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ABBREVIATIONS

3G	Third Generation (artificial turf)
AGP	Artificial Grass Pitch
CFA	County Football Association
DCMS	Department for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport
ECB	England and Wales Cricket Board
EH	England Hockey
FA	Football Association
FC	Football Club
FF	Football Foundation
FE	Further Education
FIT	Fields in Trust
GIS	Geographical Information Systems
HE	Higher Education
KKP	Knight, Kavanagh and Page
LFA	Lancashire County Football Association
LCF	Lancashire Cricket Foundation
LTA	Lawn Tennis Association
MES	Match equivalent sessions
NGB	National Governing Body
NPPF	National Planning Policy Framework
PPS	Playing Pitch Strategy
RFL	Rugby Football League
RFU	Rugby Football Union
RUFC	Rugby union football club
S106	Section 106
SE	Sport England
TBTT	Transforming British Tennis Together
TGR	Team generation rate
UK	United Kingdom
WR	World Rugby

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GLOSSARY

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

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

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

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

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

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

Latent demand is demand that evidence suggests may be generated from the current population (i.e. sports clubs) should they have access to more or 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 or 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.

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PART 1: INTRODUCTION

This is the Playing Pitch Strategy (PPS) for Central Lancashire which incorporates the three local authorities of Chorley, Preston and South Ribble and their partners. Building upon the preceding Assessment Report it provides a clear, strategic framework for the maintenance and improvement of existing outdoor sports pitches and ancillary facilities.

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 Councils, Sport England, Greater Sport and National Governing Bodies of Sport (NGBs).

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

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

Pitch sports:

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

Outdoor sports have been 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.

Outdoor sports:

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

A Playing Pitch Strategy provides the evidence required to help protect playing fields to ensure sufficient land is available to meet existing and projected future pitch requirements. Planning Policy and other relevant sport related corporate strategies must be based upon a robust evidence base in order to ensure planning, local policies and sport development criteria can be implemented efficiently and effectively. The strategy is capable of the following in Chorley, Preston and South Ribble:

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

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The partner organisations have a vested interest in ensuring existing playing fields, pitches and ancillary facilities can be protected and enhanced. Many of the objectives and actions will need to be delivered and implemented by sports organisations and education establishments in addition to the councils.

Strategy structure

The Strategy has been developed from research and analysis of playing pitch provision and usage within the three local authorities to provide:

- ◀ A vision for the future improvement and prioritisation of outdoor sports 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 and cross authority 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 the local authorities which should be implemented over the next ten 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 Four: Funding Plan¹).

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 councils 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 8 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.

¹ Please note that Sport England funding streams will be subject to change throughout 2017/18

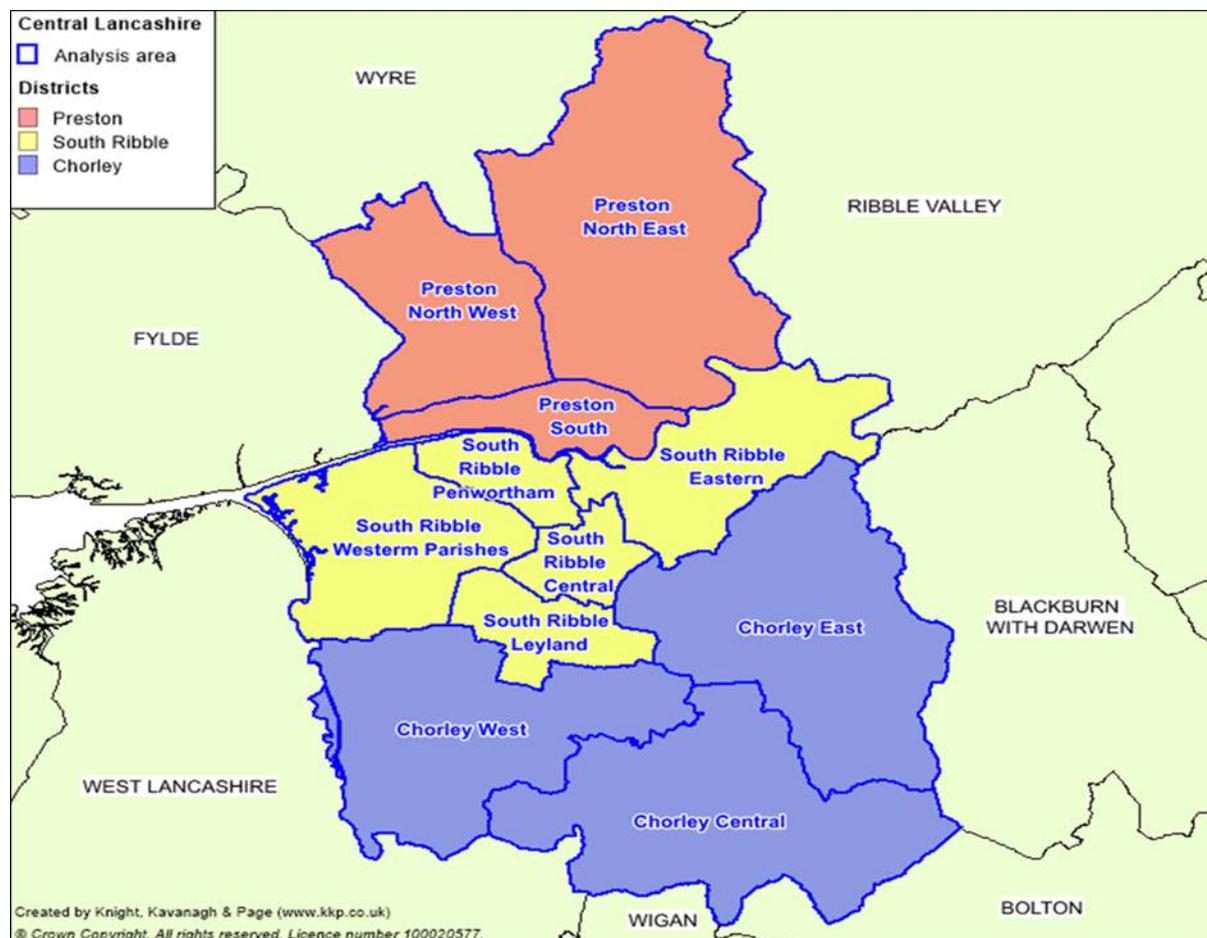
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Study area

The study area as a whole includes the three Central Lancashire authorities of Chorley, Preston and South Ribble. Further to this, analysis areas have been created to allow for a more localised assessment of provision and examination of playing pitch supply and demand at a local level within each of the authority areas as follows:

Authority area	Analysis area	Population (MYE 2016)
Chorley	Chorley East	29,020
	Chorley West	27,694
	Chorley Central	57,637
	Chorley total	114,351
Preston	Preston North East	44,246
	Preston North West	37,323
	Preston South	60,232
	Preston total	141,801
South Ribble	Leyland	33,261
	Eastern	27,061
	Penwortham	22,916
	Western Parishes	15,662
	Central	11,218
	South Ribble total	106,835

Figure 1.1: Analysis area map



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Whilst the analysis areas are used for the basis of reporting, the strategy also addresses the sport specific geography of Central Lancashire. Many sports and leagues cross these boundaries and pitch facilities in one area may also be suitable for clubs in another area. This cross-boundary movement has therefore been taken into consideration when producing this strategy.

Context

The primary purpose of the PPS 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 Central Lancashire area. The strategy will be produced in accordance with national planning guidance and provide robust and objective justification for future playing pitch provision throughout Central Lancashire. The Strategy is produced in accordance with Sport England Playing Pitch Strategy Guidance (October 2013 as updated in March 2014) and the National Planning Policy Framework (Feb 2019) and provides robust and objective justification for future playing pitch provision across the three local authorities.

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. Section 8 of the NPPF covers the topic of healthy and safe communities. Paragraph 96 discusses the importance of access to high quality open spaces and opportunities for sport and recreation that can make an important contribution to the health and well-being of communities.

The Core Strategy is over six years old and it is timely to review the policy framework, strategy, assessments, assumptions and recommendations relating to open space, sport and recreation. The PPS will add to the evidence base supporting the review of the Core Strategy and Local Plans for Central Lancashire. This will in turn support strategic policies and site allocations relating to leisure, outdoor sports facilities, health and well-being and green infrastructure in the emerging Central Lancashire Local Plan. It will also provide an evidence base for developer contributions through section 106 agreements, community infrastructure levy (CIL) and to support day to day decision making.

The PPS will also support a number of service priorities including corporate priorities relating to health and well-being, community and environment.

Population growth

Team generation rates were used, in the Assessment Report, to provide an indication of how many people it may take to generate a team (by gender and age group), in order to help estimate the change in demand for pitch sports that may arise from any population change in the study area.

The current resident population in Chorley is 114,351 (MYE 2016). By 2036 (the period to which this assessment projects population based future demand, in line with the new Central Lancashire Local Plan period) the Borough's population is projected to increase to 130,834 representing an increase of 16,483 (or equivalent to a percentage increase of 14%) according to ONS data.

The current resident population in Preston is 141,801. By 2036 (the period to which this assessment projects population based future demand, in line with the new Central Lancashire Local Plan period) the Borough's population is projected to decrease slightly to 140,342 according to ONS data.

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The current resident population in South Ribble is 106,835. By 2036 (the period to which this assessment projects population based future demand, in line with the new Central Lancashire Local Plan period) the Borough's population is projected to increase to 112,136 representing an increase of 5,301 (or equivalent to a percentage increase of 4.9%) according to ONS data.

Housing growth

The Central Lancashire Core Strategy 2012 sets out strategic planning policies for health and well-being including sport and recreation. Each of the three local authorities subsequently adopted more detailed Local Plan policies set out in:

- ◀ Chorley Local Plan 2012-2026
- ◀ Preston Local Plan 2012-2026
- ◀ South Ribble Local Plan 2012-2026

Chorley

The current Chorley Local Plan sets out a housing requirement of 6,834 dwellings (417 dwellings per annum plus a previous undersupply of 162 dwellings) for the period 2012-2026. At April 2018, 3,718 dwellings had been completed.

Preston

The current Preston Local Plan provides for the net growth of approximately 8,500 dwellings over the period to 2026, 5,500 of those coming within the North West Preston Strategic Location. The remaining 3,000 dwellings are distributed across the main urban area, although approximately 1,000 are within the Cottam Hall development adjacent to North West Preston. A significant number of these dwellings have planning permission already and are under construction.

South Ribble

The South Ribble Local Plan provides for the net growth of approximately 6,900 houses over the period to 2026. Many of these dwellings have been completed since the adoption of the Local Plan in 2015 and more than 3,400 have planning permission. Over 60 of the permissioned sites are currently under construction.

Summary

The PPS will help evidence the review of the Local Plans across Central Lancashire, however, the authorities are not yet in a position to know what level of housing growth will be planned for in the new Central Lancashire Local Plan, to 2036.

Levels of housing growth in the revised Central Lancashire Local Plan will be determined during its preparation, taking into consideration the government's standardised methodology for calculating minimum annual local housing need.

Operational

The Strategy can help improve current asset management. 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. The site-specific Action Plan will identify sites where quality of provision can be enhanced.

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Sports development

In terms of sports development the strategy will be able to help:

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

Definitions

Match equivalent sessions (MES)

Pitches have a limit of how much play they can accommodate over a certain period of time before their quality, and in turn their use, is adversely affected. As the main usage of pitches is likely to be for matches, it is appropriate for the comparable unit to be match equivalent sessions but may for example include training sessions.

Based on how they tend to be played this unit for football, rugby union and rugby league pitches relate to a typical week within the season for each sport. For cricket pitches it is appropriate to look at the number of match equivalent sessions (MES) over the course of a season.

Pitch capacity

The capacity for pitches to regularly provide for competitive play, training and other activity over a season is most often determined by quality. As a minimum, the quality and therefore the capacity of a pitch affects the playing experience and people's enjoyment of playing football. In extreme circumstances it can result in the inability of the pitch to cater for all or certain types of play during peak and off peak times. Pitch quality is often influenced by weather conditions and drainage.

As a guide, each NGB has set a standard number of matches that each grass pitch type should be able to accommodate without adversely affecting its current quality (pitch capacity):

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

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Shortfalls

Please note that shortfalls are expressed in match equivalent sessions rather than as pitches as it is possible that shortfalls could be accommodated in various ways (e.g. through pitch improvements) and not just by providing more pitches. For a full Glossary of terms please refer to Appendix Four.

Headline findings

The following table highlights the quantitative headline findings identified for all sports included in the preceding PPS Assessment Report. For pitch sports both spare capacity and shortfalls are quantified in match equivalent sessions (MES) per week (or per season for cricket). For an analysis area breakdown please refer to the Action Plan.

Central Lancashire

Sport	Local authority	Current picture (MES ²)	Future picture (2036 ³)
Football (grass pitches)	Chorley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Adult pitches have spare capacity of 2 MES per week ◀ Youth 11v11 pitches overplayed by 2 MES per week ◀ Youth 9v9 pitches have spare capacity of 0.5 MES per week ◀ Mini 7v7 pitches have spare capacity of 1.5 MES per week ◀ Mini 5v5 pitches have spare capacity of 2 MES per week 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Adult pitches have spare capacity of 1 MES per week ◀ Youth 11v11 pitches overplayed by 12 MES per week ◀ Youth 9v9 pitches overplayed by 1 MES per week ◀ Mini 7v7 pitches have spare capacity of 0.5 MES per week ◀ Mini 5v5 pitches are overplayed by 0.5 MES per week
	Preston	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Adult pitches are overplayed by 6.5 MES per week ◀ Youth 11v11 pitches are overplayed by 1 MES per week ◀ Youth 9v9 pitches at capacity ◀ Mini 7v7 pitches are overplayed by 1 MES per week ◀ Mini 5v5 pitches at capacity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Adult pitches are overplayed by 6.5 MES per week ◀ Youth 11v11 pitches are overplayed by 2 MES per week ◀ Youth 9v9 pitches at capacity ◀ Mini 7v7 pitches are overplayed by 1 MES per week ◀ Mini 5v5 pitches are overplayed by 5 MES per week
	South Ribble	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Adult pitches have spare capacity of 2 MES per week ◀ Youth 11v11 pitches are overplayed by 6 MES per week ◀ Youth 9v9 pitches are overplayed by 1.5 MES per week ◀ Mini 7v7 pitches are overplayed by 1.5 MES per week ◀ Mini 5v5 pitches at capacity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Adult pitches have spare capacity of 1MES per week ◀ Youth 11v11 pitches are overplayed by 10 MES per week ◀ Youth 9v9 pitches are overplayed by 6.5 MES per week ◀ Mini 7v7 pitches are overplayed by 1.5 MES per week ◀ Mini 5v5 pitches are overplayed by 8.5 MES per week

² Match equivalent sessions

³ Future demand based on ONS calculations and club consultation which also includes any latent and displaced demand identified.

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Sport	Local authority	Current picture (MES ²)	Future picture (2036 ³)
	Central Lancashire	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Adult pitches are overplayed by 1.5 MES per week ◀ Youth 11v11 pitches are overplayed by 8 MES per week ◀ Youth 9v9 pitches are overplayed by 1 MES per week ◀ Mini 7v7 pitches are overplayed by 1 MES per week ◀ Mini 5v5 pitches have spare capacity of 1 MES per week 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Adult pitches are overplayed by 3.5 MES per week ◀ Youth 11v11 pitches are overplayed by 23 MES per week ◀ Youth 9v9 pitches are overplayed by 7.5 MES per week ◀ Mini 7v7 pitches are overplayed by 2 MES per week ◀ Mini 5v5 pitches are overplayed by 15 MES per week
Football (3G pitches) ⁴	Chorley	◀ Shortfall of 4 full sized 3G pitches for team training	◀ Shortfall of 5 full sized 3G pitches for team training
	Preston	◀ Shortfall of 2 full sized 3G pitches for team training	◀ Shortfall of 2 full sized 3G pitches for team training
	South Ribble	◀ Shortfall of 1 full sized 3G pitches for team training	◀ Shortfall of 2 full sized 3G pitches for team training
	Central Lancashire	◀ Shortfall of 7 full sized 3G pitches for team training	◀ Shortfall of 9 full sized 3G pitches for team training
Rugby union (senior pitches)	Chorley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Senior pitches at capacity ◀ Mini pitches at capacity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Senior pitches at capacity ◀ Mini pitches at capacity
	Preston	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Senior pitches are at capacity ◀ Mini pitches have spare capacity of 1 MES 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Senior pitches are at capacity ◀ Mini pitches have spare capacity of 1 MES
	South Ribble	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Senior pitches are overplayed by 0.5 MES ◀ Mini pitches are at capacity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Senior pitches are overplayed by 1.5 MES ◀ Mini pitches are at capacity
	Central Lancashire	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Senior pitches are overplayed by 0.5 MES ◀ Mini pitches have spare capacity of 1 MES 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Senior pitches are overplayed by 0.5 MES ◀ Mini pitches have spare capacity of 1 MES
Rugby league (senior pitches)	Chorley	◀ Senior pitches are overplayed by 4.5 MES	◀ Senior pitches are overplayed by five MES
	Preston	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Senior pitches at capacity ◀ Junior pitches at capacity ◀ Mini pitches at capacity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Senior pitches at capacity ◀ Junior pitches at capacity ◀ Mini pitches at capacity
	South Ribble	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Senior pitches are overplayed by 3 MES ◀ Junior pitches are at capacity ◀ Spare capacity of 1 MES on mini pitches 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Senior pitches are overplayed by 2.5 MES ◀ Junior pitches are at capacity ◀ Spare capacity of 0.75 MES on mini pitches
	Central Lancashire	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Senior pitches are overplayed by 3 MES ◀ Junior pitches are at capacity ◀ Mini pitches have spare capacity of 1 MES 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Senior pitches are overplayed by 7.5 MES ◀ Junior pitches are overplayed by 0.5 MES ◀ Mini pitches have spare capacity of 0.25 MES

⁴ Based on accommodating 38 teams to one full size pitch for affiliated team training.

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Sport	Local authority	Current picture (MES ²)	Future picture (2036 ³)
Cricket	Chorley	◀ Spare capacity of 44 match equivalent sessions per season	◀ Spare capacity of 26 match equivalent sessions per season
	Preston	◀ Shortfall of 62 match equivalent sessions per season	◀ Shortfall of 72 match equivalent sessions per season
	South Ribble	◀ Shortfall of 64 match equivalent sessions per season	◀ Shortfall of 64 match equivalent sessions per season
	Central Lancashire	◀ Shortfall of 82 match equivalent sessions per season	◀ Shortfall of 110 match equivalent sessions per season
Hockey	Chorley	◀ Sufficient capacity to accommodate current level of demand. There is a need to resurface poor quality pitches meaning that other pitches should be retained as hockey suitable surfaces in the meantime.	◀ Sufficient capacity to accommodate current level of demand. There is a need to resurface poor quality pitches meaning that other pitches should be retained as hockey suitable surfaces in the meantime.
	Preston	◀ There is capacity in Preston to accommodate current demand; however, the pitch at Preston Sports Club does need resurfacing meaning that all hockey suitable AGPs should be retained.	◀ Demand can be met by current provision; particularly with Garstang HC relocating to Wyre District, increasing the amount of available capacity.
	South Ribble	◀ There is sufficient level of supply across South Ribble	◀ There are sufficient level of supply across South Ribble
	Central Lancashire	◀ There is sufficient levels of supply across Central Lancashire; however, there is a need to improve both quality and accessibility.	◀ There is sufficient levels of supply across Central Lancashire; however, there is a need to improve both quality and accessibility.
Tennis courts	Central Lancashire	◀ Although there are a sufficient supply of courts at all sites across Central Lancashire; there is a need to utilise the spare capacity on non-club community available courts to actualise substantial amounts of latent demand.	◀ Although there are a sufficient supply of courts at all sites across Central Lancashire; there is a need to utilise the spare capacity on non-club community available courts to actualise substantial amounts of latent demand.
Bowling greens	Central Lancashire	◀ Demand can be met with retained level of access	◀ Demand can be met with retained level of access
Athletics	Central Lancashire	◀ Demand can be met in Preston and South Ribble with retained access; however, there is insufficient provision for levels of demand within Chorley	◀ Demand can be met in Preston and South Ribble with retained access; however, there is insufficient provision for levels of demand within Chorley
Cycling	Central Lancashire	◀ Demand can be met with retained level of access	◀ Demand can be met with retained level of access
Golf	Central Lancashire	◀ Demand can be met with retained level of access	◀ Demand can be met with retained level of access

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Conclusions

The existing position for all pitch sports is either demand is currently being met or there is a shortfall. 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.

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.

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PART 2: VISION

Below is the vision for the Central Lancashire PPS. It sets out to capture the corporate themes within each authority to provide an all-encompassing vision.

“To create high quality, sustainable outdoor sports facilities which meet community need, increase participation, help tackle health issues and provide accessible, inclusive activities for Central Lancashire residents as part of an active lifestyle.”

To achieve this vision, the strategy seeks to deliver the following objectives;

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

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PART 3: AIMS

The following overarching aims are based on the three Sport England themes (see Figure 1 below). Delivery of the Strategy is the responsibility of and relies on, the Steering Group.

It is recommended that the following are adopted by each Council and its partners to enable it to achieve the overall vision of the Playing Pitch Strategy and Sport England's requirements.

Aim 1

To **protect** the existing supply of playing pitches where it is needed for meeting current and future needs

Aim 2

To **enhance** playing fields, pitches and ancillary facilities through improving quality and management of sites

Aim 3

To **provide** new playing pitches where there is current or future demand to do so

Figure 1: Sport England planning objectives - Protect, Enhance and Provide



Source: Sport England 2015

PART 4: SPORT SPECIFIC ISSUES SCENARIOS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendations detailed below are not solely for the Councils to action, nor do they imply an expectation that the Councils will or can afford to make the necessary investments required. Rather, the purpose of the recommendations is to guide investment for any relevant bodies, including but not limited to Sport England and the NGBs for the sports the recommendations refer to.

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 the playing pitch sports resulting in the sport specific recommendations.

Football pitches

There is currently an overall shortfall on all pitch types across Central Lancashire apart from on mini 5v5 pitch types. When accounting for future demand from both TGRs and club aspirational demand shortfalls become evident on all pitch types.

Summary – grass

- ◀ There is current spare capacity on adult pitches in Chorley and South Ribble whereas Preston is overplayed. This remains the same when accounting for future demand.
- ◀ There is current overplay on youth 11v11 pitches in all three local authorities which worsens when accounting for future demand from TGRs and club aspirational growth.
- ◀ Current spare capacity on youth 9v9 pitches exists in Chorley, whereas Preston is at capacity and South Ribble is overplayed. All local authorities are overplayed when accounting for future demand.
- ◀ Current spare capacity on mini 7v7 pitches exists in Chorley with South Ribble and Preston being overplayed. When accounting for future demand this remains the same.
- ◀ Current spare capacity on mini 5v5 pitches exists in Chorley with South Ribble and Preston being at capacity. When accounting for future demand all local authorities are overplayed.
- ◀ The audit identifies a total of 294 grass football pitches in Central Lancashire across 131 sites. Of these, 281 pitches are available, at some level, for community use across 123 sites.
- ◀ Chorley Council is in the process of developing a multi sports hub site at West Way Playing Fields. Preston City Council is in the process of developing a sports hub site at Ashton Park. South Ribble is looking to develop a sport pitch hub site.
- ◀ Euxton Villa FC (Chorley), Cadley FC (Preston), Longsands Lynx JFC (Preston), Ribbleton FC (Preston) and Lostock Hall JFC (South Ribble) all report aspirations to develop additional pitch provision.
- ◀ New Longton Rovers FC (South Ribble) has aspirations to secure tenure at New Longton Sports & Social Club and New Longton Village Hall.
- ◀ There are pitch quality issues at the following sites in Chorley; Jim Fowlers Memorial Ground, Twin Lakes (Croston), King George V Field and Sandy Lane.
- ◀ There are pitch quality issues at the following sites in Preston; Ashton Park, Sherwood Park and BAC/EE.
- ◀ There are pitch quality issues at the following sites in South Ribble; Penwortham Holme (Mini Pitches), New Longton Sports & Social Club, New Longton Village Hall and Factory Lane (Cardinal Newman College).
- ◀ All the pitches are located at Penwortham Holme (Mini Pitches) and have not been used in the 2017/18 season due considerable amounts of damage caused to the playing surface pre-season, through unauthorised access by the travelling community.

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- Through the audit and assessment, 649 teams identified as playing on formal pitches within Central Lancashire. This consists of 120 adult men's, 10 adult women's, 248 youth boys', 35 youth girls' and 236 mini mixed teams.
- The total future demand expressed amounts to 31.5 match equivalent sessions.
- TGRs predicted that there will be a potential increase 23 youth 11v11 boys', two youth 11v11 girls', five youth 9v9 boys', two mini 7v7 and one mini 5v5 team across the Central Lancashire.
- Across Central Lancashire there are 33 match equivalent sessions per week of spare capacity with the majority of this being evident on adult pitch types.
- Overplay on football pitches across Central Lancashire amounts to 43.5 match equivalent sessions the majority of which is on adult pitches. There is no recorded overplay on mini 5v5 pitch types across any of the three local authorities.

Scenarios – grass

Loss of access to potential low value pitch sites

There are six sites across Central Lancashire, detailed below, which are identified as being of potential low value pitch supply in relation to provision.

Table 4.1: Summary of potential low value sites

Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	Amount of demand onsite (MES)	Current provision (pitches)
Preston				
41	King George V Playing Field, Broughton	North West	No use	1 x poor adult
76	Station Lane	North West	0.5	1 x poor adult
77	Tanterton playing Fields	North West	0.5	2 x poor adult
South Ribble				
104	Holland House Road Playing Field	Eastern	0.5	1 x poor youth (11v11)
157	Tardy Gate Playing Fields	Central	2	1 x poor adult
163	Watering Pool Lane Playing Fields / St Cuthbert's Playing Field	Central	1	2 x poor mini (7v7)

These sites are generally considered to be of low value in terms of their current contribution to formal pitch supply with limited community use due to their geographical location. Investment in pitch quality improvements and ancillary provision at these sites is therefore unlikely to yield high returns given the scale of the facilities relative to the amount of investment that would be needed to deliver substantive enhancements to the sites as standalone facilities.

As standalone facilities, these sites are currently limited in respect of the sporting contribution they can make, and so, consideration could be given to releasing the sites for an alternative use subject to there being appropriate mitigation secured to address the loss in line with the National Planning Policy Framework Paragraph 97, or to third-party management (e.g. clubs, parish councils, etc).

Such mitigation would require the re-provision of the sporting value at an alternative site in the locality, in a form consistent with this Strategy.

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In total, if these pitches were removed from provision there would be a need to relocate 4.5 match equivalent session of demand; one MES in Preston and 3.5 MES in South Ribble. As both local authorities have aspirations to create additional artificial provision (3G pitches) this demand could be relocated to any such developments.

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 Central Lancashire.

Please note that sites not included below are either unavailable for community use or are already overplayed or played to capacity and do not offer spare capacity. For example, Southlands High School in Chorley, pitches are overplayed due to poor quality.

Table 4.2: Summary of spare capacity at education sites

Site ID	Site name	Pitch type	Number of pitches	Amount of peak time spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure
Chorley				
171	Albany Science College	Adult	1	1 MES
		Youth 9v9	1	1 MES
177	Bishop Rawstorne C of E Language College	Youth 11v11	3	1.5 MES
220	Holy Cross High School	Mini 7v7	1	1 MES
229	Parklands High School	Youth 11v11	1	1 MES
		Youth 9v9	1	1 MES
237	St Michael's CE High School	Adult	3	3 MES
269	Rivington and Blackrod High School (upper School)	Youth 11v11	2	2 MES
Preston				
8	Broughton Business Enterprise College & high school	Youth 11v11	3	3 MES
11	Christ the King Catholic High School	Youth 9v9	2	2 MES
13	Corpus Christi Catholic High School	Youth 11v11	1	0.5 MES
South Ribble				
85	All Hallows Catholic High School	Youth 9v9	1	0.5 MES
87	Balshaw's C of E High School	Youth 9v9	2	0.5 MES
120	Lostock Hall Academy	Youth 9v9	2	1.5 MES
151	St Mary's Catholic high school & College	Youth 11v11	2	1.5 MES
161	Walton-Le-Dale Arts College and High School	Mini 7v7	2	2 MES
		Youth 11v11	3	1.5 MES
164	Wellfield Business and Enterprise College & high school	Youth 11v11	2	2 MES
169	Worden Sports College	Adult	1	1 MES
		Youth 11v11	2	1.5 MES
		Youth 9v9	1	0.5 MES

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256	Penwortham Priory Academy	Youth 11v11	3	3 MES
		Youth 9v9	2	0.5 MES

There are several education sites in Central Lancashire which contain football pitches which have the potential to help address remaining shortfalls by securing access through community use agreements. In total, 33 match equivalent sessions of spare capacity could be generated if tenure to the abovementioned school site could be secured. However, securing access to these sites is dependent on a number of factors including the willingness of the school to allow community use.

Table 4.3: Summary of discounted spare capacity

Local authority	Summary of discounted spare capacity (MES)					Totals
	Adult	Youth 11v11	Youth 9v9	Mini 7v7	Mini 5v5	
Chorley	4	4.5	2	1	-	11.5
Preston	-	3.5	2	-	-	5.5
South Ribble	1	9.5	3.5	2	-	16
Total	5	17.5	7.5	3	-	33

In addition to having unsecure tenure, it should also be noted that 18 of the education pitches are also assessed as poor quality. Therefore, there would be a need to secure tenure and improve pitch quality at the following sites to create actual spare capacity:

- ◀ Christ the King Catholic High School (Preston)
- ◀ Lostock Hall Academy (South Ribble)
- ◀ Walton-Le-Dale Arts College and High School (South Ribble)
- ◀ Balshaw's C of E High School (South Ribble)
- ◀ St Mary's Catholic high school & College (South Ribble)
- ◀ All Hallows Catholic High School (South Ribble)
- ◀ Penwortham Priory Academy (South Ribble)

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Penwortham Holme (Mini Pitches) – as discussed in the preceding Assessment Report, the central venue at Penwortham Holme (located in South Ribble) is not in use for the 2017/18 football season due to quality issues. The site had a total of 20 poor quality mini 5v5 pitches which are usually used as a central venue for 96 mini teams in the Mid Lancashire Junior Football League equating to a total of 48 match equivalent sessions of demand per week.

South Ribble Borough Council reports from the start of the 2019 season the site will host 19 mini 5v5 pitches for a total of 110 teams on a Saturday AM. This will be managed through staggered kick off times with each pitch receiving three games a week (09:30, 10:30 and 11:30).

Table 4.4: Penwortham Holme

Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	Pitch type	Pitches	Quality rating	Site capacity	Anticipated demand in match equivalent sessions	Overused, At Capacity or Potential to Accommodate additional play	Actual spare capacity
138	Penwortham Holme (Mini Pitches)	South Ribble Penwortham	(5v5)	19	Poor	38	55	-17	-
					Standard	76	55	21	-
					Good	114	55	59	-

The table above examines the capacity analysis of the pitches with varying quality ratings. As shown, if the 110 teams were to be reintroduced whilst the pitches were still poor quality they would be overplayed by 17 match equivalent sessions per week, however, if pitches were improved to standard or good quality they would have potential capacity to accommodate 21 and 59 match equivalent sessions per week, respectively.

It should be noted that even if the pitches were improved to good quality there would be no actual spare capacity available at peak time due to the number of matches taking place on the pitches.

Alleviating overplay on secure sites – across Central Lancashire there is a total of 23 match equivalent sessions of overplay per week located on various pitch types at secured sites. This equates to 10.5 match equivalent sessions in Chorley, five match equivalent sessions in Preston and 7.5 match equivalent sessions in South Ribble.

Improving poor quality pitches with secure tenure (either through increased maintenance or drainage improvements to increase pitch capacity) to standard quality will help to create additional capacity, reducing overplay at sites where evident. This is explored in the table overleaf.

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Table 4.5: Summary of impact of improving poor quality pitches

Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	Pitch quality	Number of pitches	Pitch type	Current capacity rating	Improved quality	Capacity rating
Chorley								
184	Buckshaw Village Community Association	East	Standard	1	Youth 11v11	-2	Good	-
179	Bretherton Recreation Ground	West	Poor	1	Youth 9v9	-0.5	Standard	0.5
221	Jim Fowlers Memorial Ground (Euxton Villa FC)	West	Standard	2	Adult	-2	Good	-
221	Jim Fowlers Memorial Ground (Euxton Villa FC)	West	Poor	1	Mini 7v7	-5.5	Standard	-3.5
221	Jim Fowlers Memorial Ground (Euxton Villa FC)	West	Poor	1	Youth 9v9	-1.5	Standard	-0.5
Preston								
79	Sherwood Park	North East	Poor	1	Mini 7v7	-0.5	Standard	1.5
79	Sherwood Park	North East	Poor	1	Youth 11v11	-1	Standard	-
20	Fulwood Amateurs Association Football Club	North West	Standard	1	Adult	-1	Good	-
16	Fishwick Recreation Ground (London Road)	Preston South	Standard	1	Adult	-0.5	Good	0.5
63	Ribbleton Park	Preston South	Standard	1	Adult	-1.5	Good	-0.5
63	Ribbleton Park	Preston South	Standard	1	Mini 7v7	-0.5	Good	1.5
South Ribble								
157	Tardy Gate Playing Field	Central	Poor	1	Adult	-1	Standard	-
123	Lostock St Gerards FC	Eastern	Standard	1	Adult	-1	Good	-
145	Queen Victoria Ground (Walton-le-Dale)	Eastern	Poor	1	Youth 9v9	-0.5	Standard	0.5
168	Worden Park	Leyland	Poor	3	Youth 9v9	-1	Standard	2
114	Lancashire Constabulary Training Headquarters, Hutton	Western Parishes	Poor	1	Youth 11v11	-3.5	Standard	-2.5
131	New Longton Sports & Social Club	Western Parishes	Poor	1	Adult	-0.5	Standard	0.5

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Chorley

In Chorley the overall overplay at secure sites would reduce from 11.5 match equivalent sessions per week to four match equivalent sessions with overplay being fully alleviated at Bretherton Recreation Ground (West).

Preston

The total amount of overplay in Preston would decrease from five match equivalent sessions per week to just 0.5. The mini 7v7 pitch at Sherwood Park (North East) and Ribbleton Park (South) would each see spare capacity created of 1.5 match equivalent sessions and the adult pitch at Fishwick Recreation Ground (South) would have spare capacity of 0.5 match equivalent sessions per week. The only pitch to remain overplayed would be the adult pitch at Ribbleton Park, however, this would be minimal at 0.5 match equivalent sessions.

South Ribble

Overplay in the authority of South Ribble would be 2.5 match equivalent sessions per week if secure pitches increased quality by one increment. Queen Victoria Ground (Eastern), Worden Park (Leyland) and New Longton Sports & Social Club (Western Parishes) would have overplay fully alleviated with Tardy Gate Playing Fields (Central) and Lostock St Gerards FC (Eastern) being played to capacity. The only site to remain overplayed would be Lancashire Constabulary Training Headquarters, Hutton (Western Parishes).

Increasing the quality of overplayed secured pitches by one increment would alleviate a total of 13.5 match equivalent sessions of overplay per week across Central Lancashire. This being said there would also be an additional 20.5 match equivalent sessions of overplay remaining on pitches with unsecure tenure.

Recommendations – grass

- ◀ Existing quantity of football pitches to be protected, except for where low value/single pitch sites are considered suitable to be rationalised on the condition that re-provision of playing field land elsewhere represents a preferable and greater benefit to sport.
- ◀ Seek to develop sustainable, multi-pitch football hubs which include 3G and grass pitches servicing team training, local football leagues, short-formats and non-traditional participation and match play.
- ◀ Where pitches are overplayed and rated as standard or poor quality, prioritise investment and review maintenance regimes to ensure it is of an appropriate standard to sustain/improve pitch quality.
- ◀ Determine sites which would benefit most from technical assessment through the FA Pitch Improvement Programme (PIP).
- ◀ Look to utilise actual spare capacity expressed on sites in order to cater for current and future demand. This may require improvements to pitch quality and is explored on a site by site basis within the accompanying action plan.
- ◀ With future development of new full sized 3G pitches, secure and maximise community use for match play in order to accommodate future shortfalls.
- ◀ Improve, provide and increase access to changing facilities which serve football pitches and ensure any works are suitable for female and disability.
- ◀ Consider potential and feasibility for asset transfer, long-term leasehold or licence agreements to clubs which express interest and are considered realistically able to sustain and maintain sporting provision as required, allowing for greater opportunities to access external funding streams for facility development.
- ◀ Explore the creation of a dedicated bank of maintenance equipment which can be utilised by all three local authorities to assist in the improvement of Council pitches. If created, allow for the equipment to be hired by clubs at a reduced cost.

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3G pitches

There is an insufficient supply of full size 3G pitch equivalents to meet current and anticipated future training demand based on the FA training model in Central Lancashire. As such, it is determined that an increase in provision is required.

The greatest current shortfall is in Chorley, amounting to four full size 3G pitches; however, there are also shortfalls of two in Preston and one in South Ribble.

