. There is also a standalone NTP on site. | Protect the pitches from site developments; ensuring that if required then the pitches are re-provided of better quality. Enhance pitch quality by improving the maintenance of the pitches to increase site capacity.             | CBMDC ECB YCB       | Key                 | High          | M                        | M                  | Protect Enhance |
|         |   | Football |             | Three adult pitches which are all of standard quality. The pitches on site currently have two match equivalent sessions of actual spare capacity during the peak period.  | Maintain pitch quality through regular maintenance. Aim to utilise the capacity on the site to alleviate overplay of other pitches in the area. In line with the LFFP, improve the ancillary facilities on site.                   |                     |                     | CBMDC FF WRFA |                          |                    |                 |
| 145     | Menston Bowling Club                            | Bowls    | Sports Club | One standard quality crown green used by Menston BC. This site currently has minimal overplay.  | Maintain green quality through regular maintenance. Retain the green for community use. Monitor membership   | BCGBA Sports Club   | Local               | Medium        | S                        | L                  | Protect         |

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|         |   |          |             |   | figures to prevent long-term overplay of this green to retain quality.   |                           |                     |          |                          |                    |                    |
| 146     | Menston Cricket Club                          | Cricket  | Sports Club | One square consisting of 16 standard quality grass wickets. The site is the home venue of Menston CC and is overplayed by five match equivalent sessions, a manageable amount.  | Improve the current maintenance regime to increase pitch quality and capacity, eliminating overplay. Increasing capacity also provides potential spare capacity to accommodate the Club's future demand.   | ECB<br>YCB<br>Sports Club | Local               | Medium   | S                        | L                  | Protect<br>Enhance |
| 147     | Menston Park                                  | Football | Council     | One adult pitch of standard quality. The pitch has capacity for an additional MES per week.   | Enhance pitch quality to eliminate overplay of the pitch or consider future use of the site for formal pitch sports given investment required for a one pitch site. Current demand would need to be sufficiently accommodated elsewhere. Potential to not maintain and reinvest in a Hub site development. | CBMDC<br>FF<br>WRFA       | Local               | Low      | S                        | L                  | Enhance            |
|         |   | Tennis   |             | Two poor quality, tarmac tennis courts that are not floodlit.   | Resurface the courts to improve quality.   | CBMDC<br>LTA              |                     | Low      | S                        | L                  |                    |
| 151     | Myrtle Park                                   | Bowls    | Council     | Two poor quality crown greens used by Myrtle Park BC. Membership numbers are unknown.   | Increase green quality by improving the current maintenance regime. Retain the green for community use.  | CBMDC<br>BCGBA            | Local               | Low      | L                        | L                  | Enhance            |
|         |   | Tennis   |             | Two poor quality, tarmac tennis courts that are not floodlit.   | Resurface the courts to immediately improve quality.<br>Establish a new maintenance regime to sustain improved quality.  | CBMDC<br>LTA              |                     | Low      | L                        | L                  |                    |
| 152     | Nab Wood Sports Centre/ Samuel Lister Academy | Cricket  | Education   | An NTP sits alongside six grass wickets. All wickets in the square are standard quality. Despite being available for community use the pitch is currently unused by community clubs.  | Retain the pitch for school demand; sustaining quality by continuing with the current maintenance regime. Continue to make the pitch available for community use.  | ECB<br>YCB<br>School      | Local               | Low      | S                        | L                  | Protect<br>Enhance |
|         |   | Football |             | Two adult pitches and two youth 9v9 pitches, all of standard quality with secured community use. The adult pitches are currently overplayed by 1.5 MES per week. The youth 9v9 pitches have capacity for an additional MES per week. The is noted as being poorly maintained. | Enhance pitch quality through improved maintenance to remove overplay of the adult pitches and create additional capacity for youth 9v9 pitches in the area. Look to fully utilise the capacity of youth 9v9 pitches to alleviate overplay of these pitches in the area.                                   | FF<br>WRFA<br>School      |                     | Medium   | S                        | L                  |                    |
|         |   | Tennis   |             | Two poor quality macadam tennis courts which are not floodlit.  | Retain the courts for school demand.   | School                    |                     | Low      | S                        | L                  |                    |
| 155     | Northcliffe Park                              | Cricket  | Council     | A square of six standard quality grass wickets which are used by Bradford YCA CC and has minimal potential spare capacity. The spare capacity is not sufficient to accommodate demand from any new teams.   | Enhance pitch quality by improving the current maintenance regime where possible to increase the potential spare capacity available on site.   | CBMDC<br>ECB<br>YCB       | Key                 | Low      | S                        | L                  | Protect<br>Enhance |

