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## ABBREVIATIONS

|       |   |
|-------|---|
| 3G    | Third Generation (artificial turf)                |
| AGP   | Artificial Grass Pitch                            |
| ANOG  | Assessing Needs & Opportunities Guide             |
| BCGBA | British Crown Green Bowling Association           |
| ECB   | England and Wales Cricket Board                   |
| EH    | England Hockey                                    |
| FA    | Football Association                              |
| FC    | Football Club                                     |
| FF    | Football Foundation                               |
| FIFA  | Fédération Internationale de Football Association |
| FPM   | Facilities Planning Model                         |
| GMA   | Grounds Maintenance Association                   |
| GIS   | Geographical Information Systems                  |
| GPMF  | Grass Pitch Maintenance Fund                      |
| HC    | Hockey Club                                       |
| PP    | PitchPower  |
| KKP   | Knight, Kavanagh and Page                         |
| LFA   | Lancashire Football Association                   |
| LCF   | Lancashire Cricket Foundation                     |
| LTA   | Lawn Tennis Association                           |
| LFFP  | Local Football Facility Plan                      |
| MES   | Match equivalent session                          |
| MUGA  | Multi use games area                              |
| NFFS  | National Football Facilities Strategy             |
| NGB   | National Governing Body                           |
| NPPF  | National Planning Policy Framework                |
| NLS   | National League System                            |
| ONS   | Office of National Statistics                     |
| PPOSS | Playing Pitch & Outdoor Sport Strategy            |
| PPS   | Playing Pitch Strategy                            |
| PQS   | Performance Quality Standard                      |
| RFC   | Rugby Football Club                               |
| RFU   | Rugby Football Union                              |
| RFL   | Rugby Football League                             |
| RUFC  | Rugby Union Football Club                         |
| U     | Under   |
| WNLS  | Women's National League System                    |

## PART 1: INTRODUCTION

Knight Kavanagh & Page (KKP) has been jointly commissioned by Chorley Council, Preston City Council and South Ribble Borough Council to develop a joint Playing Pitch and Outdoor Sport Strategy (PPOSS). The PPOSS will replace the previous study, which was completed in 2018.

Building upon the preceding Assessment Report, this Strategy and Action Plan provides a clear, strategic framework for the maintenance and improvement of existing playing pitch and accompanying ancillary facilities up to 2041 (in line with the current expectations for the joint local plan). It has been developed to provide:

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

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

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

This report represents Stage D of the process, with stages A-C covered in the preceding Assessment Report and Stage E ongoing once the study is complete. The lifespan of a PPOSS is considered to be three years, although this can be increased if it updated.

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

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

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

Partner organisations in Chorley, Preston and South Ribble have a vested interest in ensuring that existing playing pitches, outdoor sports facilities and ancillary provision are protected and enhanced. As such, many of the objectives and actions within this document need to be delivered and implemented by a wide range of bodies such as national governing bodies of sport (NGBs), sports organisations and education establishments. In some instances, the Councils will not be the organisation which delivers these actions or recommendations, as the PPOSS is not solely just for the Councils to act upon. It applies to/for all the stakeholders and partners involved.

### **Scope**

The scope of the PPOSS focuses geographically on all local provision, regardless of ownership and management arrangements. The scope of work is as follows:

- ◀ Football pitches (including third generation (3G) pitches).
- ◀ Rugby union pitches.
- ◀ Rugby league pitches.
- ◀ Hockey artificial grass pitches (AGPs).
- ◀ Cricket pitches.
- ◀ Tennis/padel/pickleball courts.
- ◀ Athletics tracks/running.
- ◀ Bowling greens.
- ◀ Cycling.
- ◀ Netball courts.
- ◀ Archery.
- ◀ Outdoor water sports.
- ◀ Outdoor climbing and bouldering.

Sport England's PPS guidance applies to football, both rugby codes, cricket and hockey as well as any other grass pitch sports identified for inclusion. The ANOG guidance applies to the remaining sports (as these are "non-pitch").

### **Study area**

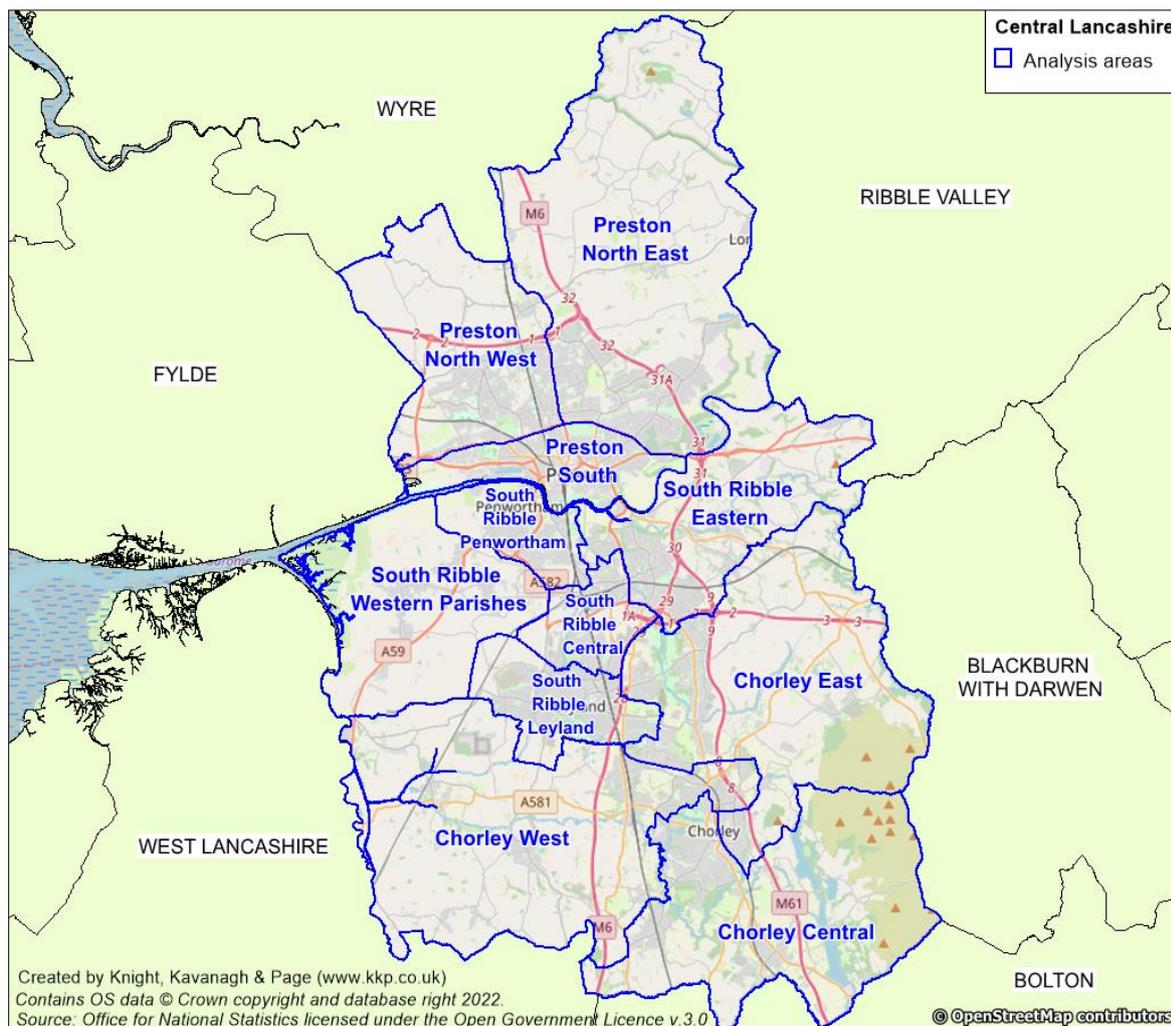
The study area includes the three Central Lancashire authorities of Chorley, Preston and South Ribble. Each local authority is sub divided into separate analysis areas as outlined in the map below.

For Preston and South Ribble these analysis areas are the exact same boundaries as the previous study with Preston being divided into the three areas North West, North East and South and South Ribble being separated into the five areas of Leyland, Eastern, Penwortham, Western Parishes and Central.

In the instance of Chorley, it has kept the same three analysis areas of East, West and Central, however, there have been some amendments to the ward boundaries.

Cross-boundary aspects are also recognised regarding neighbouring local authorities to understand levels of imported and exported demand into and from Chorley, Preston and South Ribble.

Figure 1.1: Analysis area map



## Context

A new joint Local Plan for the three authorities of Chorley, Preston and South Ribble is currently being prepared to cover the period to 2041. It will provide a robust strategy to attract new investment whilst continuing to protect the unique characteristics of the area, to deliver sustainable development. The new PPOSS will help support the production of the new Local Plan as serving a key evidence base for the protection and development of playing pitches and outdoor sports.

More broadly, the PPOSS will ensure that Central Lancashire conforms to requirements set out in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF). One of the core planning principles of this is to improve health, social and cultural wellbeing for all and deliver sufficient community and cultural facilities and services to meet local needs.

Section eight of the NPPF deals specifically with the topic of healthy communities, with Paragraph 103 stating that “planning policies should be based on robust and up-to-date assessments of the need for open space, sport and recreation facilities (including quantitative or qualitative deficits or surpluses) and opportunities for new provision. Information gained from the assessments should be used to determine what open space, sport and recreational provision is needed, which plans should then seek to accommodate.”

Paragraph 104 sets three criterion that ensures existing open space, sports and recreational buildings and land, including playing fields and formal play spaces, should not be built on unless:

- a) An assessment has been undertaken which has clearly shown the open space, buildings or land to be surplus to requirements; or
- b) 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
- c) The development is for alternative sports and recreational provision, the benefits of which clearly outweigh the loss of the current or former use.

Paragraphs 105, 106, and 107 set the parameters for the designation of Local Green Space. Such spaces may include playing fields and outdoor sport facilities.

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## PART 2: VISION AND AIMS

### Vision

A vision has been set out to provide a clear focus with desired outcomes for the PPOSS:

*"To provide an accessible, high quality and sustainable network of sports pitches and other associated indoor and outdoor sports facilities and open space which provide opportunities for all residents to access good sport, physical activity and recreation facilities."*

To achieve this vision, the PPOSS will 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.

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

#### AIM 1

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

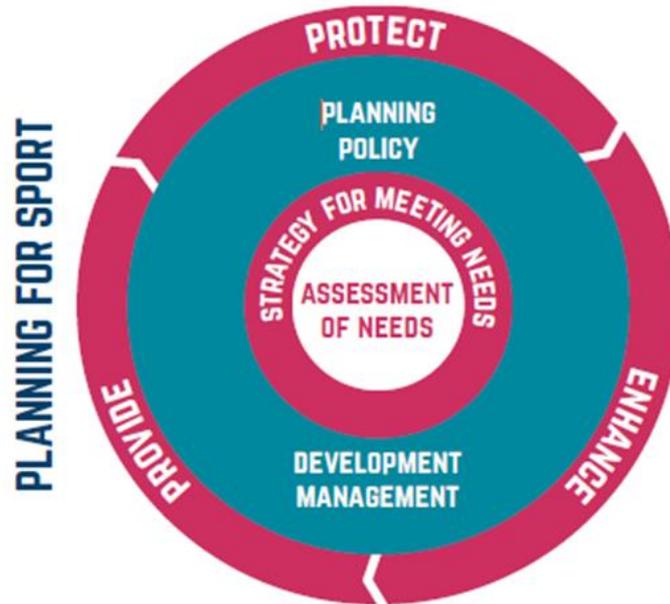
#### AIM 2

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

#### AIM 3

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

Figure 2.1: Sport England planning objectives



Source: Sport England, Planning for Sport Guidance (April 2024)

### PART 3: HEADLINE FINDINGS

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

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

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

The Sport England PPS guidance does not advocate the conversion of MES to pitches as there is not always a case for providing pitches to meet the demand/shortfalls expressed.

For example, improving the quality of pitches can also increase the capacity of existing pitches to accommodate such demand. For qualitative findings and site-specific findings, please see Part 4: Sport Specific Recommendations and Scenarios, and Part 6: Action Plan.

For artificial surfaces (AGPs/3G pitches), how much play can be accommodated is primarily determined by availability, rather than how much play it can accommodate before its quality is adversely affected as with natural grass pitches. Therefore, whole pitches are used as the comparable unit. Similarly, for the other non-pitch sports (i.e., bowls and tennis etc) where it is not as easy to determine carrying capacity, whole facilities are used as the comparable unit.