Summary

- ◀ There are total of 12 full size 3G pitches in Central Lancashire. Preston has the most pitches with a total of six followed by South Ribble with five pitches. The least amount of full size 3G provision is Chorley with just one pitch located at Bishop Rawthorne C of E Language College.
- ◀ In addition, there are also 11 smaller sized 3G pitches servicing Central Lancashire across six different sites. Preston and South Ribble each have five and Chorley has one smaller sized pitch. These pitches are considered to accommodate some level of football training although this is not considered extensive and as such is not thought to affect the shortfalls identified for access to full size 3G pitches.
- ◀ Chorley Council, Euxton Villa FC and Chorley RFC all report aspirations to create full size 3G provision.
- ◀ Preston Council and Christ the King Catholic High School report aspirations to create full size 3G provision.
- ◀ South Ribble Borough Council is looking to invest in a sports pitch hub site which will include 3G pitch provision.
- ◀ There are two World Rugby Compliant 3G pitches in Central Lancashire located at Preston Grasshoppers RFC and Preston Sports Arena (UCLAN).
- ◀ Across Central Lancashire nine of the 12 (75%) full size 3G pitches are managed on educational sites. Of the remaining three pitches, two are managed by sporting bodies these are Preston Grasshoppers (RFU) and Lancashire County Football Association Headquarters (Lancashire FA).
- ◀ The availability of the pitches differs across Central Lancashire as the majority are located at educational sites which offer differing levels of accessibility.
- ◀ Of the 12 full size 3G pitches eight (67%) are rated as good quality, three (25%) are standard quality and only one pitch (Corpus Christi Catholic High School) is poor quality.

Scenarios – 3G pitches

Across Central Lancashire, there is varying availability within each local authority for full size 3G pitches for training and competitive demand. Pitches which are classified as available for training are fully accessible at peak time which is considered to be from 18:00 until 22:00 Tuesday-Thursday. In comparison pitches which are classified available for competitive demand are fully available Saturday and Sunday.

Table 4.6: Summary of availability of 3G pitches

Site ID	Site	Local authority	Availability	
			Training	Competitive
Chorley				
177	Bishop Rawthorne C of E Language College	Chorley	✓	✓
Total			1	1

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Site ID	Site	Local authority	Availability	
			Training	Competitive
Preston				
2	Ashton Community Science College	Preston	✓	✓
13	Corpus Christi Catholic High School	Preston	✓	✓
19	Fulwood Academy	Preston		
54	Preston College	Preston	✓	✓
56	Preston Grasshoppers RFC	Preston		
59	Preston Sports Arena (UCLAN)	Preston	✓	✓
Total			4	4
South Ribble				
87	Balshaw's C of E High School	South Ribble	✓	
115	Lancashire County Football Association Headquarters	South Ribble	✓	
141	Penwortham Leisure Centre	South Ribble	✓	✓
146	Runshaw College	South Ribble	✓	
152	St Marys RC High School	South Ribble	✓	✓
Total			5	2

Accommodating football training demand

As evidenced in the preceding Assessment Report, in order to satisfy current football training demand for the 649 teams playing in Central Lancashire (based on the FA's model of one full size 3G pitch being able to cater for 38 teams) there is a need for an additional seven full size 3G pitch equivalents, with a further two required when accounting for future demand (based on a current supply of ten) to fully satisfy training demand.

Table 4.7: Summary of 3G requirement in Central Lancashire

Current number of teams	Current 3G requirement ⁵	Future number of teams	Future 3G requirement ⁶
649	17	716	19

When studying demand by local authority (based on where teams currently play competitive fixtures), the shortfalls can be more specifically attributed. It identifies there is a shortfall of four full size floodlit 3G pitch equivalents in Chorley, two in Preston and one in South Ribble.

Table 4.8: Summary of 3G requirement by local authority

Local authority	Current number of teams	3G requirement ⁷	Current number of available 3G pitches	Potential shortfall
Chorley	195	5.13 - 5	1	4
Preston	210	5.52 - 6	4	2
South Ribble	244	6.42 - 6	5	1

⁵ Rounded to the nearest whole number

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⁷ Rounded to the nearest whole number

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It should be noted the current number of community available 3G pitches does not include the pitch at Fulwood Academy (Preston – North West) or Preston Grasshoppers RFC (Preston – North West). Fulwood Academy is excluded due to the fact it is not floodlit and therefore not widely available for community use at peak time and Preston Grasshoppers RFC as it is primarily programmed for rugby union training and matches with limited capacity available to accommodate football club training, though it is possible that small sided recreational football will form part of the programme in future at off-peak times for rugby union.

When factoring in future demand the overall shortfall increases by two with one additional pitch needed in both Chorley and South Ribble.

Table 4.9: Summary of future demand for 3G pitches

Local authority	Future number of teams	3G requirement ⁸	Current number of available 3G pitches	Potential shortfall
Chorley	230	6.05 - 6	1	5
Preston	222	5.84 - 6	4	2
South Ribble	264	6.94 - 7	5	2

Any future development of new full size 3G pitch provision within the three local authorities should be in the analysis areas with the greatest identified shortfalls. In Chorley this would be the Central Analysis Area, in Preston this would be either in the North West or South analysis areas whereas in South Ribble it would be best suited in the Penwortham Analysis Area.

Accommodating Council based competitive football demand onto 3G pitches

In Chorley, transferring all matches for teams currently playing competitive football on Council owned natural grass pitches may equate to a demand for two full sized floodlit 3G AGP (rounded up from 1.88) for all the different formats of the game. This is the highest accumulative demand from youth 11v11, youth 9v9 and mini 7v7 as they have the same peak time demand.

In Preston, transferring all matches for teams currently playing competitive football on Council owned natural grass pitches may equate to a demand for eight full sized floodlit 3G AGP (rounded up from 7.83) for all the different formats of the game. This is based on adult, youth 11v11, youth 9v9 and mini 7v7 pitch types all having the same peak period and therefore needing to access pitches in the same time period.

In South Ribble, transferring all matches for teams currently playing competitive football on Council owned natural grass pitches may equate to a demand for seven full sized floodlit 3G AGP (rounded down from 7.27) for all the different formats of the game. Similar to Chorley, the highest accumulative demand in South Ribble is from adult (Sunday AM), youth 11v11, youth 9v9 and mini 7v7 as they have the same peak time demand.

Table 4.10: Summary of requirement for 3G pitches

Local authority	Number of 3G requirement for competitive demand	Current number of available 3G pitches at competitive peak time	Potential shortfall
Chorley	2	1	1
Preston	8	4	4
South Ribble	7	2	5

⁸ Rounded to the nearest whole number

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Of the six full size 3G pitches in Preston only four are available to accommodate competitive match play at the weekend. The pitches at Fulwood Academy and Preston Grasshoppers RFC have been excluded.

Fulwood Academy is excluded due to the fact it is not floodlit and therefore not widely available for community use at peak time and Preston Grasshoppers RFC as it is primarily programmed for rugby union matches with limited capacity available to accommodate football club competitive demand.

In comparison, South Ribble only has two full size 3G pitches available for competitive demand out of the five located within the authority. The pitches at Balshaw's C of E High School and Runshaw College are discounted as they are unavailable for community use at the weekend, whereas, the pitch at Lancashire County Football Association Headquarters is not available as it is primarily used for FA Courses at the weekends.

Mid Lancashire Junior Football League (MLJFL) – Central Venue

The FA has an ambition to transfer 50% of mini play on to 3G pitches nationally. The most prominent League across Central Lancashire for mini football is the Mid Lancashire Junior Football League which fields a total of 106 mini 5v5 teams and 108 mini 7v7 teams within Chorley, Preston and South Ribble.

The table below examines how many full size 3G pitches would be required to transfer this demand from natural grass pitches. The calculations are based on FA modelling which can be found in Appendix One: Increasing football use of 3G pitches.

Table 4.11: Summary of requirement for 3G pitches

Pitch size	Number teams in MLJFL within Central Lancashire	Number of 3G pitches required
Mini 5v5	106	3 – 3.31⁹
Mini 7v7	108	7 - 6.75¹⁰

The MLJFL already operates a central venue for all mini 5v5 football within South Ribble, however, this is located on natural pitches. In order to transfer this demand to 3G there would be a requirement for three full size floodlit pitches. If a similar central venue were to be established for mini 7v7 there would be a requirement for seven full size pitches.

⁹ Rounded to the nearest whole number

¹⁰ Rounded to the nearest whole number

Recommendations – 3G pitches

- ◀ Develop full sized 3G pitch equivalents with floodlighting to reduce evidenced shortfalls in each local authority.
- ◀ Explore opportunities to create multi-pitch football hub sites where 3G provision is able to support grass pitches as a sustainable community offer.
- ◀ Ensure new 3G pitches are constructed to meet FA recommendations, so to maximise opportunities for use for all formats of competitive play.
- ◀ Certify and register all future 3G pitches and ensure they are maintained regularly as required to ensure they are of sufficient quality to meet performance standard testing for FA certification.
- ◀ With future development of new 3G pitches, secure and maximise community use for match play in order to accommodate future shortfalls. For example, as a condition of partnership investment or planning conditions.
- ◀ 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.
- ◀ Through the creation of new 3G pitches, consider options to deliver a wide variety of opportunities, for example, central venue, midweek flexi and vets leagues, as well as walking football and female development centres.
- ◀ Link the Mid Lancashire Junior Football League to future use of 3G pitches and the development of any new provision at potential hub sites.

Cricket pitches

Chorley has current spare capacity to accommodate an additional 44 match equivalent session per season once accounting for overplay. This is reduced to 26 match equivalent sessions per season when also accounting for future demand. However, given that all overplay is located in West Analysis Area, spare capacity might not be ideally located to meet all demand.

Preston has insufficient supply to cater for current demand with a shortfall of 62 match equivalent session per season. When factoring in future demand from aspirational club demand and TGRs the overall shortfall increases to 72 match equivalent sessions per season. These shortfalls are evident in the North East and North West analysis areas.

South Ribble similarly overplayed by 64 match equivalent sessions per season which remains the same after considering future demand. It should be noted that these shortfalls arise from four of the five analysis areas, with the Central Analysis Area played to capacity.

- ◀ There are 33 grass wicket squares in Central Lancashire located across 32 sites. All of the squares are available for community use, with the most existing in Chorley.
- ◀ There are non-turf pitches (NTPs) accompanying the grass wicket squares at 11 sites across Central Lancashire. In addition there are five standalone NTPs.
- ◀ Fulwood & Broughton CC is working with the LCF in developing provision at Fulwood & Broughton Cricket Club. The Club has recently bought the field to the east of its existing ground to develop a second square in addition to a new fixed bay practice area, car park and clubhouse extension.
- ◀ Most cricket clubs (69% or 18 clubs) across Central Lancashire have secure tenure at their primary home ground with the remaining clubs renting their facilities.
- ◀ Charnock St James CC (Chorley), Whittle & Clayton-le-woods CC (Chorley), Ingol CC (Preston), Whittingham & Goosnargh CC (Preston), BAC/EE CC (Preston), Veron Carus CC (South Ribble) and Walton-le-Dale CC (South Ribble) all have issues regarding security of tenure.

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- ◀ The non-technical assessment of grass wicket squares in Central Lancashire found 14 squares to be good quality, 19 to be standard quality with no squares assessed as poor quality.
- ◀ Although rated as standard quality Preston CC report the square at Preston Sports Club has suffered from vandalism and poor drainage within the last 12 months and has therefore reduced in quality.
- ◀ There is a total of 26 affiliated clubs competing in Central Lancashire generating 144 teams. As a breakdown, this equates to 72 senior men's, three senior women's and 69 junior boys' teams.
- ◀ Most of the cricket demand in Central Lancashire is located within Chorley with a total of 64 teams (43%). The remaining demand is split between South Ribble (36% or 53 teams) and Preston with 32 teams (21%).
- ◀ When team generation rates are run by local authority, there is considered to be sufficient demand to create five additional junior boys team in Chorley.
- ◀ In total there are two teams from two clubs which export demand from Central Lancashire one each Fulwood & Broughton CC and New Longton CC.
- ◀ A LMS franchise is currently in operation in Lancashire (West Lancashire Midweek League), with the NTPs at Moor Park (Preston) and grass cricket squares at Charnock Richard FC (Mossie Park) being utilised.
- ◀ The audit of ancillary facilities determined that nine grass wicket squares are accompanied by good quality changing rooms, 14 squares by standard quality changing rooms and three squares by poor quality changing rooms.
- ◀ There is a total of 168 match equivalent sessions of overplay across Central Lancashire equating to 42 match equivalent sessions in Chorley, 62 in Preston and 64 in South Ribble.
- ◀ There is overall shortfall for senior cricket on grass wicket squares in Central Lancashire amounting to 82 match equivalent sessions which increases to 110 match equivalent sessions when accounting for future demand from both TGRs and club aspirational demand.

Scenarios

Loss of unsecured sites – across Central Lancashire there are seven clubs which are considered to have unsecure tenure, which is summarised in the table below.

Table 4.12: Summary of clubs with unsecure tenure

Club name	Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	Amount of unsecure demand onsite (MES)
Chorley				
Charnock St James CC	188	Charnock Richard Football Club (Mossie Park)	Central	21 MES
Whittle & Clayton-le-woods CC	246	Whittle & Clayton-le-woods Cricket Club	East	32 MES
Preston				
BAC/EE CC	5	BAC/EE	South	33 MES
Ingol CC	56	Preston Grasshoppers RFC	North West	21 MES
Whittingham & Goosnargh CC	83	Whittingham & Goosnargh Cricket Club	North East	24 MES
South Ribble				
Vernon Carus CC	159	Vernon Carus Sports & Social Club	Penwortham	79 MES
Walton-le-Dale CC	145	Queen Victoria Ground	Eastern	41 MES

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If access to these sites was lost there will be a need to accommodate 251 match equivalent sessions per season across Central Lancashire (53 MES in Chorley, 78 MES in Preston and 120 MES in South Ribble).

It should be noted there is enough spare capacity to accommodate the demand from Charnock St James CC in the Central Analysis Area of Chorley, however, there is no capacity to accommodate any of the remaining clubs on current provision. Therefore, there would be a need to create new squares in the following areas; Chorley (East Analysis Area), Preston (South, North West and North East analysis areas) and South Ribble (Penwortham and Eastern analysis areas). Any new provision created, or indeed expansion of existing provision would require to meet ECB ball strike regulations, which is discussed overleaf.

Alternatively, an option would be to secure tenure for the above clubs at their current sites through a long term lease or licence agreement with the owners. Two clubs, Charnock St James CC (Chorley – Central) and Ingol CC (Preston – North West) report no issues in renting their facilities and have no ambition for long term tenure.

Alleviating overplay – as seen in the table below, a total of 12 sites are overplayed by 168 match equivalent sessions per season across Central Lancashire and have no capacity to accommodate additional play. This equates to 42 match equivalent sessions of overplay per season in Chorley, 62 match equivalent sessions of overplay per season in Preston and 64 match equivalent sessions of overplay per season in South Ribble.

Table 4.13: Summary of overplay

Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	Number of squares	Overplay (matches per season)
Chorley				
208	Euxton Cricket Club	West	1	-13
226	Mawdesley Cricket Club (Rectory Field)	West	1	-29
Preston				
18	Fulwood & Broughton Cricket Club	North East	1	-20
29	Grimsargh Green	North West	1	-17
56	Preston Grasshoppers RFC	North West	1	-25
South Ribble				
100	Gregson Lane	Eastern	1	-7
145	Queen Victoria Ground (Walton-Le-Dale)	Eastern	1	-1
99	Fox Lane Sports Club	Leyland	1	-21
164	Wellfield Business and Enterprise College & High School	Leyland	1	-12
143	Penwortham Sports and Social Club	Penwortham	1	-1
108	Hutton C of E Grammar School	Western Parishes	1	-1
131	New Longton Sports & Social Club	Western Parishes	1	-21
Total				-168

As a guide, those sites which display overplay of less than 10 matches per season, Gregson Lane (South Ribble – Eastern), Queen Victoria Ground (South Ribble – Eastern), Penwortham, Sports and Social Club (South Ribble – Penwortham) and Hutton C of E Grammar School (South Ribble – Western Parishes) are generally able to sustain this with appropriate and rigorous maintenance.

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However, as all four of these squares are standard quality it is recommended, they are improved to good quality through enhanced levels of maintenance and no further play is to take place.

Given that Euxton Cricket Club (Chorley – West) and Wellfield Business and Enterprise College & High School (South Ribble – Leyland) are overplayed by just over the recommended 10 matches, no further play is recommended given its standard quality is sustained. Similarly, if they were improved through enhanced levels of maintenance to good quality this would alleviate overplay to a manageable level.

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

Alternatively, if not considered feasible, access to additional pitches is required to address overplay. This may be a feasible option for Mawdesley Cricket Club (Chorley – West), Fulwood & Broughton Cricket Club (Preston – North East) and Preston Grasshoppers RFC (Preston – North West) which are overplayed and already have a non turf wicket in-situ. Alternatively, clubs may be able to alleviate overplay to a sustainable level with greater utilisation on its non turf wicket.

Creation of new provision – Fulwood & Broughton CC is currently developing an additional square at Fulwood & Broughton Cricket Club. The Club has recently bought the field to the east of its existing ground to develop a square. The site, as mentioned above, is overplayed by 20 match equivalent session per season. In addition to identified overplay the Club has 10 match equivalent sessions of future demand (one senior men's team) and 10 match equivalent session of exported demand (one senior men's team, both of which it wants to play at home.

Therefore, the new square should have a minimum of ten good quality wickets (50 match equivalent sessions per season) to alleviate overplay on the existing square, accommodate both exported and future demand and still have 10 match equivalent sessions available of spare capacity.

Ball strike/site development – 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.

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Recommendations – cricket

- ◀ Existing quantity of cricket pitches to be protected or be fully mitigated to meet National Planning Policy.
- ◀ Assist Fulwood & Broughton CC in the development of its site at Fulwood & Broughton Cricket Club (Preston – North East) including the creation of an additional square and accompanying ancillary facilities.
- ◀ Work in partnership with clubs in each local authority to secure long-term use of their respective sites.
- ◀ Encourage clubs to seek opportunities for funding to improving poor quality ancillary facilities.
- ◀ Look to sustain minimal levels of overplay at Euxton Cricket Club (Chorley – West), Grimsargh Green (Preston – North West), Fox Lane Sports Club (South Ribble – Leyland) and Wellfield Business and Enterprise College & High School (South Ribble – Leyland) through dedicated levels of enhanced maintenance and monitor future levels of demand.
- ◀ Examine the feasibility of installing an NTP in order to alleviate overplay on a site by site basis.
- ◀ Any new cricket provision created should have a ball strike assessment carried out as a matter of due course. Where new housing or building developments are under consideration within proximity to existing facilities a ball strike risk assessment should be undertaken. In addition, any clubs which could be potentially affected by this issue should be signposted to the ECB.
- ◀ 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
- ◀ Deliver the All Stars Cricket and women & girls programmes and seek to increase junior and female participation as a result.

Rugby union pitches

There is considered a current shortfall of 0.5 MES to meet senior demand which increases to 1.5 in the future in South Ribble. Pitches in Preston and Chorley are either at capacity or have small amounts of spare capacity

There is considered sufficient supply of junior pitches across all three authorities with mini pitches in Preston displaying 1 MES spare capacity both now and in the future.

Each of the three local authorities has specific issues to address regarding rugby union provision, including pitch quality, security of tenure and ancillary provision.

Summary

- ◀ Within Central Lancashire there are thirteen senior, four junior and three mini pitches provided; with all but one junior pitch available for community use.
- ◀ There are two WR compliant 3G pitches in Central Lancashire, located at Preston Grasshoppers and Preston Sports Arena. At the time of assessment, the certification of the pitch at Preston Sports Arena had expired; it has since been re-certified.
- ◀ Of the community available pitches in Central Lancashire, nine are assessed as good quality, six as standard and four as poor quality. The majority of the good quality pitches are located in Preston.

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- ◀ Two of the four community rugby clubs are considered to have security of tenure at current home sites; whilst Chorley RFC and Lancashire Typhoons RFC both rent pitches from other sports clubs.
- ◀ All community clubs across Central Lancashire have issues with ancillary provision.
- ◀ Across Central Lancashire there are 16 senior teams, of which four are women's teams; one colts boys' team; five junior teams and six mini squads. Of the junior teams one is a dedicated girls' team, representing Preston Grasshoppers RFC.
- ◀ The majority of demand is located in the Preston, which is in line with the Area having the largest supply of rugby union pitch provision.
- ◀ Participation in Preston and South Ribble is supported by school activity, along with Preston Grasshoppers, Leyland Warriors and Lancashire Typhoons rugby clubs offering differing opportunities for participation.
- ◀ Both Leyland Warriors RFC and Chorley RFC access AGPs for training, which are not suitable for contact rugby union sessions as they are not WR certified.
- ◀ The WR compliant 3G at Preston Grasshoppers RFC accommodates match and training demand from both Preston Grasshoppers RFC and Lancashire Typhoons RFC.
- ◀ Despite four sites showing potential capacity on senior pitches, there is no actual spare capacity for additional senior demand at peak time. Actual spare capacity is only evident on mini pitches at peak time for mini demand (Sunday AM).
- ◀ One pitch is considered to be overplayed in Central Lancashire; a senior pitch at Moss Side Recreation Ground (South Ribble), overplayed by 0.5 match equivalent sessions per week. This pitch is used for both rugby union and rugby league demand by Leyland Warriors RFC and Leyland Warriors ARLFC, respectively.

Scenarios

Improving pitch quality – improving maintenance from poor (M0) to standard (M1) or standard (M1) to good (M2) at sites with secure tenure would create additional capacity of five match equivalent sessions (MES) per week. Maintenance of pitches at Chisnall Lane (Chorley) and Preston Grasshoppers RFC (Preston) cannot be improved as at both sites, maintenance has a rating of M2.

This would create an additional 4.5 match equivalent sessions per week potential spare capacity for use, as well as eliminating overplay at Moss Side Recreation Ground (South Ribble). The site is currently maintained by South Ribble Borough Council through an external contractor.

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Table 4.14: Summary 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)
128	Moss Side Recreation Ground (Leyland Warriors RFC and Leyland Warriors ARLFC)	South Ribble	Yes	Secure	Senior	M0 / D0	1	No	1	0.5	0.5	M1 / D0	0.5

Alternatively, improving both maintenance (where currently below M2) and drainage by one increment would create additional capacity of four match equivalent sessions per week. The three mini pitches at Preston Grasshoppers RFC (Preston) cannot be improved further given that both maintenance and drainage are of the maximum quality (M2/D3).

Qualitative pitch improvements of this measure (improving both maintenance and drainage by one increment each) would be sufficient and not only eliminate current levels of overplay in Central Lancashire, specifically located at Moss Side Recreation Ground, but would also prevent a future shortfall by establishing sufficient capacity on site to accommodate additional teams.

Table 4.15: Summary of 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)
189	Chisnall Lane - Chorley Panthers Rugby League	Chorley	Yes	Secure	Senior	M2 / D1	1	No	0.5	3	-2.5	M2/D2	-2.75

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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)
56	Preston Grasshoppers RFC	Preston	Yes	Secure	Senior	M2 / D1	1	Yes	2.5	3	-0.5	M2/D2	-0.75
56	Preston Grasshoppers RFC	Preston	Yes	Secure	Junior	M2 / D1	1	No	1	3	-2	M2/D2	-2.25
56	Preston Grasshoppers RFC	Preston	Yes	Secure	Senior	M2 / D1	1	No	1.5	3	-1.5	M2/D2	-1.75
56	Preston Grasshoppers RFC	Preston	Yes	Secure	Senior	M2 / D0	1	Yes	2	2	-	M2/D1	-1
128	Moss Side Recreation Ground	South Ribble	Yes	Secure	Senior	M0 / D0	1	No	1	0.5	0.5	M1/D1	-1.5

It should be noted that the pitches at Chisnall Lane – Chorley Panthers Rugby League and Moss Side Recreation Ground are both dually accessed for Rugby Union and Rugby League demand. This means the both pitches have less time to received dedicated levels of maintenance and remediate in between the two sports playing seasons. This will in turn likely negatively affect pitch quality.

Chorley RUFC development – Chorley RUFC is currently in the process of developing its home venue; with a view to establishing a WR compliant 3G pitch on site. If this occurs then rugby union demand will be removed from Chisnall Lane (Chorley Panthers Rugby League), increasing potential capacity on site for rugby union to three match equivalent sessions per week.

However, once Chorley RUFC returns to its home venue Chorley Panthers RLFC will return to operating as a solely rugby league site, meaning that the number of rugby union pitches in Central Lancashire, especially in Chorley, will reduce by one senior pitch.

The business plan for the potential WR compliant 3G pitch at Chorley RUFC should be examined to ensure that it is sustainable in the long term with sufficient use to generate sinking funds for future resurfacing/refurbishment. Based on current demand levels and the sites proximity to the West Way hub site development then the pitch would be unsustainable in the long term.

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It should be noted that Chorley RUFC previously hosted two senior rugby union pitches, however, the Club sold this area of land to assist in funding its business plan. The pitches have since been built upon with housing and are yet to be mitigated.

Recommendations – rugby union

- ◀ Existing quantity of rugby union pitches to be protected or be fully mitigated to meet National Planning Policy.
- ◀ Assist Leyland Warriors RUFC in improving the maintenance regime on the pitches at Moss Side Recreation Ground in order to alleviate levels of identified overplay. Further to this, explore ways of improving security to reduce public access and anti social behaviour.
- ◀ In the longer term, install formal drainage on the rugby union pitch at Moss Side Recreation Ground (South Ribble) to prevent future shortfalls in supply.
- ◀ Explore the feasibility of installing floodlights on either the pitch or a training area at Moss Side Recreation Ground to support Leyland Warriors RUFC training demand which is currently taking place on a medium pile 3G pitch at Runshaw College which is not WR compliant.
- ◀ Encourage use of the WR compliant 3G pitch at Preston Grasshoppers RFC by Leyland Warriors RUFC for training demand.
- ◀ Clarify the terms of the lease agreement that Chorley RUFC has at its home venue, Chancery Road, with The Chorley Community Trust.
- ◀ Given the current level of demand from Chorley RUFC and the sites proximity to the West Way hub site development, there isn't sufficient demand for the creation of a WR compliant 3G pitch at Chancery Road as it will likely be unsustainable.
- ◀ If a full size floodlit 3G pitch is developed at the West Way hub site explore the feasibility of making this suitable for both rugby union and rugby league training and competitive demand.
- ◀ Support Preston Grasshoppers RFC to increase the number of changing rooms on site; and improve the quality of the existing provision ensuring that each changing room has ensuite facilities to support the continued growth of mini, junior, girls' and women's rugby union teams.
- ◀ Assist Leyland Warriors RUFC and Preston Grasshoppers RFC in the development of their respective women and girls' participation.
- ◀ Continue to develop strong relationships between rugby clubs and schools through curricular and extracurricular programmes in order to increase levels of mini and junior participation.
- ◀ Ensure all partners to collectively work together to ascertain the timescale for the redevelopment of Chorley RUFC sites and ensure that the facility is fit for purpose and that the rugby club have secure access.

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Rugby league

Current supply of senior, junior and primary grass rugby league pitches is not sufficient to cater for the level of demand expressed in Central Lancashire at present. This is further exacerbated when considering anticipated future demand.

Causal factors of overplay include significant levels of demand for midweek training and weekend match play; and limited carrying capacity of pitches, in some cases combining factors leading to overplay of pitches.

Summary

- ◀ There are 13 dedicated rugby league pitches in Central Lancashire (ten senior, two junior and one primary) across eight sites. All 13 pitches are available for community use.
- ◀ Five of all pitches are rated as good quality, whilst six are standard and two is poor quality.
- ◀ Bamber Bridge ARLFC is the only rugby league club in Central Lancashire without security of tenure. All other clubs either lease their home ground from respective local authorities; or have long term user agreements in place.
- ◀ Both Leyland Warriors RFC and Chorley Panthers ARLFC are responsible for maintaining their home venues as part of current lease agreements.
- ◀ Ancillary facilities require improvement at both Moss Side Recreation Ground (South Ribble) and Chisnall Lane (Chorley).
- ◀ There is a total of 24 competitive rugby league teams in Central Lancashire. There are no senior women's or junior girls' teams present in any of the three authorities.
- ◀ Half of the demand is based in Chorley Local Authority where there are 12 teams, all representing Chorley Panthers ARLFC, play. Preston has the fewest number of teams with one (4%).
- ◀ Training throughout the season for most clubs takes place on match pitches and surrounding areas.
- ◀ Four pitches are overplayed across two sites, by a total of 8.5 match equivalent sessions per week. This is predominantly a result of high levels of training and competitive demand on match pitches.

Scenarios

Alleviating overplay – four rugby league pitches in Central Lancashire are currently overplayed, one in Chorley and three in South Ribble. The overplayed pitch in Chorley accommodates some match demand and all training demand from Chorley Panthers RLFC; whilst all the pitches in South Ribble are located at Moss Side Recreation Ground and are utilised by Leyland Warriors RFC for both match and training demand.

Capacity of the pitch at Chisnall Lane (Chorley) is unable to be increased as the pitch is considered good quality. However, the three other pitches on site (one senior, one junior and one primary) all have potential capacity to accommodate additional demand totalling three match equivalent sessions. Distributing the training demand across all pitches on site would reduce overall overplay on site but would eliminate the potential capacity available.

To eliminate overplay in Chorley, the establishment of a RFL Community Standard 3G pitch should be considered with Chorley Panthers RLFC being a partner club. This would allow all of the Club's training demand to be removed from grass pitches at Chisnall Lane, increasing the potential capacity on site.

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Improving the standard quality pitches (either through increased maintenance or drainage improvements in order to increase pitch capacity) to good quality will help to create additional capacity, reducing overplay at Moss Side Recreation Ground (South Ribble).

4.16: Summary of improving quality

Site name	Pitch type	Quality rating	No. of pitches	Current total	Additional capacity created	New carrying capacity	Result (match equivalent sessions per week)
Moss Side Recreation Ground	Senior (Rugby union)	Standard	1	-1	1	3	-
Moss Side Recreation Ground	Senior	Standard	1	-1.25	1	3	-0.25
Moss Side Recreation Ground	Senior	Standard	1	-1.25	1	3	-0.25

As seen in the table above, this would eliminate overplay on one senior rugby league pitch but would be insufficient to completely eliminate overplay on the site, leaving an accumulative 0.5 match equivalent sessions of overplay.

In order to fully alleviate overplay in South Ribble, use of the rugby league pitch at Withy Grove Park should be encouraged, particularly as Bamber Bridge ARFLC has now, reportedly, folded meaning that the site is currently unused.

Recommendations – rugby league

- ◀ Protect quality of existing rugby league pitch provision in Chorley, whilst improving the quality of those in South Ribble, particularly at Moss Side Recreation Ground.
- ◀ Encourage use of the rugby league pitch at Withy Grove Park (South Ribble) given that the pitch is no longer used now that Bamber Bridge ARLFC has now folded.
- ◀ Explore the feasibility of creating a RFL Community Standard 3G pitch in Chorley at Chisnall Lane, which Chorley Panthers RLFC could manage and have a community use agreement. If the pitch was also WR compliant then Chorley RUFC could be provided with a community use agreement during the rugby union season.
- ◀ Support both Leyland Warriors RFC and Chorley Panthers RLFC in regard to membership retention and potential growth.
- ◀ Assist Chorley Panthers RLFC in improving the quality of ancillary facilities Chisnall Lane, particularly the Club's social space.

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Hockey pitches (AGPs)

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

However, the current stock of hockey suitable AGPs require protecting for hockey demand, meaning conversion to 3G is not a viable option unless replacement provision is provided.

There is a need to address the quality of a number of surfaces in the study area, two in Chorley and one in Preston, with two of these three poor quality pitches hosting community hockey club demand for both training and matches.

Summary

- ◀ There are currently nine full sized hockey suitable AGPs located in Central Lancashire, eight of which, are floodlit and available for community use. The pitch at Broughton Business Enterprise College & High School is neither floodlit nor available for community use.
- ◀ Three of the full size, hockey suitable AGPs available are located in Chorley; three are in Preston; and two are in South Ribble.
- ◀ Additionally, there are ten smaller sized hockey suitable AGPs. Of which, one is of suitable size to potentially accommodate senior (and junior) hockey training but not competitive matches.
- ◀ Three full sized hockey suitable AGPs are rated as poor quality, three as good and three as standard quality. Of particular note is the poor quality pitch at Parklands High School which is only four years old but is rated as poor quality.
- ◀ Pitches at Holy Cross High School and Buckshaw Village Community Association (both Chorley) have either exceeded or are close to exceeding the recommended surface lifespan; whilst the same is also true of the poor quality pitch at Preston Sports Club (Preston).
- ◀ Clubs located at education sites, excluding UCLAN HC teams, are not considered to have security of tenure. Preston HC is the only Central Lancashire based club that has security of tenure at its home venue, with a 99 year lease agreement with Preston City Council in place.
- ◀ There are six community hockey clubs servicing demand from Central Lancashire. Two clubs are based just outside the Study Area, Longridge HC and Fylde HC, but are considered to accommodate demand from Preston.
- ◀ There is a total of 554 members playing hockey in Preston across the five clubs and 160 members playing in Chorley and South Ribble (combined) all based at one club.
- ◀ There are four senior hockey teams, two men's and two women's, supplied by UCLAN. These teams are for the University's student population only and are therefore not considered community teams.
- ◀ Four of the six community hockey clubs servicing Central Lancashire population report plans to grow existing demand; whilst Garstang HC note that membership numbers will increase following relocation.

Scenarios

Loss of access to education sites – from the commencement of the 2018/19 hockey season, three clubs, Fulwood HC, Leyland & Chorley HC and Longridge HC, providing 12 community hockey teams (272 members) currently access AGPs located at education sites (Preston Sports Arena, Walton-le-Dale Arts College and High School and Longridge High School).

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Should use of these pitches be lost either due to unsecure tenure or quality becoming unsafe for use then there is a shortage of secure pitches with available capacity in Central Lancashire, particularly in Preston, which this demand could relocate to.

Consequently, retention of at least one hockey suitable AGP at Preston Sports Arena is essential, whilst also securing Fulwood HC with security of tenure at the site to increase the level of access by the Club. Garstang HC is also aware that as the Club seeks to establish both men's and boys' teams there may be a need for some demand to return to Preston Sports Arena in the future. Therefore, retaining at least one hockey suitable AGP is essential.

Similarly, retention of Longridge High School as a hockey suitable surface and formally securing tenure to maintain and increase level of access for hockey is key for Longridge HC.

Transfer of football training demand – 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 clubs.

Conversion of AGPs to 3G surfaces – In total there are nine hockey suitable AGPs within Central Lancashire. There is a need to retain at least two hockey suitable AGPs in Preston (Preston Sports Club and Preston Sports Arena); at least one in Chorley (Buckshaw Village Community Association); and at least one in South Ribble (Walton-le-Dale Arts College and High School) given that pitches on these sites currently accommodate community hockey demand.

If Preston HC's displaced demand could be accommodated at Preston Sports Arena then in the long term, potential conversion of all other AGPs to 3G would not impact on ability to cater for current and future demand for community hockey. However, in the short-term a second AGP should be retained as reserve for hockey in Chorley until pitch quality is improved at Buckshaw Village Community Association; whilst the second hockey suitable AGP at Preston Sports Arena should be retained whilst the pitch at Preston Sports Club is similarly improved.

Therefore, there are four remaining full size, hockey suitable AGPs, two in South Ribble and two in Chorley, which are not currently used for community hockey these include;

- ◀ Holy Cross High School (Chorley)
- ◀ Parklands High School (Chorley)
- ◀ Broughton Business Enterprise College & High School (Preston)
- ◀ St Mary's Catholic High School & College (South Ribble)

Two of the above sites, Parklands High School (Chorley) and Broughton Business Enterprise College & High School are recommended to remain as hockey suitable surfaces rather than being converted. The former site is currently working with stakeholders to address quality issues and will be resurfaced as a hockey suitable pitch in the near future, whereas, the latter site not accompanied by floodlights and therefore has limited community accessibility. This means that there are potential options to convert the surface of the pitches at Holy Cross High School (Chorley) and St Mary's Catholic High School & College (South Ribble).

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

Recommendations – hockey

- ◀ Protect the full sized hockey suitable AGPs currently used by community clubs in Central Lancashire as a hockey suitable surfaces.
- ◀ Explore funding opportunities to resurface the AGPs at Buckshaw Village Community Association and Preston Sports Club as a key priority, in order for these to be retained as a hockey suitable surfaces of appropriate quality.
- ◀ Work to formally secure community use of hockey suitable AGPs at Preston Sports Arena and Longridge High School for hockey through usage agreement as a condition of funding.
- ◀ Retain the AGP at Holy Cross High School (Chorley) and the second pitch at Preston Sports Arena (Preston) as reserve for hockey until pitch quality is improved at both Preston Sports Club and Buckshaw Village Community Association.
- ◀ Assist Parklands High School in rectifying quality issues with relevant stakeholders.
- ◀ Maximise use of capacity freed up from anticipated transfer of football training demand to anticipated new 3G pitches in order to grow hockey participation.
- ◀ Increase participation driven through community clubs and schools.
- ◀ 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.

Golf courses

It is considered that the current supply of facilities in Central Lancashire can meet current and future demand.

It is also clear that all golf courses should be protected given the different profiles attracted to each one of them.

Summary

- ◀ Emphasis should therefore be placed on ensuring sites are able to retain current members and users as well as assisting them in capitalising on any untapped demand and future demand generated from housing growth and population increases.
- ◀ There are 15 golf facilities in Central Lancashire that cater for different clubs and abilities; seven in Chorley, four in Preston and four in South Ribble. Two of the facilities provide driving ranges and/or practice areas but not golf courses.
- ◀ Five of the courses in Central Lancashire provide nine-hole golf courses, three in Chorley, one in Preston and one in South Ribble.
- ◀ Fishwick Hall Golf Club has had issues with flooding given its proximity to the River Ribble.
- ◀ Membership offerings vary at the courses across the study area, with all offering pay and play options.
- ◀ In total, an average of 117,580 people are identified as current or potential users of golf courses within Central Lancashire. Chorley Local Authority has the largest proportion of this with 119,800 potential users; whilst Preston has the fewest with 112,476

Recommendations – golf courses

- ◀ Retain all current golf courses and associated facilities.
- ◀ Sustain course quality and seek improvements where necessary through implementation of appropriate maintenance regimes.
- ◀ Support clubs in membership retention and potential growth.
- ◀ Encourage clubs and providers to work more collaboratively in terms of creating pathways for existing and new players.