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|         |                                     | Football |             | Three adult pitches of standard quality which are currently unused.<br>Good size of ancillary provision but the quality is poor given that they appear dated and requiring investment. Communal toilets and showers neither of which are attached to walls.   | In line with the LFFP, improve the quality of the pitches on site.<br>Relocate some demand from overplayed sites to utilise the increased capacity.<br>In line with the LFFP, improve the ancillary facilities on site.   | CBMDC<br>FF<br>WRFA       |                     | High (LFFP) | S                        | M-H                |                    |
|         |                                     | Bowls    |             | Two poor quality crown greens used by Northcliffe Park BC. Membership numbers are unknown.  | Increase green quality by improving the current maintenance regime.<br>Retain the green for community use.  | CBMDC<br>BCGBA            |                     | Low         | S                        | L                  |                    |
|         |                                     | Tennis   |             | Eight poor quality, tarmac tennis courts that are not floodlit.   | Resurface the courts to improve quality and establish a new maintenance regime.<br>Offer LTA programmes to encourage use of the site, targeting latent demand. Apply an online booking system to the site to encourage use.   | CBMDC<br>LTA              |                     | Medium      | M                        | M                  |                    |
| 168     | Parkside School                     | Football | Education   | One youth 9v9 pitch of poor quality which is unavailable for community use and played to capacity through curricular use.   | Retain for school demand.   | School                    | Local               | Low         | L                        | L                  | Protect<br>Enhance |
|         |                                     | Hockey   |             | A small-size, floodlit, sand dressed AGP built in 2000. It is available for community use.  | Retain for curricular use and resurface as required.  | School                    |                     | Low         | M                        | M                  |                    |
| 177     | Roberts Park                        | Cricket  | Council     | One square of eight good quality grass wickets alongside an NTP. The site is utilised by My Lahore CC and Saltaire CC; and is overplayed by 18 match equivalent sessions per season. Saltaire CC has three years remaining on its lease agreement for the site. There is also a standalone NTP on site. | Sustain pitch quality by continuing with the current maintenance regime.<br>Relocate some demand to alternative venues with spare capacity to reduce levels of overplay to a manageable quantity. Utilise the two NTPs on site for junior cricket to further reduce overplay. | CBMDC<br>ECB<br>YCB       | Local               | Low         | S                        | L                  | Protect            |
| 178     | Royd House Bowling Club             | Bowls    | Sports Club | One good quality crown green used by Royd House BC. There is currently ample spare capacity at this site.   | Ensure green quality is maintained through regular maintenance. Retain the green for community use. Monitor membership figures to ensure the long-term viability of this green.   | BCGBA                     | Local               | Low         | S                        | L                  | Protect            |
| 182     | Salts (Saltaire) Sports Association | Cricket  | Sports Club | The home venue of Shipley Provs CC. The one square on site has ten standard quality grass wickets with 16 match equivalent sessions of potential capacity but no actual spare capacity during the peak period.  | Enhance the maintenance regime, where possible, to increase site capacity; with the possibility that a Club based at an overplayed site could utilise the capacity.   | ECB<br>YCB<br>Sports Club | Key                 | Low         | S                        | L                  | Protect<br>Enhance |
|         |                                     | Football |             | Two adult, two mini 5v5 and two mini 7v7 pitches, all of good quality. The adult pitches currently accommodate significant overplay. The mini 5v5 pitches are played to capacity at peak times whilst the mini 7v7 pitches have capacity for an additional two MES per week.                            | Maintain pitch quality through regular maintenance. Explore the possibility of pitch reconfiguration to suitably accommodate current demand or look to move some demand from the adult pitches to remove overplay of the site.  | FF<br>WRFA<br>Sports Club |                     | High        | S                        | L                  |                    |
|         |                                     | Bowls    |             | Two good quality crown greens used by Salts BC. There is currently ample spare capacity at this site.   | Ensure green quality is maintained through regular maintenance. Retain the green for community use.   | BCGBA                     |                     | Low         | S                        | L                  |                    |
|         |                                     | Tennis   |             | Four good quality, macadam tennis courts; two of which are floodlit.  | Sustain court quality by continuing with the current maintenance regime.  | LTA<br>Sports Club        |                     | Low         | S                        | L                  |                    |