Future demand in the Assessment Report has been determined by using Sport England's Playing Pitch Calculator which looks at population change over a predetermined period. For Central Lancashire this has been set to forecasted population rates in 2041 in line with the emerging Local Plan. It should be noted that it is expected that the growth of football teams will exceed what is projected through population growth. Evidence of this can be found in Part 4: Sport Specific Recommendations and Scenarios.

Table 3.1: Quantitative headline findings (pitch sports) by local authority

| Sport          | Pitch type  | Current supply/demand balance (MES) | Future supply/demand balance (MES) <sup>1</sup> |
|----------------|-------------|-------------------------------------|---|
| <b>Chorley</b> | -           | -                                   | -   |
| Football       | Adult       | Shortfall of 5.5                    | Shortfall of 6.5                                |
| Football       | Youth 11v11 | Shortfall of 5                      | Shortfall of 7.5                                |
| Football       | Youth 9v9   | Shortfall of 5                      | Shortfall of 6                                  |
| Football       | Mini 7v7    | Shortfall of 1.5                    | Shortfall of 3                                  |
| Football       | Mini 5v5    | Shortfall of 1                      | Shortfall of 1.5                                |

<sup>1</sup> It should be noted that this future demand figure is at a Boroughwide level, and some analysis areas may have greater shortfalls than others.

| Sport               | Pitch type        | Current supply/demand balance (MES)                 | Future supply/demand balance (MES) <sup>1</sup>     |
|---------------------|-------------------|---|---|
| -                   | -                 | -   | -   |
| Football            | 3G 11v11          | Shortfall of 2 pitches                              | Shortfall of 3 pitches                              |
|                     |                   |   |   |
| Cricket             | Senior (Saturday) | Spare capacity of 16                                | Shortfall of 8                                      |
| Cricket             | Senior (Sunday)   | Spare capacity of 56                                | Spare capacity of 56                                |
| Cricket             | Junior (midweek)  | Spare capacity of 100                               | Spare capacity of 118                               |
| -                   | -                 | -   | -   |
| Rugby union         | Senior            | Shortfall of 1                                      | Shortfall of 1                                      |
| -                   | -                 | -   | -   |
| Rugby league        | Senior            | Shortfall of 2.5                                    | Shortfall of 2.5                                    |
| Rugby league        | Junior            | Played to capacity                                  | Shortfall of 0.5                                    |
| Rugby league        | Mini              | Played to capacity                                  | Played to capacity                                  |
| -                   | -                 | -   | -   |
| Hockey              | AGP               | Sufficient supply if Buckshaw Village is resurfaced | Sufficient supply if Buckshaw Village is resurfaced |
| <b>Preston</b>      | -                 | -   | -   |
| Football            | Adult             | Shortfall of 2                                      | Shortfall of 3.5                                    |
| Football            | Youth 11v11       | Shortfall of 6                                      | Shortfall of 8                                      |
| Football            | Youth 9v9         | Shortfall of 5.5                                    | Shortfall of 6                                      |
| Football            | Mini 7v7          | Spare capacity of 2.5                               | Spare capacity of 2                                 |
| Football            | Mini 5v5          | Spare capacity of 1                                 | Spare capacity of 1                                 |
|                     |                   |   |   |
| Football            | 3G 11v11          | Shortfall of 3 pitches                              | Shortfall of 3.75 pitches                           |
|                     |                   |   |   |
| Cricket             | Senior (Saturday) | Shortfall of 79                                     | Shortfall of 91                                     |
| Cricket             | Senior (Sunday)   | Shortfall of 79                                     | Shortfall of 79                                     |
| Cricket             | Junior (midweek)  | Shortfall of 79                                     | Shortfall of 85                                     |
|                     |                   |   |   |
| Rugby union         | Senior            | Shortfall of 0.5                                    | Shortfall of 2                                      |
|                     |                   |   |   |
| Rugby league        | Senior            | -.2   | -   |
| Rugby league        | Junior            | -   | -   |
| Rugby league        | Mini              | -   | -   |
|                     |                   |   |   |
| Hockey              | AGP               | Sufficient supply                                   | Sufficient supply                                   |
| <b>South Ribble</b> | -                 | -   | -   |
| Football            | Adult             | Shortfall of 6                                      | Shortfall of 8                                      |
| Football            | Youth 11v11       | Shortfall of 5.5                                    | Shortfall of 7                                      |
| Football            | Youth 9v9         | Shortfall of 2.5                                    | Shortfall of 3.5                                    |
| Football            | Mini 7v7          | Spare capacity of 1                                 | Played to capacity                                  |
| Football            | Mini 5v5          | Played to capacity                                  | Shortfall of 0.5                                    |
|                     |                   |   |   |
| Football            | 3G 11v11          | Shortfall of 2 pitches                              | Shortfall of 3.5 pitches                            |
|                     |                   |   |   |
| Cricket             | Senior (Saturday) | Shortfall of 149                                    | Shortfall of 161                                    |
| Cricket             | Senior (Sunday)   | Shortfall of 149                                    | Shortfall of 149                                    |
| Cricket             | Junior (midweek)  | Shortfall of 143                                    | Shortfall of 149                                    |

<sup>2</sup> There is no rugby league supply or demand within Preston.

| Sport        | Pitch type | Current supply/demand balance (MES) | Future supply/demand balance (MES) <sup>1</sup> |
|--------------|------------|-------------------------------------|---|
| Rugby union  | Senior     | Played to capacity                  | Played to capacity                              |
| Rugby league | Senior     | Shortfall of 1                      | Shortfall of 1                                  |
| Rugby league | Junior     | Played to capacity                  | Played to capacity                              |
| Rugby league | Mini       | Played to capacity                  | Shortfall of 0.5                                |
| Hockey       | AGP        | Sufficient supply                   | Sufficient supply                               |

Table 3.2: Headline findings (remaining sports) across Central Lancashire

| Sport            | Headline findings  |
|------------------|--|
| <b>Tennis</b>    | <p>Where known through consultation, Mawdesley TC, Broughton and District TC, Fulwood Lawn TC and Leyland Lawn TC all have sufficient capacity to facilitate club demand both now and in the future. It should be noted that one tennis court located at Fox Lane Sports and Social Club is currently poor quality and needs refurbishment.</p> <p>For non-club courts, whilst no courts are identified as having any capacity issues, it cannot be said that supply is sufficient to meet demand due to the amount of unmet and latent demand evidenced both nationally and in the Authority. There is instead a clear need to improve and retain the current supply in ways that can attract and better accommodate more users at sites such as Bretherton Recreation Ground (Chorley), Moor Park (Preston) and Much Hoole Playing Field (South Ribble).</p> |
| <b>Padel</b>     | <p>There are currently eight padel tennis courts across Central Lancashire, with 30 courts identified through the LTA model as being needed relative to population. As mentioned above, this figure is not a limit but an analysis for community provision based on adult population which can change over the years.</p>  |
| <b>Netball</b>   | <p>There is clear current demand for outdoor courts, and seasonal usage is critical to sustaining netball all year round. There is a need to protect the current number of outdoor netball courts across Central Lancashire in order to sustain current levels of demand. There is also a need to improve the quality of courts in order to accommodate additional demand. Additionally, exploration should be given to opening up unavailable sites for community use.</p>  |
| <b>Bowls</b>     | <p>Of the responding clubs, all but eight clubs (Croston Black Horse BC, Whitnell Fold Bowling Club, Acregate Labour BC, Longton Victory Memorial BC, Fox Lane BC, Higher Walton BC, Vernons Bowling Club and Lostock Hall Cons BC) are currently operating within a 'sustainable' membership range.</p> <p>There are three clubs (Eccleston BC, Whitechapel &amp; Inglewhite BC and Eagle &amp; Child BC) operating at or above capacity guidelines. However, no club specifically mentions a need for an additional bowling green to accommodate existing or future demand. Tatton BC currently accommodates 19 members which is below the recommendation (20 members) to be considered sustainable and therefore needs to be monitored.</p>   |
| <b>Athletics</b> | <p>Based on the levels of demand at each of the athletics tracks (University of Lancashire and West Way Sports Hub) across Central Lancashire and given that Chorley Athletics and Tri Club is currently exporting some of its demand to Bolton, there is insufficient quantity of facilities to meet demand.</p>  |
| <b>Cycling</b>   | <p>It is considered that demand for cycling across Central Lancashire is being adequately accommodated. The priority should be sustaining the quality of existing facilities so that it continues to meet demand.</p>  |

| Sport        | Headline findings  |
|--------------|--|
| Other sports | <p>Outdoor water sports in Chorley, Preston, and South Ribble are moderately well served, particularly in the Preston area where the Dock Basin supports a variety of water-based activities.</p> <p>The climbing and bouldering offer in Chorley, Preston, and South Ribble is strongly centred around two modern indoor facilities, Boulder UK and PrestonWall both of which cater for a wide range of climbers from complete beginners to experienced athletes.</p> <p>Supply is currently insufficient for American football with the Club accessing multiple sites across Central Lancashire due to the lack of dedicated American football provision.</p> <p>Archery across Central Lancashire is well catered for through facilities such as: Wigan Lane Sports and Community Hub, Clayton Green Sports Centre and Preston Grasshoppers RFC, meaning that archery is particularly well catered for when it comes to both indoor and outdoor venues.</p> <p>Pickleball across Central Lancashire is well catered for through facilities such as: Chorley Tennis Club, All seasons Leisure Centre, Clayton Green Sports Centre, Sir Tom Finney Sports Centre, Bamber Bridge Leisure Centre and Leyland Leisure Centre meaning that pickleball is particularly well catered for when it comes to both indoor and outdoor venues.</p> <p>Across Central Lancashire, supply is considered sufficient for basketball given the number of dedicated facilities available to the Community. However, there is a clear need to improve and retain the current supply in ways that can attract and better accommodate more users at sites such as Haslam Park, Moor Park and Smith's Recreation Ground.</p> |

## Conclusions

The existing position for all outdoor sports is either that demand is being met or that there is a shortfall. For most sports played on natural turf grass pitches there are identified shortfalls apart from cricket demand in Chorley which currently has actual spare capacity. As such, there is a clear need to protect all existing playing pitch provision so that all demand is met, or there is a requirement to replace provision to an equal or better quantity and quality before it is lost, in line with the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and Sport England's Playing Fields Policy.

Where demand is being met, this does not equate to a surplus of provision. Instead, any spare capacity should be considered as a solution to overcoming shortfalls.

Most of the current identified grass pitch shortfalls can be met by better utilising current provision, such as through improving quality, installing additional sports lighting, improving ancillary facilities, increasing match play on 3G pitches, and enabling access to existing unused provision, such as at unavailable school sites. However, future demand needs to be monitored as the need for new provision or need to bring disused provision back into use may be greater given the growth of football is expected to exceed what is projected through population growth.

Notwithstanding the above, in regard to artificial pitches, there is a clear quantified shortfall of 3G pitches for football training that can only be rectified through the installation of new facilities. The development of 3G pitches could also help to alleviate identified grass pitch shortfalls via the transfer of play.

## PART 4: SPORT SPECIFIC ISSUES SCENARIOS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

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

### 4.1: Football – grass pitches

#### *Assessment Report summary*

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

- ◀ **There are current shortfalls across all pitch types in Chorley amounting to 18 match equivalent sessions per week. When considering future demand shortfall amounts to 24.5 match equivalent sessions per week with a shortfall identified across each pitch type.**
- ◀ **In Preston, there are current shortfalls amounting to 10 match equivalent sessions per week with this increasing to 14.5 match equivalent sessions per week when considering future demand. Shortfalls are identified on adult, youth 11v11 and youth 9v9 pitch types.**
- ◀ **In South Ribble, there are current shortfalls across all pitch types apart from mini 7v7 and mini 5v5 amounting to 13 match equivalent sessions per week. When considering future demand shortfall amounts to 19 match equivalent sessions per week.**

##### **Supply summary**

- ◀ In total, there are 285 pitches across 124 unique sites in Central Lancashire, of which, 264 across 114 sites are available for community use. All pitches that are not available for community use are either located at education sites or elite sports clubs' facilities such as Preston North End Football Club.
- ◀ Most community available pitches can be found in South Ribble with 108 pitches provided (41%). This is followed by Chorley with 90 (34%) pitches and Preston with 66 (25%) pitches.
- ◀ When broken down by Authority; Chorley has a total of 13 good (17%), 35 standard (37%) and 43 poor quality (46%) community available pitches.
- ◀ Preston has a total of 16 good (26%), 28 standard (44%) and 19 poor quality (30%) community available pitches.
- ◀ Finally, South Ribble has a total of 23 good (21%), 34 standard (31%) and 51 poor quality (47%) community available pitches.
- ◀ In Central Lancashire, 15 sites have poor quality changing facilities largely due to the fact they are outdated and need modernisation or do not offer suitable separation between male/female or adult/youth.