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Bowling greens

Overall there is sufficient capacity in Central Lancashire to accommodate bowls demand, however, there is a shortfall of supply in Preston which is exacerbated once future demand is considered.

Qualitative improvements of greens are required in all three authorities and should be addressed, particularly at sites displaying significant overplay.

Summary

- ◀ There are 75 bowling greens in Central Lancashire located across 67 sites. All greens in Central Lancashire are crown greens.
- ◀ Additionally, there is indoor bowls activity taking place at Leyland Leisure Centre, Coppull Leisure Centre and Bamber Bridge Leisure Centre throughout the winter months.
- ◀ The majority of greens in Central Lancashire are owned and managed by the community organisations or sports clubs (69%).
- ◀ Following a non-technical assessment of greens and consultation with the clubs, 45 greens are assessed as good, 13 as standard quality and 17 as poor.
- ◀ There are eight bowling greens which are currently unused and not maintained in Central Lancashire, seven located in Preston Local Authority and one in South Ribble (as detailed in the Assessment Report).
- ◀ 67 bowling clubs regularly compete in Central Lancashire, 23 in Chorley, 27 in Preston and 17 in South Ribble; each with multiple teams playing various evenings and afternoons throughout the week.
- ◀ The clubs provide a combined 4,108 playing members, only 19 of which are juniors. Generally, club memberships have either remained static or decreased over the past three years.
- ◀ Eight clubs, four in Chorley and four in Preston, quantify aspirations for increased future demand, with a further four clubs (three in Preston and one in Chorley) reported ambitions to increase membership but were unable to quantify this demand.
- ◀ A green has recently (2018) been developed at Greenside Recreation Field (Chorley West) to service demand based within the locality of Euxton and is owned and managed by the Parish Council.
- ◀ There is a shortfall of capacity at 23 sites in Central Lancashire (six in Chorley, 12 in Preston and five in South Ribble).
- ◀ One green (New Longton in South Ribble) is considered to be at capacity, with all remaining greens considered to have capacity for additional demand.

Scenarios

Loss of access to greens not currently operating as home venues – Seven greens across six sites are not currently utilised as home venues by specific bowls clubs in Central Lancashire. If all seven of these greens were lost, capacity in both Chorley and South Ribble would decrease.

National Guidance indicates that one green can accommodate approximately 60 members before capacity becomes an issue. If the five greens in Chorley that are not currently primary home venues of bowling clubs became unavailable, then capacity for 300 bowlers would be lost. This would result in the current spare capacity for 265 bowlers in Local Authority to become a shortfall for 35 members.

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If the two greens in South Ribble, that are not currently primary home venue for bowling clubs, became unavailable then current spare capacity of 200 members would reduce to 80 members.

Overall, Central Lancashire, the loss of these seven greens would result in the significant reduction of spare capacity in the Study Area; with current spare capacity reducing from capacity for an additional 421 bowlers to capacity for just one additional club member.

This would then result in a future shortfall of capacity for 95 members, considering future demand as reported by clubs.

Recommendations – bowling greens

- ◀ Consider the viability of retaining two greens at Astley Park given the low level of demand at the site.
- ◀ Retain some greens to accommodate recreational and pay-and-play demand.
- ◀ Improve standard and poor quality greens with increased maintenance and improved security.
- ◀ Support clubs with plans to increase membership so that growth can be maximised.
- ◀ Determine the future use of greens at Leyland Sports Association now that the clubs has been proceed out of the site.
- ◀ Look to re-provide at least one of the disused bowling greens in Preston to eliminate current shortfalls.

Tennis courts

Although there are a sufficient supply of courts at all club sites across Central Lancashire; there is a need to utilise the spare capacity on non-club community available courts to actualise substantial amounts of latent demand. Therefore the focus should be on improving court quality as well as providing a smoother booking system for potential users which can be achieved through programmes such as Clubspark

Summary

- ◀ There are 156 tennis courts identified in Central Lancashire across 45 sites, with 104 courts available for community use across 31 sites.
- ◀ There are 13 permanent indoor courts in Central Lancashire with seven located at David Lloyd Club (Chorley) and six located at South Ribble Tennis & Fitness Centre (South Ribble).
- ◀ Preston City Council report it is in the process of creating additional courts at Frenchwood Recreation Ground and Haslam Park. In addition, Mawdesley TC (Chorley) and Broughton & District Club (Preston) have ambitions for further courts at their home venues.
- ◀ None of the responding clubs' express concerns with regards to security of tenure. In principle, all clubs are happy with the agreements currently in place, whether that is through ownership, an annual rental agreement or a long-term lease arrangement.
- ◀ There are 33 community available courts located at education sites within Central Lancashire, however, the LTA report some school's pricing structures for hiring provision is too high and is acting as a deterrent for community users resulting in limited usage.
- ◀ There are three clubs not serviced by floodlit provision in Chorley (Croston TC, Withnell Fold Sports & Social and David Lloyd Club) and one club in South Ribble (Longton Memorial TC).
- ◀ Floodlit provision at community accessible and educational courts is extremely limited.

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- ◀ Croston TC (Chorley), Withnell Fold Sports & Social Club (Chorley) and Barton & Myerscough TC (Preston) all report currently exploring options to add floodlights to their current courts or refurbish existing floodlighting.
- ◀ The majority of community available courts across Central Lancashire have a macadam surface (86%) with the remaining supply of courts having an artificial surface.
- ◀ Following non-technical assessments, 46 community available courts are assessed as good quality, 37 as standard quality and 21 as poor quality across Central Lancashire
- ◀ The changing provision servicing the majority of clubs is assessed as good or standard quality, with only three clubs (Withnell Fold Sports and Social Club, Tulketh Community TC and Leyland TC) deemed to be serviced by poor quality facilities.
- ◀ There are 16 tennis clubs in Central Lancashire with six located in Chorley, seven in Preston and three in South Ribble.
- ◀ Of the 11 that responded to consultation and provided membership figures, there is a combined membership equates to 1,094 members, which is derived from 358 from the local authority of Chorley, 450 from Preston and 286 from South Ribble.
- ◀ Sport England's market segmentation tool identifies latent demand of 6,553 across Central Lancashire that would like to participate in tennis but are not currently doing so. Latent demand across the three local authorities is actually higher than current levels of active participation. This suggests that there is a large body of players that would like to play if a number of barriers were addressed.
- ◀ Of the clubs which responded to consultation, seven indicate plans to increase membership, equating to an additional 140 junior and 140 senior members.
- ◀ The majority of clubs across Central Lancashire do not actively offer pay and play at their venues. In addition, the LTA report clubs do not often keep this information up to date and therefore the above figures may actually be lower than indicated.
- ◀ Of the clubs which responded to consultation, seven indicate plans to increase membership, equating to an additional 140 junior and 140 senior members.
- ◀ The majority of clubs across central Lancashire do not actively offer Pay and Play at their venues. Pay & Play can support club sustainability efforts by generating an additional income stream and increasing court usage
- ◀ Pay and play information is provided by each club annually at the point of LTA Registration. It is featured on the LTA's Find a Court Tool, typically used by non-club members to identify local opportunities to play. The LTA report that this information is often outdated. They strongly encourage tennis clubs to ensure that this information is kept up to date.

Scenarios

Informal tennis

Preston City Council is currently working with the LTA to develop additional courts at Frenchwood Recreation (South) and Haslam Park (North West). As part of this development the Clubspark access system could be implemented in order to create a seamless customer experience whilst enabling the promotion of the courts. In addition, this would allow for usage to be tracked whilst generating revenue to contribute to a sinking fund for refurbishments.

This could be extended to further sites within Preston as well as local authority provision within Chorley and South Ribble. In addition, floodlighting could be installed at such sites in conjunction with the access system to allow for all year demand accessibility.

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Instead of providing open access, an online booking system (Clubspark) allows members and pay & play users (where relevant) access through the use of a fob or access code system via electronic gates. Not only does this deter misuse use of courts but it also allows genuine tennis participation to be more effectively tracked and monitored, thus providing data on how well and how often courts are being accessed and used. This online booking system sends an automated email as evidence as part of a self-policing system for managing court bookings.

Latent demand

There is capacity to accommodate current and future levels of demand, where known, across all courts in Central Lancashire. However, it should be noted that if all identified latent demand is realised there will not current levels of stock would be insufficient.

Recommendations – tennis courts

- ◀ Pursue the strategic development of tennis facilities and participation in each local authority through a holistic approach including tennis clubs, the LTA's Transforming British Tennis Together funding initiative and individual Councils.
- ◀ Develop a network of sustainable, fit for purpose and accessible community courts across each local authority.
- ◀ Seek to sustain the good quality courts in the authority, whilst concurrently seeking to increase the quality of standard and poor courts via improved maintenance and/or resurfacing.
- ◀ Seek to improve accessibility to Council courts through strategic investment into floodlighting and implementation of the LTA Clubspark system.
- ◀ Support tennis clubs in the development of ancillary facilities in each local authority.
- ◀ Assist community clubs in the refurbishment of courts once they begin to deteriorate in quality.
- ◀ Work with tennis clubs to maximise the usage of their facilities through pay and play.

Athletics facilities

There is a need to protect the track located at Preston Sports Arena (UCLAN) with a need to resurface within the near future.

There is evidence to suggest a strategic need for a purpose built athletics facility within the local authority of Chorley.

Summary

- ◀ There is currently one athletics track in Central Lancashire which is located in the local authority of Preston at Preston Sports Arena (UCLAN). This is owned and managed by the University of Central Lancashire.
- ◀ The track at Preston Sports Arena is assessed as standard quality. Whilst the track has visible lane markings, adequate fencing and is regularly cleaned; there is evidence of wear and tear through general use.
- ◀ There are two athletics clubs across Central Lancashire Chorley Athletics and Triathlon Club (396 members) and Preston Harriers (650 members). There are no athletics club in South Ribble. The Club currently uses a grass athletics track located at St Michael's CE High School.
- ◀ Chorley Athletics and Triathlon Club report aspirations to develop an athletics facility within Chorley to meet its substantial demand and to accommodate its waiting list.
- ◀ Preston Harriers indicate a need for a winter training venue for field events and access to a secondary venue to accommodate future and latent demand. The Club currently rents the use of the track at Preston Sports Arena (UCLAN).

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- ◀ There are park runs located at Cuerdan Valley (Chorley) and Avenham and Miller parks (Preston).
- ◀ In Central Lancashire Chorley Runners, Lions Running Community is a registered RunTogether group.
- ◀ Sport England's Segmentation Tool identifies latent demand of 7,668 across Central Lancashire of those which would like to participate in athletics but are not currently doing so.

Scenarios

In order to meet current and latent demand identified from Chorley Athletics and Triathlon Club (396 members) accompanied with Preston Harriers aspirations to utilise a secondary venue for its latent demand, there is evidence for a strategic need for a purpose built athletics facility within the local authority of Chorley. Further to this, there is also a need to resurface the track located at Preston Sports Arena (UCLAN) within the near future.

Recommendations – athletics facilities

- ◀ When track at Preston Sports Arena (UCLAN) quality has deteriorated to poor identify funding opportunities to resurface it at Preston Sports Arena and develop appropriate ancillary facilities to support Preston Harriers.
- ◀ Support Preston Harriers and Chorley Athletics and Triathlon with plans to increase membership and community engagement.
- ◀ Based on current demand in Chorley, there is a need for an athletics facility. Chorley Council to work with Chorley Athletics and Triathlon Club and England Athletics to develop compact facilities to support the Club's demand; providing both security of tenure and appropriate ancillary provision.
- ◀ Assist Preston Harriers in accessing relevant winter training facilities.
- ◀ 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.

Cycling

High demand for cycling is identified within Central Lancashire, however, it is considered that the majority of this demand does not require dedicated facilities as the majority of participants will utilise roads and cycle paths.

There is a need to continue to engage with key stakeholders and clubs to sustain/increase participation and to further develop cycling across the three local authorities. In particular improving the quality existing provision; for example, the track at Fishwick Recreation Ground (London Road) which is identified as poor quality.

Summary

- ◀ There are cycling facilities in each of the three local authorities.
- ◀ There is formal cycling demand from 14 clubs across Central Lancashire. The majority of this demand is not based on purpose built facilities rather public roads and cycle paths.
- ◀ Preston Pirate BMX Club leases the BMX track at Fishwick Recreation Ground (London Road) from Preston City Council.
- ◀ Sport England's Segmentation tool identifies there is latent demand of 15,289 people across Central Lancashire which would like to participate in cycling.
- ◀ There are issues with the track quality at Fishwick Recreation Ground (London Road). Further to this, the ancillary facilities are basic and suffer from high levels of vandalism.

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Scenarios

There are substantial amounts of identified latent demand across the Central Lancashire for cycling. This demand can, in part, be actualised through Sport England's Active Design which suggests examining potential sites across each local authority which can be retro fitted with suitable provision such as walk ways and cycling paths to increase levels of participation. In addition it indicates that any new developments are created with integrated safe walking and cycling routes to help people to become more active.

Recommendations – cycling

- ◀ Seek to improve track quality at Fishwick Recreation Ground (Preston) in conjunction with developing onsite ancillary facilities for Preston Pirates BMX Club.
- ◀ Ensure any future housing developments incorporate Sport England's Active Design.
- ◀ Ensure any formal cycling activity can be accommodated within each local authority.

PART 5: STRATEGIC RECOMMENDATIONS

The strategic recommendations for the Strategy have been developed from the key issues cutting across all playing pitch sports and categorised under each of the Strategy Aims. They reflect overarching and common areas to be addressed which apply across outdoor sports facilities and may not be specific to just one sport.

Aim 1

To **protect** the existing supply of playing pitch facilities where it is needed for meeting current or 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 there is a need to do so.

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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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 replaced as there is potential need for playing field land to accommodate more pitches to meet the identified shortfalls.

Although the authorities have been unable to identify sites which fall into the categories of disused and lapsed, it is likely that some exist. Any sites omitted from the PPS, 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.

It is recommended that each Council allocates any disused/lapsed sites that come to light as playing field in the first instance until such time as the Council, NGB/Community group or a developer expresses an interest in the site. It is also recommended that the following priority order of options is adopted with regards to addressing any disused/lapsed sites that may be identified:

- 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 in the Central Lancashire Open Space Study (provided as part of this commission); or
- 3) Redevelop the site for an alternative use but use the capital receipt or contribution to invest in existing sites in the locality

Each currently disused/lapsed site is included within the action plan together with a recommendation in relation to the need to bring the site back into use or mitigate the loss on a replacement site to address the shortfalls identified with the Assessment.

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.

Housing Growth scenarios have been provided in Part 10 of this Strategy to estimate the additional demand generated by housing by sport and pitch type. These scenarios can be used to help determine what provision is required and where. These scenarios can be updated during the Annual Reviews of the PPS.

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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 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
- ◀ 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.

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Recommendation b – Secure tenure and access to sites for high quality, development minded clubs through a range of solutions and partnership agreements

A number of school sites are being used in Central Lancashire for competitive play, predominately for football. In all cases use of pitches has not been classified as unsecure, however, use is not necessarily formalised and further work should be carried out to ensure an appropriate Community Use Agreement (CUA) is in place (including access to changing provision where required).

NGBs can often help to negotiate and engage with schools where the local authority may not have direct influence.

Sport England has also produced guidance, online resources and toolkits to help open up and retain school sites for community use and can be found at:

<http://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/use-our-school/>

Local sports clubs should be supported by partners including the Council, NGBs or the County Sports Partnership (CSP) to achieve sustainability across a range of areas including management, membership, funding, facilities, volunteers and partnership working. For example, support club development and encourage clubs to develop evidence of business and sports development plans to generate an income through their facilities. All clubs could be encouraged to look at different management models such as registering as Community Amateur Sports Clubs (CASC)¹¹. Clubs should also be encouraged to work with partners locally whether volunteer support agencies or linking with local businesses.

There could be examples in Central Lancashire where long-term leases or licences could be put into place for the continued use of a site. For example, Preston City Council has recently agreed long term licence agreements for Cadley FC at Conway Drive and Sherwood Park. Whereas, in South Ribble, New Longton Rovers Seniors FC and New Longton Rover Juniors FC have aspirations to agree long term agreements for the use of New Longton Sports & Social Club and New Longton Village Hall, respectively. Each club should be required to meet service and/or strategic recommendations. However, an additional set of criteria should be considered, which takes into account the quality of the club, aligned to its long-term development objectives and sustainability.

To facilitate this, each Council should support and enable clubs to generate sufficient funds to allow this.

5.1: 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>Sites should be those identified as 'Club Sites' (recommendation d) for new clubs (i.e. not those with a Borough wide significance) but which offer development potential. 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>

¹¹ <http://www.cascinfo.co.uk/cascbenefits>

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Club	Site
<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 leased with the intention that investment can be sourced to contribute towards improvement of the site.</p> <p>An NGB/Council representative should sit on a management committee for each site leased to a club.</p>

Each Council can further recognise the value of NGB club accreditation by adopting a policy of prioritising the clubs that are to have access to these better quality facilities. This may be achieved by inviting clubs to apply for season long leases on a particular site as an initial trial.

Each Council should 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.

Community asset transfer

Each Council should continue to work towards adopting a policy which supports community management and ownership of assets to local clubs, community groups and trusts. This presents sports clubs and national governing bodies with opportunities to take ownership of their own facilities; it may also provide non-asset owning sports clubs with their first chance to take on a building.

The Sport England Community Sport Asset Transfer Toolkit is a bespoke, interactive web based tool that provides a step by step guide through each stage of the asset transfer process: <http://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/tools-guidance/asset-transfer/>

Recommendation c – Maximise community use of education sites where there is a need to do so

Given the mix of providers in Central Lancashire, there is a need for each Council and NGBs to work with other partners to help maximise use of outdoor sports facilities and in particular grass pitches and AGPs.

In order to maximise community use of education facilities it is recommended to establish a coherent, structured relationship with schools. 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. Pricing policies at facilities can be barrier to access but also physical access and resistance from schools to open up provision due to staffing, site security or to protect quality of facilities for school use.

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A number of sporting facilities are located on education sites and making these available to sports clubs can offer significant benefits to both the school/college and the local clubs. Notably, all full sized AGPs in operation are located at education sites and play a critical role for hockey but more significantly as floodlit facilities for football team training. Councils and other key partners must work with schools and colleges to develop an understanding of the issues that restrict or affect community access. Support should be provided, where appropriate, to address any underlying problems.

Where appropriate, it will be important for schools to negotiate and sign formal and long-term agreements that secure community use.

It is not uncommon for school pitch stock not to be fully maximised for community use. Even on established community use sites, access to grass pitches for community use is limited.

In some instances, grass pitches are unavailable for community use due to poor quality and therefore remedial works will be required before community use can be established.

As detailed earlier, Sport England has also produced guidance, online resources and toolkits to help open up and retain school sites for community use and can be found at:
<http://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/use-our-school/>

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

Aim 2

To **enhance** playing fields, pitches and ancillary facilities through improving quality and management of sites

Recommendation:

- d. Improve quality
- e. Adopt a tiered approach (hierarchy of provision) for 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

Generally, where pitches are assessed as standard or poor quality and/or overplayed, review/improve maintenance regimes to ensure it is of an appropriate standard to sustain/improve pitch quality. Ensuring existing maintenance of good quality pitches continues is also important.

Based on 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, provided in electronic format). The Strategy approach to these outdoor sports facilities achieving these standards should be to enhance quality and therefore the planning system should seek to protect them.

For the purposes of the Quality Assessments, this Strategy will refer to pitches and ancillary facilities separately as Good, Standard or Poor quality. Some good or standard quality sites have poor quality elements i.e. changing rooms or a specific pitch.

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

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

Poor quality refers to pitches that have, for example, poor levels of maintenance coupled with inadequate grass cover, uneven surface and damage. In terms of ancillary facilities, poor quality refers to inappropriate size of changing rooms, no showers, no running water and old dated interior. For rugby union, drainage is natural and inadequate.

Please refer to the Sport England/NGB quality assessments. Sites played beyond capacity may require remedial action to help reduce this.

In terms of ancillary facilities, poor quality refers to inappropriate size of changing rooms, no showers, no running water and old dated interior. Some facilities may not be suitable for the sole or part user group, for example suitable to host women's and girl's teams and need for separation between adults and juniors or male and female at peak times.

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

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/

Addressing overplay

In order to improve the overall quality of the playing pitches stock; it is necessary to ensure that pitches are not overplayed beyond recommended weekly carrying capacity. This is determined by assessing pitch quality (via a non-technical site assessment) and allocating a weekly match limit to each. Each NGB recommends a number of matches that a good quality grass pitch should take:

Table 5.2: Summary of capacity by sport

Sport	Pitch type	Good quality	Standard quality	Poor quality
		match equivalent sessions		
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

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Sport	Pitch type	Good quality	Standard quality	Poor quality
		match equivalent sessions		
Rugby union ¹²	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	0 per season
	One non-turf wicket	60 per season		

There are also some sites that are poor quality but are not overplayed. These sites should not be overlooked as often poor quality sites have less demand than other sites but demand could increase if the quality was to increase. Improving pitch quality should not be considered in isolation from maintenance regimes.

Whilst it works both ways in so much as poor pitch condition is a symptom of pitches being over played, potential improvements may make sites more attractive and therefore more popular.

There is also a need to balance pitch improvements alongside the transfer of play to alternative pitch sites. Therefore, work with clubs to ensure that sites are not played beyond their capacity and encourage play, where possible, to be transferred to alternative venues which are not operating at capacity.

Increasing pitch maintenance

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

For example, the FA and ECB in partnership have recently introduced a Pitch Advisor Scheme and have been working in partnership with Institute of Groundmanship (IOG) to develop a Grass Pitch Maintenance service that can be utilised by grassroots football clubs with the simple aim of improving the quality of grass pitches. The key principles behind the service are to provide football clubs with advice/practical solutions on a number of areas, with the simple aim of improving the club's playing surface.

Maintenance of grass pitches at self-managed football pitch sites is deemed to be basic and for football generally covers grass cutting and seeding only, resulting in several pitches being assessed as poor quality. Where self-managed pitches are recommended for improvement within the action plan, carrying out additional regular work such as aerating, sand dressing, fertilising and/or weed killing will all improve quality. An improvement in post-season remedial work is also recommended. It is recommended that self-managing clubs and the councils work with Lancashire County Football Association to fully determine the most appropriate pitch improvements on a site by site basis.

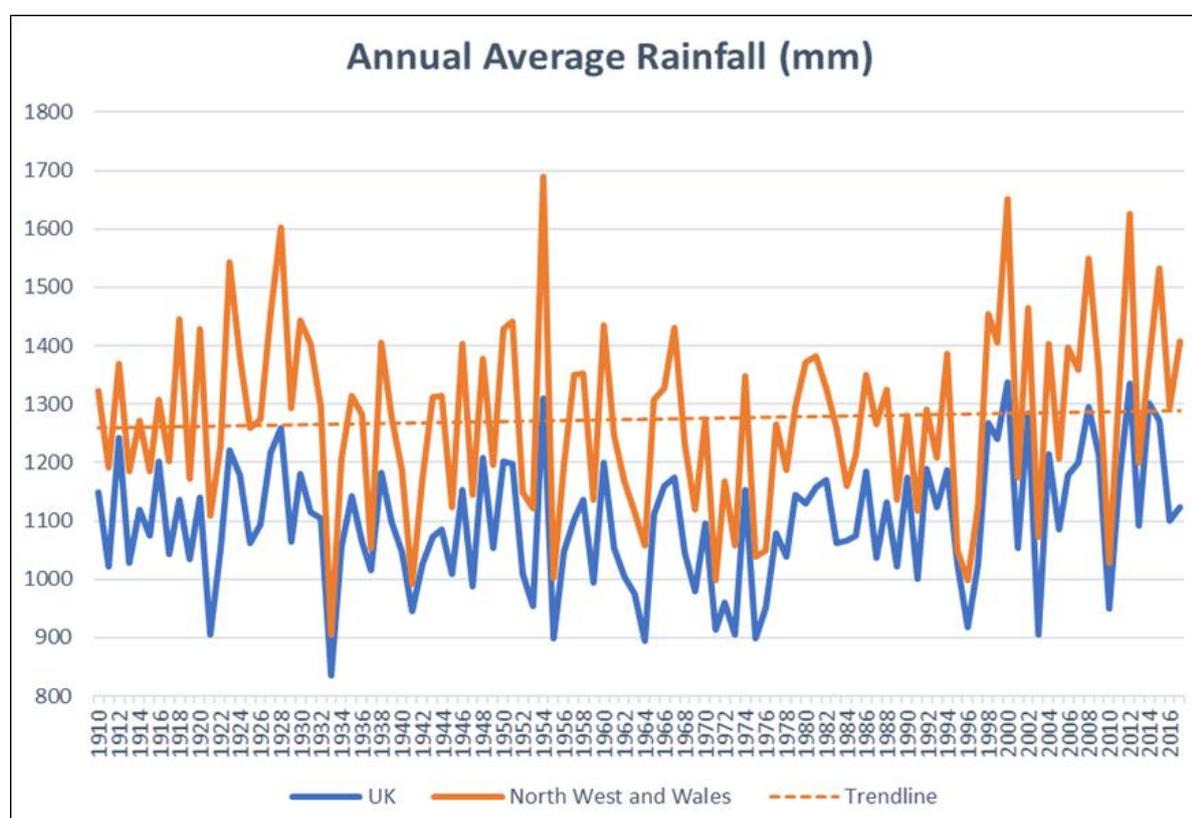
¹² The RFU believes that it is most appropriate to base the calculation of pitch capacity upon an assessment of the drainage system and maintenance programme afforded to a site.

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In relation to cricket, maintaining high pitch quality is the most important aspect of cricket. If the wicket is poor, it can affect the quality of the game and can, 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 the pitch meets the Performance Quality Standards that are benchmarked by the Institute of Groundsmanship. Please note that PQS assessments are also available for other sports, whilst the LCB Groundsman's Association offers maintenance tips to local clubs as well as an onsite assessment service with subsequent report advising recommended maintenance actions.

Climate change issues¹³

As seen in the figure below the annual average rainfall across the North West and Wales is consistently higher than the average of the United Kingdom (UK) with 2008 and 2012 recorded as two of the wettest years on record. The trendline also identifies that the average rainfall in the North West and Wales has risen over the period of 1910 to 2017.



Further to this, the Lancashire Climate Change Strategy (2009 – 2020), indicates that rising temperatures, changing rainfall patterns and other aspects of climate change are starting to have an impact on biodiversity. This will also likely create more intense winter rainfall which will increase the likelihood of flooding.

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This would suggest that increasingly grass pitches across Central Lancashire are affected by higher levels of rainfall than other areas nationally. The impact of this is likely to result in pitches requiring higher levels of dedicated maintenance and remediation to ensure they are in a usable condition when compared to the rest of the UK.

In some instances, it may be considered more feasible and sustainable to invest into the development of artificial provision, such as 3G pitches to help combat increasing quality issues on grass pitches as a result of increasing climate change issues. However, it is also worthy of note that there is an environmental impact of replacing grass with an artificial surface which includes use of a significant amount of plastic and rubber per pitch together with a reduction in oxygen levels which are produced by grass.

Improving changing provision

There is a need to address changing provision at some sites in Central Lancashire, including some local authority sites. It is recommended that a holistic view is taken in regard to improvements and provision on site.

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) for the management and improvement of sites

To allow for facility developments to be programmed within a phased approach each Council should adopt a tiered approach to the management and improvement of playing pitch sites and associated facilities. Please refer to Part 7: Action Plan for the proposed hierarchy.

Recommendation f – Work in partnership with stakeholders to secure funding

Partners, led by each Council, 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 pitch 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 councils should maintain a regular dialogue with local partners and through the Playing Pitch Steering Group.

Not all investment in new provision will be made by councils directly, it is important, however, that councils therefore 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.

Please refer to Appendix Three for further funding information which includes details of the current opportunities, likely funding requirements and indicative project costs.

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. However, one of sport's greatest contributions is its positive impact on public health. It is therefore important to lever in investment from other sectors such as health and wellbeing for example.

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 each 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 sites to accommodate the new demand, or 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.

KKP has produced a Step by Step Guide for LPAs to use to help secure developer contributions which can be found in Appendix Two.

Aim 3

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

Recommendations:

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

Recommendation h - Rectify quantitative shortfalls in the current pitch stock

Each Council and its partners should work to rectify identified inadequacies and meet identified shortfalls as outlined in the Assessment Report and the sport by sport specific recommendations.

It is important that the current levels of grass pitch provision are protected, maintained and enhanced to secure provision now and in the future. For most sports, the future demand for provision identified in Central Lancashire can be overcome through maximising use of existing pitches through a combination of:

- ◀ Improving pitch quality in order to improve the capacity of pitches to accommodate more matches.
- ◀ The re-designation of pitches for which there is an oversupply.
- ◀ Securing long-term community use at school sites.
- ◀ Working with commercial and private providers to increase usage.

While maximising the use of existing pitches offers scope to address the quantitative deficiencies for most sports, new or additional pitches may be required to meet the levels of demand identified for football and rugby both now and in the future.

There may be an opportunity to use some senior pitches to provide senior, junior or mini pitches (through different line markings/coning areas of the pitch). However, further work should be undertaken on this as an action for each Council/NGBs. Furthermore, the re-designation of adult pitches that are not currently used may lead to a deficiency of adult pitches in the medium to longer term as younger players move up the ages. It is likely that for some sports, particularly football, that the provision of new pitches and facilities will be required in the future to support the predicted future demand.

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

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

Table 5.3: Likely future sport-by-sport demand trends

Sport	Future development trend	Strategy impact
Football	As a result of the FA Youth Development Review pitch demands are changing. This could also see changes in the seasonal demand of pitches (youth football).	Consider re-allocating leases to Community Charter Standard clubs with a large number of teams. Work with clubs to identify facility development opportunities. Work with clubs in relation to their pitch demands as a result of the FA Youth Development Review.
	Demand for senior football is likely to be sustained based on current trends and the move to small sided football. County FA focus to maintain growth of youth football through to adults.	Sustain current stock but consideration given to reconfigure pitches if required.
	An increase in women and girls football following £2.4m investment from Sport England between 2014 and 2016 to increase the number of women and girls taking part in football sessions. Additionally, one of the major goals of The FA's 'Game Changer' strategy for Women's and Girls' football (2017-2020) is to double participation from the current 6,000 teams to 12,000.	A need to provide segregated ancillary facilities and the potential need for more pitches.
Cricket	Demand is likely to remain static 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.	Isolated pockets of demand for access to additional facilities where pitches are operating at capacity. 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 two girls' and one women's team in every local authority over the next five years.	Support clubs to 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 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.	Review the need for dedicated rugby league pitches in the next three years.

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Sport	Future development trend	Strategy impact
AGPs	Demand for 3G pitches for competitive football will increase. It is likely that future demand for the use of 3G pitches to service competitive football, particularly mini and youth will result in some reduced demand for grass pitches. Provision of 3G pitches which are World Rugby compliant will help to reduce overplay as a result of training on rugby pitches.	Ensure that access to new AGP provision across the Borough is maximised and that community use agreements are in place. Utilise Sport England/NGB guidance on choosing the correct surface: https://www.sportengland.org/media/4275/selecting-the-right-artificial-surface-rev2-2010.pdf
Hockey	Potential increase of participation particularly junior teams.	Sinking funds in place to improve quality and ensure continued use of provision for current and future hockey demand.
Tennis	The LTA has a key priority for the strategic development and growth of tennis at both a club and wider community level such as local parks.	Increases in participation can be accommodated through providing additional courts that are floodlit. 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	Membership is expected to remain static.	Ensure membership stays above 200 to ensure that track facilities are sustainable.
Golf	Declining membership expected to 'level off'.	Club are likely to see a rise in membership.
	Non-traditional formats of play are becoming increasingly popular.	Clubs should tailor their offer towards non-traditional formats of play to attract new users.
Cycling	Potential increases in participation through further development of British Cycling schemes.	Clubs should tailor their offering encompassing British Cycling schemes and new and existing infrastructure should embrace Sport England's Active Design.

Active aging

Within its Towards and Active Nation Strategy¹⁴, Sport England identifies a priority to reduce inactivity amongst particular populations, one demographic being older adults. The Strategy evidences that 42% per cent of people aged 55 and over are inactive compared to 26% of the adult population¹⁵. As such, this research shows that as people get older, they are far more likely to be inactive and do less than 30 minutes of physical activity each week. Through its Active Aging Fund opened in December 2016, Sport England is investing ten million pounds in projects and schemes to get older people more active and increase opportunity in order to reduce levels of inactivity. The investment also includes attaining learning outcomes throughout, in order to better understand how older adults can be supported in physical activity and how behavioural and lifestyle changes can be made more likely to be sustained.

¹⁴ <https://www.sportengland.org/media/10629/sport-england-towards-an-active-nation.pdf>

¹⁵ <https://www.sportengland.org/media/11410/active-ageing-prospectus.pdf>

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

Each 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 may be a solution to meeting shortfalls identified as is further explored within the action plan.

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PART 6: ACTION PLAN

Introduction

The site-by-site action plan list seeks to address key issues identified in the accompanying 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.

Councils 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.

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

To allow for facility developments to be prioritised and programmed within a phased approach a tiered model to for the improvement of playing pitch sites and associated facilities is useful.

The identification of sites is based on their strategic importance in a local authority-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 each local authority as a whole.

Table 6.1: Recommended tiered site criteria

Hub sites	Key sites	Local sites
Strategically located. Priority sites for NGB.	Strategically located within the Analysis Area.	Serves the local community. Likely to include education sites.
Accommodates three or more good quality grass pitches. Including provision of at least one AGP/3G pitch. May offer potential for development as a football hub.	Accommodates two or more good quality grass pitches.	Accommodates more than one pitch.
Single or multi-sport provision. Could also operate as a central venue.	Single or multi-sport provision. Could also operate as a central venue.	Single or multi-sport provision.
Maintenance regime aligns with NGB guidelines.	Maintenance regime aligns with NGB guidelines.	Standard maintenance regime either by the club or in-house maintenance contract.
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.	Appropriate access changing to accommodate both senior and junior use concurrently (if required).

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

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The financial, social and sporting benefits which can be achieved through development of hub sites are significant. Sport England provides further guidance on the development of community sports hubs at:

http://www.sportengland.org/facilities_planning/planning_tools_and_guidance/sports_hubs.aspx

Where development of Hub Sites includes provision of 3G pitches for football it is recommended that further modelling/feasibility work is carried out to ensure sustainability of new 3G pitches to accommodate competitive fixtures. However, as a priority consultation should be carried out with leagues/clubs to gauge acceptance/buy in of moving competitive play to 3G pitches in the future.

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.

It is considered that some financial investment will be necessary to improve the ancillary facilities at both Hub sites and Key Centres 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 generally one and two pitch sites and may be Council owned hired to clubs for a season or are sites which have been leased on a long-term basis. However, they are also likely to be private club sites serving one particular 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. 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.

Reserve sites could be used as overspill for neighbouring sites and/or for summer matches/competitions, training or informal play. They are most likely to be single-pitch sites with no ancillary facilities or school sites where there is no current demand for community use.

Management and development

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

- ◀ Financial viability and security of tenure.
- ◀ Planning permission requirements and any foreseen difficulties in securing permission.
- ◀ Adequacy of existing finances to maintain existing sites.
- ◀ Business Plan/Masterplan – including financial package for creation of new provision where need has been identified.
- ◀ Analysis of the possibility of shared site management opportunities.
- ◀ The availability of opportunities to lease sites to external organisations.
- ◀ Options to assist community groups to gain funding to enhance existing provision.
- ◀ Availability of funding for hub site development.
- ◀ Impact on all sports that use a site regardless of the sport that is the subject of enhancements.

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Action plan columns

Partners

The column indicating Partners refers to the main organisation that the Councils will liaise with in helping to deliver the actions. The next stage in the development of the action plan will be to agree a Lead Partner to help deliver the actions.

Site hierarchy tier and priority level

Although Hub Sites are mostly likely to have a **high** priority level as they have a 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 and therefore some Key Centres 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).