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|         |                                     |             |             | There is sufficient capacity on site to accommodate current and future demand.   |  |                      |                     |          |                          |                    |                    |
| 183     | Sandal Primary School               | Cricket     | Education   | A standard quality square of seven grass wickets alongside an NTP. The site is accessed by Baildon CC as a secondary venue but the Club is not considered to have security of tenure. There is some spare capacity on site but it is not sufficient to accommodate additional teams. | Support Baildon CC to obtain a long term community use agreement for the site, giving the Club security of tenure. Retain the pitch for school demand, sustaining quality by continuing with the current maintenance regime.                                 | ECB<br>YCB<br>School | Local               | High     | S                        | L                  | Protect<br>Enhance |
|         |                                     | Football    |             | Two youth 11v11 pitches and one mini 7v7 pitch, all of standard quality. Both pitches are currently unused for community use.  | Retain for curricular use.   | School               |                     | Low      | L                        | L                  |                    |
| 184     | Scalebor Park                       | Football    | Council     | One adult pitch of standard quality which is currently significantly overplayed.   | Enhance pitch quality in order to reduce overplay. Consider if more pitches can be provided on the site to spread demand.  | CBMDC<br>FF<br>WRFA  | Local               | High     | S                        | L                  | Protect            |
| 194     | Temple Rhydding Bowling Green       | Bowls       | Council     | One standard quality crown green used by Baildon BC. There is currently minimal overplay at this site.   | Increase green quality by improving the current maintenance regime. Additional maintenance may be required to manage the overplay at the site. Retain the green for community use.   | CBMDC<br>BCGBA       | Local               | Low      | S                        | L                  | Protect<br>Enhance |
|         |                                     | Tennis      |             | Two poor quality, tarmac tennis courts that are not floodlit.  | Resurface the courts to improve quality.   | CBMDC<br>LTA         |                     | Low      | S                        | L                  |                    |
| 197     | Thackley Old Road Recreation Ground | Football    | Council     | One adult pitch and one mini 5v5 pitch which are both of poor quality and currently unused.  | Enhance pitch quality through improved maintenance to encourage community and recreational use.  | CBMDC<br>FF<br>WRFA  | Local               | High     | S                        | L                  | Protect<br>Enhance |
| 199     | The Shipley Club                    | Bowls       | Sports Club | One standard quality crown green used by Shipley BC. There is currently significant overplay at this site.   | Increase green quality by improving the current maintenance regime. Retain the green for community use. Explore the feasibility of moving some members to play at a separate green to prevent long-term overplay.  | BCGBA                | Local               | Medium   | S                        | L                  | Enhance            |
| 204     | Titus Salt School                   | Cricket     | Education   | A standalone NTP which is available for community use but is not currently used.   | Retain for school demand.  | School               | Key                 | Low      | S                        | L                  | Protect<br>Enhance |
|         |                                     | Football    |             | One poor quality adult pitch which is currently unused. The pitch is played to capacity through curricular use. The site also suffers from poor drainage.  | Retain for school demand.  | School               |                     | Low      | M                        | L                  |                    |
|         |                                     | Hockey      |             | One full-size, sand dressed AGP which is floodlit and available for community use. The pitch was built in 2009 and is poor quality. It is currently used by Airedale HC.   | Resurface the pitch as a priority to ensure continued community use by Airedale HC. Even if the Club relocates to a new AGP, it is highly likely that it will still require access to a second pitch. Therefore establish a CUA for continued community use. | EH<br>School         |                     | High     | S                        | H                  |                    |
|         |                                     | Rugby union |             | One senior pitch of M0/D0 quality which is without floodlighting. The pitch is currently played to capacity through curricular use.  | Retain for school demand.  | School               |                     | Low      | L                        | L                  |                    |