##### **Demand summary**

- ◀ In total there are 798 football teams across 112 clubs which currently play within Central Lancashire with most teams competing at youth 11v11 (27% or 214 teams), this is closely followed by adult teams (22% or 172 teams).
- ◀ Football in Central Lancashire is played more within South Ribble (44%) with 354 teams and most in Penwortham Analysis Area (142 teams) followed by the Chorley with 231 teams (29%) and Preston with 213 teams (27%).
- ◀ In Central Lancashire, 61 pitches across 32 sites are overplayed by a combined total of 63 match equivalent sessions per week.
- ◀ Across Central Lancashire spare capacity totals 22 match equivalent sessions per week and is identified across 30 pitches at 21 sites.

## Scenarios

### *Alleviating overplay/improving pitch quality*

In total there are 61 pitches overplayed in Central Lancashire across 32 sites, equating to 63 match equivalent sessions per week. Improving quality of these pitches (i.e., through increased maintenance or improved drainage) will increase capacity at the sites and consequently reduce both current and future shortfalls.

To illustrate the above, Table 4.1 highlights the current levels of overplay that would be alleviated if quality improved by one increment at each site. As a reminder, the capacity rating for each type and quality rating as detailed in the table below:

| <b>Adult pitch quality</b> | <b>Adult matches per week</b> | <b>Youth pitch quality</b> | <b>Youth matches per week</b> | <b>Mini pitch quality</b> | <b>Mini matches per week</b> |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| Good                       | 3                             | Good                       | 4                             | Good                      | 6                            |
| Standard                   | 2                             | Standard                   | 2                             | Standard                  | 4                            |
| Poor                       | 1                             | Poor                       | 1                             | Poor                      | 2                            |

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Table 4.1: Overplay if all pitches were improved by one increment (match equivalent sessions)

| Site ID | Site name   | Analysis area    | Current quality | Pitch type  | No. of pitches | Capacity rating (MES) | Improved quality (by one increment) | Capacity rating (MES) |
|---------|---|------------------|-----------------|-------------|----------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| -       | <b>Chorley</b>  | -                | -               | -           | -              | -                     | -                                   | -                     |
| 177     | Bishop Rawstorne C of E Language College                                    | West             | Poor            | Youth 11v11 | 1              | 1.5                   | Standard                            | 0.5                   |
| 177     | Bishop Rawstorne C of E Language College                                    | West             | Poor            | Youth 9v9   | 1              | 1.5                   | Standard                            | 0.5                   |
| 184     | Buckshaw Village Community Association                                      | East             | Poor            | Youth 11v11 | 2              | 1.5                   | Standard                            | 0.5                   |
| 200     | Croston Sports Club   | Central          | Standard        | Adult       | 1              | 1                     | Good                                | -                     |
| 214     | Greenside Recreation Field  | West             | Standard        | Youth 11v11 | 1              | 3                     | Good                                | 1                     |
| 221     | Jim Fowlers Memorial Ground (Euxton Villa FC)                               | West             | Good            | Adult       | 1              | 1                     | Good                                | 1                     |
| 223     | King George V Field   | Central          | Poor            | Youth 11v11 | 2              | 1.5                   | Standard                            | 0.5                   |
| 223     | King George V Field   | Central          | Poor            | Youth 9v9   | 2              | 0.5                   | Standard                            | 1.5                   |
| 232     | Southlands High School  | Central          | Standard        | Youth 9v9   | 1              | 1                     | Good                                | 1                     |
| 257     | St Joseph's Catholic Primary School   | Central          | Poor            | Mini 7v7    | 1              | 1                     | Standard                            | 1                     |
| 263     | Brindle Gregson Lane Primary School   | East             | Poor            | Youth 9v9   | 1              | 1                     | Standard                            | -                     |
| 269     | Rivington and Blackrod high school (upper School)                           | Central          | Standard        | Adult       | 1              | 4.5                   | Good                                | 3.5                   |
| 269     | Rivington and Blackrod high school (upper School)                           | Central          | Poor            | Mini 5v5    | 1              | 1                     | Standard                            | 1                     |
| 269     | Rivington and Blackrod high school (upper School)                           | Central          | Poor            | Mini 7v7    | 1              | 0.5                   | Standard                            | 1.5                   |
| 332     | Euxton Primrose Hill Primary School   | West             | Poor            | Youth 9v9   | 1              | 1                     | Standard                            | -                     |
| -       | <b>Preston</b>  | -                | -               | -           | -              | -                     | -                                   | -                     |
| 2       | Ashton Community Science College  | North West       | Poor            | Youth 11v11 | 2              | 3.5                   | Standard                            | 1.5                   |
| 5       | BAC/EE  | South            | Standard        | Adult       | 1              | 0.5                   | Good                                | 0.5                   |
| 19      | Fulwood Academy   | North West       | Poor            | Youth 11v11 | 2              | 3                     | Standard                            | 1                     |
| 19      | Fulwood Academy   | North West       | Poor            | Youth 9v9   | 1              | 1.5                   | Standard                            | 0.5                   |
| 42      | Lea Community Primary School  | South            | Poor            | Youth 9v9   | 1              | 2.5                   | Standard                            | 1.5                   |
| 42      | Lea Community Primary School  | South            | Poor            | Mini 7v7    | 1              | 0.5                   | Standard                            | 1.5                   |
| 42      | Lea Community Primary School  | South            | Poor            | Mini 5v5    | 1              | 1                     | Standard                            | 1                     |
| 48      | Moor Park   | South            | Poor            | Adult       | 3              | 0.5                   | Standard                            | 2.5                   |
| 51      | Our Ladys RC High School  | North West       | Poor            | Adult       | 1              | 0.5                   | Standard                            | 0.5                   |
| 59      | University of Lancashire  | North West       | Standard        | Adult       | 6              | 4                     | Good                                | 2                     |
| 59      | University of Lancashire  | North West       | Standard        | Youth 9v9   | 2              | 2.5                   | Good                                | 1.5                   |
| -       | <b>South Ribble</b>   | -                | -               | -           | -              | -                     | -                                   | -                     |
| 85      | All Hallows Catholic High School  | Penwortham       | Poor            | Youth 9v9   | 1              | 1                     | Standard                            | -                     |
| 85      | All Hallows Catholic High School  | Penwortham       | Poor            | Adult       | 1              | 1                     | Standard                            | -                     |
| 87      | Balshaw's C of E High School  | Leyland          | Poor            | Youth 11v11 | 2              | 4.5                   | Standard                            | 2.5                   |
| 87      | Balshaw's C of E High School  | Leyland          | Poor            | Youth 9v9   | 1              | 1                     | Standard                            | 0                     |
| 103     | Higher Walton Primary School  | Eastern          | Poor            | Mini 7v7    | 1              | 0.5                   | Standard                            | 1.5                   |
| 108     | Hutton C of E Grammar School  | Western Parishes | Poor            | Adult       | 1              | 0.5                   | Standard                            | 0.5                   |
| 114     | Lancashire Constabulary Training Headquarters, Hutton                       | Western Parishes | Standard        | Adult       | 2              | 0.5                   | Good                                | 1.5                   |
| 115     | Lancashire County Football Association Headquarters                         | Leyland          | Good            | Adult       | 1              | 2                     | Good                                | 2                     |
| 120     | Lostock Hall Academy  | Central          | Standard        | Youth 11v11 | 2              | 2                     | Good                                | 2                     |
| 120     | Lostock Hall Academy  | Central          | Standard        | Youth 9v9   | 1              | 0.5                   | Good                                | 1.5                   |
| 146     | Runshaw College   | Leyland          | Poor            | Adult       | 1              | 1                     | Standard                            | -                     |
| 147     | Seven Stars Primary School  | Leyland          | Poor            | Mini 7v7    | 1              | 1.5                   | Standard                            | 0.5                   |
| 159     | Vernon Carus Sports & Social Club   | Penwortham       | Good            | Adult       | 1              | 2                     | Good                                | 2                     |
| 161     | Walton-Le-Dale High School (Walton-Le-Dale Arts College and High School)    | Eastern          | Standard        | Youth 9v9   | 1              | 0.5                   | Good                                | 1.5                   |
| 164     | Wellfield Academy (Wellfield Business and Enterprise College & high school) | Leyland          | Poor            | Youth 11v11 | 1              | 0.5                   | Standard                            | 0.5                   |
| 164     | Wellfield Academy (Wellfield Business and Enterprise College & high school) | Leyland          | Poor            | Youth 9v9   | 1              | 1                     | Standard                            | -                     |
| 169     | Academy @ Worden (Worden Sports College)                                    | Leyland          | Poor            | Youth 11v11 | 2              | 0.5                   | Standard                            | 1.5                   |
| 333     | Moor Hey School   | Central          | Poor            | Youth 9v9   | 1              | 1                     | Standard                            | -                     |

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The impact of improving overplayed pitches by one increment is shown in the table above. In the main, overplay would be alleviated across 30 sites providing 39 pitches, leaving eight pitches played to capacity located at Croston Sports Club, Brindle Gregson Lane Primary School, Euxton Primrose Hill Primary School, All Hallows Catholic High School, Runshaw College, Wellfield Academy and Moor Hey School. Although the quality improvements increase the capacity, no additional peak time spare capacity is created for additional play.

Table 4.2: Impact of improving pitch quality on overall supply and demand in match equivalent sessions per week in Chorley

| Pitch type                      | Actual spare capacity | Overplay | Current total | Future demand | Total |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|----------|---------------|---------------|-------|
| Adult                           | 1                     | 6.5      | 5.5           | 1             | 6.5   |
| Youth 11v11                     | 2.5                   | 7.5      | 5             | 2.5           | 7.5   |
| Youth 9v9                       | -                     | 5        | 5             | 1             | 6     |
| Mini 7v7                        | 0                     | 1.5      | 1.5           | 1.5           | 3     |
| Mini 5v5                        | -                     | 1        | 1             | 0.5           | 1.5   |
| <b>If improvements are made</b> | -                     | -        | -             | -             | -     |
| Adult                           | 1                     | 4.5      | 3.5           | 1             | 4.5   |
| Youth 11v11                     | 2.5                   | 1.5      | 1             | 2.5           | 1.5   |
| Youth 9v9                       | -                     | 0.5      | 0.5           | 1             | 1.5   |
| Mini 7v7                        | -                     | -        | -             | 1.5           | 1.5   |
| Mini 5v5                        | -                     | -        | -             | 0.5           | 0.5   |

As seen in the table above, if quality was improved by one increment in Chorley, overplay would be reduced resulting in actual spare capacity identified on youth 11v11 pitches with both mini 7v7 and mini 5v5 pitches played to capacity. Shortfalls would remain when factoring in future demand, however, would be less.

Table 4.3: Impact of improving pitch quality on overall supply and demand in match equivalent sessions per week in Preston

| Pitch type                      | Actual spare capacity | Overplay | Current total | Future demand | Total |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|----------|---------------|---------------|-------|
| Adult                           | 3.5                   | 5.5      | 2             | 1.5           | 3.5   |
| Youth 11v11                     | 0.5                   | 6.5      | 6             | 2             | 8     |
| Youth 9v9                       | 1                     | 6.5      | 5.5           | 0.5           | 6     |
| Mini 7v7                        | 3                     | 0.5      | 2.5           | 0.5           | 2     |
| Mini 5v5                        | 2                     | 1        | 1             | -             | 1     |
| <b>If improvements are made</b> | -                     | -        | -             | -             | -     |
| Adult                           | 3.5                   | -        | 3.5           | 1.5           | 2     |
| Youth 11v11                     | 0.5                   | 2.5      | 2             | 2             | -     |
| Youth 9v9                       | 1                     | 2        | 1             | 0.5           | 1.5   |
| Mini 7v7                        | 3                     | -        | 3             | 0.5           | 2.5   |
| Mini 5v5                        | 2                     | -        | 2             | -             | 2     |

As seen in the table above, if quality was improved by one increment in Preston, overplay would be reduced resulting in actual spare capacity on adult pitches. Shortfalls would still remain when factoring in future demand on youth 9v9 pitches albeit significantly less, with all remaining pitch types either played to capacity or showing actual spare capacity.