It is recommended that as the Steering Group reviews and updates the action plan that medium and low priority sites are then identified as the next level of sites for attention. As a guide, it is recommended that:

Key centres 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 generally have local specific importance and have been identified on a site by site basis as issues appertaining to individual sites 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 as follows:

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

These are based on Sport England's estimated facility costs which can be found at <https://www.sportengland.org/media/13346/facility-costs-q2-18.pdf>

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 timescales relate to delivery times and are not priority based:

- ◀ Short (S) – 1 to 2 years, Medium (M) - 3 to 5 years, Long (L) - 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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PART 7: CHORLEY ACTION PLAN

Chorley Central Analysis Area headline findings

Sport	Analysis area	Current picture (MES ¹⁶)	Future picture (2036 ¹⁷)
Football (grass pitches)	Central	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Adult pitches have spare capacity of 1 MES per week ◀ Youth 11v11 pitches are overplayed by 2.5 MES per week ◀ Youth 9v9 pitches are overplayed by 1 MES per week ◀ Mini 7v7 pitches have spare capacity of 2 MES per week ◀ Mini 5v5 pitches have spare capacity of 1 MES per week 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Adult pitches have spare capacity of 0.5 MES per week ◀ Youth 11v11 pitches are overplayed by 6 MES per week ◀ Youth 9v9 pitches are overplayed by 2 MES per week ◀ Mini 7v7 pitches have spare capacity of 1.5 MES per week ◀ Mini 5v5 pitches are overplayed by 1.5 MES per week
Football (3G pitches) ¹⁸	Chorley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Shortfall of 4 full sized 3G pitches for team training 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Shortfall of 5 full sized 3G pitches for team training
Rugby union (senior pitches)	Chorley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Senior pitches are at capacity ◀ Mini pitches are at capacity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Senior pitches are at capacity ◀ Mini pitches are at capacity
Rugby league (senior pitches)	Chorley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Senior pitches are overplayed by 4.5 MES ◀ Junior pitches are at capacity ◀ Mini pitches are at capacity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Senior pitches are overplayed by five MES ◀ Junior pitches are overplayed by 0.5 MES ◀ Mini pitches are overplayed by 0.5 MES
Cricket	Central	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Spare capacity of 48 match equivalent sessions per season 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Spare capacity of 48 match equivalent sessions per season
Hockey	Chorley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Sufficient capacity to accommodate current level of demand. There is a need to resurface poor quality pitches meaning that other pitches should be retained as hockey suitable surfaces in the meantime. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Sufficient capacity to accommodate current level of demand. There is a need to resurface poor quality pitches meaning that other pitches should be retained as hockey suitable surfaces in the meantime.
Tennis courts	Chorley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Although there are a sufficient supply of courts at all club sites across Chorley; there is a need to utilise the spare capacity on non-club community available courts to actualise substantial amounts of latent demand. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Although there are a sufficient supply of courts at all club sites across Chorley; there is a need to utilise the spare capacity on non-club community available courts to actualise substantial amounts of latent demand.

¹⁶ Match equivalent sessions

¹⁷ Future demand based on ONS calculations and club consultation which also includes any latent and displaced demand identified.

¹⁸ Based on accommodating 38 teams to one full size pitch for affiliated team training.

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Sport	Analysis area	Current picture (MES ¹⁶)	Future picture (2036 ¹⁷)
Bowling greens	Chorley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Spare capacity for an additional 265 participants. Greater utilisation of unused greens is needed to relieve overplay at some sites. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Spare capacity to accommodate increased levels of demand, with capacity for 201 participants. Greater utilisation of unused greens is needed to relieve overplay at some sites.
Athletics	Chorley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ There is insufficient supply to meet current and future levels of demand 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ There is insufficient supply to meet current and future levels of demand
Cycling	Chorley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Demand can be met with retained level of access 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Demand can be met with retained level of access
Golf	Chorley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Demand can be met with retained level of access 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Demand can be met with retained level of access

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Site ID	Site	Sport	Management	Current status	Recommended actions	Lead Partners	Site hierarchy tier	Priority	Timescales ¹⁹	Cost ²⁰	Aim
170	Adlington Cricket Club	Cricket	Sports Club	A good quality grass cricket square with 13 wickets accompanied by an NTP. Square is used to capacity at peak time. Site is owned by Adlington CC.	Sustain square quality through dedicated levels of maintenance and remedial work.	Sports Club ECB	Local Site	Low	L	L	Protect
171	Albany Science College	Football	Education	One adult pitch and one youth 9v9 pitch both of which are standard quality. Spare capacity has been discounted due to unsecure tenure. Adult pitch is used by the community where as the youth 9v9 pitch is not.	Sustain pitch quality through regular enhanced maintenance and remedial work to better sustain levels of school and community use. Pursue security of tenure for any future users via community use agreement.	Education LFA FF	Local Site	Low	S	L	Protect Enhance
		Cricket	Education	One standalone NTP.	Retain for school use.	Education ECB		Low	L	L	
		Tennis	Education	Six poor quality macadam courts which are not floodlit and are unavailable for community use.	Seek to improve court quality through resurfacing.	LTA Education		Low	S	L	
172	Anderton Primary School	Football	Education	One poor quality mini 7v7 pitch which is available for community use but is currently unused. Spare capacity is discounted due to unsecure tenure.	Improve quality to better sustain curricular and extracurricular demand.	Education LFA FF	Local Site	Low	S	L	Enhance
173	Anderton St Joseph's Bowling Club	Bowls	Sports Club	One good quality bowling green which is the home venue of Anderton St Joseph's BC. The Club is responsible for managing and maintaining the site. The green has some capacity for additional demand, although this is minimal.	Sustain the green quality by continuing with the current maintenance regime and maximise use.	Sports Club BCGBA	Local Site	Low	S	L	Protect
174	Astley Park	Football	Chorley Council	Two adult, two youth 11v11 and one youth 9v9 pitch all of which are poor quality. Spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure. Site is accompanied by standard quality ancillary facilities. Site has been identified for potential investment through S106 monies.	Improve pitch quality through either enhanced levels of maintenance or implementation of a drainage system based upon strategic evidence (For example a Pitch Improvement Programme Report) This can be obtained through using potential investment from available S106 monies.	Chorley Council LFA FF	Key Centre	Medium	S	L - M	Protect Enhance
		Bowls	Chorley Council	Two good quality bowling greens, which are managed and maintained by Chorley Council. Low membership across the two greens.	The viability of the greens should be examined given the low membership of Astley Park BC.	Chorley Council BCGBA		Medium	S	L	
		Tennis	Chorley Council	Three standard quality macadam courts which are available for community use but are not floodlit.	Prolong court lifespan through a robust maintenance plan. Explore potential options to increase community usage by creating a more efficient access system such as Clubspark in order to actualise latent demand.	LTA Chorley Council		Medium	S	L	
176	Bay Horse Pub, Heath Charnock	Bowls	Commercial	One good quality bowling green that is the home venue of St Paul's Church BC. The green has some capacity for additional demand, although this is minimal.	Sustain green quality by continuing with the current maintenance regime and maximise use.	Commercial BCGBA	Local Site	Low	S	L	Protect

¹⁹ (S) -Short (1-2 years); (M) - Medium (3-5 years); (L) - Long (6+ years)

²⁰ (L) -Low - less than £50k; (M) -Medium - £50k-£250k; (H) -High £250k and above

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188	Charnock Richard Football Club (Mossie Park)	Football	Sports Club	Two good quality adult pitches which have actual spare capacity of 0.5 match equivalent sessions per week. One adult pitch is suitable for Step 5 football with the other pitch overmarked on a cricket outfield. Charnock Richards FC has aspirations to make improvements to ancillary facilities. Due to recent success the Club has spent money upgrading the facilities to make them adhere for Step 5 football, however, if promoted it would struggle to make further improvements.	Sustain pitch quality through appropriate levels of dedicated maintenance. Explore potential funding streams to assist Charnock Richards FC in improving ancillary facilities. Ensure ancillary facilities and playing provision is suitable for Step 5 football. Examine the requirements needed for the Club to progress through the football pyramid.	Sports Club LFA FF	Local Site	High	S	L	Protect Provide Enhance
		Cricket	Sports Club	A good quality grass cricket square with six wickets. Square has minimal spare capacity which is not enough to accommodate any additional senior demand. Site is used by Charnock St James CC. The Club has unsecure tenure at the site as it rents from leaseholder Charnock Richard FC. There are football pitches located on the cricket outfield. The Club report a need for additional training facilities.	Sustain square quality through dedicated levels of maintenance and remedial work. Explore the feasibility of formalising security of tenure for Charnock St James CC. Assist the Club in acquiring additional training facilities.	Sports Club ECB		High	S	L	
189	Chisnall Lane - Chorley Panthers Rugby League	Rugby league	Sports Club	Two senior pitches; one junior and one primary pitch all of which are good quality. One senior pitch is floodlit which is overplayed by five match equivalent sessions, accommodating match and training demand from Chorley Panthers ARLFC, as well as match demand from Chorley RFC during the winter months. The other senior pitch has 0.5 match equivalent sessions of actual spare capacity at senior peak time. The mini and junior pitches have no actual spare capacity at peak time. The site is on a long term lease to Chorley Panthers ARLFC which encompasses both the pitches and ancillary facilities. Changing room facilities are good quality, however, clubhouse facilities are not fit for purpose and is not able to serve alcohol. The Club is in the process of applying for Sport England Community Facility Fund to improve the clubhouse. It also has aspirations to improve carparking. The dual use pitch is used by Chorley RFC which temporarily relocated whilst its home venue (Chancery Road) is being developed.	Sustain pitch quality by continuing with the current maintenance regime. Install floodlighting on additional pitches to reduce the current levels of overplay on the site's one floodlit pitch. Support the Club's bid for funding to improve the clubhouse provision on site. Explore the feasibility for a potential RFL Community Standard 3G pitch, with the option of also making the pitch WR compliant to accommodate demand from Chorley RFC.	Sports Club RFL SE Chorley Council RFU	Local Site	Medium	S	M-H	Protect Provide Enhance
		Rugby union	Sports Club	One good quality (M2/D1) senior rugby union pitch which is not floodlit and is a dual use with rugby league. Spare capacity discounted due to dual use. Pitch is used by Chorley RFC temporarily whilst its home venue (Chancery Road) is being developed.	Explore whether Chorley RFC could obtain a long term agreement from Chorley Panthers ARLFC to access the site for both match demand and training.	Sports Club RFL SE Chorley Council RFU		Medium	S	L	

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190	Chorley All Saints Primary Academy	Football	Education	Two poor quality mini 7v7 pitches which have spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure. Pitches are available and used by the community.	Improve quality to better sustain curricular and extra curricular demand.	Education LFA FF	Local Site	Low	S	L	Enhance
191	Chorley Cricket Club	Cricket	Sports Club	A standard quality grass cricket square with 14 wickets. Square is played to capacity at peak time. Site is owned by Chorley CC.	Sustain square quality through dedicated levels of maintenance and remedial work.	Sports Club ECB	Local Site	Low	L	L	Protect
		Tennis	Sports Club	Five good quality macadam courts which are available for community use and are floodlit. Site is used by Chorley TC. Courts have capacity to accommodate additional demand.	Sustain good court quality through a dedicated maintenance regime. Utilise spare capacity to accommodate future and latent demand.	LTA Sports Club		Low	L	L	
194	Chorley Subscription Bowling Green	Bowls	Sports Club	One good quality bowling green that is managed and maintained by Chorley Subscription BC. The green is potentially overplayed by 51 members.	Sustain green quality by continuing with the current maintenance regime. Explore options of utilising a second venue to accommodate some demand, reducing the overplay on site. Potential venues could be either Astley Park or Coronation Recreation Ground, both of which are less than five minutes drive.	Sports Club BCGBA	Local Site	Low	S	L	Protect
195	Christ Church Charnock Richard Primary School	Football	Education	One mini 5v5 and one mini 7v7 pitch both of which are poor quality. The mini 7v7 pitch has no actual spare capacity available, whereas, the mini 5v5 pitch has spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure. Pitches are available and used by the community.	Improve quality to better sustain curricular and extra curricular demand.	Education LFA FF	Local Site	Low	S	L	Enhance
197	Coppull Conservative Club	Bowls	Community Organisation	One good quality bowling green. The green is potentially overplayed by 92 members.	Sustain the quality of the green by continuing with the current maintenance regime. If required, explore options of utilising a second venue to accommodate some demand, reducing the overplay on site.	Community Organisation BCGBA	Local Site	Low	L	L	Protect
198	Coppull United	Football	Sports Club	One good quality adult pitch which has no actual spare capacity available at peak time.	Sustain pitch quality through enhanced levels of dedicated maintenance as required.	Sports Club LFA FF	Local Site	Low	L	L	Protect
199	Coronation Recreation Ground	Tennis	Chorley Council	One good quality macadam courts which is available for community use but is not floodlit.	Explore options to increase community usage by creating a more efficient access system using court accessing systems such as Clubspark in order to actualise latent demand.	LTA Chorley Council	Local Site	Low	S	L	Protect
200	Croston Sports Club	Football	Sports Club	One standard quality adult pitch which is played to capacity at peak time.	Sustain pitch quality through enhanced levels of dedicated maintenance as required.	Sports Club LFA FF	Local Site	Low	S	L	Protect Provide Enhance
		Cricket	Sports Club	A good quality grass cricket square with 10 wickets accompanied by an NTP. Spare capacity is not enough to accommodate additional senior demand. Site is used by Croston CC. The Club report a need for additional training facilities.	Sustain square quality through dedicated levels of maintenance and remedial work. Assist the Club in acquiring additional training facilities.	Sports Club ECB		Low	S	L	
		Tennis	Sports Club	Three good quality macadam courts which are available for community use but are not floodlit. Site is used by Croston TC which has aspirations for floodlighting. Courts have capacity to accommodate additional demand.	Sustain good court quality through a dedicated maintenance regime. Explore the feasibility of installing floodlights.	LTA Sports Club		Low	L	L	

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203	East Ward Conservative Club	Bowls	Community Organisation	One good quality bowling green. The green is managed and maintained East Ward Cons BC and has minimal capacity for additional demand.	Sustain the quality of the green by continuing with the current maintenance regime.	Community Organisation BCGBA	Local Site	Low	L	L	Protect
210	Fairview Youth and Community Centre	Football	Community Association	One mini 7v7 and one mini 5v5 pitch both of which are standard quality. Pitches are available but are unused. Each pitch has actual spare capacity of one match equivalent session available per week. Maintained by Chorley Council.	Sustain pitch quality through enhanced levels of dedicated maintenance as required. Utilise actual spare capacity via the transfer of demand from overplayed sites or through future demand.	Chorley Council LFA FF	Local Site	Low	S	L	Protect
211	Gillett Fields, Limbrick	Football	Chorley Council	One poor quality adult pitch which has spare capacity retained to protect pitch quality. Pitch is available for community use but is unused. Site has no changing provision. Site has been identified for potential investment through S106 monies.	Improve pitch quality through either enhanced levels of maintenance or implementation of a drainage system based upon strategic evidence (For example a Pitch Improvement Programme Report) This can be obtained through using potential investment from available S106 monies. In conjunction with pitch improvements find a club suitable to use the site and provide it with security of tenure. If no club can be found examine the strategic need to invest in improving pitch quality or sustaining as formal sports provision.	Chorley Council LFA FF	Local Site	Medium	S	L - M	Enhance
212	Gillibrand Playing Pitches	Football	Chorley Council	Two youth 9v9 and one mini 7v7 pitch all of which are good quality. The youth 9v9 pitches has no actual spare capacity whereas the mini 7v7 each has spare capacity of one match equivalent session per week. Site is accompanied by good quality changing provision.	Sustain pitch quality through enhanced levels of dedicated maintenance. Utilise actual spare capacity via the transfer of demand from overplayed sites or through future demand.	Chorley Council LFA FF	Local Site	Low	S	L	Protect
215	Harpers Lane Recreation Ground	Bowls	Chorley Council	One good quality bowling green. The site is maintained by Chorley Council but is the home venue of Harpers Lane Rec BC and has minimal capacity for additional demand. The green is available for pay-and-play.	Sustain the quality of the green by continuing with the current maintenance regime.	Chorley Council BCGBA	Local Site	Low	L	L	Protect
		Cycling	Chorley Council	A BMX pump track created in 2018 to service local demand.	Sustain quality through appropriate maintenance and retain as current use.	British Cycling Chorley Council		Low	L	L	
217	Highfield Primary School	Football	Education	One poor quality mini 7v7 pitch which is available for community use but is currently unused. Spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure.	Improve quality to better sustain curricular and extra curricular demand.	Education LFA FF	Local Site	Low	S	L	Enhance
220	Holy Cross High School	Football	Education	One youth 11v11 and one mini 7v7 pitch both of which are standard quality. Both pitches have spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure. Pitches are available and used by the community.	Work to better sustain levels of school and community use. Pursue security of tenure for any future users via community use agreement.	Education LFA FF	Local Site	Low	S	L	Protect Provide Enhance
		Rugby league	Education	One standard quality senior pitch which is available for community use but is currently unused. Pitch has spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure.	Sustain quality and retain as available for community use.	Rugby League Education		Medium	S	L	

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		Hockey	Education	One standard quality full size floodlit hockey suitable AGP. The pitch was built in 2006 and is available for community use. There is no usage from community hockey clubs. Pitch has exceeded its recommended lifespan. Pitch has spare capacity to accommodate hockey demand.	Monitor rate of natural deterioration in pitch quality and resurface the pitch when it declines to become poor. Encourage the provider to establish a mechanism for long-term sustainability such as a sinking fund. Retain the pitch whilst the hockey suitable AGP at Buckshaw Village Community Association is improved.	EH Education		Medium	S	H	
		Tennis	Education	Two poor quality macadam courts which are not floodlit and are unavailable for community use.	Seek to improve court quality through resurfacing.	LTA Education		Medium	S	L	
222	Jubilee Playing Pitches	Football	Chorley Council	Two youth 11v11 pitches which are standard quality. Pitches have actual spare capacity of 1.5 match equivalent sessions per week. Bridge Celtic FC has enquired to the Council in regard to installing portacabins on the site as there are no purpose built changing facilities. Site has been identified for potential investment through S106 monies.	Sustain pitch quality through regular enhanced maintenance and remedial work. Assist in the development of suitable ancillary facilities for Bridge Celtic FC based upon strategic demand) This can be obtained through using potential investment from available S106 monies.	Chorley Council Sports Club FF LFA	Local Site	Low	S - M	L - H	Protect Enhance Provide
223	King George V Field	Football	Chorley Council	One youth 11v11, two youth 9v9, two mini 7v7 and two mini 5v5 pitches all of which are poor quality. The youth 9v9 pitches are played to capacity whereas all remaining pitches have spare capacity retained to protect pitch quality. Used by Adlington JFC. Site is accompanied by poor quality ancillary facilities.	Investigate the need for installation of a drainage system to help determine the most efficient way to improve quality. Improve poor quality ancillary facilities. Potential investment from available S106 monies. Potential to become a Hub site in the future. Also consider as a potential site for a 3G pitch.	Chorley Council LFA FF Sports Club	Key Centre	High	S - M	M - H	Protect Enhance Provide
229	Parklands High School	Football	Education	One youth 11v11 and one youth 9v9 pitch both of which are standard quality. Spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure. Available for community use but currently unused.	Improve pitch quality through enhanced levels of maintenance and retain as current use.	Education LFA FF	Key Centre	Medium	S	L	Protect Enhance
		Rugby league	Education	One poor quality senior pitch which is available for community use. Pitch is at capacity from curricular and extracurricular demand.	Improve pitch quality through enhanced levels of maintenance and retain as available for community use.	RFL Education		Medium	S	L	
		Hockey	Education	One poor quality full size floodlit hockey suitable AGP. The pitch was built in 2014 and has limited community use due to its current quality. There are issues with carpet pulling up creating an uneven surface. The School is in the process of contacting the business which installed the pitch to amend the problem. Spare capacity has been discounted due to poor quality.	Assist the School in resolving pitch quality issues. Encourage the provider to establish a mechanism for long-term sustainability such as a sinking fund. Resurface the pitch as a hockey suitable surface.	EH Education		High	S	M	
		Tennis	Education	Two poor quality macadam courts which are not floodlit and are unavailable for community use. The site has seen a recent reduction of four to two courts as a classroom has been built in this area.	Seek to improve court quality through resurfacing to better sustain curricular and extra curricular demand.	LTA Education		Medium	S	L	

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230	Rivington Bowling Club	Bowls	Sports Club	One good quality bowling green. The site is maintained by Rivington BC and has minimal capacity for additional demand.	Sustain the quality of the green by continuing with the current maintenance regime.	Sports Club BCGBA	Local Site	Low	L	L	Protect
232	Southlands High School	Football	Education	Two youth 11v11 and two youth 9v9 pitches all of which are poor quality. Youth 11v11 pitches are overplayed by one match equivalent sessions per week. Youth 9v9 pitch are also overplayed by one match equivalent session per week. Pitches are used for community use.	Improve pitch quality through more regular enhanced maintenance and remedial work to better sustain levels of school and community use. Ensure secure tenure for community use users.	Education LFA FF	Local Site	Low	S	L	Protect Enhance
		Hockey	Education	One good quality small sized floodlit hockey suitable AGP which is available for community use.	Sustain quality and retain as available for community use.	Education EH		Low	L	L	
234	St George's Club	Bowls	Community Organisation	One good quality bowling green. The site is maintained by St George's BC and has minimal capacity for additional demand.	Sustain the quality of the green by continuing with the current maintenance regime and maximise use.	Community Organisation BCGBA	Local Site	Low	L	L	Protect
235	St Joseph's Club	Bowls	Community Organisation	One good quality bowling green. The green is maintained by St Joseph's Club and is overplayed by nine members (albeit this is considered manageable).	Monitor the quality of the green to ensure overplay can be sustained. No further usage recommended.	Community Organisation BCGBA	Local Site	Low	L	L	Protect
236	St Mary's Club	Bowls	Community Organisation	One good quality bowling green. The site is maintained by St Mary's BC and has minimal capacity for additional demand.	Sustain the quality of the green by continuing with the current maintenance regime and maximise use.	Community Organisation BCGBA	Local Site	Low	L	L	Protect
237	St Michael's CE High School	Football	Education	Three standard quality adult pitches which are available for community use but are currently unused.	If quality allows, seek to establish community use through a secured community use agreement.	Education LFA FF	Local Site	Low	S	L	Protect Enhance
		Cricket		A standard quality grass cricket square with four wickets. The square is available for community use but is currently unused.	Improve quality as required to better sustain curricular and extra curricular demand. No demand for community use.	Education ECB		Low	L	L	
		Tennis		Four poor quality macadam courts which are not floodlit and are unavailable for community use.	Seek to improve court quality through resurfacing to better sustain curricular and extra curricular demand.	LTA Education		Low	S	L	
239	St Peter's Club	Bowls	Community Organisation	One good quality bowling green. The site is maintained by St Peter's BC and has minimal capacity for additional demand.	Sustain the quality of the green by continuing with the current maintenance regime and maximise use.	Community Organisation BCGBA	Local Site	Low	L	L	Protect
240	Tatton Recreation Ground	Bowls	Chorley Council	One good quality bowling green which is maintained by Chorley Council. The green is not the primary home venue of a bowling club but is available for pay and play.	Maximize use and investigate whether the site could accommodate any demand from overplayed sites in the Area.	Chorley Council BCGBA	Local Site	Low	L	L	Protect
243	Victory Park - Chorley FC	Football	Sports Club	One good quality adult pitch which has minimal spare capacity retained. Chorley FC has recently (2018) acquired a 15 year lease for the site. Site is suitable for Step 2 football. The Club reports it needs to make improvements to certain aspects of the ground such as changing rooms, floodlighting, official's rooms, plumbing and stadium seating.	Sustain pitch quality through appropriate levels of dedicated maintenance. Explore potential funding streams to assist Chorley FC in improving ancillary facilities. Ensure ancillary facilities and playing provision is suitable for Step 2 football. Examine the requirements needed for the Club to progress through the football pyramid.	Sports Club LFA FF	Local Site	Medium	S - M	M	Protect Enhance

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248	Wigan Lane Playing Field	Football	Chorley Council	One poor quality youth 11v11 pitch which is played to capacity. Site has no changing provision. Site is used for football by Adlington JFC and Chorley Bowmen for archery.	Improve pitch quality through more regular enhanced maintenance and remedial work to better sustain levels of community use. Work with both Adlington JFC and Chorley Bowmen to develop the site.	Chorley Council LFA FF	Local Site	Low	S	L	Protect
257	St Joseph's Catholic Primary School	Football	Education	One mini 7v7 and one mini 5v5 pitch both of which are poor quality. Both pitches have spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure. Pitches are available and used by the community.	Improve quality to better sustain curricular and extra curricular demand. Pursue security of tenure for any future users via community use agreement.	Education LFA FF	Local Site	Low	S	L	Protect Enhance
258	Charnock Richard Football Club (Mossie Close)	Football	Sports Club	One good quality youth 11v11 pitch and one standard quality youth 9v9 pitch. The youth 11v11 pitch has no actual spare capacity whereas the youth 9v9 pitch has actual spare capacity of one match equivalent session per week.	Sustain quality and retain as current use. Utilise actual spare capacity via the transfer of demand from overplayed sites or through future demand.	Sports Club LFA FF	Local Site	Low	S	L	Protect
262	Coppull Primary School	Football	Education	One poor quality youth 9v9 pitch which is played to capacity. Pitch is available for community use but is currently unused.	Improve quality as required to better sustain curricular and extra curricular demand.	Education LFA FF	Local Site	Low	S	L	Enhance
265	Adlington St Pauls C of E Primary School	Football	Education	One poor quality mini 7v7 pitch which has spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure. Pitch is available for community use but is currently unused.	Improve quality as required to better sustain curricular and extra curricular demand.	Education LFA FF	Local Site	Low	S	L	Enhance
269	Rivington and Blackrod High School (upper School)	Football	Education	Two youth 11v11 pitches and one youth 9v9 pitch all of which are standard quality. The youth 9v9 pitch is overplayed by one match equivalent session per week whereas the youth 11v11 pitches have spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure. Pitches are available and used by the community.	Sustain pitch quality through regular enhanced maintenance and remedial work to better sustain levels of school and community use. Ensure security of tenure for community users via community use agreement.	Education LFA FF	Local Site	Medium	S	L	Protect
		Cricket		One standalone NTP.	Retain for school use.	Education ECB		Low	L	L	
		Tennis		Six good quality macadam courts which are available for community use and are floodlit.	Sustain good court quality through a dedicated maintenance regime. Explore potential options to establish community usage.	LTA Education		Medium	L	L	
279	Gillet Cricket Field	Cricket	Sports Club	A good quality grass cricket square with 12 wickets. The square is rented by Chorley CC third Saturday team. Square has actual spare capacity to accommodate one additional team at peak time.	Sustain square quality through dedicated levels of maintenance and remedial work. Utilise actual spare capacity to alleviate identified overplay.	Sports Club ECB	Local Site	Low	L	L	Protect
318	Chorley Golf Club	Golf	Private	A par 71, 18-hole golf course with adequate ancillary facilities.	Retain course and sustain quality through appropriate maintenance. Explore opportunities to increase membership.	Club England Golf	Local Site	Low	L	L	Protect
319	Duxbury Park Golf Club	Golf	Chorley Council	A par 71, 18-hole golf course with adequate ancillary facilities. The site is managed by Glendale Golf.	Retain course and sustain quality through appropriate maintenance. Explore opportunities to increase membership.	Club England Golf	Local Site	Low	L	L	Protect
323	Yarrow Valley Golf Course	Golf	Private	A par 28, 9-hole golf course with adequate ancillary facilities. There is no membership option at this site, pay and play is the only option.	Retain course and sustain quality through appropriate maintenance. Explore opportunities to increase membership.	Club England Golf	Local Site	Low	L	L	Protect

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Sport	Analysis area	Current picture (MES ²¹)	Future picture (2036 ²²)
Football (grass pitches)	East	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Adult pitches have spare capacity of 2 MES per week ◀ Youth 11v11 pitches are overplayed by 2.5 MES per week ◀ Youth 9v9 pitches have spare capacity of 1.5 MES per week ◀ Mini 7v7 pitches have spare capacity of 1 MES per week ◀ Mini 5v5 pitches are at capacity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Adult pitches have spare capacity of 1.5 MES per week ◀ Youth 11v11 pitches are overplayed by 6 MES per week ◀ Youth 9v9 pitches have spare capacity of 1.5 MES per week ◀ Mini 7v7 pitches have spare capacity of 1 MES per week ◀ Mini 5v5 pitches are at capacity
Football (3G pitches) ²³	Chorley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Shortfall of 4 full sized 3G pitches for team training 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Shortfall of 5 full sized 3G pitches for team training
Rugby union (senior pitches)	Chorley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Senior pitches are at capacity ◀ Mini pitches are at capacity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Senior pitches are at capacity ◀ Mini pitches are at capacity
Rugby league (senior pitches)	Chorley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Senior pitches are overplayed by 4.5 MES ◀ Junior pitches are at capacity ◀ Mini pitches are at capacity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Senior pitches are overplayed by five MES ◀ Junior pitches are overplayed by 0.5 MES ◀ Mini pitches are overplayed by 0.5 MES
Cricket	East	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Spare capacity of 20 match equivalent sessions per season 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Spare capacity of 2 match equivalent sessions per season
Hockey	Chorley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Sufficient capacity to accommodate current level of demand. There is a need to resurface poor quality pitches meaning that other pitches should be retained as hockey suitable surfaces in the meantime. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Sufficient capacity to accommodate current level of demand. There is a need to resurface poor quality pitches meaning that other pitches should be retained as hockey suitable surfaces in the meantime.
Tennis courts	Chorley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Although there are a sufficient supply of courts at all club sites across Chorley; there is a need to utilise the spare capacity on non-club community available courts to actualise substantial amounts of latent demand. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Although there are a sufficient supply of courts at all club sites across Chorley; there is a need to utilise the spare capacity on non-club community available courts to actualise substantial amounts of latent demand.

²¹ Match equivalent sessions

²² Future demand based on ONS calculations and club consultation which also includes any latent and displaced demand identified.

²³ Based on accommodating 38 teams to one full size pitch for affiliated team training.

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Bowling greens	Chorley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Spare capacity for an additional 265 participants. Greater utilisation of unused greens is needed to relieve overplay at some sites. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Spare capacity to accommodate increased levels of demand, with capacity for 201 participants. Greater utilisation of unused greens is needed to relieve overplay at some sites.
Athletics	Chorley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ There is insufficient supply to meet current and future levels of demand 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ There is insufficient supply to meet current and future levels of demand
Cycling	Chorley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Demand can be met with retained level of access 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Demand can be met with retained level of access
Golf	Chorley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Demand can be met with retained level of access 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Demand can be met with retained level of access

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180	Brinscall St John Primary School	Football	Education	One standard quality mini 7v7 pitch which is played to capacity through community and curricular use.	Sustain quality and pursue security of tenure for any future users via community use agreement.	Education LFA FF	Local Site	Low	S	L	Protect Enhance
181	Brinscall Village Junior Football Club	Football	Sports Club	One standard quality adult pitch which has actual spare capacity of one match equivalent session available per week. Pitch is overmarked on a cricket outfield. Brinscall Village JFC has aspiration to improve pitch drainage.	Sustain pitch quality through regular enhanced maintenance and remedial work as required. Explore the feasibility of improving poor drainage.	Sports Club FF LFA	Local Site	Medium	S	L	Protect Enhance Provide
		Cricket		A good quality grass cricket square with 12 wickets. Square has minimal spare capacity which is not enough to accommodate any additional senior demand. Site is used by Brinscall CC. The Club report issues with outfield drainage. The Club also report a need for additional training facilities.	Sustain square quality through dedicated levels of maintenance and remedial work. Explore the feasibility of improving outfield drainage. Assist the Club in securing additional training facilities.	Sports Club ECB		Low	S	L	
		Bowls		One good quality bowling green which is managed by Brinscall BC. The green has capacity for additional demand.	Sustain the quality of the green by continuing with the current maintenance regime and maximise use.	Sports Club BCGBA		Low	L	L	
		Tennis		Two standard quality macadam courts which are available for community use but are not floodlit. Unused by community club.	Prolong court lifespan through a robust maintenance plan.	LTA Sports Club		Low	L	L	
184	Buckshaw Village Community Association	Football	Community Organisation	One adult and one youth 11v11 pitch both of which are standard quality. Youth 11v11 pitch is overplayed by two match equivalent sessions per week, whereas, the adult pitch has actual spare capacity of one match equivalent session per week.	Improve pitch quality through more regular enhanced maintenance and remedial work.	Community Organisation FF LFA	Key Centre	High	S	L	Protect Provide Enhance
		Hockey		One poor quality full size floodlit hockey suitable AGP. The pitch was built in 2005 and is used by Leyland & Chorley HC. The Club rents the pitch annually. Pitch has exceeded its recommended lifespan. Spare capacity on the pitch is discounted due to its quality.	As a priority, explore funding options to refurbish the pitch as a hockey suitable surface. Encourage the provider to establish a mechanism for long-term sustainability such as a sinking fund. Secure tenure for Leyland & Chorley HC through a long term lease or community use agreement ensuring it has enough access to meet its current and future demand requirements.	Community Organisation EH Sports Club		High	S	H	
196	Clayton Green Sports Centre	Football	Chorley Council	One floodlit small sized 3G pitch which is standard quality and available for community use.	Sustain quality and retain as current use.	Chorley Council LFA FF	Local Site	Low	L	L	Protect

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213	Great Green's Lane Playing Pitch	Football	Chorley Council	One standard quality youth 9v9 pitch which has actual spare capacity of 0.5 match equivalent sessions available per week. Site does not have any changing rooms.	Examine if demand can be relocated to another site and examine strategic need to retain the pitch.	Chorley Council LFA FF	Local Site	Low	S	L	Protect
218	Hoghton Village Hall	Football	Sports Club	One standard quality mini 7v7 pitch which is available for community use but is currently unused. Actual spare capacity of one match equivalent session per week.	As pitch is currently unused examine if it still needs to be maintained as formal pitch provision.	Chorley Council LFA FF	Local Site	Low	S	L	Protect Provide Enhance
		Cricket		A standard quality grass cricket square with 12 wickets. The square is used to capacity at peak time. Hoghton CC has a 50 year lease on the provision from Hoghton Tower Estate. The Club report issues with outfield drainage. Site is accompanied by poor quality ancillary facilities. The Club report a need for additional training facilities.	Improve square quality through and enhanced maintenance, remedial and preparatory regime. Assist the Club in acquiring additional training facilities. Explore potential funding streams to improve poor quality ancillary facilities.	Sports Club ECB		L - M	S	M	
		Tennis		Two standard quality macadam courts which are available for community use but are not floodlit. Site is used by Hoghton Family TC.	Prolong court lifespan through a robust maintenance plan.	LTA Sports Club		Low	M	L	
219	Hoghton Cricket Club	Bowls	Sports Club	One good quality bowling green that is managed and maintained by Hoghton Castle BC. The green has minimal capacity for additional demand.	Sustain the quality of the green by continuing with the current maintenance regime and maximise use.	Sports Club BCGBA	Local Site	Low	L	L	Protect
224	Ley Inn Bowling Club	Bowls	Sports Club	One good quality bowling green that is managed by a community organisation. No club is currently based at the site as a primary home venue. The green is available for pay-and-play.	Consider the viability of the green given the low level of demand it receives.	Sports Club BCGBA	Local Site	Low	L	L	Protect
228	Monks Drive	Football	Lancashire County Council	One standard quality youth 9v9 pitch which is currently unused. Pitch has actual spare capacity of one match equivalent session per week.	Examine if demand can be relocated to another site and examine strategic need to retain the pitch.	LCC LFA FF	Local Site	Low	S	L	Protect
231	Sandy Lane, Brinscall (BWARA)	Football	Sports Club	One standard quality youth 9v9 pitch which is played to capacity. Brinscall Village JFC has aspiration to improve quality of the pitch.	Improve pitch quality through more regular enhanced maintenance and remedial work.	Sports Club FF LFA	Local Site	Medium	S	L	Enhance
233	St Chad's Bowling Club	Bowls	Community Organisation	One good quality bowling green which is managed by St Chad's BC. The Club has 25 members meaning that there is ample capacity onsite to accommodate additional demand.	Sustain the quality of the green by continuing with the current maintenance regime and maximise use. Monitor club membership levels ensuring that the green remains sustainable.	Community Organisation BCGBA	Local Site	Low	L	L	Protect

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244	West Way Playing Fields (Site being developed as sports hub)	TBC	Chorley Council	Chorley Council is in the process of developing a multi sports hub site at West Way Playing Fields. The proposed development includes one adult and one youth 9v9 grass football pitch and one full sized floodlit 3G pitch. The Council is committed to delivering a scheme at West Way Playing Fields given the level of demand from local clubs and from the Football Foundation and Lancashire FA, subject to a development of design which is affordable.	Develop as a multi sport hub site with suitable accompanying ancillary facilities. The creation of a full size 3G pitch and compact athletics facility would alleviate identified shortfalls. Ensure any 3G provision is FA/FIFA tested with use maximised for match play and training demand alleviating current youth 11v11 and future mini 5v5, youth 9v9 and youth 11v11 grass pitch shortfalls.	Chorley Council Sports Clubs NGBs	Hub	High	S - M	H	Provide
245	White Coppice Cricket Club	Cricket	Sports Club	A standard quality grass cricket square with eight wickets. The square has actual spare capacity to accommodate one additional senior team at peak time. Site is owned by White Coppice CC.	Sustain square quality through dedicated levels of maintenance and remedial work. Utilise actual spare capacity to alleviate identified overplay.	Sports Club ECB	Local Site	Low	L	L	Protect
246	Whittle and Clayton-le-Wood Cricket Club	Cricket	Private	A standard quality grass cricket square with 12 wickets. The square is used to capacity at senior peak time. Whittle and Clayton-le-Wood CC has unsecure tenure at the site as it rents from Primrose Developments. The Club report issues with outfield drainage. Site is accompanied by poor quality ancillary facilities. The Club report a need for additional training facilities.	Sustain square quality through dedicated levels of maintenance and remedial work. Explore the feasibility of formalising security of tenure for Whittle and Clayton-le-Wood CC. Assist the Club in acquiring additional training facilities. Explore the feasibility of improving outfield drainage.	Private Sports Club ECB	Local Site	Low	S	M	Protect Provide Enhance
247	Whittle-le-Woods FC	Football	Sports Club	One good quality youth 11v11 pitch which has actual spare capacity of 0.5 match equivalent sessions per week.	Sustain quality and retain as current use. Utilise actual spare capacity via the transfer of demand from overplayed sites or through future demand.	Sports Club LFA FF	Local Site	Low	S	L	Protect
249	Withnell Fold Sports and Social Club	Cricket	Sports Club	A good quality grass cricket square with 16 wickets. The square is used to capacity at senior peak time. Withnell Fold CC has secure tenure through its sports club which owns the site. Square is also used by Leyland CC first and seconds women's teams.	Sustain square quality through dedicated levels of maintenance and remedial work.	Sports Club ECB	Local Site	Low	L	L	Protect Provide
		Tennis		Two good quality macadam courts which are available for community use but are not floodlit. Site is used by Withnell Fold Sports & Social Club which has aspirations to for floodlighting. Accompanying ancillary facilities are poor quality. Courts have capacity to accommodate additional demand.	Sustain good court quality through a dedicated maintenance regime. Utilise spare capacity to accommodate future and latent demand. Explore the feasibility of installing floodlights. Explore the feasibility of improving poor quality ancillary facilities.			LTA Sports Club	Medium	S	
263	Brindle Gregson Lane Primary School	Football	Education	One standard quality youth 9v9 pitch which has spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure. Pitch is available for community use but is currently unused.	Improve quality to better sustain curricular and extra curricular demand.	Education LFA FF	Local Site	Low	S	L	Enhance
266	Clayton Brook Primary School	Football	Education	One poor quality mini 7v7 pitch which has spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure. Pitch is available for community use but is currently unused.	Improve quality to better sustain curricular and extra curricular demand.	Education LFA FF	Local Site	Low	S	L	Enhance