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|         |                                  | Tennis   |             | Six, standard quality, macadam tennis courts are not floodlit.  | Retain for school demand.  | School                    |                     | Low      | L                        | L                  |                               |
| 205     | Tong Park Esholt CC              | Cricket  | Sports Club | A good quality square that has eight grass wickets. The site is utilised by Tong Park Esholt CC with the Club in the process of renegotiating its lease agreement with CBMDC. The Club reports aspirations for some indoor training facilities locally. | Sustain pitch quality by continuing with the current maintenance programme. Provide the Club with a new long term lease agreement for the site providing security of tenure.                               | ECB<br>YCB<br>Sports Club | Local               | Medium   | S                        | L                  | Protect                       |
| 207     | Trinity All Saints CofE Primary  | Football | Education   | One mini 5v5 pitch of poor quality which is currently overplayed by 1.5 MES per week but has unsecure tenure.   | Enhance pitch quality through improved maintenance to remove overplay of the site. Formalise community use agreement to ensure security of tenure.   | FF<br>WRFA<br>School      | Local               | High     | S                        | L                  | Enhance                       |
| 223     | Wildsen CC                       | Cricket  | Sports Club | Eight standard quality wickets which are at capacity from Wildsen CC demand.  | Improve pitch quality by enhancing the current maintenance regime. This will create additional capacity to meet the Club's future demand.  | ECB<br>YCB<br>Sports Club | Local               | Low      | S                        | L                  | Protect<br>Enhance            |
| 224     | Wildsen Recreation Ground        | Football | Council     | Currently disused, the Council is seeking to re-establish a football pitch on site and is in the process of searching for an appropriate user group.  | Once an appropriate user group is found re-establish the pitch provision on the site to reduce overplay elsewhere in the Analysis Area.  | CBMDC<br>FF<br>WRFA       | Local               | Low      | S                        | L                  | Provide                       |
| 883     | Bingley JFC Riverside            | Football | Sports Club | One youth 11v11 pitch and one youth 9v9 pitch, both of standard quality. The youth 9v9 pitch is currently played to capacity whilst the youth 11v11 pitch has capacity for an additional 0.5 MES per week.  | Maintain pitch quality through regular maintenance. Ensure youth 11v11 pitch is played to capacity to alleviate overplay of other pitches in the area.   | FF<br>WRFA<br>Sports Club | Local               | Medium   | S                        | L                  | Protect                       |
| 887     | Cottingley Village Primary       | Football | Education   | One youth 11v11 pitch of standard quality which is overmarked with a youth 9v9 pitch. The pitch is currently played to capacity through curricular use.   | Retain for school demand.  | School                    | Local               | Low      | L                        | L                  | Protect                       |
| 890     | Denholme Primary School          | Hockey   | Education   | A small-sized, sand dressed AGP built in 2006. The pitch is without floodlighting but is available for community use.   | Retain for school demand.  | School                    | Local               | Low      | L                        | M                  | Enhance                       |
| 908     | Crossflatts Primary School       | Football | Education   | A half-size 3G pitch without floodlights and which is unavailable for community use.  | Retain for school demand.  | School                    | Local               | Low      | L                        | L                  | Protect                       |
| 911     | Ley Top Primary School & Nursery | Football | Education   | A half-size 3G pitch without floodlights and which is unavailable for community use.  | Retain for school demand.  | School                    | Local               | Low      | L                        | L                  | Protect                       |
| 913     | Sleningford Road Bowling Green   | Bowls    | Council     | One standard quality crown green used by Bingley BC. Membership numbers are unknown.  | Maintain green quality through regular maintenance. Retain the green for community use.  | CBMDC<br>BCGBA            | Local               | Low      | M                        | L                  | Protect                       |
| 915     | Eldwick Tennis Club              | Tennis   | Sports Club | Two standard quality macadam tennis courts which are not floodlit. There is a shortfall of capacity on site of 14 members.  | Investigate floodlighting on at least one court to eradicate the shortfall. Seek to enhance the court quality where possible by improving the maintenance regime. Support the Club to grow its membership. | LTA<br>Sports Club        | Local               | Medium   | S                        | M                  | Protect<br>Enhance<br>Provide |