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Table 4.4: Impact of improving pitch quality on overall supply and demand in match equivalent sessions per week in South Ribble

| Pitch type                      | Actual spare capacity | Overplay | Current total | Future demand | Total |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|----------|---------------|---------------|-------|
| Adult                           | 1                     | 7        | 6             | 1.5           | 8     |
| Youth 11v11                     | 2                     | 7.5      | 5.5           | 1.5           | 7     |
| Youth 9v9                       | 2.5                   | 5        | 2.5           | 1             | 3.5   |
| Mini 7v7                        | 3                     | 2        | 1             | 1             | -     |
| Mini 5v5                        | -                     | -        | -             | 0.5           | 0.5   |
| <b>If improvements are made</b> |                       |          |               |               |       |
| Adult                           | 1                     | 2        | 1             | 1.5           | 2.5   |
| Youth 11v11                     | 2                     | 2.5      | 0.5           | 1.5           | 2     |
| Youth 9v9                       | 2.5                   | -        | 2.5           | 1             | 1.5   |
| Mini 7v7                        | 3                     | -        | 3             | 1             | 2     |
| Mini 5v5                        | -                     | -        | -             | 0.5           | 0.5   |

As seen in the table above, if pitch quality was improved by one increment in South Ribble, overplay would be reduced resulting in actual spare capacity identified on youth 9v9 pitches. Shortfalls would remain when factoring in future demand on adult, youth 11v11 and mini 5v5 pitch types, however these would be less.

This table below illustrates the position if all overplayed pitches across Central Lancashire, were improved to good quality. This is the highest threshold a pitch can score. As can be seen, overplay would be alleviated across all 27 sites providing 55 pitches.

Table 4.5: Overplay if all pitches were good quality

| Site ID | Site name                                     | Analysis area | Current quality | Pitch type  | No. of pitches | Capacity rating (MES) | Good quality rating (MES) |
|---------|---|---------------|-----------------|-------------|----------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| -       | <b>Chorley</b>                                | -             | -               | -           | -              | -                     |                           |
| 177     | Bishop Rawstone C of E Language College       | West          | Poor            | Youth 11v11 | 1              | 1.5                   | 1.5                       |
| 177     | Bishop Rawstone C of E Language College       | West          | Poor            | Youth 9v9   | 1              | 1.5                   | 1.5                       |
| 184     | Buckshaw Village Community Association        | East          | Poor            | Youth 11v11 | 2              | 1.5                   | 4.5                       |
| 200     | Croston Sports Club                           | Central       | Standard        | Adult       | 1              | 1                     | -                         |
| 214     | Greenside Recreation Field                    | West          | Standard        | Youth 11v11 | 1              | 3                     | 1                         |
| 221     | Jim Fowlers Memorial Ground (Euxton Villa FC) | West          | Good            | Adult       | 1              | 1                     | 1                         |
| 223     | King George V Field                           | Central       | Poor            | Youth 11v11 | 2              | 1.5                   | 4.5                       |
| 223     | King George V Field                           | Central       | Poor            | Youth 9v9   | 2              | 0.5                   | 5.5                       |
| 232     | Southlands High School                        | Central       | Standard        | Youth 9v9   | 1              | 1                     | 1                         |
| 257     | St Joseph's Catholic Primary School           | Central       | Poor            | Mini 7v7    | 1              | 1                     | 3                         |
| 263     | Brindle Gregson Lane Primary School           | East          | Poor            | Youth 9v9   | 1              | 1                     | 2                         |

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| Site ID | Site name   | Analysis area    | Current quality | Pitch type  | No. of pitches | Capacity rating (MES) | Good quality rating (MES) |
|---------|---|------------------|-----------------|-------------|----------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| 269     | Rivington and Blackrod high school (upper School)     | Central          | Standard        | Adult       | 1              | 4.5                   | 3.5                       |
| 269     | Rivington and Blackrod high school (upper School)     | Central          | Poor            | Mini 5v5    | 1              | 1                     | 3                         |
| 269     | Rivington and Blackrod high school (upper School)     | Central          | Poor            | Mini 7v7    | 1              | 0.5                   | 3.5                       |
| 332     | Euxton Primrose Hill Primary School                   | West             | Poor            | Youth 9v9   | 1              | 1                     | 2                         |
| -       | <b>Preston</b>  | -                | -               | -           | -              | -                     | -                         |
| 2       | Ashton Community Science College                      | North West       | Poor            | Youth 11v11 | 2              | 3.5                   | 2.5                       |
| 5       | BAC/EE  | South            | Standard        | Adult       | 1              | 0.5                   | 0.5                       |
| 19      | Fulwood Academy                                       | North West       | Poor            | Youth 11v11 | 2              | 3                     | 3                         |
| 19      | Fulwood Academy                                       | North West       | Poor            | Youth 9v9   | 1              | 1.5                   | 1.5                       |
| 42      | Lea Community Primary School                          | South            | Poor            | Youth 9v9   | 1              | 2.5                   | 0.5                       |
| 42      | Lea Community Primary School                          | South            | Poor            | Mini 7v7    | 1              | 0.5                   | 3.5                       |
| 42      | Lea Community Primary School                          | South            | Poor            | Mini 5v5    | 1              | 1                     | 3                         |
| 48      | Moor Park   | South            | Poor            | Adult       | 3              | 0.5                   | 5.5                       |
| 51      | Our Lady's RC High School                             | North West       | Poor            | Adult       | 1              | 0.5                   | 1.5                       |
| 59      | University of Lancashire                              | North West       | Standard        | Adult       | 6              | 4                     | 2                         |
| 59      | University of Lancashire                              | North West       | Standard        | Youth 9v9   | 2              | 2.5                   | 1.5                       |
| -       | <b>South Ribble</b>                                   | -                | -               | -           | -              | -                     | -                         |
| 85      | All Hallows Catholic High School                      | Penwortham       | Poor            | Youth 9v9   | 1              | 1                     | 2                         |
| 85      | All Hallows Catholic High School                      | Penwortham       | Poor            | Adult       | 1              | 1                     | 1                         |
| 87      | Balshaw's C of E High School                          | Leyland          | Poor            | Youth 11v11 | 2              | 4.5                   | 1.5                       |
| 87      | Balshaw's C of E High School                          | Leyland          | Poor            | Youth 9v9   | 1              | 1                     | 2                         |
| 103     | Higher Walton Primary School                          | Eastern          | Poor            | Mini 7v7    | 1              | 0.5                   | 3.5                       |
| 108     | Hutton C of E Grammar School                          | Western Parishes | Poor            | Adult       | 1              | 0.5                   | 1.5                       |
| 114     | Lancashire Constabulary Training Headquarters, Hutton | Western Parishes | Standard        | Adult       | 2              | 0.5                   | 1.5                       |
| 115     | Lancashire County Football Association Headquarters   | Leyland          | Good            | Adult       | 1              | 2                     | 2                         |

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| Site ID | Site name   | Analysis area | Current quality | Pitch type  | No. of pitches | Capacity rating (MES) | Good quality rating (MES) |
|---------|---|---------------|-----------------|-------------|----------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| 120     | Lostock Hall Academy  | Central       | Standard        | Youth 11v11 | 2              | 2                     | 2                         |
| 120     | Lostock Hall Academy  | Central       | Standard        | Youth 9v9   | 1              | 0.5                   | 1.5                       |
| 146     | Runshaw College   | Leyland       | Poor            | Adult       | 1              | 1                     | 1                         |
| 147     | Seven Stars Primary School  | Leyland       | Poor            | Mini 7v7    | 1              | 1.5                   | 2.5                       |
| 159     | Vernon Carus Sports & Social Club   | Penwortham    | Good            | Adult       | 1              | 2                     | 2                         |
| 161     | Walton-Le-Dale High School (Walton-Le-Dale Arts College and High School)    | Eastern       | Standard        | Youth 9v9   | 1              | 0.5                   | 1.5                       |
| 164     | Wellfield Academy (Wellfield Business and Enterprise College & high school) | Leyland       | Poor            | Youth 11v11 | 1              | 0.5                   | 2.5                       |
| 164     | Wellfield Academy (Wellfield Business and Enterprise College & high school) | Leyland       | Poor            | Youth 9v9   | 1              | 1                     | 2                         |
| 169     | Academy @ Worden (Worden Sports College)                                    | Leyland       | Poor            | Youth 11v11 | 2              | 0.5                   | 5.5                       |
| 333     | Moor Hey School   | Central       | Poor            | Youth 9v9   | 1              | 1                     | 2                         |

The impact of improving overplayed pitches to good quality is shown in the table above. In the main, overplay would be alleviated across 27 sites providing 55 pitches. Although quality improvements increase the capacity by either reducing or eliminating overplay, no peak time spare capacity is created to accommodate additional play.

Table 4.6: Impact of improving pitch quality on overall supply and demand in match equivalent sessions per week in Chorley

| Pitch type                      | Actual spare capacity | Overplay | Current total | Future demand | Total |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|----------|---------------|---------------|-------|
| Adult                           | 1                     | 6.5      | 5.5           | 1             | 6.5   |
| Youth 11v11                     | 2.5                   | 7.5      | 5             | 2.5           | 7.5   |
| Youth 9v9                       | -                     | 5        | 5             | 1             | 6     |
| Mini 7v7                        | 0                     | 1.5      | 1.5           | 1.5           | 3     |
| Mini 5v5                        | -                     | 1        | 1             | 0.5           | 1.5   |
| <b>If improvements are made</b> | -                     | -        | -             | -             | -     |
| Adult                           | 1                     | 4.5      | 3.5           | 1             | 4.5   |
| Youth 11v11                     | 2.5                   | 1        | 1.5           | 2.5           | 1     |
| Youth 9v9                       | -                     | -        | -             | 1             | 1     |
| Mini 7v7                        | -                     | -        | -             | 1.5           | 1.5   |
| Mini 5v5                        | -                     | -        | -             | 0.5           | 0.5   |

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As seen in the table above, if quality was improved to good quality, overplay would be reduced resulting in actual spare capacity identified on youth 11v11 pitch types with youth 9v9, mini 7v7 and mini 5v5 played to capacity. Shortfalls would remain when factoring in future demand, however, would be less.

Table 4.7: Impact of improving pitch quality on overall supply and demand in match equivalent sessions per week in Preston

| Pitch type                      | Actual spare capacity | Overplay | Current total | Future demand | Total |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|----------|---------------|---------------|-------|
| Adult                           | 3.5                   | 5.5      | 2             | 1.5           | 3.5   |
| Youth 11v11                     | 0.5                   | 6.5      | 6             | 2             | 8     |
| Youth 9v9                       | 1                     | 6.5      | 5.5           | 0.5           | 6     |
| Mini 7v7                        | 3                     | 0.5      | 2.5           | 0.5           | 2     |
| Mini 5v5                        | 2                     | 1        | 1             | -             | 1     |
| <b>If improvements are made</b> | -                     | -        | --            | -             | -     |
| Adult                           | 3.5                   | -        | 3.5           | 1.5           | 2     |
| Youth 11v11                     | 0.5                   | -        | 0.5           | 2             | 1.5   |
| Youth 9v9                       | 1                     | -        | 1             | 0.5           | 0.5   |
| Mini 7v7                        | 3                     | -        | 3             | 0.5           | 2.5   |
| Mini 5v5                        | 2                     | -        | 2             | -             | 2     |

As seen in the table above, if quality was improved to good quality, overplay would be reduced resulting in actual spare capacity on adult, youth 11v11 and youth 9v9 pitch types. Shortfalls would remain when factoring in future demand on youth 11v11 pitch types, however, would be less.

Table 4.8: Impact of improving pitch quality on overall supply and demand in match equivalent sessions per week in South Ribble

| Pitch type                      | Actual spare capacity | Overplay | Current total | Future demand | Total |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|----------|---------------|---------------|-------|
| Adult                           | 1                     | 7        | 6             | 1.5           | 8     |
| Youth 11v11                     | 2                     | 7.5      | 5.5           | 1.5           | 7     |
| Youth 9v9                       | 2.5                   | 5        | 2.5           | 1             | 3.5   |
| Mini 7v7                        | 3                     | 2        | 1             | 1             | -     |
| Mini 5v5                        | -                     | -        | -             | 0.5           | 0.5   |
| <b>If improvements are made</b> | -                     | -        | -             | -             | -     |
| Adult                           | 1                     | 4        | 3             | 1.5           | 4.5   |
| Youth 11v11                     | 2                     | -        | 2             | 1.5           | 0.5   |
| Youth 9v9                       | 2.5                   | -        | 2.5           | 1             | 1.5   |
| Mini 7v7                        | 3                     | -        | 3             | 1             | 2     |
| Mini 5v5                        | -                     | -        | -             | 0.5           | 0.5   |

As seen in the table above, if quality was improved to good quality, overplay would be reduced resulting in actual spare capacity on youth 11v11 and youth 9v9 pitch types. Shortfalls would remain when factoring in future demand on adult and mini 5v5 pitch types, however, would be less.