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267	Clayton-le-woods C of E Primary School	Football	Education	One poor quality mini 7v7 pitch which has spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure. Pitch is available for community use but is currently unused.	Improve quality to better sustain curricular and extra curricular demand.	Education LFA FF	Local Site	Low	S	L	Enhance
268	Clayton-le-woods Manor Road Primary School	Football	Education	One poor quality youth 9v9 pitch which is played to capacity. Pitch is available for community use but is currently unused.	Improve quality to better sustain curricular and extra curricular demand.	Education LFA FF	Local Site	Low	S	L	Enhance
277	Abbey Village (BVJFC)	Football	Private	One poor quality youth 11v11 pitch which is overplayed by one match equivalent session per week. Pitch is used by Brinscall Village JFC which has aspirations to improve its quality and increase its size to adult.	Improve pitch quality through enhanced maintenance and remedial work. Assist Brinscall Village JFC in increasing the pitch size.	Private LFA FF	Local Site	Low	S	L	Protect Enhance
280	David Lloyd Club (Chorley)	Tennis	Sports Club	Four good quality macadam courts which are available for community use but are not floodlit.	Sustain court quality through a dedicated maintenance regime.	LTA Sports Club	Local Site	Low	L	L	Protect
320	Highfield Golf Course	Golf	Private	A par 30, 9-hole golf course with adequate ancillary facilities. There is no membership option at this site, pay and play is the only option.	Retain course and sustain quality through appropriate maintenance. Explore opportunities to increase membership.	Club England Golf	Local Site	Low	L	L	Protect
321	Oak Royal Golf & Country Club	Golf	Private	A par 36, 9-hole golf course with adequate ancillary facilities. Membership at this site has declined in recent years.	Retain course and sustain quality through appropriate maintenance. Explore opportunities to increase membership.	Club England Golf	Local Site	Low	L	L	Protect
322	Shaw Hill Golf Club	Golf	Private	A par 72, 18-hole golf course with adequate ancillary facilities.	Retain course and sustain quality through appropriate maintenance. Explore opportunities to increase membership.	Club England Golf	Local Site	Low	L	L	Protect

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Sport	Analysis area	Current picture (MES ²⁶)	Future picture (2036 ²⁷)
Football (grass pitches)	West	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Adult pitches are overplayed by 1 MES per week ◀ Youth 11v11 pitches are at capacity ◀ Youth 9v9 pitches are played to capacity ◀ Mini 7v7 pitches are overplayed by 1.5 MES per week ◀ Mini 5v5 pitches have spare capacity of 1 match equivalent session per week 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Adult pitches are overplayed by 1 MES per week ◀ Youth 11v11 pitches are overplayed by 2 MES per week ◀ Youth 9v9 pitches are overplayed by 0.5 MES per week ◀ Mini 7v7 pitches are overplayed by 2 MES per week ◀ Mini 5v5 pitches have spare capacity of 1 match equivalent session per week
Football (3G pitches) ²⁸	Chorley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Shortfall of 4 full sized 3G pitches for team training 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Shortfall of 5 full sized 3G pitches for team training
Rugby union (senior pitches)	Chorley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Senior pitches are at capacity ◀ Mini pitches are at capacity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Senior pitches are at capacity ◀ Mini pitches are at capacity
Rugby league (senior pitches)	Chorley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Senior pitches are overplayed by 4.5 MES ◀ Junior pitches are at capacity ◀ Mini pitches are at capacity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Senior pitches are overplayed by five MES ◀ Junior pitches are overplayed by 0.5 MES ◀ Mini pitches are overplayed by 0.5 MES
Cricket	West	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Shortfall of 24 match equivalent sessions per season 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Shortfall of 24 match equivalent sessions per season
Hockey	Chorley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Sufficient capacity to accommodate current level of demand. There is a need to resurface poor quality pitches meaning that other pitches should be retained as hockey suitable surfaces in the meantime. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Sufficient capacity to accommodate current level of demand. There is a need to resurface poor quality pitches meaning that other pitches should be retained as hockey suitable surfaces in the meantime.
Tennis courts	Chorley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Although there are a sufficient supply of courts at all club sites across Chorley; there is a need to utilise the spare capacity on non-club community available courts to actualise substantial amounts of latent demand. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Although there are a sufficient supply of courts at all club sites across Chorley; there is a need to utilise the spare capacity on non-club community available courts to actualise substantial amounts of latent demand.

²⁶ Match equivalent sessions

²⁷ Future demand based on ONS calculations and club consultation which also includes any latent and displaced demand identified.

²⁸ Based on accommodating 38 teams to one full size pitch for affiliated team training.

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Bowling greens	Chorley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Spare capacity for an additional 265 participants. Greater utilisation of unused greens is needed to relieve overplay at some sites. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Spare capacity to accommodate increased levels of demand, with capacity for 201 participants. Greater utilisation of unused greens is needed to relieve overplay at some sites.
Athletics	Chorley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ There is insufficient supply to meet current and future levels of demand 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ There is insufficient supply to meet current and future levels of demand
Cycling	Chorley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Demand can be met with retained level of access 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Demand can be met with retained level of access
Golf	Chorley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Demand can be met with retained level of access 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Demand can be met with retained level of access

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175	Astley Village Playing Field	Football	Parish Council	One standard quality adult pitch which has actual spare capacity of one match equivalent session per week.	Sustain pitch quality through more regular enhanced maintenance and remedial work as required.	Parish Council LFA FF	Local Site	Low	S	L	Protect Enhance
177	Bishop Rawstone C of E Language College	Football	Education	Three standard quality youth 11v11 pitches which have spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure. Pitches are available and used by the community.	Sustain and improve pitch quality through more regular enhanced maintenance and remedial work to better sustain levels of school and community use. Pursue security of tenure for any future users via community use agreement.	Education LFA FF	Key Centre	Low	S	L	Protect Enhance
		Football		One good quality full size floodlit 3G pitch which is available for community use and is FA certified.	Sustain pitch quality through appropriate maintenance and seek to maximise usage, particularly for matches. Ensure FA testing every three years so that the pitch remains suitable for match play. Ensure a sinking fund is in place for long-term sustainability.	Education LFA FF		Low	S - L	L	
		Tennis		Four standard quality macadam courts which are available for community use but are not floodlit.	Prolong court lifespan through a robust maintenance plan. Explore potential options to increase community usage by creating a more efficient court accessing system such as Clubspark in order to actualise latent demand.	LTA Education		Low	S	L	
178	Bretherton Cricket Club	Cricket	Sports Club	A good quality grass cricket square with six wickets accompanied by an NTP. Square has actual spare capacity at peak time to accommodate one additional senior team. Site is owned by Bretherton CC.	Sustain square quality through dedicated levels of maintenance and remedial work. Utilise actual spare capacity to alleviate identified overplay.	Sports Club ECB	Local Site	Low	S	L	Protect
179	Bretherton Recreation Ground	Football	Parish Council	One youth 9v9 and one mini 7v7 pitch both of which are poor quality. The youth 9v9 pitch is overplayed by 0.5 match equivalent sessions per week, whilst the mini 7v7 pitch has spare capacity retained to protect pitch quality.	Improve pitch quality through enhanced levels of dedicated maintenance in order to alleviate minimal levels of overplay.	Parish Council LFA FF	Local Site	Low	S	L	Enhance
		Bowls	Sports Club	One standard quality bowling green which is managed by Bretherton BC. The green has minimal capacity for additional demand.	Look to improve green quality through enhanced levels of maintenance.	Sports Club BCGBA		Low	M	L	
		Tennis	Parish Council	One poor quality macadam court which is available for community use but is not floodlit.	Seek to improve court quality through resurfacing. Explore potential options to increase community usage by creating a more efficient court accessing system such as Clubspark in order to actualise latent demand.	LTA Chorley Council		Low	S	L	

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183	Buckshaw Primary School, Chancery Road	Football	Education	One standard quality mini 7v7 pitch which has spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure. Pitch is available for community use but is currently unused.	Improve quality to better sustain curricular and extra curricular demand.	Education LFA FF	Local Site	Low	S	L	Enhance
185	Buckshaw Village Trinity CofE Primary School	Football	Education	One standard quality mini 7v7 pitch which has spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure. Pitch is available for community use but is currently unused.	Improve quality to better sustain curricular and extra curricular demand.	Education LFA FF	Local Site	Low	S	L	Enhance
186	Chancery Road Pony Field (Derian House)	Football	Community Organisation	Three standard quality mini 7v7 pitches which have actual spare capacity of three match equivalent sessions per week. Pitches are currently unused by the community.	Sustain quality and retain as current use. Utilise actual spare capacity via the transfer of demand from overplayed sites or through future demand.	Sports Club LFA FF	Local Site	Low	S	L	Protect
192	Chorley Rugby Union Club	Rugby union	Sports Club	The nominal home venue of Chorley RFC, the Club sold part of the site to clear outstanding debts. With excess funds the Club commenced work to redevelop the site, including the clubhouse facility. There were aspirations to install a WR compliant 3G pitch on site. Development work was scheduled to take one year but has taken three years to date with progress appearing to have halted. Chorley RFC is proposed to have a five year lease the site from Chorley Community Trust on a five year rolling lease agreement, with five years notice required for termination once the site is in operation. The site previously hosted two senior pitches however these have been sold and built on with no mitigation to date.	Given the sites proximity to the Council's hub site development at West Way Playing Field and the likely level of use generated by the Club, then a 3G pitch on site is unlikely to be sustainable. The terms of the Club's lease agreement are not fully clear, nor is the reason why site developments have halted. Ensure the club has secure tenure on the site. A more sustainable solution for the site would be to re-establish two senior grass rugby union pitch with appropriate ancillary provision. Ensure the two lost senior rugby union pitches are mitigated.	Sports Club RFU Chorley Council	Local	Medium	M	M	Provide
201	Croston Black Horse	Bowls	Commercial	One good quality bowling green. The site is the home venue of Croston Black Horse BC and is overplayed by 25 members.	Sustain the quality of the green by continuing with the current maintenance regime. Consider relocating some demand to sites with capacity to reduce current levels of overplay. Possible use of Croston Bowling Club would be suitable.	Commercial BCGBA	Local Site	Low	L	L	Protect
202	Croston Bowling Club	Bowls	Sports Club	One good quality bowling green. Croston BC has folded but the green continues to be managed. No clubs are currently based at the site.	Sustain the quality of the green by continuing with the current maintenance regime. Continue to make the green available for community use, accommodating demand from overplayed sites.	Sports Club BCGBA	Local Site	Low	L	L	Protect
205	Eccleston Cricket Club	Cricket	Sports Club	A good quality grass cricket square with eight wickets accompanied by an NTP. Square has minimal spare capacity which is not enough to accommodate any additional senior demand. Site is owned by Eccleston CC. The Club report issues with outfield drainage.	Sustain square quality through dedicated levels of maintenance and remedial work. Explore the feasibility of improving outfield drainage. Assist the Club in acquiring additional training facilities.	Sports Club ECB	Local Site	Low	S	L	Protect Provide Enhance

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206	Eccleston Recreation Ground	Football	Parish Council	Two adult and one mini 7v7 pitch all of which are standard quality. Adult pitches are played to capacity whereas the mini 7v7 pitch has actual spare capacity of one match equivalent session per week.	Sustain pitch quality through enhanced levels of dedicated maintenance as required. Utilise actual spare capacity via the transfer of demand from overplayed sites or through future demand.	Parish Council LFA FF	Local Site	Low	S	L	Protect
207	Eccleston St Mary's C E Primary School	Football	Education	One standard quality youth 9v9 pitch which played to capacity. Pitch is available and used by the community.	Improve quality to better sustain curricular and extra curricular demand.	Education LFA FF	Local Site	Low	S	L	Enhance
208	Euxton Cricket Club	Cricket	Sports Club	A standard quality grass cricket square with 12 wickets. Square is overplayed by 13 match equivalent session per season. Site is owned by Euxton CC. The Club report a need for additional training facilities. The Club has also registered interest with the LCF to develop ancillary facilities.	Improve square quality through and enhanced maintenance, remedial and preparatory regime. Assist the Club in acquiring additional training facilities. Explore potential funding streams to improve poor quality ancillary facilities.	Sports Club ECB	Local Site	L - M	S	M	Protect Provide Enhance
214	Greenside Recreation Field	Football	Parish Council	One youth 9v9, one mini 7v7 pitch and one mini 5v5 pitch all of which are standard quality. The mini 5v5 and youth 9v9 pitch has actual spare capacity of one match equivalent session per week, whereas, the mini 7v7 pitch is played to capacity at peak time.	Sustain pitch quality through enhanced levels of dedicated maintenance as required. Utilise actual spare capacity via the transfer of demand from overplayed sites or through future demand.	Parish Council LFA FF	Local Site	Low	S	L	Protect Enhance
221	Jim Fowlers Memorial Ground (Euxton Villa FC)	Football	Sports Club	Two standard quality adult pitches and one youth 9v9 and mini 7v7 pitch which are both poor quality. One adult pitch is suitable for Step 7 football. Adult pitches are overplayed by two match equivalent sessions per week, the youth 9v9 is overplayed by 1.5 match equivalent sessions per week and the mini 7v7 is overplayed by 5.5 match equivalent sessions per week. Site is used by Euxton Villa FC which have aspirations for a full size floodlit 3G pitch and to acquire additional land to create more pitches. Youth 9v9 pitch suffers from poor drainage. Maintenance equipment need upgrading.	Improve pitch quality through enhanced maintenance and remedial work. Explore the feasibility of improving poor drainage in order to alleviate overplay. Explore the feasibility of developing a full size 3G pitch. Assist Euxton Villa FC in upgrading its current maintenance equipment. Explore the feasibility of assisting Euxton Villa FC in acquiring additional land to create more pitches in order to alleviate overplay. Ensure ancillary facilities and playing provision is suitable for Step 7 football. Examine the requirements needed for the Club to progress through the football pyramid.	Sports Club FF LFA	Local Site	High	S - L	L- H	Protect Enhance Provide
226	Mawdesley Cricket Club (Rectory Field)	Cricket	Sports Club	A standard quality grass cricket square with six wickets. The square is overplayed by 29 match equivalent sessions per season. Mawdesley CC has a 25 year lease on the provision from the Blackburn Diocese. The Club report issues with outfield drainage. Site is accompanied by poor quality ancillary facilities. The Club report a need for additional training facilities.	Improve square quality through and enhanced maintenance, remedial and preparatory regime. Explore potential funding streams to improve poor quality ancillary facilities. Explore the feasibility of improving outfield drainage. Explore the feasibility of obtaining practice facilities. Alleviate overplay through the transferral of demand to a site with sufficient spare capacity.	Sports Club ECB	Local Site	Low	S	M	Protect Provide Enhance

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227	Mawdesley Hall	Bowls	Community Organisation	One good quality bowling green. The site is the home venue of Mawdesley BC and is overplayed by 29 members.	Sustain the quality of the green by continuing with the current maintenance regime. Relocate some demand away from the site to reduce the current level of overplay.	Community Organisation BCGBA	Local Site	Low	L	L	Protect Provide
		Tennis	Sports Club	Four good quality artificial courts which are available for community use and are floodlit. Site is used by Mawdesley TC. The Club has aspirations to create additional provision in land adjacent to the current facilities.	Sustain good court quality through a dedicated maintenance regime. Utilise spare capacity to accommodate future and latent demand. Explore the feasibility of creating additional courts.	LTA Sports Club		Low	S - L	L - M	
242	Twin Lakes, Croston	Football	Parish Council	One poor quality adult pitch which has actual spare capacity of one match equivalent session per week. Croston JFC report wanting to improve the quality of the pitch which is currently unused.	Improve pitch quality through more regular enhanced maintenance and remedial work.	Parish Council Sports Club LFA FF	Local Site	Low	S	L	Enhance
250	Wymott Bowling Club	Bowls	Other	One good quality bowling green. The site is the home venue of Wymott BC which has 40 members, meaning that the site has ample capacity to accommodate additional demand.	Sustain the quality of the green by continuing with the current maintenance regime.	Chorley Council BCGBA	Local Site	Low	L	L	Protect
281	Eccleston The Green	Bowls	Community Organisation	One good quality bowling green. The site is managed by Eccleston BC and accommodates demand from both the Club and St Agnes BC. The green is overplayed by 61 participants.	Sustain the quality of the green by continuing with the current maintenance regime. There is a need for the demand on site to access a second green. Relocation of some of this demand is imperative to prevent a decline in green quality.	Community Organisation BCGBA	Local Site	Medium	S	L	Protect
293	Croston Subscription Bowling Club	Bowls	Sports Club	One good quality bowling green. The site is the home venue of Croston Subscription BC which has 45 members, meaning that the site has ample capacity to accommodate additional demand.	Sustain the quality of the green by continuing with the current maintenance regime.	Sports Club BCGBA	Local Site	Low	L	L	Protect

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PART 8: PRESTON ACTION PLAN

North East Analysis Area headline findings

Sport	Analysis area	Current picture (MES ³¹)	Future picture (2036 ³²)
Football (grass pitches)	North East	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Adult pitches are at capacity ◀ Youth 11v11 pitches are overplayed by 1 MES per week ◀ Youth 9v9 pitches are at capacity ◀ Mini 7v7 pitches are overplayed by 0.5 MES per week ◀ Mini 5v5 pitches are at capacity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Adult pitches are at capacity ◀ Youth 11v11 pitches are overplayed by 1 MES per week ◀ Youth 9v9 pitches are at capacity ◀ Mini 7v7 pitches are overplayed by 0.5 MES per week ◀ Mini 5v5 pitches are at capacity
Football (3G pitches) ³³	Preston	◀ Shortfall of 2 full sized 3G pitches for team training	◀ Shortfall of 2 full sized 3G pitches for team training
Rugby union (senior pitches)	Preston	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Senior pitches at capacity ◀ Spare capacity of one MES on mini pitches 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Senior pitches at capacity ◀ Spare capacity of one MES on mini pitches
Rugby league (senior pitches)	Preston	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Senior pitches are at capacity ◀ Junior pitches are at capacity ◀ Mini pitches are at capacity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Senior pitches are at capacity ◀ Junior pitches are at capacity ◀ Mini pitches are at capacity
Cricket	North East	◀ Shortfall of 20 match equivalent sessions per season	◀ Shortfall of 30 match equivalent sessions per season
Hockey	Preston	◀ There is capacity in Preston to accommodate current demand; however, the pitch at Preston Sports Club does need resurfacing meaning that all hockey suitable AGPs should be retained.	◀ Demand can be met by current provision; particularly with Garstang HC relocating to Wyre District, increasing the amount of available capacity.
Tennis courts	Preston	◀ Although there are a sufficient supply of courts at all club sites across Preston; there is a need to utilise the spare capacity on non-club community available courts to actualise substantial amounts of latent demand.	◀ Although there are a sufficient supply of courts at all club sites across Preston; there is a need to utilise the spare capacity on non-club community available courts to actualise substantial amounts of latent demand.
Bowling greens	Preston	◀ Shortfall of capacity for 44 participants.	◀ Shortfall of capacity for 76 participants.

³¹ Match equivalent sessions

³² Future demand based on ONS calculations and club consultation which also includes any latent and displaced demand identified.

³³ Based on accommodating 38 teams to one full size pitch for affiliated team training.

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Sport	Analysis area	Current picture (MES ³¹)	Future picture (2036 ³²)
Athletics	Preston	◀ There is sufficient supply to meet current levels of demand	◀ There is a need to access additional provision to cater for future levels of demand
Cycling	Preston	◀ Demand can be met with retained level of access	◀ Demand can be met with retained level of access
Golf	Preston	◀ Demand can be met with retained level of access	◀ Demand can be met with retained level of access

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Site ID	Site	Sport	Management	Current status	Recommended actions	Lead Partners	Site hierarchy tier	Priority	Timescales ³⁴	Cost ³⁵	Aim
1	Archbishop Temple High School	Football	Education	One poor quality youth 11v11 pitch which is currently played to capacity. Pitch is available for community use but is unused. Pitch suffers from poor drainage.	Improve pitch quality through more regular enhanced maintenance and remedial work to better sustain levels of school and community use. Pursue security of tenure for any future users via community use agreement.	Education LFA FF	Local Site	Low	S	L	Protect Enhance
		Cricket	Education	A good quality grass cricket square with four wickets. The square is available for community use but is currently unused. The square has potential spare capacity to accommodate two senior teams at peak time, however, this is discounted due to unsecure tenure.	Sustain square quality through dedicated levels of maintenance and remedial work.	ECB Education		Low	L	L	
		Rugby union	Education	One senior pitch of poor quality with adequate natural drainage. This pitch is currently played to capacity through curricular and extra-curricular use.	Improve quality by increasing the maintenance regime, to better sustain curricular and extra curricular demand.	Rugby Union Education		Low	S	L	
		Tennis	Education	Seven poor quality macadam courts which are not floodlit and are unavailable for community use.	Seek to improve court quality through resurfacing.	LTA Education		Low	S	L	
6	Barton St Lawrence C of E Primary School	Football	Education	Two standard quality mini 7v7 pitches which have spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure. Pitches are available for community use but are currently unused.	Improve quality to better sustain curricular and extra curricular demand.	Education LFA FF	Local Site	Low	S	L	Enhance
13	Corpus Christi Catholic High School	Football	Education	One standard quality youth 11v11 pitch which has spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure. Pitch is available and used by the community.	Sustain pitch quality through regular enhanced maintenance and remedial work to better sustain levels of school and community use. Pursue security of tenure for any future users via community use agreement.	Education LFA FF	Local Site	High	S	L	Protect Provide Enhance
		Football	Education	One full size floodlit poor quality 3G pitch. Pitch is not FA certified and is available for community use. Floodlights are restricted to 8:30pm.	As a priority, explore funding options to refurbish the pitch in order to gain FA certification. Once achieved maximise for competitive use to reduce shortfalls on grass pitches. Encourage the provider to establish a mechanism for long-term sustainability such as a sinking fund.	Community Organisation EH Sports Club		High	S	H	
		Tennis	Education	Four poor quality macadam courts which are not floodlit and are unavailable for community use.	Seek to improve court quality through resurfacing.	LTA Education		High	S	L	

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18	Fulwood & Broughton Cricket Club	Cricket	Sports Club	A good quality grass cricket square with 10 wickets accompanied by an NTP. The square is currently overplayed by 20 match equivalent sessions per season. Site is owned by Fulwood & Broughton CC. The Club is working with the LCF in developing an additional square on the site. As part of further developments, it has plans to create additional training facilities and increase clubhouse and carparking.	Sustain square quality through dedicated levels of maintenance and remedial work. Assist Fulwood & Broughton CC in developing its facilities including the development of a second square, additional training facilities, increase in clubhouse and carparking. Ensure the any provision created alleviate current levels of overplay and can accommodate the club's future demand.	Sports Club ECB	Local Site	High	S-M	M-H	Protect Provide Enhance
22	Goosnargh Village Football Club	Football	Sports Club	One poor quality adult pitch which has spare capacity retained to protect pitch quality.	Improve pitch quality through more regular enhanced maintenance and remedial work.	Sports Club FF LFA	Local Site	Low	S	L	Enhance
24	Grange Primary School	Hockey	Education	One standard quality smaller sized hockey suitable AGP which is floodlit and available for community use.	Sustain quality and for community use.	Education LFA FF	Local Site	Low	L	L	Protect
29	Grimsargh Green	Cricket	Sports Club	A standard quality grass cricket square with seven wickets accompanied by an NTP. The square is overplayed by 17 match equivalent sessions per season. Site is used by Grimsargh CC which has secure tenure through a lease from Preston City Council. The Club report issues with outfield drainage and report a need for additional training facilities.	Sustain square quality through dedicated levels of maintenance and remedial work. Explore greater utilisation of the NTP to alleviate overplay. Assist the Club in acquiring additional training facilities. Explore the feasibility of improving outfield drainage.	Sports Club ECB	Local Site	Medium	S	L	Protect Provide Enhance
40	Kennington Primary School	Football	Education	Two standard quality youth 9v9 pitches which have spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure. Pitches are available for community use but are unused.	Improve quality to better sustain curricular and extra curricular demand.	Education LFA FF	Local Site	Low	S	L	Enhance
53	Preston City High School	Tennis	Education	Three poor quality macadam courts which are not floodlit and are unavailable for community use.	Seek to improve court quality through resurfacing.	LTA Education	Local Site	Low	S	L	Enhance
54	Preston College	Football	Education	One full size floodlit standard quality 3G pitch which is FA certified and available for community use.	Sustain pitch quality through appropriate maintenance and seek to maximise competitive usage. Ensure FA testing every three years so that the pitch remains suitable for match play. Ensure a sinking fund is in place for long-term sustainability.	Education LFA FF	Key Centre	Low	S - L	L	Protect
79	Sherwood Park	Football	Preston City Council	One youth 11v11, one youth 9v9 and one mini 7v7 pitch all of which are poor quality. Mini pitch is overplayed by 0.5 match sessions per week, whereas, the youth 11v11 pitch is overplayed by one match session per week. The youth 9v9 pitch is played to capacity. Pitches have recently been licenced to Cadley FC and suffer from drainage issues. Site does not have changing facilities.	Improve pitch quality through either enhanced levels of maintenance or implementation of a drainage system based upon strategic evidence (For example a Pitch Improvement Programme Report)	University LFA FF	Local Site	High	S	L	Enhance

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83	Whittingham & Goosnargh Cricket Club	Cricket	Private	A good quality grass cricket square with nine wickets accompanied by an NTP. Potential spare capacity of to accommodate one additional senior team. Square is rented by Whittingham & Goosnargh CC from Health Authority (Crown Property) and has unsecure tenure. The Club report a need for additional training facilities.	Sustain square quality through dedicated levels of maintenance and remedial work. Explore the feasibility of formalising security of tenure for Whittle and Clayton-le-Wood CC. Assist the Club in acquiring additional training facilities.	Private Sports Club ECB	Local Site	Medium	S	M	Protect Provide
83	Whittingham & Goosnargh Cricket Club	Bowls	Sports Club	One poor quality bowling green. The site is managed and maintained by Whittingham & Goosnargh BC and is overplayed by 20 participants.	Improve green quality through enhanced levels of maintenance and retain as current use. Relocate some demand to alternative sites to reduce the amount of overplay.	Sports Club BCGBA	Local Site	Medium	S	L	Enhance
278	Millennium Field	Football	Sports Club	The Council has signed a 25 year licence for Longsands Lynx JFC to use the site. The Club reports there will be two youth 11v11 pitches over marked by two youth 9v9 pitches for the start of the 2018/19 season.	Assist Longsands Lynx FC in developing additional football pitches on site.	Sports Club LFA FF	Local Site	Low	S	L	Provide
286	Barton & Myerscough Tennis Club	Bowls	Sports Club	One good quality bowling green. The site is the home venue of Barton BC and is overplayed by 28 participants.	Sustain green quality and retain for community use. Relocate some demand to alternative sites to reduce the amount of overplay.	Sports Club BCGBA	Local Site	Low	L	L	Protect Enhance
		Tennis	Parish Council	Two good quality macadam courts which are available for community use and are floodlit. Site is used by Barton & Myerscough TC which report aspirations to refurbish current floodlighting. Courts have capacity to accommodate additional demand.	Sustain good court quality through a dedicated maintenance regime. Explore the feasibility of refurbishing floodlighting. Utilise spare capacity to accommodate future and latent demand.	LTA Parish Council Sports Club		Low	S - L	L - M	
289	The Fulwood Club	Bowls	Community Organisation	One good quality bowling green. Home to Fulwood BC the site has minimal spare capacity for additional demand.	Sustain green quality and retain for community use.	Community Organisation BCGBA	Local Site	Low	L	L	Protect
294	Lonsdale Club	Bowls	Community Organisation	One standard quality bowling green. The site is the home venue of Lonsdale BC and is overplayed by 61 participants.	Improve green quality through enhanced maintenance. The Club requires access to a second green to accommodate current demand levels. Relocate some demand to alternative venues to reduce the amount of overplay.	Community Organisation BCGBA	Local Site	Low	M	L	Protect
312	Whitechapel & Inglewhite	Bowls	Sports Club	One poor quality bowling green. Home to Whitechapel & Inglewhite BC the site has minimal spare capacity for additional demand.	Improve green quality through enhanced levels of maintenance and retain for current use.	Sports Club BCGBA	Local Site	Low	S	L	Enhance
313	Fulwood Tennis Club	Tennis	Sports Club	Four good quality artificial courts which are available for community use and are floodlit. Site is used by Fulwood TC. Courts have capacity to accommodate additional demand.	Sustain good court quality through a dedicated maintenance regime. Utilise spare capacity to accommodate future and latent demand.	LTA Sports Club	Local Site	Low	L	L	Protect

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314	Goosnargh Tennis Club	Tennis	Sports Club	Two poor quality macadam courts which are available community use and are floodlit. Site is used by Goosnargh TC. Courts have capacity to accommodate additional demand.	Seek to improve court quality through resurfacing. Explore potential options to increase community usage by creating a more efficient court accessing systems such as Clubspark in order to actualise latent demand.	LTA Sports Club	Local Site	Low	S	L	Enhance
325	Fishwick Hall Golf Club	Golf	Private	The course is a par 70, 18-hole golf course with adequate ancillary facilities.	Retain course and sustain quality through appropriate maintenance. Explore opportunities to increase membership.	Club England Golf	Local Site	Low	L	L	Protect
326	Goosnargh Golf	Golf	Private	A par 35, 9-hole golf course with adequate ancillary facilities. Pay and play is the only option at this site.	Retain course and sustain quality through appropriate maintenance. Explore opportunities to increase membership.	Club England Golf	Local Site	Low	L	L	Protect
327	Preston Golf Club	Golf	Private	A par 71, 18-hole golf course with adequate ancillary facilities. These facilities include a driving range, indoor swing room and outdoor practice area.	Retain course and sustain quality through appropriate maintenance. Explore opportunities to increase membership.	Club England Golf	Local Site	Low	L	L	Protect

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Sport	Analysis area	Current picture (MES ³⁸)	Future picture (2036 ³⁹)
Football (grass pitches)	North West	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Adult pitches are overplayed by 10.5 MES per week ◀ Youth 11v11 pitches are at capacity ◀ Youth 9v9 pitches are overplayed by 0.5 MES per week ◀ Mini 7v7 pitches are at capacity ◀ Mini 5v5 pitches are at capacity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Adult pitches are overplayed by 10.5 MES per week ◀ Youth 11v11 pitches are overplayed by 0.5 MES per week ◀ Youth 9v9 pitches are overplayed by 0.5 MES per week ◀ Mini 7v7 pitches are at capacity ◀ Mini 5v5 pitches are 3 are overplayed by 3 MES per week
Football (3G pitches) ⁴⁰	Preston	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Shortfall of 2 full sized 3G pitches for team training 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Shortfall of 2 full sized 3G pitches for team training
Rugby union (senior pitches)	Preston	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Senior pitches at capacity ◀ Spare capacity of one MES on mini pitches 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Senior pitches at capacity ◀ Spare capacity of one MES on mini pitches
Rugby league (senior pitches)	Preston	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Senior pitches are at capacity ◀ Junior pitches are at capacity ◀ Mini pitches are at capacity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Senior pitches are at capacity ◀ Junior pitches are at capacity ◀ Mini pitches are at capacity
Cricket	North West	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Shortfall of 42 match equivalent sessions per season 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Shortfall of 42 match equivalent sessions per season
Hockey	Preston	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ There is capacity in Preston to accommodate current demand; however, the pitch at Preston Sports Club does need resurfacing meaning that all hockey suitable AGPs should be retained. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Demand can be met by current provision; particularly with Garstang HC relocating to Wyre District, increasing the amount of available capacity.
Tennis courts	Preston	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Although there are a sufficient supply of courts at all club sites across Preston; there is a need to utilise the spare capacity on non-club community available courts to actualise substantial amounts of latent demand. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Although there are a sufficient supply of courts at all club sites across Preston; there is a need to utilise the spare capacity on non-club community available courts to actualise substantial amounts of latent demand.
Bowling greens	Preston	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Shortfall of capacity for 44 participants. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Shortfall of capacity for 76 participants.
Athletics	Preston	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ There is sufficient supply to meet current levels of demand 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ There is a need to access additional provision to cater for future levels of demand

³⁸ Match equivalent sessions

³⁹ Future demand based on ONS calculations and club consultation which also includes any latent and displaced demand identified.

⁴⁰ Based on accommodating 38 teams to one full size pitch for affiliated team training.