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| Site ID | Site              | Sport  | Management  | Current status   | Recommended actions  | Lead Partners                 | Site hierarchy tier | Priority | Timescales <sup>25</sup> | Cost <sup>26</sup> | Aim                |
|---------|-------------------|--------|-------------|--|--|-------------------------------|---------------------|----------|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 918     | St Peter's Church | Bowls  | Diocese     | One standard quality crown green used by St Peter's Church BC. Membership numbers are unknown.   | Maintain green quality through regular maintenance. Retain the green for community use.          | BCGBA<br>Diocese              | Local               | Low      | L                        | L                  | Protect            |
| 918     | St Peter's Church | Tennis | Sports Club | Three poor quality, macadam tennis courts which are not floodlit but are available for community use. The site is the home venue of St Peter's TC and has sufficient capacity to meet current and future demand. | Improve court quality through either resurfacing or by enhancing the current maintenance regime. | LTA<br>Sports Club<br>Diocese | Local               | Low      | S                        | L                  | Protect<br>Enhance |

## **PART 7: DELIVER THE STRATEGY AND KEEP IT ROBUST AND UP TO DATE**

### ***Delivery***

The Playing Pitch Strategy seeks to provide guidance for maintenance/management decisions and investment made across Bradford. By addressing the issues identified in the Assessment Report and using the strategic framework presented in this Strategy, the current and future sporting and recreational needs of Bradford can be satisfied. The Strategy identifies where there is a deficiency in provision and identifies how best to resolve this in the future.

It is important that this document is used in a practical manner, is engaged with partners and encourages partnerships to be developed, to ensure that outdoor sports facilities are regarded as a vital aspect of community life and which contribute to the achievement of Council priorities.

The production of this Strategy should be regarded as the beginning of the planning process. The success of this Strategy and the benefits that are gained are dependent upon regular engagement between all partners involved and the adoption of a strategic approach.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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.

Ideally the PPS could be reviewed on an annual basis from the date it is formally signed off by the steering group. This will help to maintain the momentum and commitment that would have been built up when developing the PPS. Taking into account the time to develop the PPS this should also help to ensure that the original supply and demand information is no more than two years old without being reviewed.

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

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

Once the PPS is complete the role of the steering group should evolve so that it:

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

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

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These meetings could be timed to fit with the annual affiliation process undertaken by the NGBs which would help to capture any changes in the number and nature of sports clubs in the area. Other information that is already collected on a regular basis such as pitch booking records for local authority and other sites could be fed into these meetings. The NGBs will also be able to indicate any further performance quality assessments that have been undertaken within the study area. Discussion with the league secretaries may also indicate annual league meetings which it may be useful to attend to pick up any specific issues and/or enable a review of the relevant club details to be undertaken.

The steering group should regularly review and refresh area by area plans taking account of any improvements in pitch quality (and hence increases in pitch capacity) and also any new negotiations for community use of education sites in the future.