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## Rainfall

Explored in greater detail later in Part 5: Strategic Recommendations, there are identified higher levels of rainfall across the three authorities of Central Lancashire, in comparison to the national average. This may limit the effectiveness of pitch improvements in regard to alleviating grass pitch shortfalls as identified in the scenario above. Although these enhancements should still be prioritised options should be explored for alternative solutions such as greater creation and utilisation of 3G pitches to ensure capacity.

## FA FutureFit - Grassroots Football Format Changes<sup>3</sup>

From the 2026-27 season, the FA will be introducing the following changes and will shortly deliver a series of comprehensive workshops and tools to support all coaches, clubs and leagues across the country to further understand the changes that will be implemented:

- ◀ A new 3v3 entry format for the youngest players in the pathway at U7s level, fielding three players on each side, to maximise engagement and provide the best introduction to football.
- ◀ Each format will be played one year later as players transition through the pathway, including 11v11 which will move from U13s to U14s level.
- ◀ Greater alignment with schools with children playing smaller formats with simplified rules throughout primary school, before progressing to 9v9 and more complex rules at secondary school.
- ◀ Evolved Laws of the Game that are age-appropriate and best support the overall development of the young player. For example, amendments have already been made to game restarts for U7s-U9s to increase ball in play time.

Figure 4.1: New pitch formats for each age group from 2026/27 season

|     | 2024/25 | 2025/26 | 2026/27 | 2027/28 | 2028/29 | 2029/30 |
|-----|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| U7  | 5v5     | 5v5     | 3v3     | 3v3     | 3v3     | 3v3     |
| U8  | 5v5     | 5v5     | 5v5     | 5v5     | 5v5     | 5v5     |
| U9  | 7v7     | 7v7     | 5v5     | 5v5     | 5v5     | 5v5     |
| U10 | 7v7     | 7v7     | 7v7     | 7v7     | 7v7     | 7v7     |
| U11 | 9v9     | 9v9     | 7v7     | 7v7     | 7v7     | 7v7     |
| U12 | 9v9     | 9v9     | 9v9     | 9v9     | 9v9     | 9v9     |
| U13 | 11v11   | 11v11   | 9v9     | 9v9     | 9v9     | 9v9     |
| U14 | 11v11   | 11v11   | 11v11   | 11v11   | 11v11   | 11v11   |
| U15 | 11v11   | 11v11   | 11v11   | 11v11   | 11v11   | 11v11   |
| U16 | 11v11   | 11v11   | 11v11   | 11v11   | 11v11   | 11v11   |

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<sup>3</sup> <https://www.EnglandFootball.com/articles/2025/Feb/21/Future-Fit-grassroots-youth-football-england-update-20252102>

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At the time of writing the exact details on how the new 3v3 format will be marked is unknown. Various methods are being considered such as formally marked pitches, cone marked pitches, overmarking on larger pitch or played on 3G pitches.

### *Future demand*

This scenario considers the impact that future demand derived from club ambitions will have on the supply and demand balance (as identified via consultation with clubs across Central Lancashire). Please note that the Assessment Report only considers future demand derived from population projection growth.

Table 4.9: Summary of participation growth by analysis area (in match equivalent sessions per week)

| Analysis area               | Adult     | Youth 11v11 | Youth 9v9 | Mini 7v7 | Mini 5v5  | Totals    |
|-----------------------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|----------|-----------|-----------|
| Central                     | 4         | 7           | 4         | 1        | 8         | 24        |
| East                        | -         | -           | -         | -        | -         | 0         |
| West                        | 1         | -           | 1         | 2        | 2         | 6         |
| <b>Chorley – Total</b>      | <b>5</b>  | <b>7</b>    | <b>5</b>  | <b>3</b> | <b>10</b> | <b>30</b> |
| North East                  | -         | 3           | -         | 2        | -         | 5         |
| North West                  | 1         | -           | 2         | -        | 2         | 5         |
| South                       | -         | 1           | 2         | -        | -         | 3         |
| <b>Preston - Total</b>      | <b>1</b>  | <b>4</b>    | <b>4</b>  | <b>2</b> | <b>2</b>  | <b>13</b> |
| Central                     | -         | -           | -         | -        | -         | 0         |
| Eastern                     | 1         | 1           | 1         | -        | 2         | 5         |
| Leyland                     | 2         | 2           | 2         | -        | 5         | 11        |
| Penwortham                  | 3         | 5           | 2         | 4        | -         | 14        |
| Western Parishes            | -         | -           | -         | -        | -         | 0         |
| <b>South Ribble – Total</b> | <b>6</b>  | <b>8</b>    | <b>5</b>  | <b>4</b> | <b>7</b>  | <b>30</b> |
| <b>Central Lancashire</b>   | <b>12</b> | <b>19</b>   | <b>14</b> | <b>9</b> | <b>19</b> | <b>73</b> |

Future demand from club ambitions totals 73 teams from 24 clubs and the table below shows the potential impact on the supply/demand balance if this was fully realised.

Table 4.10: Impact of future demand from clubs (in match equivalent sessions per week)

| Pitch type          | Current supply/demand balance | Potential future demand (club aspirations) | Potential future supply/demand balance |
|---------------------|-------------------------------|--|--|
| <b>Chorley</b>      | -                             | -  | -                                      |
| Adult               | 5.5                           | 2.5  | 8                                      |
| Youth 11v11         | 5                             | 3.5  | 8.5                                    |
| Youth 9v9           | 5                             | 2.5  | 7.5                                    |
| Mini 7v7            | 1.5                           | 1.5  | 3                                      |
| Mini 5v5            | 1                             | 5  | 6                                      |
| <b>Preston</b>      |                               |  |  |
| Adult               | 2                             | 0.5  | 2.5                                    |
| Youth 11v11         | 6                             | 2  | 8                                      |
| Youth 9v9           | 5.5                           | 2  | 7.5                                    |
| Mini 7v7            | 2.5                           | 1  | 1.5                                    |
| Mini 5v5            | 1                             | 1  | -                                      |
| <b>South Ribble</b> |                               |  |  |
| Adult               | 6                             | 3  | 9                                      |
| Youth 11v11         | 5.5                           | 4  | 9.5                                    |

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| Pitch type | Current supply/demand balance | Potential future demand (club aspirations) | Potential future supply/demand balance |
|------------|-------------------------------|--|--|
| Youth 9v9  | 2.5                           | 2.5  | 5                                      |
| Mini 7v7   | 1                             | 2  | 1                                      |
| Mini 5v5   | -                             | 3.5  | 3.5                                    |

If achieved, future demand from clubs will exacerbate shortfalls across all pitch types.

### Future demand through forecasted growth

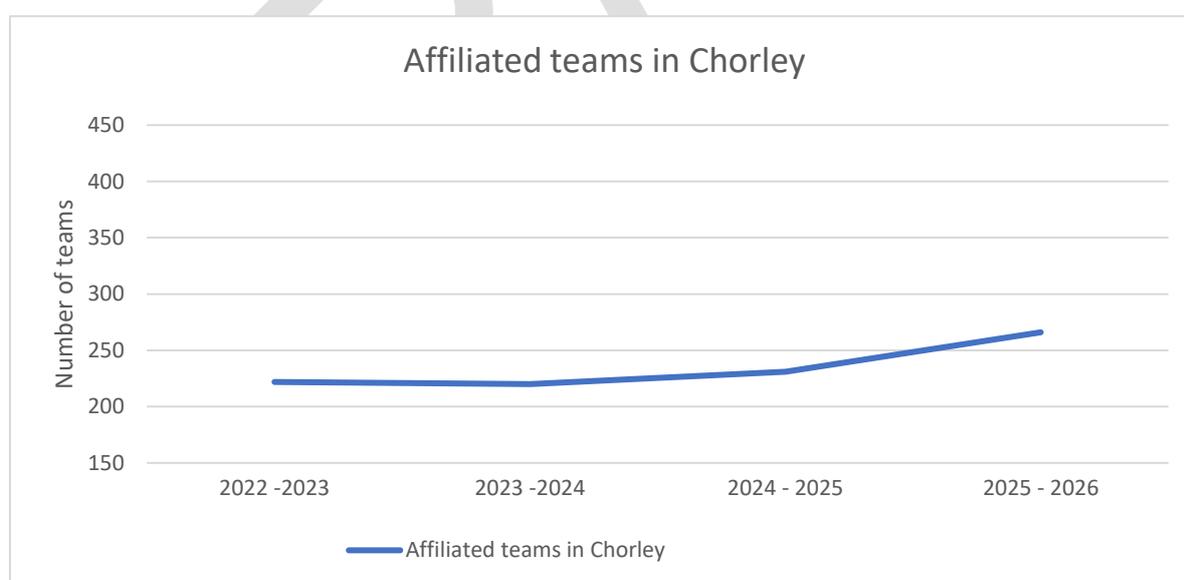
This scenario examines the impact of future demand based on potential growth from historical FA affiliation data. Figure 4.2 below plots the forecasted increases for the upcoming 2025/26 season, taking into account the following demand from previous seasons for Chorley, Preston and South Ribble:

Table 4.11: Total number of teams from the previous three seasons across Central Lancashire

| Analysis area | 22-23 season | 23-24 season | 24-25 season |
|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Chorley       | 222          | 220          | 228          |
| Preston       | 242          | 225          | 219          |
| South Ribble  | 318          | 339          | 351          |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>782</b>   | <b>784</b>   | <b>798</b>   |

With an average yearly increase of 3% in Chorley between 2022 and 2025, this would result in an additional 35 teams and 17.5 match equivalent sessions per week over the next five years. On this basis, participation increases reported by clubs during consultation is a marginally lower than those identified through forecasting growth via this method.

Figure 4.2: Growth in football teams across Chorley (2022-2025)



Given that demand in Preston has slightly decreased when compared to previous seasons, it is evident that future demand forecasted from club aspirations (as seen above) is deemed accurate. Therefore, the increase of an additional 30 teams (from participation growth) and 15 match equivalent sessions can be seen in the graph below.

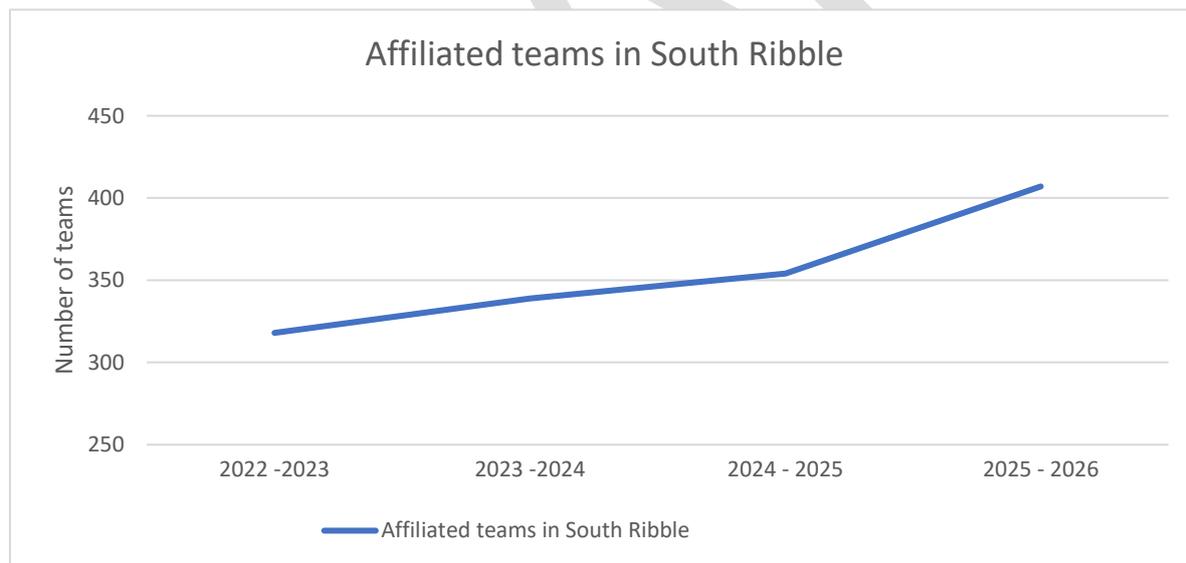
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Figure 4.2: Growth in football teams across Preston (2022-2025)



With an average yearly increase of 3% in South Ribble between 2022 and 2025, this would result in an additional 53 teams and 26.5 match equivalent sessions per week over the next five years. On this basis, for South Ribble, participation increases reported by clubs during consultation is a significantly lower than those identified through forecasting growth via this method.

Figure 4.2: Growth in football teams across South Ribble (2022-2025)



Given the current shortfalls identified for grass football pitches this scenario further evidences the need to improve pitch quality at priority sites and develop more pitches (including match play use of required 3G pitches) to better support this anticipated growth in demand.