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Sport	Analysis area	Current picture (MES ³⁸)	Future picture (2036 ³⁹)
Cycling	Preston	◀ Demand can be met with retained level of access	◀ Demand can be met with retained level of access
Golf	Preston	◀ Demand can be met with retained level of access	◀ Demand can be met with retained level of access

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Site ID	Site	Sport	Management	Current status	Recommended actions	Lead Partners	Site hierarchy tier	Priority	Timescales ⁴¹	Cost ⁴²	Aim
2	Ashton Community Science College	Football	Education	Two poor quality youth 11v11 pitches which are played to capacity through curricular and extracurricular activities. Pitches are not available for community use.	Improve pitch quality through more regular enhanced maintenance and remedial work to better sustain levels of school use.	Education LFA FF	Key Centre	Low	S	L	Protect Enhance
		Football		One full size floodlit good quality 3G pitch. Pitch is FA certified and available for community use.	Sustain pitch quality through appropriate maintenance and seek to maximise usage, particularly for matches. Ensure FA testing every three years so that the pitch remains suitable for match play. Ensure a sinking fund is in place for long-term sustainability.	Education LFA FF		Low	S - L	L	
		Rugby union		One junior pitch with inadequate natural drainage. This pitch is also unavailable for community use. This pitch is currently played to capacity through curricular and extra-curricular use.	Improve quality through enhanced maintenance to better sustain curricular and extra curricular demand.	Education RFU		Low	S	L	
		Tennis		Four standard quality macadam courts which are not floodlit but are available for community use.	Prolong court lifespan through a robust maintenance plan.	LTA Education		Low	M	L	
8	Broughton Business Enterprise College & High School	Football	Education	Three standard quality youth 11v11 pitches which have spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure. Pitches are available for community use but are unused.	Sustain pitch quality through regular enhanced maintenance and remedial work to better sustain levels of school and community use. Pursue security of tenure for any future users via community use agreement.	Education LFA FF	Key Centre	Low	S	L	Protect Enhance
		Cricket		A standard quality grass cricket square with five wickets accompanied by an NTP. The square is available for community use but is currently unused.	Sustain square quality through dedicated levels of maintenance and remedial work.	Education ECB		Low	L	L	
		Rugby union		One senior pitch of poor quality with adequate natural drainage. This pitch is currently played to capacity through curricular and extra-curricular use.	Improve quality by improving the maintenance regime, to better sustain curricular and extra curricular demand.	Education RFU		Low	S	L	
		Hockey		One standard quality full size hockey suitable AGP. The pitch is not floodlit nor available for community use. Pitch was created in 2015.	Retain for current use. Explore options for floodlighting to be installed and to establish community use. Ensure pitch remains as a hockey suitable surface.	Education		Low	S	H	
		Tennis		Six poor quality macadam courts which are not floodlit and are unavailable for community use.	Seek to improve court quality through resurfacing.	LTA Education		Low	S	L	

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12	Conway Drive	Football	Sports Club	One adult, two youth 9v9 and one mini 7v7 pitch all of which are good quality. The mini pitch has no actual spare capacity whereas the adult has one match equivalent session per week and the two youth 9v9 pitches have 0.5 match equivalent sessions per week. The Council has recently secured long term tenure for Cadley FC on site.	Sustain pitch quality through appropriate levels of dedicated maintenance. Progress the Conway Park masterplan to enhance the park which will improve the parks facilities and features, including, for example, improving the car parking on the site associated with football.	Sports Club LFA FF	Local Site	Medium	S	L	Protect
19	Fulwood Academy	Football	Education	One youth 11v11 and two youth 9v9 pitches all of which are good quality. No pitches have actual spare capacity at peak time. Longsands Lynx JFC has aspirations to formalise a community use agreement for the use of the pitches.	Sustain pitch quality through regular enhanced maintenance and remedial work to better sustain levels of school and community use. Pursue security of tenure for any future users via community use agreement.	Education LFA FF	Local Site	Low	S	L	Protect Enhance
		Football		One full size good quality 3G pitch which is not floodlit and is therefore unavailable for community use in the evenings. Pitch is FA certified and is available for community use at the weekend. Floodlights cannot be added due to planning restrictions.	Sustain pitch quality through appropriate maintenance and seek to maximise usage, particularly for matches. Ensure FA testing every three years so that the pitch remains suitable for match play. Ensure a sinking fund is in place for long-term sustainability.	Education LFA FF		Low	S - L	L	
		Tennis		Four poor quality macadam courts which are not floodlit and are unavailable for community use.	Seek to improve court quality through resurfacing.	LTA Education		Low	S	L	
20	Fulwood Amateurs Association Football Club	Football	Sports Club	One standard quality Step 7 adult pitch which is overplayed by one match equivalent session per week. Site also accommodates a dedicated training pitch. Site is owned by Fulwood Amateurs FC which has aspirations to sell part of the site for housing to fund the creation of a full size floodlit 3G pitch suitable for Step 7 football to replace the grass pitches.	Establish the requirements needed for the Club to progress through the football pyramid. Ensure ancillary facilities and playing provision is suitable for Step 7 football. Investigate the feasibility of creating a full size 3G pitch on site including proximity of other planned 3G in the area. If aforementioned planned 3G pitches are created there would not be a shortfall of such provision in the City.	Sports Club LFA FF	Local Site	Medium	S	L	Protect
33	Haslam Park	Tennis	Preston City Council	Three standard quality macadam courts which are well maintained. Available for community use but have no floodlighting. Third tennis court has been reinstated summer 2018.	Prolong court lifespan through a robust maintenance plan. Explore potential options to increase community usage by creating a more efficient court accessing systems such as Clubspark in order to actualise latent demand.	LTA Preston City Council	Local Site	Low	M	L	Protect

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41	King George V Playing Field, Broughton Village	Football	Preston City Council	One poor quality adult pitch which has spare capacity retained to protect pitch quality. Site is accompanied by poor quality ancillary facilities. Site is currently unused and is considered to low value in terms of current contribution to formal pitch supply.	Determine future use of the site based on the following priority order of options: 1) Retain/allocate site as strategic reserve. 2) Explore feasibility of asset transfer, lease or licence to a suitable stakeholder to maintain as sporting provision. 3) Use as open space to meet local needs.	Preston City Council LFA FF	Local Site	Low	S	L	Protect
46	Mill Lane Playing Field	Football	Preston City Council	One poor quality adult pitch which is played to capacity. Site is accompanied by standard quality ancillary facilities.	Improve pitch quality through enhanced levels of dedicated maintenance.	Preston City Council LFA FF	Local Site	Low	S	L	Enhance
50	Our Lady & St. Edward's Catholic Primary School	Football	Education	Two poor quality mini 7v7 pitches which are unavailable for community use.	Improve quality to better sustain curricular and extra curricular demand.	Education LFA FF	Local Site	Low	S	L	Enhance
51	Our Lady's RC High School	Football	Education	Two youth 11v11 and one youth 9v9 pitch all of which are poor quality. All pitches are played to capacity. Pitches are available for community use but are currently unused.	Improve pitch quality through more regular enhanced maintenance and remedial work to better sustain levels of school and community use. Pursue security of tenure for any future users via community use agreement.	Education LFA FF	Local Site	Low	S	L	Protect Enhance
		Cricket		A standard quality grass cricket square with four wickets accompanied by an NTP. Square is available for community use but is currently unused. The square has potential spare capacity to accommodate two senior teams at peak time, however, this is discounted due to unsecure tenure.	Sustain square quality through dedicated levels of maintenance and remedial work.			Education ECB	Low	L	
56	Preston Grasshoppers RFC	Rugby union Football	Sports Club	One full size floodlit good quality 3G pitch. Pitch is both World Rugby and FA certified. It is fully available for community use.	Sustain pitch quality through appropriate maintenance and seek to maximise usage, particularly for matches. Ensure a sinking fund is in place for long-term sustainability. Encourage use by Leyland Warriors RFC for training, to reduce overplay at the Club's home venue.	Sports Club RFU	Key Centre	Medium	S	L	Protect Enhance
		Rugby union		Three good quality (M2/D3) mini pitches, one good quality (M2/D1) junior pitch and three senior pitches; two good quality (M2/D1), of which, one is floodlit, and one standard quality (M2/D0) and floodlit. No peak capacity on the senior and junior pitches. The mini pitches have one match equivalent session of actual spare capacity during per week. Part of the car park is being sold to raise funds for the modernisation and refurbishment of changing provision.	Sustain pitch quality by continuing with the enhanced levels of dedicated maintenance as required. Explore funding options to improve poor quality and increasing the number of changing rooms and clubhouse improvements / extension. Utilise actual spare capacity via the transfer of demand from overplayed sites or through future demand.			Sports Club RFU	Medium	S - L	

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		Cricket		A standard quality grass cricket square with three wickets accompanied by an NTP. Square is overplayed by 25 match equivalent sessions per season. Square is rented by Ingol CC, Barton Grange CC which have unsecure tenure.	Improve square quality through and enhanced maintenance, remedial and preparatory regime. Explore formalising a lease arrangement for the Club. Explore greater utilisation of the NTP to alleviate overplay.	Sports Club ECB		Medium	S - M	L - M	
59	Preston Sports Arena (UCLAN)	Football	University	Six adult and one youth 9v9 pitch all of which are good quality. The adult pitches are overplayed by 10.5 match equivalent sessions per week, whereas, the youth 9v9 pitch is overplayed by one match equivalent session per week. Preston North End FC is enquiring about purchasing two football pitches for its youth academy.	Sustain quality and retain as current use. Alleviate overplay through the transfer of demand to sites with actual spare capacity. Explore the feasibility of losing two football pitches.	University Sports Club LFA FF	Hub Site	High	S	L	Protect Provide Enhance
		Football Rugby Union		One full size floodlit good quality 3G pitch. Pitch is FA and WR certified.	Sustain pitch quality through appropriate maintenance and seek to maximise usage, particularly for matches. Ensure the pitch retains its FA certification. Ensure sinking fund is in place for future resurfacing/refurbishment.	University RFU LFA FF		High	S	L - M	
		Rugby union		Two good quality (M2/D1) senior pitches which are not floodlit. Spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure and dual use with football.	Sustain good quality through appropriate levels of maintenance and retain as current use.	University RFU		High	L	L	
		Rugby league		A good quality senior size pitch with good quality ancillary provision. The pitch is currently played to capacity through match and training demand from UCLAN RLFC. However, the pitch is dual use with senior football which is used by UCLAN teams for matches and training.	Sustain good quality through appropriate levels of maintenance and retain as current use.	University RFL		High	L	L	
		Hockey		Two full size and seven small sized floodlit hockey suitable AGPs all of which are good quality and available for community use. Full size pitches are used by UCLAN HC and Fulwood HC. Demand from Garstang HC relocated from the start of the 2018/19 into neighbouring authority of Wyre. There is current spare capacity to accommodate additional teams.	Convert the small sized hockey suitable AGPs to 3G to encourage greater utilisation. Consider reconfiguring the pitches to change them from six 5v5 size and a 7v7 to three 7v7 size 3G pitches. Retain at least one full sized hockey suitable AGP for both university and community demand. However, both should be retained whilst the AGP at Preston Sports Club is improved. Sustain the quality of all the pitches by continuing with the current maintenance regime. Ensure sinking funds are in place for future resurfacing/refurbishment.	University EH LFA FF		High	M	H	
		Cycling		A closed road cycling circuit which can be used instead of cycle pathways or roads.	Sustain quality through appropriate maintenance and retain as current use.	British Cycling University		High	L	L	

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		Athletics		One standard quality eight lane, 400m track that is fully floodlit. Site also caters for all field events including throwing events and jumping events. Track is rented to Preston Harriers on an annual basis. The Club report the track is in need of replacement and would like access to more ancillary provision.	Sustain track quality through relevant maintenance. Explore potential funding streams to refurbish the track when required. Explore the feasibility of creating purpose built ancillary facilities for Preston Harriers to utilise.	University EA Sports Club		High	S - M	L - M	
		Tennis		Four good quality macadam courts which are floodlit and available for community use. Site is used by Springfields TC.	Sustain good court quality through a dedicated maintenance regime.	LTA University		High	L	L	
66	Springfields Sports Ground	Football	Sports Club	Three good quality adult pitches which are no available for community use. Pitches are the training venue for Preston North End FC.	No action required.	Sports Club LFA FF	Local Site	Low	L	L	Protect
76	Station Lane	Football	Preston City Council	One poor quality adult pitch which has spare capacity retained to protect its quality. Site is accompanied by standard quality changing rooms. Site is currently unused and is considered to low value in terms of current contribution to formal pitch supply.	Determine future use of the site based on the following priority order of options: 1) Retain/allocate site as strategic reserve. 2) Explore feasibility of asset transfer, lease or licence to a suitable stakeholder to maintain as sporting provision. 3) Use as open space to meet local needs.	Preston City Council LFA FF	Local Site	Low	S	L	Protect
77	Tanterton Playing Fields	Football	Preston City Council	Two poor quality adult pitches which have spare capacity. Site is accompanied by standard quality ancillary facilities. Site is used by one team from Tanterton FC.	Improve pitch quality through enhanced levels of dedicated maintenance and consider re-designation of one pitch to better service demand.	Preston City Council LFA FF Sports Club	Local Site	Low	S	L	Protect
80	Playfootball (Preston)	Football	Commercial	Three standard quality smaller sized 3G pitches which are available for community use and are floodlit.	Sustain quality and retain as current use. Ensure sinking funds are in place for future resurfacing/refurbishment.	Commercial FF LFA	Local Site	Low	L	L	Protect Enhance
		Tennis	Sports Club	Three poor quality macadam courts which are available for community use and are floodlit. Site is used by Tulketh Community TC which report onsite ancillary facilities to be poor quality.	Seek to improve court quality through resurfacing. Explore the feasibility of improving poor quality ancillary facilities.	LTA Sports Club		Low	S - M	L - M	
290	Broughton & District Club	Bowls	Sports Club	One good quality bowling green. The site is the home venue of Broughton & District BC and is overplayed by 24 participants.	Sustain green quality by continuing with the current maintenance regime. Relocate some demand to reduce current levels of overplay.	Sports Club BCGBA	Local Site	Low	L	L	Protect
		Tennis		Five good quality macadam courts which are available for community use and are floodlit. Site is used by Broughton & District Club. Courts have capacity to accommodate minimal additional demand.	Sustain good court quality through a dedicated maintenance regime. Utilise spare capacity to accommodate future and latent demand.	LTA Sports Club		Low	L	L	
291	Catforth Village Hall	Bowls	Preston City Council	One good quality bowling green. There is some capacity on site for additional demand.	Sustain green quality and retain as current use.	Preston City Council BCGBA	Local Site	Low	L	L	Protect

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295	Salwick Social Club	Bowls	Community Organisation	One standard quality bowling green. The site is overplayed by three participants, but this is considered manageable.	Look to improve green quality through enhanced levels of maintenance and retain as current use. Monitor green quality and membership numbers to ensure that green quality does not decline as a result of increased overplay.	Community Organisation BCGBA	Local Site	Low	M	L	Protect
296	Woodplumpton & District Tennis Club	Bowls	Sports Club	One poor quality bowling green. The site is overplayed by two participants, but this is considered manageable.	Improve green quality through enhanced levels of maintenance and retain as current use. Monitor green quality and membership numbers to ensure that green quality does not decline as a result of increased overplay.	Sports Club BCGBA	Local Site	Low	S	L	Protect Enhance
		Tennis		Two good quality macadam courts which are available for community use and are floodlit. Site is used by Woodplumpton TC. Courts have capacity to accommodate additional demand.	Sustain good court quality through a dedicated maintenance regime. Utilise spare capacity to accommodate future and latent demand.	LTA Sports Club		Low	L	L	
308	St. Martins Hall	Bowls	Community Organisation	One standard quality bowling green. There is minimal capacity on site for additional demand.	Look to improve green quality through enhanced levels of maintenance and retain as current use.	Community Organisation BCGBA	Local Site	Low	M	L	Protect
309	Lea Bowling Club	Bowls	Sports Club	One standard quality bowling green. There is some capacity on site for additional demand.	Look to improve green quality through enhanced levels of maintenance and retain as current use.	Sports Club BCGBA	Local Site	Low	M	L	Protect
310	Parkfield Labour Club	Bowls	Community Organisation	One poor quality bowling green. The site is overplayed by 34 participants with Parkfield Labour BC being the resident club.	Improve green quality through enhanced levels of maintenance. Relocate some demand to an alternative venue.	Community Organisation BCGBA	Local Site	Low	S	L	Enhance
311	Moor Park Sports & Social Club (Formerly Fulwood Conservative Club)	Bowls	Community Organisation	Two good quality bowling greens. The site is the home venue of Moor Park BC, St Anthony's BC and St Gregory's BC; and is subsequently overplayed by 40 participants.	Sustain green quality by continuing with the current maintenance regime. Continue to make the site available for community use. Relocate some demand to alternative sites to reduce current overplay.	Community Organisation BCGBA	Local Site	Medium	L	L	Protect
324	Ashton & Lea Golf Club	Golf	Private	A par 71, 18-hole golf course with adequate ancillary facilities. The club is currently developing its outdoor practice area.	Retain course and sustain quality through appropriate maintenance. Explore opportunities to increase membership.	Club England Golf	Local Site	Low	L	L	Protect

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South Analysis Area headline findings

Sport	Analysis area	Current picture (MES ⁴⁷)	Future picture (2036 ⁴⁸)
Football (grass pitches)	South	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Adult pitches have spare capacity of 4 MES per week ◀ Youth 11v11 pitches are at capacity ◀ Youth 9v9 pitches have spare capacity of 0.5 MES per week ◀ Mini 7v7 pitches are overplayed by 0.5 MES per week ◀ Mini 5v5 pitches are at capacity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Adult pitches have spare capacity of 4 MES per week ◀ Youth 11v11 pitches are overplayed by 0.5 MES per week ◀ Youth 9v9 pitches have spare capacity of 0.5 MES per week ◀ Mini 7v7 pitches are overplayed by 0.5 MES per week ◀ Mini 5v5 pitches are overplayed by 2 MES per week
Football (3G pitches) ⁴⁹	Preston	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Shortfall of 2 full sized 3G pitches for team training 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Shortfall of 2 full sized 3G pitches for team training
Rugby union (senior pitches)	Preston	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Senior pitches at capacity ◀ Spare capacity of one MES on mini pitches 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Senior pitches at capacity ◀ Spare capacity of one MES on mini pitches
Rugby league (senior pitches)	Preston	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Senior pitches are at capacity ◀ Junior pitches are at capacity ◀ Mini pitches are at capacity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Senior pitches are at capacity ◀ Junior pitches are at capacity ◀ Mini pitches are at capacity
Cricket	South	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Squares played to capacity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Squares played to capacity
Hockey	Preston	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ There is capacity in Preston to accommodate current demand; however, the pitch at Preston Sports Club does need resurfacing meaning that all hockey suitable AGPs should be retained. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Demand can be met by current provision; particularly with Garstang HC relocating to Wyre District, increasing the amount of available capacity.
Tennis courts	Preston	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Although there are a sufficient supply of courts at all club sites across Preston; there is a need to utilise the spare capacity on non-club community available courts to actualise substantial amounts of latent demand. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Although there are a sufficient supply of courts at all club sites across Preston; there is a need to utilise the spare capacity on non-club community available courts to actualise substantial amounts of latent demand.
Bowling greens	Preston	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Shortfall of capacity for 44 participants. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Shortfall of capacity for 76 participants.
Athletics	Preston	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ There is sufficient supply to meet current levels of demand 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ There is a need to access additional provision to cater for future levels of demand
Cycling	Preston	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Demand can be met with retained level of access 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Demand can be met with retained level of access

⁴⁷ Match equivalent sessions

⁴⁸ Future demand based on ONS calculations and club consultation which also includes any latent and displaced demand identified.

⁴⁹ Based on accommodating 38 teams to one full size pitch for affiliated team training.

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Sport	Analysis area	Current picture (MES ⁴⁷)	Future picture (2036 ⁴⁸)
Golf	Preston	◀ Demand can be met with retained level of access	◀ Demand can be met with retained level of access

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Site ID	Site	Sport	Management	Current status	Recommended actions	Lead Partners	Site hierarchy tier	Priority	Timescales ⁵⁰	Cost ⁵¹	Aim
3	Ashton Park	Multi-sport	Preston City Council	Ashton Park is currently being developed and improved in line with a masterplan which has recreational emphasis, supported by educational, community and charity users. The site currently has poor quality ancillary facilities including car parking and changing room provision.	In partnership approach, attract significant external funding to deliver the Ashton Park Masterplan. This includes a new multifunctional building and upgrade the central core as well as proposed sports pitch transformations. Ensure sports provision created alleviates identified shortfalls and any clubs using the site are given security of tenure. Explore the feasibility for the site to cater for other sports (where demand exists) such as cricket and rugby league.	Preston City Council LFA FF BCGBA LTA Sports clubs NGBs	Potential Hub Site				
		Football	Preston City Council	Four youth 11v11 and four youth 9v9 pitches all of which are poor quality. Spare capacity retained to protect quality. Pitches are serviced by a poor quality pavilion and car parking.	Improve pitch quality and look to increase capacity for football at the site linked to the Masterplan.			High	S - L	H	Protect Enhance Provide
		Bowls	Preston City Council	One good quality bowling green. The site is the home venue of Ashton Nomads BC and Our Lady and St Bernard's BC, which have a combined membership of 46. There is some capacity on site for additional demand.	Sustain green quality by continuing with the current maintenance regime. Continue to make the site available for community use.						
		Tennis	Preston City Council	Two standard quality macadam courts which are available for community use but are not floodlit.	Prolong court lifespan through a robust maintenance plan. Explore potential options to increase community usage by creating a more efficient court accessing systems such as Clubspark in order to actualise latent demand.						
5	BAC/EE	Football	Private	One standard quality adult and one poor quality adult pitch. Both pitches are played to capacity. Pitches receive limited amounts of maintenance and are overmarked onto a cricket outfield.	Sustain pitch quality through regular enhanced maintenance and remedial work.	Sports Club LFA FF	Local Site	Medium	S	L	Protect Enhance
		Football	Private	One standard quality floodlit smaller sized 3G pitch which is available for community use.	Sustain quality and retain as current use. Ensure sinking funds are in place for future resurfacing/refurbishment.	Sports Club LFA FF		Medium	L	L	
		Cricket	Sports Club	A good quality grass cricket square with 10 wickets accompanied by an NTP. The square is used to capacity at senior peak time. Site is used by BAC/EE CC which has unsecure tenure due to issues with its lease.	Sustain square quality through dedicated levels of maintenance and remedial work. Explore the feasibility of formalising security of tenure for BAC/EE CC.	Sports Club ECB		Medium	S	L	

⁵⁰ (S) -Short (1-2 years); (M) - Medium (3-5 years); (L) - Long (6+ years)

⁵¹ (L) -Low - less than £50k; (M) -Medium - £50k-£250k; (H) -High £250k and above

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11	Christ the King Catholic High School	Football	Education	One adult, one youth 11v11 and two youth 9v9 pitches all of which are poor quality. Both the adult and youth 11v11 pitch are played to capacity whereas the youth 9v9 pitches have spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure.	Sustain and improve pitch quality through more regular enhanced maintenance and remedial work to better sustain levels of school and community use. Pursue security of tenure for any future users via community use agreement.	Education LFA FF	Local Site	High	S	L	Protect Provide
		Football		The School is working with Lancashire FA to deliver a full size floodlit community available 3G pitch. The exact location of the pitch is still to be decided, however, it is likely to fall onto the footprint on the current grass football provision at the site.	Ensure any potential 3G pitch is accessible for both curricular and community purposes and is accompanied by relevant ancillary facilities. Maximise use for adult, youth and mini match play, reconfiguring grass pitches as required dependent on balance of play accommodated on 3G. Seek to establish a non-traditional adult football offer on 3G, for example flexi leagues, Vets central venue or walking football.	Education LFA FF		High	S - M	H	
16	Fishwick Recreation Ground (London Road)	Football	Preston City Council	One standard quality adult pitch which is overplayed by 0.5 match equivalent sessions per week. Site is accompanied by poor quality ancillary facilities.	Improve pitch quality through enhanced maintenance to alleviate minimal overplay Explore potential options to improve ancillary facilities and reduce vandalism	Preston City Council LFA FF	Local Site	Low	S	L	Enhance
116	Fishwick Recreation Ground (London Road)	Cycling	Preston City Council	A BMX track which is currently utilised by Preston Pirates BMX Club. The track is currently of a poor quality and only has basic ancillary facilities which suffer from high levels of vandalism and issues with the track draining poorly.	Explore options to improve the quality of the start gate and ramp areas of the track. Explore potential options to improve ancillary facilities and reduce vandalism. Explore potential options to improve track drainage and across the facility.	British Cycling Preston Pirates BMX Preston City Council	Local Site	High	S	M	Protect Enhance
117	Frenchwood Recreation Ground	Football	Preston City Council	Two poor quality adult pitches which have spare capacity retained to protect pitch quality. Site is accompanied by standard quality ancillary facilities.	Improve pitch quality through enhanced maintenance and remedial work.	Preston City Council FF LFA	Local Site	Low	S	L	Protect Enhance
		Tennis		Preston City Council has now made one tennis facility available as of summer 2018.	Maximise community use.	LTA Preston City Council		Low	S	L	
42	Lea Community Primary School	Football	Education	One standard quality youth 9v9 pitch which has spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure. Pitch is available for community use but is unused.	Improve quality to better sustain curricular and extra curricular demand.	Education LFA FF	Local Site	Low	S	L	Enhance
48	Moor Park	Football	Preston City Council	Six standard quality adult pitches which have actual spare capacity of six match equivalent sessions per week. Site is accompanied by poor quality ancillary facilities. Ancillary facilities are not suitable for the amount grass adult pitches.	Sustain pitch quality through enhanced levels of dedicated maintenance as required. Explore potential funding options to improve poor quality ancillary facilities. Explore reconfiguration of pitch layout to maximise their usage in conjunction with onsite ancillary provision.	Preston City Council FF LFA	Key Centre	High	S	L	Protect Enhance

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		Cricket		Two good quality grass NTPs. Pitches are used by Last Man Stands and Chance to Shine. Squares have actual spare capacity to accommodate four senior teams at peak time.	Sustain quality and retain as current use.	Preston City Council ECB		High	L	L	
		Bowls		Two poor quality bowling greens. The site is the home venue of Preston Blind BC. Club membership currently stands at 63 members, which would be accommodated on a single green, all be it with a slight, manageable overplay; meaning that the second green could be used to accommodate demand from another, overplayed, site in Preston.	Improve green quality by increasing the current maintenance regime. Continue to make the site available for community use. Relocate demand from an overplayed site to the venue to utilise the amount of spare capacity on site.	Preston City Council BCGBA		High	S	L	
		Tennis		Six poor quality macadam courts which are available for community use but are not floodlit.	Given new provision created in the Area, explore options for partial rationalisation of courts at this site to fund improvements at other key sites or improve courts retain.	LTA Preston City Council		High	S	L	
58	Preston North End Football Club	Football	Sports Club	Good quality stadia adult pitch.	No action required.	Sports Club LFA FF	Local Site	Low	L	L	Protect
60	Preston Sports Club	Cricket	Sports Club	A standard quality grass cricket square with 12 wickets accompanied by a NTP. Square is played to capacity at peak time. Site is used by Preston Sports Club which has secure tenure through a lease from Preston City Council. The Club (Preston CC) report a need for additional training facilities. Both the pitch and ancillary facilities suffer from high levels of vandalism. The Sports Club reports that the cost of repairing the damaged caused would place a strain on the sports club's finances and as a result are looking to relocate its demand offsite.	Improve square quality through and enhanced maintenance, remedial and preparatory regime. Explore options to secure the site and reduce levels of vandalism. Once the site is more secure assist the Club in finding potential grant funding to improve poor quality ancillary and practice facilities.	Sports Club ECB	Local Site	High	S - M	L - M	Protect Provide Enhance
		Hockey		One poor quality full size floodlit hockey suitable AGP which is used by Preston HC. The Club, as part of the wider sports club, has a 99 year lease on the site. The pitch was installed in 2010. Site is accompanied by poor quality ancillary facilities. Both the pitch and ancillary facilities suffer from high levels of vandalism. The Sports Club reports that the cost of repairing the damaged caused would place a strain on the sports club's finances and as a result are looking to relocate its demand offsite until improvements can be made.	Resurface the pitch to improve quality, ensuring that it is retained as a hockey suitable surface. Improve site security to reduce occurrences of anti-social behavior. Refurbish the ancillary provision on site to encourage greater utilisation by local sports clubs.	Sports Club EH Preston City Council		High	S	M	

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63	Ribbleton Park	Football	Preston City Council	One adult, one youth 9v9 and one mini 7v7 pitch all of which are standard quality. The adult pitch is overplayed by 1.5 match equivalent sessions per week, whereas, the mini 7v7 pitch is overplayed by 0.5 match equivalent sessions per week. The youth 9v9 pitch has actual spare capacity of 0.5 match equivalent sessions per week. The Council wants to improve pitch quality if relevant funding becomes available. Site is accompanied by standard quality changing rooms.	Improve pitch quality through either enhanced levels of maintenance or implementation of a drainage system based upon strategic evidence (For example a Pitch Improvement Programme Report) Examine potential funding streams which would assist in this process.	Preston City Council LFA FF	Key Centre	Low	S	L	Protect Enhance
		Bowls		Two bowling greens. The site is the home venue of Fishwick Ramblers BC. Club membership currently stands at 63 members, which could be accommodated on a single green, making the site more sustainable.	In keeping with the proposals in the Ribbleton Park Master plan, explore options to changing one bowling green to a community garden.			Preston City Council BCGBA FOFS	Medium	L	
71	St Teresa's Catholic Primary School	Football	Education	One standard quality mini 7v7 pitch which has no actual spare capacity at peak time. Available and used by the community.	Improve quality to better sustain curricular and extra curricular demand.	Education LFA FF	Local Site	Low	S	L	Enhance
		Hockey		One poor quality smaller sized hockey suitable AGP which is floodlit and available for community use.	Refurbish pitch and retain for current use.			Education EH	Low	S	
81	West View Leisure Centre	Football	Preston City Council	One standard quality smaller sized 3G pitch which is available for community use and is floodlit.	Sustain quality and retain as current use.	Preston City Council FF LFA	Local Site	Low	L	L	Protect
264	St Bernard Catholic Primary School	Football	Education	One poor quality youth 9v9 pitch which is played to capacity through curricular and extracurricular activities. Pitch is not available for community use.	Improve quality to better sustain curricular and extra curricular demand.	Education LFA FF	Local Site	Low	S	L	Enhance
276	Fishwick Park	Football	Preston City Council	The Council is considering creating additional football pitches on site. It currently does not host any formal pitches.	Assist Preston City Council in developing additional football pitches on site to alleviate identified shortfalls.	Preston City Council LFA FF	Local Site	Low	S	L	Provide
282	Acregate Labour	Bowls	Community Organisation	One good quality bowling green. The home venue of Acregate Labour BC the site is overplayed by 36 members.	Sustain green quality by continuing with the current maintenance regime. Current demand on site requires access to an additional green. Relocate some demand to reduce current levels of overplay.	Community Organisation BCGBA	Local Site	Medium	L	L	Protect
283	Deepdale Bowling Club	Bowls	Sports Club	One good quality bowling green. The home venue of Deepdale BC the green has ample capacity for additional demand.	Sustain green quality by continuing with the current maintenance regime.	Sports Club BCGBA	Local Site	Low	L	L	Protect
284	Ashton Bowling Club	Bowls	Sports Club	One good quality bowling green. The green is overplayed with demand from Ashton BC, although this demand is minimal and is considered manageable.	Sustain green quality by continuing with the current maintenance regime. Monitor green quality and club membership ensuring that continual or increased overplay does not adversely affect quality.	Sports Club BCGBA	Local Site	Low	L	L	Protect

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285	British Rail / Thurlby Club	Bowls	Industry Sports Club	One good quality bowling green. The home venue of British Rail/Thurlby BC the green has ample capacity for additional demand.	Sustain green quality by continuing with the current maintenance regime.	Sports Club BCGBA	Local Site	Low	L	L	Protect
287	Deepdale Labour Social & Bowling Club	Bowls	Sports Club	One good quality bowling green. The is maintained and managed by Deepdale Labour BC and is overplayed by 19 participants.	Sustain green quality by continuing with the current maintenance regime. Relocate some demand to reduced current levels of overplay.	Sports Club BCGBA	Local Site	Low	L	L	Protect
288	Empire Services Club	Bowls	Industry Sports Club	Two good quality bowling greens. The site is the home venue of Empire Services BC and has capacity for an additional 22 participants.	Sustain green quality by continuing with the current maintenance regime. Retain both greens on site for current demand.	Sports Club BCGBA	Local Site	Low	L	L	Protect
292	Frenchwood Social Club	Bowls	Community Organisation	One good quality bowling green. The site is the home venue of Frenchwood Social BC and has minimal spare capacity for additional demand.	Sustain green quality by continuing with the current maintenance regime.	Community Organisation BCGBA	Local Site	Low	L	L	Protect
316	Victoria Bowling Club	Bowls	Sports Club	One good quality bowling green which is owned and managed by Victoria BC. The green is overplayed by 22 participants.	Sustain green quality by continuing with the current maintenance regime. Relocate some demand to reduced current levels of overplay.	Sports Club BCGBA	Local Site	Low	L	L	Protect
274	Longridge High School	Football	Education	Two youth 9v9 and one mini 7v7 pitch all of which are poor quality. Youth 9v9 pitches are played to capacity and mini 7v7 has spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure. Pitches are available for community use but are unused.	Improve pitch quality through more regular enhanced maintenance and remedial work to better sustain levels of school and community use. Pursue security of tenure for any future users via community use agreement.	Education LFA FF	Local Site	Low	S	L	Protect Enhance
		Hockey		One standard quality full size hockey suitable AGP. Pitch is floodlit and used by Longridge HC. Pitch was built in 2009.	Ensure the surface remains hockey suitable. Monitor rate of natural deterioration in pitch quality and resurface the pitch when it declines to become poor. Encourage the provider to establish a mechanism for long-term sustainability such as a sinking fund.	EH Education		Medium	S	H	

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PART 9: SOUTH RIBBLE ACTION PLAN

Central Analysis Area headline findings

Sport	Analysis area	Current picture (MES ⁵²)	Future picture (2036 ⁵³)
Football (grass pitches)	Central	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Adult pitches have spare capacity of 0.5 MES per week ◀ Youth 11v11 pitches are overplayed by 2.5 MES per week ◀ Youth 9v9 pitches are at capacity ◀ Mini 7v7 pitches are overplayed by 1.5 MES per week ◀ Mini 5v5 pitches are at capacity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Adult pitches are at capacity ◀ Youth 11v11 pitches are overplayed by 5 MES per week ◀ Youth 9v9 pitches are at capacity ◀ Mini 7v7 pitches are overplayed by 1.5 MES per week ◀ Mini 5v5 pitches are at capacity
Football (3G pitches) ⁵⁴	South Ribble	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Shortfall of 1 full sized 3G pitches for team training 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Shortfall of 2 full sized 3G pitches for team training
Rugby union (senior pitches)	South Ribble	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Senior pitches are overplayed by 0.5 MES ◀ Mini pitches at capacity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Senior pitches are overplayed by 1.5 MES ◀ Mini pitches at capacity
Rugby league (senior pitches)	South Ribble	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Senior pitches are overplayed by 3 MES ◀ Junior pitches are at capacity ◀ Spare capacity of 1 MES on mini pitches 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Senior pitches are overplayed by 2.5 MES ◀ Junior pitches are at capacity ◀ Spare capacity of 0.75 MES on mini pitches
Cricket	Central	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Squares played to capacity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Squares played to capacity
Hockey	South Ribble	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Demand can be met with current levels of supply 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Demand can be meet with current levels of supply
Tennis courts	South Ribble	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Although there are a sufficient supply of courts at all club sites across South Ribble; there is a need to utilise the spare capacity on non-club community available courts to actualise substantial amounts of latent demand. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Although there are a sufficient supply of courts at all club sites across South Ribble; there is a need to utilise the spare capacity on non-club community available courts to actualise substantial amounts of latent demand.
Bowling greens	South Ribble	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Spare capacity for an additional 200 participants. Greater utilisation of unused greens is needed to relieve overplay at some sites. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Spare capacity to accommodate increased levels of demand, with capacity for 200 participants. ◀ Greater utilisation of unused greens is needed to relieve overplay at some sites.

⁵² Match equivalent sessions

⁵³ Future demand based on ONS calculations and club consultation which also includes any latent and displaced demand identified.

⁵⁴ Based on accommodating 38 teams to one full size pitch for affiliated team training.

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Sport	Analysis area	Current picture (MES ⁵²)	Future picture (2036 ⁵³)
Athletics	South Ribble	◀ Demand can be met with retained level of access	◀ Demand can be met with retained level of access
Cycling	South Ribble	◀ Demand can be met with retained level of access	◀ Demand can be met with retained level of access
Golf	South Ribble	◀ Demand can be met with retained level of access	◀ Demand can be met with retained level of access

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Site ID	Site	Sport	Management	Current status	Recommended actions	Lead Partners	Site hierarchy tier	Priority	Timescales ⁵⁵	Cost ⁵⁶	Aim
120	Lostock Hall Academy	Football	Education	Two youth 11v11 and two youth 9v9 pitches all of which are poor quality. The youth 11v11 pitches are overplayed by 2.5 match equivalent sessions per week whereas the youth 9v9 pitches have spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure.	Sustain pitch quality through regular enhanced maintenance and remedial work to better sustain levels of school and community use. Pursue security of tenure for any future users via community use agreement.	Education LFA FF	Local Site	Low	S	L	Protect Enhance
		Tennis		Four standard quality macadam courts which are available for community use and are floodlit.	Prolong court lifespan through a robust maintenance plan. Explore potential options to increase community usage by creating a more efficient court accessing systems such as Clubspark in order to actualise latent demand.	LTA Education		Low	M	L	
121	Lostock Hall Community Primary School	Football	Education	One poor quality mini 7v7 pitch which is overplayed by 1.5 match equivalent sessions per week. Available and used by the community.	Improve quality to better sustain curricular and extra curricular demand.	Education LFA FF	Local Site	Low	S	L	Enhance
157	Tardy Gate Playing Field	Football	South Ribble Borough Council	One poor quality adult pitch which is overplayed by one match equivalent session per week.	Consider rationalisation of site to create bigger, better quality multi pitch hub sites.	South Ribble Borough Council LFA FF	Local Site	Low	S	L	Enhance
163	Watering Pool Lane Playing Fields/St Cuthbert's Playing Field	Football	South Ribble Borough Council	Two poor quality mini 7v7 pitches which have spare capacity retained to protect pitch quality.	Consider rationalisation of site to create bigger, better quality multi pitch hub sites.	South Ribble Borough Council LFA FF	Local Site	Low	S	L	Enhance
254	BTR Recreation Ground	Football	Sports Club	Two standard quality adult pitches which have actual spare capacity of 1.5 match equivalent sessions per week.	Sustain pitch quality through appropriate levels of dedicated maintenance.	Sports Club LFA FF	Local Site	Low	M	L	Protect
298	Farington & District Conservative Club	Bowls	Community Organisation	One poor quality bowling green. The green is maintained by the Conservative club and is the home venue of Farington & District Cons BC. There is minimal capacity for additional demand.	Improve green quality through enhanced levels of maintenance and retain as current use.	Community Organisation BCGBA	Local Site	Medium	S	L	Enhance
300	Leyland & Farington Club	Bowls	Community Organisation	One poor quality bowling green. The home venue of Leyland & Farington BC, the site is overplayed by eight participants, but this is considered manageable.	Improve green quality through enhanced levels of maintenance and retain as current use. Monitor club membership to ensure that overplay on site does not increase.	Community Organisation BCGBA	Local Site	Low	S	L	Enhance
301	Farington St. Pauls	Bowls	Community Organisation	One standard quality bowling green. The home venue of Farington St Paul's BC there is capacity for additional demand on site.	Look to improve green quality through enhanced levels of maintenance and retain as current use.	Community Organisation BCGBA	Local Site	Low	M	L	Protect

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307	Lostock Hall Conservative Club	Bowls	Community Organisation	One standard quality bowling green. The home venue of Lostock Hall Cons BC there is capacity for additional demand on site.	Look to improve green quality through enhanced levels of maintenance and retain as current use.	Community Organisation BCGBA	Local Site	Low	M	L	Protect
317	Our Lady & St Gerard's Church	Bowls	Community Organisation	One standard quality bowling green that is the home venue of St Gerard's BC. The site has capacity to accommodate additional demand.	Look to improve green quality through enhanced levels of maintenance and retain as current use.						