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

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## Checklist

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:

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

| 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?   |  |                    |

## APPENDIX ONE: STRATEGIC CONTEXT

The recommendations within this Strategy have been developed via the combination of information gathered during consultation, site visits and analysis. They reflect key areas to be addressed over its lifetime. However, implementation must be considered in the context of financial implications and the need for some proposals to also meet planning considerations.

A number of NGB strategies are approaching or beyond their indicated lifespans but should be considered incumbent and applicable until publication of superseding strategies. Notably, the RFU is to publish its new facilities strategy later in 2018, whilst the RFL is also producing an emerging new facilities strategy.

### National context

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Strategy 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.

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

£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.

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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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- ◀ **More Play** – make the game more accessible and inspire the next generation of players, coaches, officials and volunteers. Focus on:
  - *Clubs and leagues*
  - *Kids*
  - *Communities*
  - *Casual*
- ◀ **Great Teams** – deliver winning teams who inspire and excite through on-field performance and off-field behaviour. Focus on:
  - *Pathway*
  - *Support*
  - *Elite Teams*
  - *England Teams*
- ◀ **Inspired Fans** – put the fan at the heart of our game to improve and personalise the cricket experience for all. Focus on:
  - *Fan focus*
  - *New audiences*
  - *Global stage*
  - *Broadcast and digital*

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- ◀ **Good Governance and Social Responsibility** – make decisions in the best interests of the game and use the power of cricket to make a positive difference. Focus on:
  - *Integrity*
  - *Community programmes*
  - *Our environments*
  - *One plan*
- ◀ **Strong Finance and Operations** – increase the game’s revenues, invest our resources wisely and administer responsibly to secure the growth of the game. Focus on:
  - *People*
  - *Revenue and reach*
  - *Insight*
  - *Operations*

### ***Inspiring Generations Strategy***

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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.

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

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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.

### *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.

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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://bcgba.org.uk/index.html>

### ***England Athletics Strategic Plan – Athletics & Running: for everyone, forever – 2017 and beyond***

This plan sets out England Athletics' mission, vision and strategic priorities that will direct how they work as an organisation during the coming years: what they do and how they will do it.

**Vision:** Make athletics and running the most inclusive and popular sport in England, led by a network of progressive clubs and organisations and supported by a sustainable, respected and trusted governing body.

For England Athletics to achieve this vision, they will focus on three values:

- Pride – taking pride in their work and demonstrating to athletes that they recognise the importance of their role in bettering athletics.
- Integrity – demonstrate integrity to earn respect and to build effective partnerships.
- Inclusivity – promote inclusivity in all their actions.

**Mission:** To grow opportunities for everyone to experience athletics and running, to enable them to reach their full potential.

In order to achieve their mission, England Athletics will have three strategic priorities.

1. To expand the capacity of the sport by supporting and developing its volunteers and other workforce. The target is to achieve a 6% increase every year of licensed leaders, coaches and officials.
2. To sustain and increase participation and performance levels in our sport. To achieve this, England Athletics' current targets are to increase the number of club registered athletes from (149,000 to 172,000), engage 135,000 people through the RunTogether programme and to increase athlete performance levels across all events and disciplines by 1% every year.
3. To influence participation in the wider athletics market. Their target here is to increase the number of regular athletes or runners by at least one million.

### ***England Athletics Facility Strategy (2018 – 2025)***

The purpose of this document is to set out our long term vision for athletics facilities in England. Facilities form a vital component of the overall England Athletics strategy.

The development, protection and enhancement of facilities will support our strategic plan and help England Athletics contribute to the delivery of the Department for Culture, Media and Sport's Sporting Futures: A New Strategy for Sport and Sport England's strategy Towards an

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Active Nation. Appropriate facilities help to attract and inspire new participants and provide the foundation and focus for a significant proportion of the England Athletics family.