### *Loss of access to unsecure sites*

The table below outlines sites across Central Lancashire which are accessed by community clubs where tenure is unsecure.

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In instances where clubs do not have formal tenure agreements in place, clubs could theoretically be asked to vacate at any time which would result in each requiring alternate provision to service existing levels of demand.

Table 4.12: Demand taking place on grass pitches at unsecure sites

| Site  | Club  | Teams   |
|---|---|---|
| <b>Chorley</b>  | -   | -   |
| Bishop Rawthorne C of E Language College                        | Croston Sports Club<br>Croston Sports Club Junior<br>Euxton Villa<br>Mawdesley FC | One team<br>Two teams<br>Three teams<br>Three teams |
| Brindle Gregson Lane Primary School                             | Walton North End JFC  | Two teams   |
| Brinscall St John Primary School                                | Brinscall Village JFC   | Six teams   |
| Buckshaw Primary School   | JFC Chorley   | One team  |
| Eccleston St Mary's C E Primary School                          | Eccleston & Heskin (Juniors)  | One teams   |
| Euxton Primrose Hill Primary School                             | Leyland Albion FC   | Two teams   |
| Highfield Primary School  | Chorley Wanderers Junior  | One team  |
| Holy Cross High School  | Chorley Wanderers Junior  | Five teams  |
| Rivington and Blackrod High School                              | Old Rivingtonians Sports Club   | 21 teams  |
| Southlands High School  | Chorley Wanderers Junior<br>Gillibrand Warriors                                   | Four teams<br>Four teams                            |
| St Johns C of E Primary School                                  | Pine Villa  | One team  |
| St Josephs Catholic Primary School                              | Freestyle Urban Soccer  | Four teams  |
| <b>Preston</b>  | -   | -   |
| Ashton Community Science College                                | Cadley<br>Fulwood Amateur<br>Man V Fat Preston FC<br>Ribbleton FC                 | Four teams<br>One team<br>One team<br>Two teams     |
| Broughton-in-Amounderness C of E Primary School                 | Cadley  | Two teams   |
| Christ the King Catholic High School                            | Walton North End JFC  | One team  |
| Fulwood Academy   | Chorley FC<br>Longsands JFC   | Four teams<br>12 teams                              |
| Lea Community Primary School                                    | Springfields (Preston)  | 12 teams  |
| Our Lady's RC High School                                       | St Anthony's SC FC  | One team  |
| <b>South Ribble</b>   | -   | -   |
| Academy @ Wordern   | Leyland Pirates Football Club   | One team  |
| All Hallows Catholic High School                                | Penwortham St Teresa's  | Four teams  |
| All Saints' Church of England Primary School                    | New Longton Rovers JFC  | Four teams  |
| Balshaw's C of E High School                                    | Chorley FC<br>Euxton Villa<br>Lostock Hall Juniors<br>Ribble Wanderers            | Two teams<br>Two teams<br>Six teams<br>One team     |
| Brownedge St Mary's Catholic High School                        | Leyland Pirates Football Club   | 11 teams  |
| Cardinal Newman College (off site playing fields) Kem Mill Lane | Penwortham Town   | Seven teams   |
| Higher Walton Primary School                                    | Walton North End JFC  | Three teams   |
| Hutton C of E Grammar School (off site)                         | Penwortham St Teresa's  | Three teams   |
| Leyland Methodist Junior School                                 | Ribble Wanderers  | Three teams   |

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| Site                                     | Club   | Teams   |
|--|--|---|
| Lostock Hall Academy                     | Lostock Hall Juniors   | 11 teams  |
| Moor Hey School                          | Lostock Hall Juniors   | Two teams   |
| Penwortham Priory Academy                | AFC Penwortham<br>Penwortham St Teresa's<br>Penwortham Town<br>Kingsfold FC<br>PNE Women (Juniors) | One team<br>Four teams<br>Two teams<br>One team<br>Five teams |
| Seven Stars Primary School               | SRDC   | Five teams  |
| St Leonard's C of E Primary School       | Walton Le Dale Juniors   | One team  |
| St Mary's Catholic High School & College | Leyland B.T.R<br>Leyland Pirates Football Club   | Two teams<br>Four teams                                       |
| Walton-Le-Dale High School               | Gregson Lane JFC   | 11 teams  |
| Walton-Le-Dale Primary School            | Walton Le Dale Juniors   | One team  |
| Wellfield Academy                        | Ribble Wanderers   | Three teams   |
| Woodlea Junior School                    | Bamber Bridge United   | Two teams   |

There are 203 teams from 53 clubs accessing 38 sites with unsecure tenure of which all are located at education sites. The impact on removal of 38 sites for community access is highlighted in the table below.

Table 4.13: Current supply and demand balance without unsecure sites

| Pitch/facility type | Current supply/ demand balance         | Potential supply/ demand balance |
|---------------------|--|----------------------------------|
| <b>Chorley</b>      |  |                                  |
| Adult               | Shortfall of 5.5 MES per week          | Shortfall of seven MES per week  |
| Youth 11v11         | Shortfall of five MES per week         | Shortfall of 13 MES per week     |
| Youth 9v9           | Shortfall of five MES per week         | Shortfall of 11.5 MES per week   |
| Mini 7v7            | Shortfall of 1.5 MES per week          | Shortfall of 11 MES per week     |
| Mini 5v5            | Shortfall of one MES per week          | Shortfall of three MES per week  |
| <b>Preston</b>      |  |                                  |
| Adult               | Shortfall of two MES per week          | Shortfall of 2.5 MES per week    |
| Youth 11v11         | Shortfall of six MES per week          | Shortfall of 13 MES per week     |
| Youth 9v9           | Shortfall of 5.5 MES per week          | Shortfall of nine MES per week   |
| Mini 7v7            | Actual spare capacity 2.5 MES per week | Played to capacity               |
| Mini 5v5            | Actual spare capacity one MES per week | Shortfall of one MES per week    |
| <b>South Ribble</b> |  |                                  |
| Adult               | Shortfall of six MES per week          | Shortfall of 10 MES per week     |
| Youth 11v11         | Shortfall of 5.5 MES per week          | Shortfall of 25 MES per week     |
| Youth 9v9           | Shortfall of 2.5 MES per week          | Shortfall of 11.5 MES per week   |
| Mini 7v7            | Actual spare capacity one MES per week | Shortfall of 13.5 MES per week   |
| Mini 5v5            | Played to capacity                     | Shortfall of two MES per week    |

As can be seen, if all access to unsecure sites was to be lost, shortfalls increase across all pitch types. Therefore, it is necessary to ensure the grass pitches at unsecure sites continue to stay open to community use, given the reliance upon these sites for community football. Site owners should also be encouraged and supported to formalise longer term lease agreements with clubs to further secure long-term access and opportunities to secure community use agreements with education providers should be explored and maximised to seek greater security and reduce risk for these users.

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## *Improving ancillary facilities*

Ancillary facility ratings are primarily influenced by the type of amenities which are available on a site accompanied by their quality, such as a clubhouse, changing rooms, car parking, dedicated official and spectator facilities. Good quality ancillary facilities are particularly important for football clubs as they can assist with income generation. Furthermore, it is becoming increasingly important for the provision to be inclusive, particularly due to growing women's and girls', disability and junior/mini demand.

Although the size and configuration of ancillary provision may alter based on the sports using the provision, and the number of pitches it services, generally the same principles are recommended to allow for varied use from all demographics:

- ◀ Accessible changing areas which can be separated, or are private/self-contained, to allow for separate male/female/all gender or senior/junior separation
- ◀ A private accessible changing room (with relevant changing and showering provision) for someone who requires assistance
- ◀ Separate female/male/all gender toilet provision
- ◀ Suitably designed and specified showering cubicles to all users to maintain dignity and privacy whilst showering.

Open planned changing, toilets and particularly showering facilities can provide a significant barrier to many people resulting in them either not taking part or having a poorer sporting experience.

As identified within the Assessment Report there is a clear need to improve the ancillary provision with 17 sites across Central Lancashire providing poor quality changing facilities, largely due to the fact they are outdated and need modernisation or do not offer suitable separation between male/female or adult/youth. The breakdown of the poor quality ancillary facilities can be seen in the table below.

Table 4.14: Sites providing poor quality ancillary provision across Central Lancashire

| Site ID | Site name                   | Clubs  | Overall building quality | Changing room quality <sup>4</sup> | Comments   |
|---------|-----------------------------|--|--------------------------|------------------------------------|--|
| -       | <b>Chorley</b>              | -  | -                        | -                                  | -  |
| 174     | Astley Park                 | Whittle Wanderers  | Standard                 | Poor                               | Ancillary facilities are outdated and in need of modernisation. Plans are underway to improve these facilities.                  |
| 206     | Eccleston Recreation Ground | Eccleston & Heskin (Juniors) / Eccleston & Heskin (Senior) | Standard                 | Poor                               | Site was originally FF funded in 2003 however needs refurbishment especially to accommodate growth from women and girls' demand. |
| 220     | Holy Cross High School      | Chorley Wanderers Junior                                   | Standard                 | Poor                               | Overall building is of standard quality however changing rooms need modernisation due to school and community use.               |

<sup>4</sup> Including changing areas, toilets and showering facilities.

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| Site ID | Site name                                | Clubs   | Overall building quality | Changing room quality <sup>4</sup> | Comments   |
|---------|--|---|--------------------------|------------------------------------|--|
| 231     | Sandy Lane, Brinscall (BWARA)            | Brinscall Village JFC   | Standard                 | Poor                               | Provision needs improving to cater for all types of demand accessing the site (boys and girls).  |
| -       | <b>Preston</b>                           | -   | -                        | -                                  | -  |
| 2       | Ashton Community Science College         | Cadley / Ribbleton FC   | Standard                 | Poor                               | Overall building is of standard quality however changing rooms need modernisation due to school and community use.   |
| 3       | Ashton Park                              | Fishwick Rangers  | Poor                     | Poor                               | Buildings not currently fit for use – disused. Plans in process to create new facilities on the site as the current provision would require demolishing.   |
| 11      | Christ the King Catholic High School     | Ribbleton FC / Walton North End JFC   | Poor                     | Poor                               | Facilities are tired / dated and in need of modernisation due to school and community use.   |
| 12      | Conway Drive                             | Cadley FC   | Standard                 | Poor                               | Ancillary facilities are outdated and in need of modernisation. There are aspirations to improve the overall ancillary provision including enhancing changing rooms and increasing carparking. Site also suffers from vandalism and unofficial access. |
| 13      | Corpus Christi Catholic High School      | Preston City FC   | Standard                 | Poor                               | Overall building is of standard quality however changing rooms need modernisation due to school and community use.   |
| 16      | Fishwick Recreation Ground (London Road) | Midgery Court   | Poor                     | Poor                               | No dedicated clubhouse with basic changing rooms available.  |
| 48      | Moor Park                                | FC Friargate / Fishwick Rangers / Freckleton FC / Greenland FC / Moor Park United / Springfields / The Lonsdale Casuals | Poor                     | Poor                               | Ancillary facilities are outdated and in need of modernisation. Plans are underway to improve these facilities with funding granted.   |
| 63      | Ribbleton Park                           | Ribbleton FC / Fishwick Rangers / Willbraham Athletics  | Poor                     | Poor                               | Ancillary facilities are outdated and in need of modernisation. Plans are underway to improve these facilities with funding granted.   |

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| Site ID | Site name                                  | Clubs  | Overall building quality | Changing room quality <sup>4</sup> | Comments  |
|---------|--|--|--------------------------|------------------------------------|---|
| 65      | South Drive                                | Cadley FC  | Standard                 | Poor                               | Current provision is not suitable for the levels demand on the site and is situated far away from the actual pitches. There are aspirations to improve the overall ancillary provision. |
| -       | <b>South Ribble</b>                        | -  | -                        | -                                  | -   |
| 110     | King George V Playing Field, Higher Walton | Bamber Bridge Town / Bamber Bridge United Seniors / Walton-Le-Dale Juniors | Poor                     | Poor                               | There is a need to improve the current provision due to not suitable for the levels demand on the site.   |
| 139     | Penwortham Holme Recreation Centre         | Used by multiple clubs as site is a central venue                          | Poor                     | Poor                               | Buildings not currently fit for use and in need of upgrading and modernisation. This site is used as a central venue for Mid Lancashire Colts JFL.                                      |
| 163     | St Cuthbert's Playing Field                | Lostock Hall Juniors   | Poor                     | Poor                               | Ancillary facilities are outdated and in need of modernisation.   |
| 256     | Penwortham Priory Academy                  | Penwortham St Teresa's   | Standard                 | Poor                               | Overall building is of standard quality however changing rooms need modernisation due to school and community use.  |

The changing facilities located at Ashton Park, Moor Park, Ribbleton Park and Astley Park are all identified as poor quality with improvements underway.