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Eastern Analysis Area headline findings

Sport	Analysis area	Current picture (MES ⁵⁷)	Future picture (2036 ⁵⁸)
Football (grass pitches)	Eastern	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adult pitches are at capacity Youth 11v11 pitches are played to capacity Youth 9v9 pitches are overplayed by 0.5 MES per week Mini 7v7 pitches are at capacity Mini 5v5 pitches are at capacity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adult pitches are overplayed by 0.5 MES per week Youth 11v11 pitches are at capacity Youth 9v9 pitches are overplayed by 0.5 MES per week Mini 7v7 pitches are at capacity Mini 5v5 pitches are at capacity
Football (3G pitches) ⁵⁹	South Ribble	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shortfall of 1 full sized 3G pitches for team training 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shortfall of 2 full sized 3G pitches for team training
Rugby union (senior pitches)	South Ribble	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Senior pitches are overplayed by 0.5 MES Mini pitches at capacity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Senior pitches are overplayed by 1.5 MES Mini pitches at capacity
Rugby league (senior pitches)	South Ribble	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Senior pitches are overplayed by 3 MES Junior pitches are at capacity Spare capacity of 1 MES on mini pitches 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Senior pitches are overplayed by 2.5 MES Junior pitches are at capacity Spare capacity of 0.75 MES on mini pitches
Cricket	Eastern	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shortfall of 8 match equivalent sessions per season 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shortfall of 8 match equivalent sessions per season
Hockey	South Ribble	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Demand can be met with current levels of supply 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Demand can be meet with current levels of supply
Tennis courts	South Ribble	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Although there are a sufficient supply of courts at all club sites across South Ribble; there is a need to utilise the spare capacity on non-club community available courts to actualise substantial amounts of latent demand. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Although there are a sufficient supply of courts at all club sites across South Ribble; there is a need to utilise the spare capacity on non-club community available courts to actualise substantial amounts of latent demand.
Bowling greens	South Ribble	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spare capacity for an additional 200 participants. Greater utilisation of unused greens is needed to relieve overplay at some sites. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spare capacity to accommodate increased levels of demand, with capacity for 200 participants. Greater utilisation of unused greens is needed to relieve overplay at some sites.
Athletics	South Ribble	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Demand can be met with retained level of access 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Demand can be met with retained level of access
Cycling	South Ribble	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Demand can be met with retained level of access 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Demand can be met with retained level of access

⁵⁷ Match equivalent sessions

⁵⁸ Future demand based on ONS calculations and club consultation which also includes any latent and displaced demand identified.

⁵⁹ Based on accommodating 38 teams to one full size pitch for affiliated team training.

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Sport	Analysis area	Current picture (MES ⁵⁷)	Future picture (2036 ⁵⁸)
Golf	South Ribble	◀ Demand can be met with retained level of access	◀ Demand can be met with retained level of access

Eastern Analysis Area Action Plan

Site ID	Site	Sport	Management	Current status	Recommended actions	Lead Partners	Site hierarchy tier	Priority	Timescales ⁶⁰	Cost ⁶¹	Aim
88	Bamber Bridge FC (QED Stadium)	Football	Sports Club	One standard quality adult pitch which has minimal spare capacity retained to protect quality. The pitch is suitable for Step 4 football. Bamber Bridge FC reports applying for a football stadium improvement grant to improve the quality of pitch drainage.	Sustain pitch quality through appropriate levels of dedicated maintenance. Ensure ancillary facilities and playing provision is suitable for Step 4 football. Examine the requirements needed for the Club to progress through the football pyramid. Explore the feasibility of improving pitch drainage.	Sports Club LFA FF	Local Site	High	S	L	Protect Enhance
100	Gregson Lane	Football	South Ribble Borough Council	One adult 11v11, one 9v9 and one 7v7 pitch (overmarked on the cricket outfield). Site is accompanied by poor quality ancillary facilities.	Improve pitch quality through enhanced levels of dedicated maintenance as required. Explore potential funding streams to improve poor quality ancillary facilities.	South Ribble Borough Council LFA FF	Local Site	Medium	S	L	Protect Enhance
		Cricket	Sports Club	A standard quality grass cricket square with eight wickets. Square is overplayed by seven match equivalent session per season. Site is on a long term lease to Gregson Lane CC. Site is accompanied by poor quality ancillary facilities. The Club has submitted a planning application to demolish its poor quality changing rooms and develop new provision.	Improve square quality through and enhanced maintenance, remedial and preparatory regime. Explore potential funding streams to improve poor quality ancillary facilities.	Sports Club ECB		Medium	S	M	
103	Higher Walton Primary School	Football	Education	One standard quality mini 7v7 pitch which has spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure. Pitch is available for community use but is unused.	Improve quality to better sustain curricular and extra curricular demand.	Education LFA FF	Local Site	Low	S	L	Enhance
104	Holland House Road Playing Field	Football	South Ribble Borough Council	One poor quality youth 11v11 pitch which has actual spare capacity discounted due to poor quality.. Pitch suffers from poor drainage and is accompanied by standard quality ancillary facilities. Site is considered to be low value in terms of current contribution to formal pitch supply.	Consider rationalisation of site to create bigger, better quality multi pitch hub sites.	South Ribble Borough Council LFA FF	Local Site	Low	S	L	Enhance
105	Holme Playing Field	Football	South Ribble Borough Council	One poor quality adult pitch which has spare capacity retained to protect pitch quality. Pitch suffers from poor drainage and is accompanied by standard quality ancillary facilities.	Consider rationalisation of site to create bigger, better quality multi pitch hub sites.	South Ribble Borough Council LFA FF	Local Site	Low	S	L	Enhance
110	King George V Playing Field, Higher Walton	Football	South Ribble Borough Council	One adult and one youth 11v11 pitch both of which are poor quality. Each pitch is played to capacity. Site is accompanied by standard quality ancillary facilities.	Improve poor pitch quality through enhanced levels of maintenance.	South Ribble Borough Council LFA FF	Local Site	Low	S	L	Enhance

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Site ID	Site	Sport	Management	Current status	Recommended actions	Lead Partners	Site hierarchy tier	Priority	Timescales ⁶⁰	Cost ⁶¹	Aim
110	King George V Playing Field, Higher Walton	Bowls	South Ribble Borough Council	One poor quality bowling green. The home venue of Higher Walton BC the site has minimal capacity for additional demand.	Improve green quality through enhanced levels of maintenance and retain as current use.	South Ribble Borough Council BCGBA	Local Site	Low	S	L	Enhance
123	Lostock St Gerard's FC	Football	Sports Club	One standard quality adult pitch which is overplayed by one match equivalent session per week. Site is owned by Lostock St Gerard's FC which play at Step 7 in the football pyramid.	Sustain pitch quality through appropriate levels of dedicated maintenance. Ensure ancillary facilities and playing provision is suitable for Step 7 football. Examine the requirements needed for the Club to progress through the football pyramid.	Sports Club LFA FF	Local Site	Low	S	L	Protect Enhance
145	Queen Victoria Ground (Walton-Le-Dale)	Football	Community Organisation	One youth 9v9 and one mini 7v7 pitch both of which are poor quality. The youth 9v9 pitch is overplayed by 0.5 match equivalent sessions per week whereas the mini 7v7 pitch is played to capacity. Pitches are overmarked onto a cricket outfield.	Improve pitch quality through enhanced levels of dedicated maintenance in order to alleviate overplay.	Community Organisation LFA FF	Local Site	Medium	S	L	Protect Enhance Provide
		Cricket		A standard quality grass cricket square with 10 wickets. Square is overplayed by one match equivalent session per season. Site is rented by Walton-le-Dale CC from Recreation Society Trust and as a result has unsecure tenure. The Club report a need for additional training facilities.	Improve square quality through and enhanced maintenance, remedial and preparatory regime. Work to formalise security of tenure for Walton-le-Dale CC to allow the Club to seek funding for acquiring additional training facilities.	Community Organisation Sports Club ECB		Medium	S	L	
145	Queen Victoria Ground (Walton-Le-Dale)	Bowls	Community Organisation	One standard quality bowling green. The home venue of Walton-le-Dale BC the green has ample capacity for additional demand.	Look to improve green quality through enhanced levels of maintenance and retain as current use.	Community Organisation BCGBA	Local Site	Medium	M	L	Enhance
152	St Marys RC High School	Football	Education	One full size standard quality floodlit 3G pitch which is FA certified. Pitch is available for community use.	Sustain pitch quality through appropriate maintenance and seek to maximise usage, particularly for matches. Ensure FA testing every three years so that the pitch remains suitable for match play. Ensure a sinking fund is in place for long-term sustainability.	Education LFA FF	Local Site	Low	S - L	L	Protect Enhance
		Tennis		Three poor quality macadam courts which are not available for community use and are not floodlit.	Seek to improve court quality through resurfacing.	LTA Education		Low	S	L	
161	Walton-Le-Dale Arts College and High School	Football	Education	Three youth 11v11 pitches and two mini 7v7 pitches which are all poor quality. Spare capacity on all pitches is discounted due to unsecure tenure. Pitches are available and used by the community.	Improve pitch quality through regular enhanced maintenance and remedial work to better sustain levels of school and community use. Pursue security of tenure for any future users via community use agreement.	Education LFA FF	Local Site	Low	S	L	Protect Enhance

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		Hockey		One good quality full size floodlit hockey suitable AGP. The pitch was built in 2016 and is available for community use. It accommodates both match and training demand of Leyland & Chorley HC but has capacity to accommodate additional demand both midweek and at weekends.	Monitor rate of natural deterioration in pitch quality and resurface the pitch when it declines to become poor. Encourage the provider to establish a mechanism for long-term sustainability such as a sinking fund. Provide the Club with a formal community use agreement to provide security of tenure. Ensure the pitch is retained as a hockey suitable surface.	EH Education		Low	L	H	
162	Walton-Le-Dale Primary School	Football	Education	One poor quality mini 7v7 pitch which is not available for community use.	Improve quality to better sustain curricular and extracurricular demand.	Education LFA FF	Local Site	Low	S	L	Enhance
166	Withy Grove Park	Football	South Ribble Borough Council	One adult and one youth 9v9 pitch both of which are poor quality. Spare capacity protected to protect pitch quality. Site is accompanied by good quality ancillary facilities.	Improve poor pitch quality through enhanced levels of maintenance.	South Ribble Borough Council LFA FF	Local Site	Medium	S	L	Protect Enhance
		Rugby league		One senior pitch of standard quality which currently accommodates match and training demand from Bamber Bridge ARLFC. The pitch currently has 0.5 MES of potential capacity available. It is understood that Bamber Bridge ARLFC has folded following the 2018 season, meaning that this pitch is now unused.	Retain the pitch for community use and work with Leyland Warriors ARLFC to utilise the site for some demand to reduce overplay at the Club's home venue (Moss Side Recreation Ground). The site could be the home of a satellite club for Leyland Warriors ARLFC to retain rugby league activity in the analysis area following the folding of Bamber Bridge ARLFC.	South Ribble Borough Council RFL		Medium	M	L	
255	South Ribble Tennis and Fitness Centre	Football	Sports Club	Four standard quality floodlit 3G pitches which are floodlit and available for community use.	Sustain quality and retain as current use.	Sports Club LFA FF	Local Site	Low	L	L	Protect
271	St Mary's & St Benedicts RC Primary School	Football	Education	One poor quality mini 7v7 pitch which has spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure. Pitch is available and used by the community.	Improve quality to better sustain curricular and extracurricular demand.	Education LFA FF	Local Site	Low	S	L	Enhance
302	Bamber Bridge Catholic Club	Bowls	Community Organisation	One poor quality bowling green. The home venue of Bamber Bridge Catholic BC, the green is overplayed by six members; however, this low amount if considered manageable.	Improve green quality through enhanced levels of maintenance and retain as current use. Monitor club membership to ensure that there is no increase of overplay on the site.	Community Organisation BCGBA	Local Site	Low	S	L	Enhance
303	Bamber Bridge Conservative Club	Bowls	Community Organisation	One poor quality bowling green. The home venue of Bamber Bridge Cons BC there is minimal capacity for additional demand.	Improve green quality through enhanced levels of maintenance and retain as current use.	Community Organisation BCGBA	Local Site	Low	S	L	Enhance
328	Bluebird Golf Centre	Golf	Private	A par 27, 9-hole golf course with adequate ancillary facilities including a 23 bay driving range and plans to develop a Crazy Golf course.	Retain course and sustain quality through appropriate maintenance. Explore opportunities to increase membership.	Club England Golf	Local Site	Low	L	L	Protect

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Leyland Analysis Area headline findings

Sport	Analysis area	Current picture (MES ⁶²)	Future picture (2036 ⁶³)
Football (grass pitches)	Leyland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Adult pitches at capacity ◀ Youth 11v11 pitches are at capacity ◀ Youth 9v9 pitches are overplayed by 1 MES per week ◀ Mini 7v7 pitches are at capacity ◀ Mini 5v5 pitches are at capacity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Adult pitches at capacity ◀ Youth 11v11 pitches at capacity ◀ Youth 9v9 pitches are overplayed by 2.5 MES per week ◀ Mini 7v7 pitches are at capacity ◀ Mini 5v5 pitches are at capacity
Football (3G pitches) ⁶⁴	South Ribble	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Shortfall of 1 full sized 3G pitches for team training 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Shortfall of 2 full sized 3G pitches for team training
Rugby union (senior pitches)	South Ribble	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Senior pitches are overplayed by 0.5 MES ◀ Mini pitches at capacity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Senior pitches are overplayed by 1.5 MES ◀ Mini pitches at capacity
Rugby league (senior pitches)	South Ribble	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Senior pitches are overplayed by 3 MES ◀ Junior pitches are at capacity ◀ Spare capacity of 1 MES on mini pitches 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Senior pitches are overplayed by 2.5 MES ◀ Junior pitches are at capacity ◀ Spare capacity of 0.75 MES on mini pitches
Cricket	Leyland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Shortfall of 33 match equivalent sessions per season 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Shortfall of 33 match equivalent sessions per season
Hockey	South Ribble	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Demand can be met with current levels of supply 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Demand can be meet with current levels of supply
Tennis courts	South Ribble	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Although there are a sufficient supply of courts at all club sites across South Ribble; there is a need to utilise the spare capacity on non-club community available courts to actualise substantial amounts of latent demand. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Although there are a sufficient supply of courts at all club sites across South Ribble; there is a need to utilise the spare capacity on non-club community available courts to actualise substantial amounts of latent demand.
Bowling greens	South Ribble	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Spare capacity for an additional 200 participants. Greater utilisation of unused greens is needed to relieve overplay at some sites. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Spare capacity to accommodate increased levels of demand, with capacity for 200 participants. ◀ Greater utilisation of unused greens is needed to relieve overplay at some sites.

⁶² Match equivalent sessions

⁶³ Future demand based on ONS calculations and club consultation which also includes any latent and displaced demand identified.

⁶⁴ Based on accommodating 38 teams to one full size pitch for affiliated team training.

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Sport	Analysis area	Current picture (MES ⁶²)	Future picture (2036 ⁶³)
Athletics	South Ribble	◀ Demand can be met with retained level of access	◀ Demand can be met with retained level of access
Cycling	South Ribble	◀ Demand can be met with retained level of access	◀ Demand can be met with retained level of access
Golf	South Ribble	◀ Demand can be met with retained level of access	◀ Demand can be met with retained level of access

Leyland Analysis Area Action Plan

Site ID	Site	Sport	Management	Current status	Recommended actions	Lead Partners	Site hierarchy tier	Priority	Timescales ⁶⁵	Cost ⁶⁶	Aim
87	Balshaw's C of E High School	Football	Education	Two adult, two youth 11v11 and two youth 9v9 pitches all of which are poor quality. The adult pitches and youth 11v11 pitches are played to capacity whereas the youth 9v9 pitches have spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure.	Improve pitch quality through regular enhanced maintenance and remedial work to better sustain levels of school and community use. Pursue security of tenure for any future users via community use agreement.	Education LFA FF	Local Site	Low	S	L	Enhance
87	Balshaw's C of E High School	Football	Education	One full size good quality floodlit 3G pitch which is FA certified. Pitch is available for community use, however, due to planning restrictions it is unavailable at the weekends.	Retain as current use and ensure a sinking fund is in place for long-term sustainability. Explore the feasibility of establishing community use at the weekends.	Education LFA FF	Local Site	Low	L	L	Protect
87	Balshaw's C of E High School	Tennis	Education	Four poor quality macadam courts which are not available for community use and are not floodlit.	Seek to improve court quality through resurfacing.	LTA Education	Local Site	Low	S	L	Enhance
99	Fox Lane Sports Club	Football	Sports Club	Two poor quality mini 7v7 pitches which are played to capacity at peak time.	Improve pitch quality through more regular enhanced maintenance and remedial work	Sports Club FF LFA	Key Centre	Low	S	L	Protect Enhance
		Cricket		A standard quality grass cricket square with 12 wickets. Square is overplayed by 21 match equivalent sessions per season. Site is used by Leyland CC which has secure tenure through the sports club.	Improve square quality through enhance maintenance, remedial and preparatory regime to sustain levels of overplay. In the longer term explore potential options such as transferal of demand or installation of an NTP.	Sports Club ECB		Medium	S	L	
		Bowls		Two poor quality bowling greens. The home venue of Fox Lane BC and Leyland SA BC, which relocated Leyland Sports Association become too expensive to hire. The site has some capacity for additional demand.	Improve green quality through enhanced levels of maintenance and retain as current use.	Sports Club BCGBA		Low	S	L	
		Tennis		Four good quality macadam courts two of which are floodlit. Site is used by Leyland TC which report of poor quality ancillary facilities. Courts have capacity to accommodate additional demand.	Utilise spare capacity to accommodate future and latent demand. Explore the feasibility of improving ancillary facilities.	LTA Sports Club		Low	L	L	
115	Lancashire County Football Association Headquarters	Football	LFA	One good quality adult pitch which has no actual spare capacity available at peak time.	Sustain quality and retain as current use.	LFA FF	Key Centre	Low	L	L	Protect
		Football		One full size floodlit 3G pitch and one small sized floodlit 3G pitch which are both FA certified and standard quality. Both pitches are available for community use, however, there is limited use at the weekends due to FA runs courses.	Sustain pitch quality through appropriate maintenance and seek to maximise usage. Ensure a sinking fund is in place for long-term sustainability.	LFA FF		Low	S - M	L	
116	Leyland Methodist Junior School	Football	Education	One poor quality mini 7v7 pitch which is not available for community use.	Improve quality to better sustain curricular and extra curricular demand.	Education LFA FF	Local Site	Low	S	L	Enhance

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Site ID	Site	Sport	Management	Current status	Recommended actions	Lead Partners	Site hierarchy tier	Priority	Timescales ⁶⁵	Cost ⁶⁶	Aim
127	Moss Side Primary	Football	Education	Two standard quality mini 7v7 pitches which have spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure. Pitches are available but are unused by the community.	Improve quality to better sustain curricular and extra curricular demand.	Education LFA FF	Local Site	Low	S	L	Enhance
128	Moss Side Recreation Ground	Rugby union*	South Ribble Borough Council	One senior pitch in which pipe drainage was installed two years ago but this has failed, meaning that the pitch is poor quality. Due to the poor quality, this pitch is currently overplayed by 0.5 MES per week. The site is the home venue of Leyland Warriors RFC; a dual code club with the pitch being subject to both rugby union and rugby league match demand. No rugby union training demand is accommodated on site.	<p>Improve pitch maintenance to increase site capacity and reduce/eliminate overplay on pitches.</p> <p>Install floodlighting on site to create a dedicated training area to remove rugby league training demand from the pitches in the summer season.</p> <p>Encourage Leyland Warriors RFC to utilise the WR compliant 3G pitch at Preston Grasshoppers RFC, particularly for the Club's rugby union training demand.</p> <p>Increase site security to prevent future incidences of vandalism.</p> <p>Refurbish the away changing rooms to a quality mirroring that of the home provision.</p>	Sports Club RFL RFU South Ribble Council	Local Site	Medium	M	M	Provide Enhance
		Rugby league*		There are three full-size rugby league pitches at this site with good quality home changing rooms but poor quality away changing rooms. The site has also suffered from vandalism in the past. All of the pitches are of a standard quality and are without floodlighting. One of the three pitches is overmarked for rugby union during the winter months. This pitch is overplayed by one MES per week. The remaining two pitches are overplayed by 1.25 MES per week.							
134	Northbrook Primary School	Football	Education	One standard quality mini 7v7 pitch which has spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure. Pitch is available for community use but unused.	Improve quality to better sustain curricular and extra curricular demand.	Education LFA FF	Local Site	Low	S	L	Enhance
146	Runshaw College	Football Rugby union	Education	One full size good quality floodlit 3G pitch which is not FA certified. Pitch is available for community use, however, not at the weekend. Leyland Warriors' rugby union teams utilise the pitch for winter midweek training. As the pitch is not WR compliant no contact sessions may take place.	<p>Sustain pitch quality through appropriate maintenance and seek to maximise usage, particularly for matches.</p> <p>Ensure a sinking fund is in place for long-term sustainability.</p> <p>As the pitch is not World Rugby complaint transfer relevant training demand to a suitable surface.</p> <p>Explore the feasibility of making the pitch World Rugby Compliant.</p>	Education LFA FF	Local Site	Low	S - L	L	Protect Enhance
		Rugby union		A poor quality pitch with adequate natural drainage. This site is currently played to capacity through curricular and extra-curricular use.				Improve pitch quality through enhanced levels of maintenance to support levels of curricular and extracurricular usage.	Education RFU	Low	
151	St Mary's Catholic High School & College	Football	Education	Two youth 11v11 and one youth 9v9 pitch all of which are poor quality. The youth 9v9 pitch is played to capacity whereas the youth 11v11 pitches have spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure. Pitches are available and used by the community.	Improve pitch quality through regular enhanced maintenance and remedial work to better sustain levels of school and community use. Pursue security of tenure for any future users via community use agreement.	Education LFA FF	Local Site	Low	S	L	Protect Provide Enhance

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Site ID	Site	Sport	Management	Current status	Recommended actions	Lead Partners	Site hierarchy tier	Priority	Timescales ⁶⁵	Cost ⁶⁶	Aim
		Hockey		One standard quality full size floodlit hockey suitable AGP. The pitch was last refurbished in 2007 and is available for community use. There is no usage from community hockey clubs. Pitch has spare capacity to accommodate both midweek and weekend hockey demand.	Monitor rate of natural deterioration in pitch quality and resurface the pitch when it declines to become poor. Encourage the provider to establish a mechanism for long-term sustainability such as a sinking fund.	EH Education		Low	M	H	
153	St Mary's Roman Catholic Primary School	Football	Education	One standard quality mini 7v7 pitch which has spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure. Pitch is available and used by the community.	Improve quality to better sustain curricular and extracurricular demand.	Education LFA FF	Local Site	Low	S	L	Enhance
164	Wellfield Business and Enterprise College & High School	Football	Education	Two standard quality youth 11v11 pitches which have spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure. Pitches are available but unused by the community.	Sustain pitch quality through regular enhanced maintenance and remedial work to better sustain levels of school and community use. Pursue security of tenure for any future users via community use agreement.	Education LFA FF	Key Centre	Low	S	L	Protect Enhance
		Cricket		A standard quality grass cricket square with three wickets accompanied by an NTP. Square is overplayed by 12 match equivalent sessions per season. Site is rented by Leyland CC third and fourth men's team and as a result has unsecure tenure.	Improve square quality through enhance maintenance, remedial and preparatory regime to sustain levels of overplay. Monitor levels of overplay to ensure they do not worsen. If they do worsen explore potential options to alleviate such as greater utilisation of the NTP. Explore formalising a community use agreement.	Education ECB		Medium	S	L	
		Rugby league		A poor quality junior sized pitch which is currently unused by the community. The pitch is currently played to capacity through curricular and extra-curricular use.	Improve poor pitch quality through enhanced levels of maintenance.	Education RFL		Low	S	L	
		Tennis		Four poor quality macadam courts which are not available for community use and are not floodlit.	Seek to improve court quality through resurfacing.	LTA Education		Low	S	L	
167	Woodlea Junior School	Football	Education	One youth 11v11 and one youth 9v9 pitch both of which are poor quality. The youth 9v9 pitch is played to capacity whereas the youth 11v11 pitch has spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure.	Improve quality to better sustain curricular and extracurricular demand.	Education LFA FF	Local Site	Low	S	L	Enhance
168	Worden Park	Football	South Ribble Borough Council	Seven adult, three youth 9v9 and two mini 7v7 pitches all of which are poor quality. The youth 9v9 pitches are overplayed by one match equivalent sessions per week whereas spare capacity on the remaining pitches is retained to protect pitch quality. Site is accompanied by standard quality ancillary facilities.	Improve pitch quality through either enhanced levels of maintenance or implementation of a drainage system based upon strategic evidence (For example a Pitch Improvement Programme Report)	South Ribble Borough Council LFA FF	Key Centre	Medium	S	L	Enhance
169	Worden Sports College	Football	Education	One adult, two youth 11v11 and one youth 9v9 pitch all of which are standard quality. Spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure. Pitches are available and are used by the community.	Sustain pitch quality through regular enhanced maintenance and remedial work to better sustain levels of school and community use. Pursue security of tenure for any future users via community use agreement.	Education LFA FF	Local Site	Low	M	L	Protect

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		Rugby league		One senior pitch of standard quality which is currently unused by the community. The pitch has one MES of potential capacity but is considered unsecure.	Sustain pitch quality through appropriate levels of dedicated maintenance.	Education RFL		Low	M	L	
297	Leyland Sports Association	Bowls	Sports Club	One poor quality bowling green and one disused green. There is limited use of the greens after prices for pay and play where increased. Sports Club express plans to convert the bowling greens into outdoor netball courts. Overall in South Ribble there is spare capacity on bowling greens.	Further consultation is need with England Netball, British Crown Green Bowling Association and Leyland Sports Association. A feasibility study is needed to understand the strategic need of netball in the local authority.	Sports Club BCGBA EN	Local Site	Low	S	L	Protect
299	Eagle & Child	Bowls	Commercial	One poor quality bowling green. The site is the home venue of Eagle & Child BC and is overplayed by eight participants. Although overplayed, this low amount of overplay is considered manageable.	Improve green quality through enhanced levels of maintenance and retain as current use. Monitor club membership to ensure that overplay on site does not increase.	Commercial BCGBA	Local Site	Low	S	L	Enhance
329	Leyland Golf Club	Golf	Private	A par 70, 18-hole golf course with adequate ancillary facilities including a driving range, outdoor practice facilities and an indoor swing room.	Retain course and sustain quality through appropriate maintenance. Explore opportunities to increase membership.	Club England Golf	Local Site	Low	L	L	Protect

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Penwortham Analysis Area headline findings

Sport	Analysis area	Current picture (MES ⁶⁷)	Future picture (2036 ⁶⁸)
Football (grass pitches)	Penwortham	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Adult pitches have spare capacity of 2 MES per week ◀ Youth 11v11 pitches are overplayed by 1 MES per week ◀ Youth 9v9 pitches at capacity ◀ Mini 7v7 pitches at capacity ◀ Mini 5v5 pitches at capacity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Adult pitches have spare capacity of 2 MES per week ◀ Youth 11v11 pitches are overplayed by 2 MES per week ◀ Youth 9v9 pitches are overplayed by 3 MES per week ◀ Mini 7v7 pitches at capacity ◀ Mini 5v5 pitches are overplayed by 8.5 MES per week
Football (3G pitches) ⁶⁹	South Ribble	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Shortfall of 1 full sized 3G pitches for team training 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Shortfall of 2 full sized 3G pitches for team training
Rugby union (senior pitches)	South Ribble	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Senior pitches are overplayed by 0.5 MES ◀ Mini pitches at capacity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Senior pitches are overplayed by 1.5 MES ◀ Mini pitches at capacity
Rugby league (senior pitches)	South Ribble	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Senior pitches are overplayed by 3 MES ◀ Junior pitches at capacity ◀ Spare capacity of 1 MES on mini pitches 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Senior pitches are overplayed by 2.5 MES ◀ Junior pitches at capacity ◀ Spare capacity of 0.75 MES on mini pitches
Cricket	Penwortham	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Shortfall of 1 match equivalent sessions per season 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Shortfall of 1 match equivalent sessions per season
Hockey	South Ribble	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Demand can be met with current levels of supply 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Demand can be meet with current levels of supply
Tennis courts	South Ribble	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Although there are a sufficient supply of courts at all club sites across South Ribble; there is a need to utilise the spare capacity on non-club community available courts to actualise substantial amounts of latent demand. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Although there are a sufficient supply of courts at all club sites across South Ribble; there is a need to utilise the spare capacity on non-club community available courts to actualise substantial amounts of latent demand.

⁶⁷ Match equivalent sessions

⁶⁸ Future demand based on ONS calculations and club consultation which also includes any latent and displaced demand identified.

⁶⁹ Based on accommodating 38 teams to one full size pitch for affiliated team training.

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Sport	Analysis area	Current picture (MES ⁶⁷)	Future picture (2036 ⁶⁸)
Bowling greens	South Ribble	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Spare capacity for an additional 200 participants. Greater utilisation of unused greens is needed to relieve overplay at some sites. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Spare capacity to accommodate increased levels of demand, with capacity for 200 participants. Greater utilisation of unused greens is needed to relieve overplay at some sites.
Athletics	South Ribble	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Demand can be met with retained level of access 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Demand can be met with retained level of access
Cycling	South Ribble	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Demand can be met with retained level of access 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Demand can be met with retained level of access
Golf	South Ribble	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Demand can be met with retained level of access 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Demand can be met with retained level of access

Penwortham Analysis Area Action Plan

Site ID	Site	Sport	Management	Current status	Recommended actions	Lead Partners	Site hierarchy tier	Priority	Timescales ⁷⁰	Cost ⁷¹	Aim
85	All Hallows Catholic High School	Football	Education	Three youth 11v11 and one youth 9v9 pitch all of which are poor quality. Youth 11v11 pitches are overplayed by one match equivalent sessions, whereas, the youth 9v9 pitch has spare capacity. Pitches at All Hallows Catholic High School (Penwortham) are due to be lost as part of a road being developed through its playing field. It is proposed that the pitches will be mitigated and replaced once the development has taken place; however, the exact location of this relocation is still under consideration.	Mitigate the loss of provision to equal or better quantity / quality. Ensure the pitches are strategically relocated to maximise curricular, extracurricular and community use.	Education LFA FF	Local Site	Low	S - M	L - M	Provide Enhance
		Tennis		Three poor quality macadam courts which are not available for community use and are not floodlit.	Seek to improve court quality through resurfacing.	LTA Education		Low	S	L	
90	Cardinal Newman College (Off Site Playing Fields) Factory Lane	Football	Education	Four adult pitches; two of which are good quality with the remaining two poor quality. Good quality pitches have actual spare capacity of two match equivalent sessions per week, whereas, spare capacity on the poor quality pitches is retained to protect pitch quality.	Sustain good pitch quality through appropriate levels of dedicated maintenance. Improve poor pitch quality through enhanced levels of maintenance.	Education LFA FF	Local Site	Medium	S - M	L	Protect Enhance
107	Hurst Grange Park	Football	South Ribble Borough Council	One poor quality youth 9v9 pitch which has spare capacity retained to protect pitch quality. Pitch suffers from poor drainage and is not accompanied by changing rooms.	Consider rationalisation of site to create bigger, better quality multi pitch hub sites.	South Ribble Borough Council LFA FF	Local Site	Low	S	L	Enhance
112	Kingsfold Drive Playing Fields	Football	South Ribble Borough Council	One poor quality adult pitch which has spare capacity retained to protect pitch quality. Site is accompanied by standard quality ancillary facilities.	Improve pitch quality through more regular enhanced maintenance and remedial work to better sustain levels of school use.	South Ribble Borough Council LFA FF	Local Site	Low	S	L	Enhance
136	Penwortham Broad Oak Primary School	Football	Education	One poor quality youth 9v9 pitch which has spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure. Pitch is available and used by the community.	Improve quality to better sustain curricular and extra curricular demand.	Education LFA FF	Local Site	Low	S	L	Enhance
137	Penwortham Girls High School	Tennis	Education	Three standard quality macadam courts which are available for community use but are not floodlit.	Prolong court lifespan through a robust maintenance plan. Explore potential options to increase community usage by creating a more efficient access system using court accessing systems such as Clubspark in order to actualise latent demand.	LTA Education	Local Site	Low	M	L	Protect

⁷⁰ (S) -Short (1-2 years); (M) - Medium (3-5 years); (L) - Long (6+ years)

⁷¹ (L) -Low - less than £50k; (M) -Medium - £50k-£250k; (H) -High £250k and above

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138	Penwortham Holme (Mini Pitches)	Football	South Ribble Borough Council	20 poor quality mini 5v5 pitches which have spare capacity discounted. Pitches have not been used in the 2017/18 season. This site usually operates as a central venue for the Mid Lancashire Colts Junior Football League; however, due to considerable amounts of damage caused to the playing surface pre-season from unauthorised access, they have been taken offline. In order to remedy the situation, South Ribble Borough Council reports it is currently discussing tender documents to install a new drainage system onsite which is to be installed during summer 2018.	Improve pitch quality through enhanced levels of dedicated maintenance and reinstate the site as a central venue for football in South Ribble. Assist the Council in the installation of a new drainage system. Explore potential funding streams to improve ancillary facilities and surrounding security.	South Ribble Borough Council LFA FF	Hub site	High	S	L - M	Protect Enhance
141	Penwortham Leisure Centre	Football	South Ribble Borough Council	One full size good quality floodlit 3G pitch which is FA certified. Pitch is available for community use.	Sustain pitch quality through appropriate maintenance and seek to maximise usage, particularly for matches. Ensure FA testing every three years so that the pitch remains suitable for match play. Ensure a sinking fund is in place for long-term sustainability.	Education LFA FF	Local Site	Low	S - L	L	Protect
143	Penwortham Sports and Social Club	Cricket	Sports Club	A standard quality grass cricket square with 14 wickets. Square is overplayed by one match equivalent session per season. The Club (Penwortham CC) has secure tenure through the sports and social club. The Club report issues with outfield drainage. The Club also report a need for additional training facilities.	Sustain square quality through dedicated levels of maintenance and remedial work. Explore the feasibility of improving outfield drainage. Assist the Club in acquiring additional training facilities.	Sports Club ECB	Local Site	Low	S	L	Protect Provide Enhance
159	Vernon Carus Sports & Social Club	Football	Sports Club	One standard quality adult pitch which is played to capacity. Pitch is overmarked onto a cricket outfield.	Sustain pitch quality through appropriate levels of dedicated maintenance.	Private LFA FF	Local Site	High	S	L	Protect Provide
		Cricket	Private	Two good quality grass cricket squares one with six wickets and the other with 16 wickets. Both squares are used to capacity at peak time. Site is rented by Veron Carus CC from Bovis Holmes and as a result has unsecure tenure.	Sustain square quality through dedicated levels of maintenance and remedial work. Work to formalise security of tenure for Veron Carus CC.	Private Sports Club ECB		High	S	L	
253	Queensway Playing Field	Football	South Ribble Borough Council	One poor quality youth 9v9 pitch which is played to capacity.	Improve poor pitch quality through enhanced levels of maintenance.	South Ribble Borough Council LFA FF	Local Site	Low	S	L	Enhance
256	Penwortham Priory Academy	Football	Education	Three youth 11v11, two youth 9v9 and one mini 7v7 pitch. One youth 9v9 pitch is poor quality with all remaining pitches standard quality. There is no actual spare capacity available on the mini 7v7 pitch whereas spare capacity on all remaining pitch types is discounted due to unsecure tenure.	Improve pitch quality through regular enhanced maintenance and remedial work to better sustain levels of school and community use. Pursue security of tenure for any future users via community use agreement.	Education LFA FF	Local Site	Low	S	L	Protect Enhance

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		Tennis		Three standard quality macadam courts which are available for community use and are floodlit.	Prolong court lifespan through a robust maintenance plan. Explore potential options to increase community usage by creating a more efficient court accessing systems such as Clubspark in order to actualise latent demand.	LTA Education		Low	M	L	
270	St Marys Magdalen's Primary school	Football	Education	One poor quality mini 7v7 pitch which has spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure.	Improve quality to better sustain curricular and extra curricular demand.	Education LFA FF	Local Site	Low	S	L	Enhance
304	Hoole Village Memorial Hall	Tennis	South Ribble Borough Council	Three poor quality macadam courts which are available for community use but are not floodlit.	Seek to improve court quality through resurfacing. Explore potential options to increase community usage by creating a more efficient court accessing systems such as Clubspark in order to actualise latent demand.	LTA South Ribble Borough Council	Local Site	Low	S	L	Enhance
330	Penwortham Golf Club	Golf	Private	A par 69, 18-hole golf course with adequate ancillary facilities including a chipping and putting practice area.	Retain course and sustain quality through appropriate maintenance. Explore opportunities to increase membership.	Club England Golf	Local Site	Low	L	L	Protect

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Western Parishes Analysis Area headline findings

Sport	Analysis area	Current picture (MES ⁷²)	Future picture (2036 ⁷³)
Football (grass pitches)	Western Parishes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Adult pitches are overplayed by 0.5 MES per week ◀ Youth 11v11 pitches are overplayed by 2.5 MES per week ◀ Youth 9v9 pitches at capacity ◀ Mini 7v7 pitches at capacity ◀ Mini 5v5 pitches at capacity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Adult pitches are overplayed by 0.5 MES per week ◀ Youth 11v11 pitches are overplayed by 3 MES per week ◀ Youth 9v9 pitches are overplayed by 0.5 MES per week ◀ Mini 7v7 pitches at capacity ◀ Mini 5v5 pitches at capacity
Football (3G pitches) ⁷⁴	South Ribble	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Shortfall of 1 full sized 3G pitches for team training 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Shortfall of 2 full sized 3G pitches for team training
Rugby union (senior pitches)	South Ribble	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Senior pitches are overplayed by 0.5 MES ◀ Mini pitches at capacity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Senior pitches are overplayed by 1.5 MES ◀ Mini pitches at capacity
Rugby league (senior pitches)	South Ribble	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Senior pitches are overplayed by 3 MES ◀ Junior pitches at capacity ◀ Spare capacity of 1 MES on mini pitches 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Senior pitches are overplayed by 2.5 MES ◀ Junior pitches at capacity ◀ Spare capacity of 0.75 MES on mini pitches
Cricket	Western Parishes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Shortfall of 22 match equivalent sessions per season 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Shortfall of 22 match equivalent sessions per season
Hockey	South Ribble	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Demand can be met with current levels of supply 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Demand can be meet with current levels of supply
Tennis courts	South Ribble	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Although there are a sufficient supply of courts at all club sites across South Ribble; there is a need to utilise the spare capacity on non-club community available courts to actualise substantial amounts of latent demand. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Although there are a sufficient supply of courts at all club sites across South Ribble; there is a need to utilise the spare capacity on non-club community available courts to actualise substantial amounts of latent demand.
Bowling greens	South Ribble	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Spare capacity for an additional 200 participants. Greater utilisation of unused greens is needed to relieve overplay at some sites. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Spare capacity to accommodate increased levels of demand, with capacity for 200 participants. ◀ Greater utilisation of unused greens is needed to relieve overplay at some sites.
Athletics	South Ribble	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Demand can be met with retained level of access 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Demand can be met with retained level of access

⁷² Match equivalent sessions

⁷³ Future demand based on ONS calculations and club consultation which also includes any latent and displaced demand identified.