The England Athletics Strategic Plan notes that the sport increasingly needs to become financially sustainable and that a business-like and innovative approach is a vital component of its future success. Facilities are fundamental, but they are also expensive to create and to maintain. The sport therefore faces a significant challenge to develop, improve and maintain facilities, most of which are currently operated and funded by third parties.

This strategy sets out a challenge to all those involved with the delivery of the sport to be innovative and business like in the operation and development of facilities at a time of financial challenge, as it aims “To create an innovative and inspiring network of sustainable athletic facilities, with the capacity to meet both current and future demand across England”.

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## APPENDIX TWO: FUNDING PLAN

### Funding opportunities

CBMDC, to fund the delivery of the Action Plan, is currently developing a PPS Funding Strategy to generate investment towards creating better quality sites (Hub sites) in order to meet the objectives of this Strategy. This Funding Strategy, in partnership with the relevant NGBs, will identify low value playing field sites for sport, for example, one/two pitch sites with no changing provision and/or no car parking which are not required to meet either current or future need.

In line with this Strategy, where any current pitches are lost due to the redevelopment of sites, these will be adequately re-provided through re-investment into new pitches by creating or further developing Hub sites (or Key sites as appropriate) in accordance with Sport England's Playing Fields Policy Exception E4<sup>27</sup>. This will allow the Council to provide good quality sports facilities across the District which in turn will attract more users and contribute to the improving health agenda.

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

| Awarding body   | Description   |
|---|---|
| Big Lottery Fund<br><a href="http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/">http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/</a> | <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>Empowering Young People</b> – this grants programme is designed to support projects in Northern Ireland that give young people aged 8 to 25 the ability to overcome the challenges they face. Funding between £30,000 and £500,000 is available and is available to projects which meet one or more of the following objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Equip young people with the skills they need for the future.</li> <li>◀ Improve young people's relationships with their support networks and communities.</li> <li>◀ Improve the health and well-being of young people.</li> </ul> |

<sup>27</sup> <https://www.sportengland.org/media/13458/playing-fields-policy-and-guidance.pdf>

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| Awarding body  | Description   |
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|  | <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 throughout 2017/18 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 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 grass-roots 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>   |

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|  | <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> <p><b>Premier League Primary Stars Kit and Equipment Scheme</b> - 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 Foundation (RFF)<br/><a href="http://www.rugbyfootballfoundation.org/index.php?option=com_content&amp;view=article&amp;id=14&amp;Itemid=113">http://www.rugbyfootballfoundation.org/index.php?option=com_content&amp;view=article&amp;id=14&amp;Itemid=113</a></p> | <p><b>The Grant Match Scheme</b> in particular provides easy-to-access grant funding for playing projects that contribute to the recruitment and retention of community rugby players. Grants are available on a 'match funding' 50:50 basis to support a proposed project.</p> <p>Projects eligible for funding include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Pitch Facilities – Playing surface improvement, pitch improvement, rugby posts, floodlights.</li> <li>2. Club House Facilities – Changing rooms, shower facilities, washroom/lavatory, and measures to facilitate segregation (e.g. women, juniors).</li> <li>3. Equipment – Large capital equipment, pitch maintenance capital equipment (e.g. mowers).</li> </ol> <p><b>'Helping Hand Grants'</b> can award funding from £500 to £1,500. The Groundmatch Grant Scheme provides funding from £1,501 to £5,000. RFU Accredited clubs at level 5 and below are eligible to apply.</p> <p>The RFF also offer loan schemes for RFU Accredited clubs at level 3 and below. The first scheme is the Interest Free Loan scheme which can provide up to £100,000 as an interest free loan for capital works. Green Deal Loans up to the value of £20,000 are available to clubs to support them in the installation of facility solutions that reduce utility costs. Repayments are structured to be the equivalent of the projected savings over the agreed 'payback' period.</p>   |

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| <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. 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>   |

### 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.

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- ◀ 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 THREE: GLOSSARY

**Exported 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.

**Carrying 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**.

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**Match equivalent sessions** is an appropriate comparable unit for pitch usage. For football, 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