Additionally, Charnock Richard JFC report plans to improve the changing facilities at Charnock Richard Football Club (Mossie Park) to make them more accessible for women and girls' demand.

A planning application (24/00459/CB3) has recently been approved for the development of a new pavilion, resurfacing of the car parking and refurbishment of the existing toilet block to provide a ground maintenance store located at Gillet Field.

As seen in the table above, there is a broad understanding that across the three authorities accompanying ancillary provision is not of suitable quality and/or cannot accommodate the different types of demographics such as women and girls demand and mini/youth and adult demand. In order to accommodate the current demand and potential future demand as highlighted above, there is a need to improve these facilities.

### Summary

As seen above, quality improvements alone would eradicate all identified shortfalls in Preston, however, shortfalls on grass pitches in Chorley and South Ribble would still be evident but significantly less. It should be noted that, although the quality improvements increase the capacity across some pitch types, no additional peak time spare capacity is created for additional play due to the level of demand already accessing these pitches, nevertheless it would create a better playing experience for teams. When considering future demand highlighted through participation growth and forecasted growth across the three areas, this will only further increase demand on grass pitches.

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Therefore, together with grass pitch improvements to reduce current shortfalls, alternative options need to be explored such as accessing provision which is currently unavailable for community use (see Part 5: Strategic Recommendations) or the creation of new provision (grass pitches and 3G pitches). Future demand should be monitored through the Stage E process, to ensure its adequately accommodated.

In addition to the above, across all three authorities, there are a number of clubs which are currently accessing poor quality changing provision with the current provision not of suitable quality and/or cannot accommodate the different types of demand accessing the site. Good quality ancillary facilities are particularly important for football clubs as they can assist with income generation. Furthermore, it is becoming increasingly important for the provision to be inclusive, particularly due to growing women's and girls', disability and junior/mini demand.

It should be noted that, several clubs (203 teams from 53 clubs accessing 38 sites) are currently accessing sites with unsecure tenure, of which 61 teams are in Chorley, 40 teams in Preston and 102 teams in South Ribble. If all access to unsecure sites was to be lost, shortfalls increase across all pitch types as seen above. There is a clear need for clubs (where appropriate) to formalise long term usage agreements to secure long term access.

### **Recommendations**

- ◀ Protect the existing quantity of pitches (unless replacement provision meets NPPF and Sport England Playing Field Policy requirements and is agreed upon and provided).
- ◀ Where pitches are assessed as poor or standard quality, prioritise investment and review maintenance regimes to ensure it is of an appropriate standard to sustain use and improve quality.
- ◀ Utilise the Football Foundation's PitchPower app to assist in the improvement and ongoing maintenance of provision.
- ◀ Work to accommodate future demand at sites which are not operating at capacity.
- ◀ Work to alleviate identified overplay on grass football pitches, particularly those at adult, youth 11v11 and youth 9v9 pitch format through improvement of pitch quality.
- ◀ Improve ancillary facilities where there is a demand to do so and where it can benefit the wider footballing offer, prioritising club-led sites, multi-pitch sites and sites which play key strategic roles for adult football and women and girls' participation.
- ◀ Given the substantial number of teams accessing sites with unsecure tenure (202 teams from 53 clubs), where appropriate, help to formalise long term usage agreements with clubs to further secure long-term access especially at education sites.
- ◀ Explore the feasibility of offering specific strategic sites for long term lease or CUA if agreeable with relevant stakeholders such as Football Foundation and Lancashire FA.
- ◀ Monitor future growth levels to determine when and where new grass pitches may be required.
- ◀ Support clubs currently competing within the Regional Feeder League to Step 6 (Coppull United, Croston Sports Club and Lostock St Gerards) with facility developments when required to meet league requirements.
- ◀ Ensure that any residential development considers potential increases in demand for the sport and that new provision or contributions are properly sought through utilisation of the Sport England Playing Pitch Calculator.

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## 4.2: Rugby union - grass pitches

### Assessment Report summary

#### Supply and demand summary

- Overall, there is a shortfall of rugby union capacity in both Chorley and Preston amounting to 1.5 match equivalent sessions per week collectively.
- As there is no future demand anticipated from population growth, a separate scenario will be run in the proceeding Strategy & Action Plan document to understand the impact of other potential future growth opportunities such as reported club aspirational demand.

#### Supply summary

- The audit of rugby union pitches across Central Lancashire identifies a total of 17 pitches across 11 unique sites, of which, 14 pitches across eight sites are available for community use.
- As per the previous PPS, one rugby union pitch was marked out at Archbishop Temple High School (PR2 8RA) and one pitch located at Moss Side Recreation Ground (PR26 7XU) which both are now no longer marked out for rugby union.
- Preston Grasshoppers RFC owns its home venue freehold, including grass pitches and ancillary facilities. For the 3G pitch, the Club has a lease agreement with RFU for 25 years, as the RFU funded the installation of the pitch as one of the initial sites for the RFU's Rugby 365 programme.
- Typhoons RFC rents the World Rugby compliant 3G pitch at Preston Grasshoppers RFC for both match and training demand.
- Of the community available pitches in Central Lancashire, two are assessed as good quality, four as standard quality and eight are assessed as poor quality. The poor quality pitches are located at Balshaw's C of E High School, Hutton C of E Grammar School (off site), Runshaw College, St Michael's CE High School, Wellfield Academy and Parklands High School.
- Preston Grasshopper RFC has poor quality changing facilities due to being outdated and in need of modernisation.

#### Demand summary

- Across Central Lancashire there are two clubs providing a total of 22 teams which equates to six senior men's, one senior women, seven age grade boys, two age grade girls and six age grade mixed teams. All demand is located in the Preston North West Analysis Area.
- Both senior men's and senior women's demand has decreased slightly since the previous study (2018) by three teams (75%). However, there has been a growth of three teams in the age grade boy's and girl's demographic with age grade mixed demand remaining the same.
- There is currently one World Rugby compliant 11v11 3G pitch in Central Lancashire which is located at Preston Grasshoppers RFC (PR4 0AP, Preston North West Analysis Area). This pitch is used to accommodate training demand for both Typhoons RFC and Preston Grasshoppers RFC.
- There is no known exported or imported rugby union demand regarding Central Lancashire.
- Across Central Lancashire there is no actual spare capacity at peak time identified on pitches.
- In total there is 1.5 match equivalent session of overplay per week with 0.5 of this located in the Preston North West Analysis Area and one match equivalent session within the Chorley Central Area.

### Scenarios

For ease of reference for the scenarios outlined below the capacity rating table has been include for rugby union which can be found in more detail in the preceding Assessment Report.

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Table 4.15: Pitch capacity (matches per week) based on quality assessments

| Drainage                              | Maintenance (M0) | Maintenance (M1) | Maintenance (M2) |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Natural Inadequate (D0)               | 0.5              | 1.5              | 2                |
| Natural Adequate or Pipe Drained (D1) | 1.5              | 2                | 3                |
| Pipe Drained (D2)                     | 1.75             | 2.5              | 3.25             |
| Pipe and Slit Drained (D3)            | 2                | 3                | 3.5              |

The table below looks at what capacity benefits would be ascertained through improvement of both maintenance and drainage solutions in one increment on the above technical criteria. It further looks at the benefit of maximum improvements to both drainage and maintenance to explore maximum benefits.

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Table 4.16: Improving maintenance on all pitches by one increment (based on RFU technical criteria)

| Site ID | Site name   | Number of senior pitches | Current technical score | Quality  | Sports lighting? | Match equivalent sessions (per week) | Pitch Capacity (sessions per week) | Capacity rating | Improved technical score | Improved quality score | Improved capacity rating |
|---------|---|--------------------------|-------------------------|----------|------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| -       | <b>Chorley</b>  | -                        | -                       | -        | -                | -                                    | -                                  | -               | -                        | -                      | -                        |
| 229     | Parklands High School   | 1                        | M0/D0                   | Poor     | No               | 1                                    | 0.5                                | 0.5             | M1/D0                    | Poor                   | 0.5                      |
| 237     | St Michael's CE High School   | 1                        | M0/D0                   | Poor     | No               | 1                                    | 0.5                                | 0.5             | M1/D0                    | Poor                   | 0.5                      |
| -       | <b>Preston</b>  | -                        | -                       | -        | -                | -                                    | -                                  | -               | -                        | -                      | -                        |
| 56      | Preston Grasshoppers RFC  | 1                        | M2/D1                   | Good     | Yes              | 1.5                                  | 3                                  | 1.5             | M2/D1                    | Good                   | 1.5                      |
| 56      | Preston Grasshoppers RFC  | 1                        | M2/D1                   | Good     | No               | 1.5                                  | 3                                  | 1.5             | M2/D1                    | Good                   | 1.5                      |
| 56      | Preston Grasshoppers RFC  | 1                        | M2/D0                   | Standard | No               | 1.5                                  | 2                                  | 0.5             | M2/D0                    | Standard               | 0.5                      |
| 56      | Preston Grasshoppers RFC  | 1                        | M2/D0                   | Standard | No               | 1.5                                  | 2                                  | 0.5             | M2/D0                    | Standard               | 0.5                      |
| 2       | Ashton Community Science College  | 1                        | M0/D0                   | Poor     | No               | 1                                    | 0.5                                | 0.5             | M1/D0                    | Poor                   | 0.5                      |
| 8       | Broughton Business Enterprise College & High School                         | 1                        | M0/D1                   | Poor     | No               | 1                                    | 1.5                                | 0.5             | M1/D1                    | Standard               | 1                        |
| -       | <b>South Ribble</b>   | -                        | -                       | -        | -                | -                                    | -                                  | -               | -                        | -                      | -                        |
| 87      | Balshaw's C of E High School  | 1                        | M0/D1                   | Poor     | No               | 1                                    | 1.5                                | 0.5             | M1/D1                    | Standard               | 1                        |
| 146     | Runshaw College   | 1                        | M0/D1                   | Poor     | No               | 1                                    | 1.5                                | 0.5             | M1/D1                    | Standard               | 1                        |
| 164     | Wellfield Academy (Wellfield Business and Enterprise College & High School) | 1                        | M0/D1                   | Poor     | No               | 1                                    | 1.5                                | 0.5             | M1/D1                    | Standard               | 1                        |
| 108     | Hutton C of E Grammar School  | 1                        | M1/D1                   | Standard | No               | 1                                    | 2                                  | 1               | M2/D1                    | Good                   | 2                        |
| 108     | Hutton C of E Grammar School  | 1                        | M1/D1                   | Standard | No               | 1                                    | 2                                  | 1               | M2/D1                    | Good                   | 2                        |
| 109     | Hutton C of E Grammar School (off site)                                     | 1                        | M0/D1                   | Poor     | No               | -                                    | 1.5                                | 1.5             | M1/D1                    | Standard               | 2                        |
| 109     | Hutton C of E Grammar School (off site)                                     | 1                        | M0/D1                   | Poor     | No               | -                                    | 1.5                                | 1.5             | M1/D1                    | Standard               | 2                        |
| 109     | Hutton C of E Grammar School (off site)                                     | 1                        | M0/D1                   | Poor     | No               | -                                    | 1.5                                | 1.5             | M1/D1                    | Standard               | 2                        |
| 114     | Lancashire Constabulary Training Headquarters, Hutton                       | 1                        | M0/D1                   | Poor     | No               | 1                                    | 1.5                                | 0.5             | M1/D1                    | Standard               | 1                        |

In Central Lancashire, improving the maintenance of pitches by one increment would eliminate overplay of all rugby union pitches across the three authorities. In total, nine additional match equivalent sessions of capacity would be generated by improving the maintenance of all pitches by one increment and all overplay would be alleviated. Capacity of the pitches at Preston Grasshoppers RFC would not be impacted as the pitches are already maintained to the highest level.