⁷⁴ Based on accommodating 38 teams to one full size pitch for affiliated team training.

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Sport	Analysis area	Current picture (MES ⁷²)	Future picture (2036 ⁷³)
Cycling	South Ribble	◀ Demand can be met with retained level of access	◀ Demand can be met with retained level of access
Golf	South Ribble	◀ Demand can be met with retained level of access	◀ Demand can be met with retained level of access

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Site ID	Site	Sport	Management	Current status	Recommended actions	Lead Partners	Site hierarchy tier	Priority	Timescales ⁷⁵	Cost ⁷⁶	Aim
45	Longton Victory Memorial Ground	Football	Sports Club	One poor quality adult pitch which has spare capacity retained to protect pitch quality.	Improve pitch quality through enhanced levels of dedicated maintenance as required.	Sports Club LFA FF	Local Site	Low	S	L	Enhance Protect
		Tennis	Sports Club	Two standard quality macadam courts which are available for community use but are not floodlit. Site is used by Longton Memorial TC. Courts have capacity to accommodate additional demand.	Prolong court lifespan through a robust maintenance plan. Utilise spare capacity to accommodate future and latent demand.	LTA Sports Club		Low	M	L	
		Bowls	South Ribble Borough Council	Two standard quality bowling greens. The home venue of Longton Victory Memorial BC the site has some capacity for additional demand.	Look to improve green quality through enhanced levels of maintenance and retain as current use.	South Ribble Borough Council BCGBA		Low	M	L	
86	All Saints' Church of England Primary School	Football	Education	One poor quality mini 7v7 pitch which has no actual spare capacity at peak time.	Improve quality to better sustain curricular and extra curricular demand.	Education LFA FF	Local Site	Low	S	L	Enhance
108	Hutton C of E Grammar School	Cricket	Education	A standard quality grass cricket square with five wickets accompanied by an NTP. Square is overplayed by one match equivalent session per season. Site is rented by Penwortham CC and as a result has unsecure tenure.	Sustain square quality through dedicated levels of maintenance and remedial work.	Education ECB	Local Site	Low	L	L	Protect Enhance
		Rugby union	South Ribble Borough Council	Two standard quality junior pitches and two standard quality senior pitches, all with adequate natural drainage. These pitches are currently played to capacity through curricular and extra-curricular use (Hutton C of E Grammar School).	Improve quality to better sustain curricular and extra curricular demand.	RFU Education		Low	L	L	
		Tennis	South Ribble Borough Council	Four poor quality macadam courts which are available for community use but are not floodlit.	Seek to improve court quality through resurfacing. Explore potential options to increase community usage by creating a more efficient access system using court accessing systems such as Clubspark in order to actualise latent demand.	LTA South Ribble Borough Council		Low	S	L	
109	Hutton Playing Field	Football	South Ribble Borough Council	One standard quality youth 11v11 pitch which has actual spare capacity of one match equivalent session per week. Standard quality changing provision available on site.	Sustain quality and retain as current use. Alleviate overplay through the transferal of demand to sites with actual spare capacity.	South Ribble Borough Council LFA FF	Local Site	Low	L	L	Protect Enhance
		Cricket		A standalone NTP.	Sustain quality through appropriate maintenance and return as current use.	Council ECB		Low	L	L	
114	Lancashire Constabulary Training Headquarters, Hutton	Football	Private	One youth 11v11, two youth 9v9 and four mini 7v7 pitches all of which are poor quality. The youth 11v11 pitch is overplayed 3.5 match equivalent sessions. Spare capacity on the remaining pitches is retained protect pitch quality.	Improve poor pitch quality through enhanced levels of maintenance.	Private LFA FF	Local Site	Medium	S	L	Protect Enhance

⁷⁵ (S) -Short (1-2 years); (M) - Medium (3-5 years); (L) - Long (6+ years)

⁷⁶ (L) -Low - less than £50k; (M) -Medium - £50k-£250k; (H) -High £250k and above

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		Rugby union		A standard quality (M1/D1) pitch with adequate natural drainage. Spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure.	Sustain good pitch quality through appropriate levels of dedicated maintenance.	Other RFU		Medium	L	L	
		Bowls		One poor quality bowling green. The green is currently unused by community clubs.	Improve green quality through enhanced levels of maintenance and retain as current use.	Other BCGBA		Medium	S	L	
118	Longton Primary School	Football	Education	One poor quality mini 7v7 pitch which is not available for community use.	Improve quality to better sustain curricular and extra curricular demand.	Education LFA FF	Local Site	Low	S	L	Enhance
119	Longton Playing Field	Football	South Ribble Borough Council	One poor quality youth 11v11 pitch which is played to capacity.	Improve poor pitch quality through enhanced levels of maintenance.	University RFU LFA	Local Site	Low	S	L	Enhance
129	Much Hoole Playing Field	Football	South Ribble Borough Council	One poor quality adult pitch which is played to capacity.	Improve poor pitch quality through enhanced levels of maintenance.	South Ribble Borough Council FF LFA	Local Site	Low	S	L	Protect Enhance
		Cycling		A stone BMX Pump Track.	Sustain quality through appropriate maintenance and retain as current use.	British Cycling South Ribble Borough Council		Low	L	L	
131	New Longton Sports & Social Club	Football	South Ribble Borough Council	One poor quality adult pitch which is overplayed by 0.5 match equivalent sessions per week. Pitch suffers from poor drainage. New Longton Rovers Seniors FC is in negotiations with South Ribble Borough Council for the 25 year lease of the pitch. The Club has aspirations to acquire funding to improve pitch quality.	Assist New Longton Rovers Seniors in acquiring a long term lease of the pitch. Once tenure is secured assist the Club in obtaining funding streams to improve pitch quality.	Sports Club LFA FF	Local Site	Medium	S	L	Protect Enhance
		Cricket	Sports Club	A standard quality grass cricket square with six wickets. Square is overplayed by 21 match equivalent sessions per season. Site has a 20 year lease remaining to New Longton CC from South Ribble Borough Council. The Club is actively planning to submit a grant funding application for the installation of fix bay artificial practice nets.	Improve square quality through and enhanced maintenance, remedial and preparatory regime. Alleviate overplay through the transferral of demand to a site with sufficient spare capacity. Alleviate overplay through greater utilisation of onsite NTP. Assist the Club in acquiring additional training facilities.	Sports Club ECB		Medium	S	L	
132	New Longton Village Hall	Football	Parish Council	One youth 9v9 and one mini 7v7 pitch both of which are poor quality. Both pitches are played to capacity at peak time. Pitches suffer from poor drainage. New Longton Rovers Juniors FC has aspirations to attain long term tenure for the pitches in order to improve their quality.	Assist New Longton Rovers Juniors in acquiring a long term lease of the pitch. Once tenure is secured assist the Club in obtaining funding streams to improve pitch quality.	Parish Council LFA FF	Local Site	Low	S	L	Protect Enhance

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Site ID	Site	Sport	Management	Current status	Recommended actions	Lead Partners	Site hierarchy tier	Priority	Timescales ⁷⁵	Cost ⁷⁶	Aim
158	Dob Lane Playing Fields, Walmer Bridge	Football	South Ribble Borough Council	Two poor quality mini 7v7 pitches which are available for community use but are unused. Spare capacity retained to protect pitch quality.	Consider rationalisation of site to create bigger, better quality multi pitch hub sites.	South Ribble Borough Council LFA FF	Local Site	Low	S	L	Enhance
160	Walmer Bridge Village Hall	Football	Community Organisation	One poor quality mini 7v7 pitch which has spare capacity retained to protect pitch quality.	Consider the need to maintain as formal pitch provision given limited demand. If demand exists improve poor pitch quality through enhanced levels of maintenance.	Community Organisation LFA FF	Local Site	Low	S	L	Enhance
275	Richard Holmes Memorial Ground	Football	Sports Club	One adult and one youth 9v9 pitch both of which are standard quality. Neither pitch has spare capacity available at peak time. Pitches suffer from poor drainage.	Sustain pitch quality through appropriate levels of dedicated maintenance. Explore the feasibility of improving pitch drainage.	Sports Club LFA FF	Local Site	Low	S	L	Protect
304	Hoole Village Memorial Hall	Bowls	South Ribble Borough Council	One good quality bowling green.	Sustain green quality and retain as current use.	South Ribble Borough Council BCGBA	Local Site	Low	L	L	Protect
305	Penwortham Lawn Tennis Club	Tennis	Sports Club	Five standard quality artificial courts which are all available for community use. Four of the courts are floodlit. Site is used by Penwortham TC. Courts have capacity to accommodate additional demand.	Prolong court lifespan through a robust maintenance plan. Utilise spare capacity to accommodate future and latent demand.	LTA Sports Club	Local Site	Low	M	L	Protect
306	New Longton	Bowls	South Ribble Borough Council	One poor quality bowling green. The home venue of New Longton BC the site is considered to be at capacity, unable to accommodate additional demand.	Improve green quality through enhanced levels of maintenance and retain as current use.	South Ribble Borough Council BCGBA	Local Site	Low	S	L	Enhance
315	Hutton Village Hall	Tennis	Parish Council	Two poor quality macadam courts which are available for community use but are not floodlit.	Seek to improve court quality through resurfacing.	LTA Parish Council	Local Site	Low	S	L	Enhance
New	Potential Sports Hub Site	Football	South Ribble Borough Council	South Ribble Borough Council has plans to develop a football hub site to operate as a central venue and alleviate identified shortfalls for both grass and 3G pitches. The Council is currently exploring the feasibility of several locations for the site.	Explore the feasibility of establishing a football hub to include multiple 3G pitches and natural turf pitches, with good quality accompanying ancillary facilities. Maximise use of new 3G pitches for adult and youth match play, reconfiguring grass pitches as required dependent on balance of play accommodated on 3G. Seek to make the site self-sustaining through or outside of the Parklife portfolio management model, with revenue generated ring fenced for re-investment into the maintenance and improvement of grass pitches onsite to good quality. Seek to establish a non-traditional adult football offer on 3G, for example flexi leagues, Vets central venue or walking football.	South Ribble Borough Council Sports Clubs NGBs	Potential Hub Site	High	S - M	H	Protect Enhance Provide

PART 10: HOUSING GROWTH SCENARIOS

The PPS provides an estimate of demand for pitch sport based on population forecasts and club consultation to 2036 (in line with the emerging Central Lancashire Local Plan period). This future demand is translated into teams likely to be generated, rather than actual pitch provision required. The Sport England Playing Pitch New Development Calculator (NDC) adds to this, updating the likely demand generated for pitch sports based on housing increases and converts the demand into match equivalent sessions and the number of pitches required. This is achieved via team generation rates (TGRs) in the Assessment Report to determine how many new teams would be generated from an increase in population derived from housing growth and gives the associated costs of supplying the increased pitch provision.

The PPS will help evidence the review of the Central Lancashire Local Plans, however, the authorities are not yet in a position to know what level of housing growth will be planned for in the new Central Lancashire Local Plan, to 2036.

The Government issued a revised National Planning Policy Framework (in Feb 2018) which established a standardised methodology for calculating minimum annual local housing need.

The Central Lancashire authorities will agree a sustainable distribution of growth across the area.

The scenario below is an example on how the NDC will show the additional demand for pitch sports generated from future housing growth. It is based on the current Preston Local Plan figures for the purposes of this demonstration and uses the dwellings associated with the North West Preston Strategic Location over the period to 2026.

The demand is shown in match equivalent sessions per week for the majority of sports, with the exception of cricket, where match equivalent sessions are by season. This is also equated to pitches required at peak time for each sport rounded up or down to the nearest whole pitch.

The indicative figures are based on the assumption of a per dwelling occupancy rate of 2.33.

Please note that once housing allocations have been identified as part of the emerging Central Lancashire Local Plan the NDC can be updated throughout the lifespan of the PPS to reflect population projections and change in the average household size.

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

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Example: Likely demand generated for pitch sports from housing growth of 5,500 dwellings in North West Preston Strategic Location over the period to 2026

The estimated additional population derived from housing growth of 5,500 equates to an increase of 12,815 (5,500 x 2.33 average person per dwelling). This equates to 10.22 match equivalent sessions per week for grass pitch sports, 0.85 on AGPs for hockey and 24.44 per season for cricket.

Table 10.1 Summary of pitch requirement

Pitch sport	Match equivalent sessions (MES) per week ⁷⁷	Pitches
Adult football	3.08	3 adult pitches
Youth football	3.35	3 youth pitches
Mini soccer	2.94	3 mini pitches
Rugby union	0.85	1 senior pitches
Rugby league	0.00	No new pitches
Hockey	0.94	1 new AGP
Cricket ⁷⁸	24.44 (per season)	1 senior cricket pitches

To accommodate all of this demand, the capital cost is estimated at £957,962⁷⁹ and the total life cycle cost (per annum) is £174,327.⁸⁰

Conclusions

The example above shows that for a growth of 5,500 houses in the local authority of Preston demand would be generated for all pitch sports apart from Rugby League. This position is indicative and does not provide information on where the housing is likely to be located, how many dwellings will actually be provided or which existing playing fields the additional demand is likely to migrate to. It should be noted that not all housing developments are of sufficient scale to generate demand in their own right.

Once housing developments have been identified in the new Central Lancashire Local Plan, the individual councils could consider using CIL (if not already) to obtain contributions to priority sites, or pooling S106 contributions from major housing schemes to invest in priority sites. In either case, the preceding Action Plan and future consultation with NGBs should inform the playing fields that most require investment.

⁷⁷ As per the PPS Guidance, demand for cricket is considered in terms of match equivalent sessions per season rather than per week.

⁷⁸ Cricket squares are based upon six natural grass wicket.

⁷⁹ Capital cost is based on 2016 second quarter calculations.

⁸⁰ Sport England Life Cycle Costs Natural Turf Pitches and Artificial Surfaces April 2012

PART 11: 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 Central Lancashire. 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 Central Lancashire 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 playing pitches 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 playing pitch 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 playing pitch 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.

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
Step 9: Apply & deliver the strategy		
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?		
Step 10: Keep the strategy robust & up to date		
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?		

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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?		

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APPENDIX ONE: INCREASING FOOTBALL USE OF 3G PITCHES

During the last decade 3G AGPs have played an increasing role within the national game. They are regarded by the Football Association (FA) as the optimum facility for training by clubs. In recent seasons, they have also become more popular for competitive matches. With this in mind, before developing the recommendations and action plan for this PPS, two scenarios have been looked at to help with understanding what demand there may be for full sized floodlit 3G AGPs in Central Lancashire if increased amounts of play were to take place on them.

In order to do so, information from the 'Assessment' stage of developing this PPS, alongside details from the FA, have been used to help answer the following questions:

How many full sized floodlit 3G AGPs may be required to meet demand within Central Lancashire if:

- ◀ All teams playing competitive football had access to a full size floodlit 3G AGP to train on once a week?
- ◀ All matches for teams currently playing competitive football on Council owned natural grass pitches in each of the authorities (Preston, Chorley and South Ribble) were played on full sized floodlit 3G AGPs?

The answers to these questions are set out below and are based on full sized floodlit 3G AGPs which have full community use during peak periods⁸¹. However, the results should be viewed as providing an indication of the 'full size pitch equivalents' that may be demanded. In practice, the most appropriate ways of meeting any such increase in demand will vary depending on the nature of the local area. For example, in some areas new full size floodlit AGPs may be appropriate, whereas in others small sided provision to cater for increased training use or securing greater community use/hours of existing provision may be the best way forward.

Given the above, what the answers may mean for the Area, taking into account the wider findings from the Assessment stage of developing the PPS, is also presented below. These details have been used to help inform the development of the PPS recommendations and the action plan in Part 6.

Scenario results

The FA is keen to work with local authorities (LAs) to understand the potential demand for full sized floodlit 3G AGPs should all competitive matches, currently played on Council owned natural grass pitches (managed independently by clubs), be transferred to one.

Table A.1 takes information from the Assessment stage of this PPS to present the relevant peak periods for each local authority on individual pitch types.

Table A.1

Pitch type	Pitch size	Local authority competitive peak time		
		Chorley	Preston	South Ribble
Mini	5v5	Saturday AM	Saturday AM	Saturday AM
Mini	7v7	Sunday AM	Sunday AM	Sunday AM
Youth	9v9	Sunday AM	Sunday AM	Sunday AM

⁸¹ Weekdays 17:00 - 21:00 (or 19:00 on Fridays) and 09:00 - 17:00 on weekends.

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Pitch type	Pitch size	Local authority competitive peak time		
		Chorley	Preston	South Ribble
Youth	11v11	Sunday AM	Sunday AM	Sunday AM
Adult	11v11	Saturday PM	Sunday AM	Saturday PM / Sunday AM ⁸²

The FA suggests an approach (see below) for estimating the number of full size floodlit 3G AGPs that teams may demand for competitive matches. Table A.2 to A.4 presents the results of this approach including the number of teams playing on each pitch type in the individual local authorities.

Table A.2: Chorley

Format	No teams per time (x)	No matches at PEAK TIME (y) = x/2	3G units per match (z)	Total units required formats (A)=(y)*(z)	3G pitches required B= (A)/64
5v5	4	2	4	8	0.125
7v7	3	1.5	8	12	0.1875
9v9	9	4.5	10	45	0.703125
11v11	4	2	32	64	1
Adult	4	2	32	64	1

In Chorley, transferring all matches for teams currently playing competitive football on Council owned natural grass pitches may equate to a demand for two full sized floodlit 3G AGP (rounded up from 1.88) for all the different formats of the game. This is the highest accumulative demand from youth 11v11, youth 9v9 and mini 7v7 as they have the same peak time demand.

Table A.3: Preston

Format	No teams per time (x)	No matches at PEAK TIME (y) = x/2	3G units per match (z)	Total units required formats (A)=(y)*(z)	3G pitches required B= (A)/64
5v5	4	2	4	8	0.125
7v7	10	5	8	40	0.625
9v9	6	3	10	30	0.46875
11v11	15	7.5	32	240	3.75
Adult	12	6	32	192	3

Transferring all matches for teams currently playing competitive football on Council owned natural grass pitches may equate to a demand for eight full sized floodlit 3G AGP (rounded up from 7.83) for all the different formats of the game. This is based on adult, youth 11v11, youth 9v9 and mini 7v7 pitch types all having the same peak period and therefore needing to access pitches in the same time period.

⁸² Adult peak time demand for South Ribble is both Saturday PM and Sunday AM as the same number of teams play within these periods with 15 in each.

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Table A.4: South Ribble

Format	No teams per time (x)	No matches at PEAK TIME (y) = x/2	3G units per match (z)	Total units required formats (A)=(y)*(z)	3G pitches required B= (A)/64
5v5	2	1	4	4	0.0625
7v7	1	0.5	8	4	0.0625
9v9	6	3	10	30	0.46875
11v11	14	7	32	224	3.5
Adult	15	7.5	32	240	3.75

Transferring all matches for teams currently playing competitive football on Council owned natural grass pitches may equate to a demand for seven full sized floodlit 3G AGP (rounded down from 7.27) for all the different formats of the game. Similar to Chorley, the highest accumulative demand in South Ribble is from adult (Sunday AM), youth 11v11, youth 9v9 and mini 7v7 as they have the same peak time demand.

Table A.5: Potential shortfalls per local authority

Local authority	3G pitches required if all competitive demand was transferred from Council pitches	Current number of 3G pitches available at peak time and are FA certified	Current shortfall
Chorley	2	1	1
Preston	8	4	4
South Ribble	7	2	5

The FA approach for estimating the number of full size floodlit 3G AGPs that teams may demand for competitive matches is based on:

- ◀ A team playing a 'home' match every other week - therefore dividing the number of teams by two with the result rounded up to provide a figure for the number of matches a week during the peak period (Table A.2 Column y).
- ◀ A 3G AGP being available for 4 hours⁸³ a day during the peak period (e.g. 10am to 2pm). Therefore, all demand being programmed over the four hour period.
- ◀ Using a unit measure which can be applied to the different formats of the game to quantify how a pitch can be used during this 4 hour period (Table A.2 Column z). One unit is taken as equating to a quarter of a full size 3G AGP for 15 minutes. Therefore, a full size 3G AGP provides 4 units per 15 minutes and 16 units per hour. Across the four hour period this totals a capacity of 64 units (16 units per hour x 4 hours).
- ◀ As set out in Table A.6 overleaf, each format of the game will require a certain amount of units of a full size 3G AGP per match based on the required pitch size and match duration.

⁸³ The rationale for 4 hours is based on a standard approach for match programming nationally and the ability to facilitate 2 adult games.

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Table A.6: Programming principals

Format of the game	Number of pitches that fit on a full size 3G AGP	Number of matches per hour on a full size 3G AGP	Number of matches per 2 hour period on a full size 3G AGP	Number of units per match
5v5	4	4	8	4
7v7	2	2	4	8
9v9	2	2	2	10
11v11 Youth	1	0	1	32
11v11 Adult	1	0	1	32

APPENDIX TWO: DEVELOPER CONTRIBUTIONS - STEP BY STEP GUIDE

For any application warranting a developer contribution the following processes should be followed in order to help inform the potential needs a new housing development may require and/or should look to consider.

In accordance with National Planning Policy Guidance, contributions should not be sought from developments of 10 units or less, and which have a maximum combined gross floor space of no more than 1,000 square metres (gross internal area).

Any obligations sought should be based on a tailored approach to each development, considering the population derived from the development, determining if the demand can be met by existing facilities and identifying the project/s that any required contribution will be used towards. All of this should be carried out using the robust evidence base provided as part of the PPS to help with clearly justifying the needs arising and how they are to be met.

Step 1	Determine the playing pitch requirement resulting from the development
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The main tool for determining this is Sport England's Playing Pitch New Development Calculator which is a Sport England tool provided on completion of the Strategy. The calculator will be pre-populated with the current population of the local authority and the current demand data from the PPS. Until this requires updating, to determine the playing pitch requirement resulting from a development, all that is required is the input of the new population that will derive from a development in Part 1 of the calculator tab.

Part 4 provides an estimation of the number of new pitches that would be required to meet the match equivalent sessions presented in Part 2. Part 4 also presents an estimate of the associated costs for providing these new pitches. Please note that these are indicative costs only and appropriate local work should be undertaken to determine the true costs involved.

Step 2	Determine whether new provision is required and whether this should be on or off site
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Consideration should be given to whether the nearest site/s to the development containing that type of provision could benefit from a contribution towards increasing capacity to meet likely need generated from the development. If there are no potential options to improve or extend existing provision to create additional capacity, or if capacity cannot be increased to a sufficient level, then new provision will likely be required.

Where the calculator does not create demand for a whole pitch, which is often the case for smaller sized developments, it is recommended to make a contribution to increasing the capacity of an existing site to meet demand generated from the development.

When identifying a site for off-site contributions, consider the proximity and location of existing playing pitch sites and whether it could help serve the new development. Identify the analysis area in which the development sits and identify if there are any hub sites or key centres within the locality. Initially, a one-mile radius could be drawn around the site in order to help identify the nearest priority sites, which may require consultation with neighbouring authorities when the development sites to close to the boundary.

This decision should be based on the potential to improve existing facilities within an appropriate catchment of a development to create additional capacity, and how realistic it is given the nature of the local area to provide new provision.

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For example, there may be some poor quality playing fields that could potentially be improved with additional drainage and long-term maintenance works, along with enhanced changing provision, to enable use to be increased, thereby creating additional capacity to meet the increased demand generated from the development.

Discussions should be held with relevant parties (e.g. NGBs, landowners, facility operators and user groups), and any further necessary evidence gathered (e.g. a feasibility study), to help identify the specific works that are required, and to ensure they will provide the necessary additional capacity to meet the needs. It will also be important to demonstrate that the specific works can be delivered within an appropriate timescale in relation to the occupation of the development site.

When on site provision is required, priority should be placed on the creation of multi-pitch and multi-sport sites with appropriate ancillary facilities such as a clubhouse and adequate car parking, as well as ensuring the provision contributes towards reducing current shortfalls. This will ensure that the provision is sustainable and attractive to potential users. Emphasis should also be on ensuring the site can accommodate an AGP given current sporting trends.

Other useful questions when deciding on new provision include:

- ◀ Are there any teams/clubs playing outside of the local area (displaced demand) which could utilise provision at the site?
- ◀ Do any local clubs identify existing plans/demand for access to new provision?
- ◀ Are there any overplayed sites in the local area where existing demand could be transferred to a new site?
- ◀ Do any local clubs identify any latent demand (i.e. if they had access to more pitches they could they field more teams?)

To further help determine the sustainability of establishing new provision, consideration should be given to the potential management opportunities which may be available onsite:

- ◀ Is the local authority (or town/parish council) in a position to take on further outdoor sports facilities from a financial point of view?
- ◀ Is an education establishment to be provided as part of the development which offers a potential management option of outdoor sports facilities?
- ◀ Is there a leisure trust in place which has the capacity to take on the management of outdoor sports facilities?
- ◀ Is there an opportunity for a trust based model of management, for example, by formation of a Community Interest Company (CIC) or Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)?
- ◀ Is there an existing sports club that has the capacity to take on the management of another site?

At this point, further dialogue with the relevant NGB may be required to help determine options available.

Step 3	Determine the other pitch and non-pitch requirements resulting from the development
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The calculator does not calculate demand for other types of pitches (outside of football, rugby, cricket and hockey) or non-pitch provision which may be played in the area. However, the PPS identifies (where relevant) current and future demand for the additional types of outdoor sporting provision. As such, this should be used to determine if contributions are required towards these sports or if new provision is required.

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Where there is no identified shortfall in provision or future demand for new provision within an area relevant to the development (e.g. an analysis area or settlement), consideration should be given to the nearest site to the development containing that type of provision. If this could accommodate the increased demand from the development, no action is required; if it could not accommodate the demand, consider if the site could benefit from a contribution towards increasing capacity to meet likely need. For example, this could include increasing quality and/or addition of ancillary facilities such as floodlighting, changing rooms or car parking. The PPS action plan should be used as a starting point to identify site by site recommendations.

Where there is an identified shortfall that could not be overcome through contributions, new provision may be required within or nearby to the development as part a multi-sport development.

Step 4	Consider design principles for new provision
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The exact nature and location of provision associated with onsite developments should be fully determined in partnership with each relevant NGB. Further to this, each pitch sport NGB provides national guidance in relation to provision of new pitches. There is also a need to ensure that the location of outdoor sports pitches and ancillary facilities are appropriately located in the context of indoor sports provision (if also being provided onsite) to ensure a cohesive approach to the whole sporting offer.

Step 5	Calculate the financial contribution required
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After using the PPS New Development Calculator as a starting point for cost, the local cost of provision should be fully determined in order to calculate the financial contributions required.

A clear and transparent methodology for calculating up to date costs for the specific works, including appropriate ancillary provision, should be presented. Where appropriate, depending on how the needs are to be met, the cost of any required land purchase should be included in the financial contribution. If an obligation will be directed to an off-site project it should be ensured the costs are limited to meet the needs of the individual development.

Along with any capital costs for the works, an obligation should ensure an appropriate level of lifecycle costs towards the new or enhanced provision. This is required to cover the day to day maintenance for an agreed long-term period and to help ensure a sinking fund exists for any major replacement work, e.g. the future resurfacing of an artificial grass pitch.

Wherever possible, specific local costs should be used, especially if the works are to improve the existing quality of a site to increase capacity as there may be a number of site specifics to consider. Sport England does provide indicative costs for new provision: <https://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/design-and-cost-guidance/cost-guidance/>

For all developments community use agreements between providers and users would ensure that such demand continues to be provided for in the long-term.

APPENDIX THREE: SPORTING CONTEXT

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

A number of NGB strategies are approaching or beyond their indicated lifespans but should be considered incumbent and applicable until publication of superseding strategies.

National context

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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National Planning Policy Framework (Feb 2019)

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

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

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

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

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

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

The FA National Game Strategy (2015 – 2019)

The Football Association's (FA) National Game Strategy provides a strategic framework that sets out key priorities, expenditure proposals and targets for the national game (i.e., football) over a four year period. The main issues facing grassroots football are identified as:

- ◀ Sustain and Increase Participation.
- ◀ Ensure access to education sites to accommodate the game.
- ◀ Help players to be the best that they can be and provide opportunities for them to progress from grassroots to elite.
- ◀ Recruit, retain and develop a network of qualified referees
- ◀ Support clubs, leagues and other competition providers to develop a safe, inclusive and positive football experience for everyone.
- ◀ Support Clubs and Leagues to become sustainable businesses, understanding and serving the needs of players and customers.
- ◀ Improve grass pitches through the pitch improvement programme to improve existing facilities and changing rooms.
- ◀ Deliver new and improved facilities including new Football Turf Pitches.
- ◀ Work with priority Local Authorities enabling 50% of mini-soccer and youth matched to be played on high quality artificial grass pitches.

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Local Football Facility Plans

To support in delivery of both the current and superseding FA National Games Strategy, the FA has commissioned a national piece of work. Over the next two years, 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 national football investment (FA, Premier League and DCMS) will be identified via LFFPs.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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- ◀ **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*

The Rugby Football Union Strategic Plan (2017-2021)

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

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

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

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

The Rugby Football League Facility Strategy

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.rffacilitystrust.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
- ◀ Clean, Dry and Safe programmes

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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 Strategy

Our vision is for England to be a ‘Nation Where Hockey Matters’.

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

Underpinning all this is the infrastructure which makes our sport function. We know the importance of our volunteers, coaches, officials, clubs and facilities. The more inspirational our people can be, the more progressive we can be and the more befitting our facilities can be, the more we will achieve for our sport. England Hockey will enable this to happen and we are passionate about our role within the sport. We will lead, support, counsel, focus and motivate the Hockey Nation and work tirelessly towards our vision.

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.

Our core objectives are as follows:

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

Club Participation

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

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

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

England Hockey Facilities Strategy

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

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

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

The 3 main objectives of the facilities strategy are:

1. PROTECT: To conserve the existing hockey provision

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

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

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

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

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

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LTA Strategy

The LTA are in the process of finalising a new strategy for British Tennis with its vision being 'Tennis opened up'. The new strategies mission it to grown tennis by making it relevant, accessible, welcoming and enjoyable. Further details are to be provided by the LTA in 2019. The information below is in relation to the current strategy.

2015-2018 British Tennis Strategy

The LTA is currently in the process of developing its new Strategy. However, this strategy is presented in a concise one page framework that includes key strategies relating to three participation "focus" areas, six participation "drivers" and three participation "enablers". To achieve success, the 12 strategy areas will need to work interdependently to stem the decline and unlock sustainable growth.

The three participation "focus" areas are where tennis is consumed:

- ◀ Deliver great service to clubs
- ◀ Build partnerships in the community, led by parks
- ◀ Enhance the tennis offer in education

The six participation "drivers" are the areas that will make the biggest difference where tennis is consumed. They must all be successful on a standalone and interconnected basis and include:

- ◀ Becoming more relevant to coaches
- ◀ Refocusing on recreational competition
- ◀ Providing results orientated facility investment
- ◀ Applying best in class marketing and promotion
- ◀ Jump starting the peak summer season
- ◀ Establishing a "no compromise" high performance programme with focus

The final layer is comprised of three participation "enablers" that underpin our ability to be successful. These enablers are rooted in how the LTA will get better; how the entire network of partners must be harnessed to work together and the need to raise more financial resources to fund our sport's turnaround. They include:

- ◀ Becoming a more effective and efficient LTA
- ◀ Harnessing the full resource network
- ◀ Generating new revenue

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>

Growing the Game of Golf in England (2017-2021)

In 2014, England Golf developed its first national strategy to help golf in England rise to some serious challenges. Membership was declining, many clubs were facing financial and business problems and the perception of the game was proving damaging. As such, it decided to set out recommendations for actions that would help "raise the game".

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The 2014 strategy helped achieve the following:

- ◀ 427,111 people being introduced to golf for the first time.
- ◀ 31,913 new members for England's golf clubs from national initiatives.
- ◀ Over £25 million generated for golf clubs through new members.
- ◀ Four counties to merge their men's and women's unions associations.
- ◀ Support for 15,200 national, regional and county squad players.
- ◀ Over 150 championships and events organised across the country.

Following the above strategy, England Golf is now setting out to "grow the game" of golf through seven strategic objectives. Developed in consultation with the golfing community, six of these are developed from the previous work in 2014, whilst one (being customer focussed) is brand new and intends on boosting the impact of them all.

The objectives are:

- ◀ Being customer focussed
- ◀ Stronger counties and club
- ◀ Excellent governance
- ◀ Improve image
- ◀ More members and players
- ◀ Outstanding championships, competitions and events
- ◀ Winning golfers

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UK Athletics Facilities Strategy (2014-2019)

Facilities are essential to attracting, retaining and developing athletes of the future. Having the right facilities in the right place will be crucial in meeting growing demand, increasing participation in physical activity and athletics, improving the health of the nation and supporting a new generation of athletes in clubs and schools through to national and world class level.

UKA and the Home Country Athletics Federations (HCAFs) recognise the challenges faced by facility owners and venue operators, and the 5-year Facility Strategy (2014-2019) uses a Track & Field facility model designed to support a sustainable UK network of development, training and competition venues that meet Home Country needs aligned to UKA's Athlete/Participant Development Model. In addition to Track and Field provision, UKA recognises the huge amount of club activity that takes place on roads, paths and trails and the strategy also maps out a plan for future "running" facilities.

The strategy does not seek to identify priority facilities, clubs or geographical areas. Instead, it provides the direction and guidance that will enable the four Home Country Athletics Federations (England Athletics, Athletics Northern Ireland, Scottish Athletics and Welsh Athletics) to establish their own priorities and deliver the principles of the UKA Facilities Strategy within their own national context.

UKA's 2014-19 Facilities Strategy key outcomes:

- ◀ Increased participation across all athletics disciplines
- ◀ Increased club membership by providing facilities that support a participation pathway from novice through to club member
- ◀ Increased talent pool
- ◀ Long-term improvement in the development of athletes of all ages and abilities
- ◀ Securing the long-term future of existing facilities
- ◀ More attractive and inspiring facilities for existing and potential athletes
- ◀ Improving the athletics experience for all participants
- ◀ Improved relationships and interactions between stakeholders, particularly clubs and facility operators

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APPENDIX FOUR: FUNDING PLAN

Funding opportunities⁸⁴

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

⁸⁴ Up to date as of April 2018.

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Awarding body	Description
Rugby Football League https://www.rlwc2021.com/facilities	Rugby League World Cup 2021 Capital Facilities legacy funding. Small Grants Scheme awards grants of up to £15,000 for the provision of capital items, kit and equipment or to refurbish/improve existing facilities. Large capital grants programme of £15,000 plus focused on supporting the development of new or refurbished local rugby league facilities. The programme is split into four themes: 1. Welcoming environments 2. More players 3. Community engagement 4. Innovation fund
EU Life Fund http://ec.europa.eu/environment/funding/intro_en.htm	LIFE is the EU's financial instrument supporting environmental and nature conservation projects throughout the EU.
National Hockey Foundation http://www.thenationalhockeyfoundation.com/	The Foundation primarily makes grants to a wide range of organisations that meet one of the areas of focus: Young people and hockey, Enabling the development of hockey at youth or community level.
LTA Transforming British Tennis Together https://www.lta.org.uk/workforce-venues/tennis-venue-support/tennis-facility-funding-and-advice/transforming-british-tennis-together/	Transforming British Tennis Together (TBTT) is the largest capital investment programme the LTA has undertaken. It aims to invest £125 million over the next ten years in tennis facilities which it hopes can be match funded by partners to bring £250 million into the sport.
BCGBA grants https://www.bcgba.org.uk/grants/	Provided a club is subscribed to the BCGBA it can apply for a grant a range of ancillary issues, providing it has not already received one in the previous five years.

Protecting Playing Fields

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

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

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

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

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

Sport England's Community Asset Fund⁸⁵ programme will be delivered via funding rounds and replaced its previous Inspired Facilities Fund. The Community Asset Fund opened in late January 2017 with an annual budget of £15 million, anticipating funding applications to range anywhere from £1000 to £150,000.

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

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

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

Strategic Facilities Fund

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

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

⁸⁵ <https://www.sportengland.org/media/11425/community-asset-fund-guide-january-2017.pdf>

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Key features which applications must demonstrate are:

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

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

The Strategic Facilities Fund will prioritise projects that:

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

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

Funder's requirements

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

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

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Indicative costs

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

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

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