Table 4.17: Improving drainage on all pitches by one increment (based on RFU technical criteria)

| Site ID | Site name                        | Number of senior pitches | Current technical score | Quality  | Sports lighting? | Match equivalent sessions (per week) | Pitch Capacity (sessions per week) | Capacity rating | Improved technical score | Improved quality score | Improved capacity rating |
|---------|----------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|----------|------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| -       | <b>Chorley</b>                   | -                        | -                       | -        | -                | -                                    | -                                  | -               | -                        | -                      | -                        |
| 229     | Parklands High School            | 1                        | M0/D0                   | Poor     | No               | 1                                    | 0.5                                | 0.5             | M0/D1                    | Poor                   | 0.5                      |
| 237     | St Michael's CE High School      | 1                        | M0/D0                   | Poor     | No               | 1                                    | 0.5                                | 0.5             | M0/D1                    | Poor                   | 0.5                      |
| -       | <b>Preston</b>                   | -                        | -                       | -        | -                | -                                    | -                                  | -               | -                        | -                      | -                        |
| 56      | Preston Grasshoppers RFC         | 1                        | M2/D1                   | Good     | Yes              | 1.5                                  | 3                                  | 1.5             | M2/D2                    | Good                   | 1.75                     |
| 56      | Preston Grasshoppers RFC         | 1                        | M2/D1                   | Good     | No               | 1.5                                  | 3                                  | 1.5             | M2/D2                    | Good                   | 1.75                     |
| 56      | Preston Grasshoppers RFC         | 1                        | M2/D0                   | Standard | No               | 1.5                                  | 2                                  | 0.5             | M2/D1                    | Good                   | 1.5                      |
| 56      | Preston Grasshoppers RFC         | 1                        | M2/D0                   | Standard | No               | 1.5                                  | 2                                  | 0.5             | M2/D1                    | Good                   | 1.5                      |
| -       | <b>Preston</b>                   | -                        | -                       | -        | -                | -                                    | -                                  | -               | -                        | -                      | -                        |
| 2       | Ashton Community Science College | 1                        | M0/D0                   | Poor     | No               | 1                                    | 0.5                                | 0.5             | M0/D1                    | Poor                   | 0.5                      |

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| Site ID | Site name   | Number of senior pitches | Current technical score | Quality  | Sports lighting? | Match equivalent sessions (per week) | Pitch Capacity (sessions per week) | Capacity rating | Improved technical score | Improved quality score | Improved capacity rating |
|---------|---|--------------------------|-------------------------|----------|------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| 8       | Broughton Business Enterprise College & High School                         | 1                        | M0/D1                   | Poor     | No               | 1                                    | 1.5                                | 0.5             | M0/D2                    | Standard               | 0.75                     |
| -       | <b>South Ribble</b>   | -                        | -                       | -        | -                | -                                    | -                                  | -               | -                        | -                      | -                        |
| 87      | Balshaw's C of E High School  | 1                        | M0/D1                   | Poor     | No               | 1                                    | 1.5                                | 0.5             | M0/D2                    | Standard               | 0.75                     |
| 146     | Runshaw College   | 1                        | M0/D1                   | Poor     | No               | 1                                    | 1.5                                | 0.5             | M0/D2                    | Standard               | 0.75                     |
| 164     | Wellfield Academy (Wellfield Business and Enterprise College & High School) | 1                        | M0/D1                   | Poor     | No               | 1                                    | 1.5                                | 0.5             | M0/D2                    | Standard               | 0.75                     |
| 108     | Hutton C of E Grammar School  | 1                        | M1/D1                   | Standard | No               | 1                                    | 2                                  | 1               | M1/D2                    | Standard               | 1.5                      |
| 108     | Hutton C of E Grammar School  | 1                        | M1/D1                   | Standard | No               | 1                                    | 2                                  | 1               | M1/D2                    | Standard               | 1.5                      |
| 109     | Hutton C of E Grammar School (off site)                                     | 1                        | M0/D1                   | Poor     | No               | -                                    | 1.5                                | 1.5             | M0/D2                    | Standard               | 1.75                     |
| 109     | Hutton C of E Grammar School (off site)                                     | 1                        | M0/D1                   | Poor     | No               | -                                    | 1.5                                | 1.5             | M0/D2                    | Standard               | 1.75                     |
| 109     | Hutton C of E Grammar School (off site)                                     | 1                        | M0/D1                   | Poor     | No               | -                                    | 1.5                                | 1.5             | M0/D2                    | Standard               | 1.75                     |
| 114     | Lancashire Constabulary Training Headquarters, Hutton                       | 1                        | M0/D1                   | Poor     | No               | 1                                    | 1.5                                | 0.5             | M0/D2                    | Standard               | 0.75                     |

A similar approach to improving maintenance has been undertaken in the table above for drainage installation (through improvement to pitches by one increment on the RFU technical criteria). In total, 8.5 additional match equivalent sessions of capacity would be generated by improving the drainage of all pitches by one increment and all overplay would be alleviated.

Table 4.18: Improving both maintenance and drainage to M2/D3 on all pitches (based on RFU technical criteria)

| Site ID | Site name   | Number of senior pitches | Current technical score | Quality  | Sports lighting? | Match equivalent sessions (per week) | Pitch Capacity (sessions per week) | Capacity rating | Improved technical score | Improved quality score | Improved capacity rating |
|---------|---|--------------------------|-------------------------|----------|------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| -       | <b>Chorley</b>  | -                        | -                       | -        | -                | -                                    | -                                  | -               | -                        | -                      | -                        |
| 229     | Parklands High School   | 1                        | M0/D0                   | Poor     | No               | 1                                    | 0.5                                | 0.5             | M2/D3                    | Good                   | 2.5                      |
| 237     | St Michael's CE High School   | 1                        | M0/D0                   | Poor     | No               | 1                                    | 0.5                                | 0.5             | M2/D3                    | Good                   | 2.5                      |
| -       | <b>Preston</b>  | -                        | -                       | -        | -                | -                                    | -                                  | -               | -                        | -                      | -                        |
| 56      | Preston Grasshoppers RFC  | 1                        | M2/D1                   | Good     | Yes              | 1.5                                  | 3                                  | 1.5             | M2/D3                    | Good                   | 2                        |
| 56      | Preston Grasshoppers RFC  | 1                        | M2/D1                   | Good     | No               | 1.5                                  | 3                                  | 1.5             | M2/D3                    | Good                   | 2                        |
| 56      | Preston Grasshoppers RFC  | 1                        | M2/D0                   | Standard | No               | 1.5                                  | 2                                  | 0.5             | M2/D3                    | Good                   | 2                        |
| 56      | Preston Grasshoppers RFC  | 1                        | M2/D0                   | Standard | No               | 1.5                                  | 2                                  | 0.5             | M2/D3                    | Good                   | 2                        |
| 2       | Ashton Community Science College  | 1                        | M0/D0                   | Poor     | No               | 1                                    | 0.5                                | 0.5             | M2/D3                    | Good                   | 2.5                      |
| 8       | Broughton Business Enterprise College & High School                         | 1                        | M0/D1                   | Poor     | No               | 1                                    | 1.5                                | 0.5             | M2/D3                    | Good                   | 2.5                      |
| -       | <b>South Ribble</b>   | -                        | -                       | -        | -                | -                                    | -                                  | -               | -                        | -                      | -                        |
| 87      | Balshaw's C of E High School  | 1                        | M0/D1                   | Poor     | No               | 1                                    | 1.5                                | 0.5             | M2/D3                    | Good                   | 2.5                      |
| 146     | Runshaw College   | 1                        | M0/D1                   | Poor     | No               | 1                                    | 1.5                                | 0.5             | M2/D3                    | Good                   | 2.5                      |
| 164     | Wellfield Academy (Wellfield Business and Enterprise College & High School) | 1                        | M0/D1                   | Poor     | No               | 1                                    | 1.5                                | 0.5             | M2/D3                    | Good                   | 2.5                      |
| 108     | Hutton C of E Grammar School  | 1                        | M1/D1                   | Standard | No               | 1                                    | 2                                  | 1               | M2/D3                    | Good                   | 2.5                      |
| 108     | Hutton C of E Grammar School  | 1                        | M1/D1                   | Standard | No               | 1                                    | 2                                  | 1               | M2/D3                    | Good                   | 2.5                      |
| 109     | Hutton C of E Grammar School (off site)                                     | 1                        | M0/D1                   | Poor     | No               | -                                    | 1.5                                | 1.5             | M2/D3                    | Good                   | 3.5                      |
| 109     | Hutton C of E Grammar School (off site)                                     | 1                        | M0/D1                   | Poor     | No               | -                                    | 1.5                                | 1.5             | M2/D3                    | Good                   | 3.5                      |
| -       | <b>South Ribble</b>   | -                        | -                       | -        | -                | -                                    | -                                  | -               | -                        | -                      | -                        |
| 109     | Hutton C of E Grammar School (off site)                                     | 1                        | M0/D1                   | Poor     | No               | -                                    | 1.5                                | 1.5             | M2/D3                    | Good                   | 3.5                      |
| 114     | Lancashire Constabulary Training Headquarters, Hutton                       | 1                        | M0/D1                   | Poor     | No               | 1                                    | 1.5                                | 0.5             | M2/D3                    | Good                   | 2.5                      |

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This table above illustrates the position if all overlaid pitches in Central Lancashire were improved to M2/D3 quality. This is the highest threshold a pitch can score based on the RFU technical criteria. In total, 32 additional match equivalent sessions of capacity would be generated per week, and all overplay would be alleviated.

### Ancillary provision

As well as creating capacity on the pitch there is a requirement to also ensure that current and future levels of demand can be accommodated off the pitch, more specifically regarding ancillary provision and changing rooms.

As outlined in the Assessment Report, ancillary facility ratings are primarily influenced by the type of amenities which are available on a site accompanied by their quality, such as a clubhouse, changing rooms, car parking, dedicated official and spectator facilities. Good quality ancillary facilities are particularly important for rugby clubs as they can assist with income generation. Furthermore, it is becoming increasingly important for the provision to be inclusive, particularly due to growing women's and girls', disability and junior/mini demand.

Although the size and configuration of ancillary provision may alter based on the sports using the provision, and the number of pitches it services, generally the same principles are recommended to allow for varied use from all demographics:

- ◆ Accessible changing areas which can be separated, or are private/self-contained, to allow for separate male/female/all gender or senior/junior separation.
- ◆ A private accessible changing room (with relevant changing and showering provision) for someone who requires assistance.
- ◆ Separate female / male / all gender toilet provision.
- ◆ Suitably designed and specified showering cubicles to all users to maintain dignity and privacy whilst showering.

Open planned changing, toilets and particularly showering facilities can provide a significant barrier to many people resulting in them either not taking part or having a poorer sporting experience.

In Central Lancashire, both Preston Grasshoppers RFC and Typhoons RFC are based at Preston Grasshoppers RFC. The site is serviced by good quality ancillary provision although poor quality changing facilities. Whilst the facility includes seven changing rooms with dedicated women's and girls' facilities, they are reported to be in need of refurbishment due to their age and general wear and tear. Preston Grasshoppers RFC also highlights an aspiration to install solar panels to become more energy sufficient and to reduce its running costs

Without refurbishment of the changing facilities at Preston Grasshoppers RFC, both clubs could struggle to attract new participants and teams, particularly women and girls, and may even have issues retaining current levels of demand.

### Women's Rugby World Cup 2025

For the first time ever, the expanded showcase event will be hosted across eight venues and cities around England (Brighton & Hove, Bristol, Exeter, London, Manchester, Northampton, Sunderland and York) with 16 teams competing to be crowned world champions.

Women's Rugby World Cup 2025 will represent a generational moment for global rugby that will set new standards, welcome new fans and families to the sport and inspire a new generation of players, providing an exciting catalyst to nationwide and global rugby growth.

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It is expected that clubs in Central Lancashire that already accommodate age grade girls' teams could see an increase in demand to provide a team at each age group. This applies only to Preston Grasshoppers RFC which currently fields two age grade girls' teams. Therefore, the Club could theoretically increase by five age grade girls' teams.

For clubs that currently do not accommodate any age grade girls' teams it is considered likely that their demand will increase by at least one team. This applies to Typhoons RFC and in total, would see an overall increase of six age grade girls' teams across Central Lancashire.

As mentioned previously, whilst Preston Grasshoppers RFC is already serviced by dedicated women's and girls' changing facilities, refurbishment of the changing provision is deemed required in order to better accommodate current and anticipated future levels of women and girls' demand.

## **Recommendations**

- ◀ Protect the existing quantity of rugby union pitches including those used for curricular and extra-curricular demand, in line with national (i.e. the NPPF and sport England's Playing Fields Policy) and local planning policy.
- ◀ Support clubs in taking part in the GMA pitch advisory service to explore technical requirements to improve pitch quality to address overplay.
- ◀ Improve accompanying ancillary facilities at Preston Grasshoppers RFC to better accommodate all demographics including women and girls.
- ◀ Ensure that any residential development considers potential increases in demand for the sport and that new provision or contributions are properly sought through utilisation of the Sport England Playing Pitch Calculator.

## **4.3: Rugby league – grass pitches**

### **Assessment Report summary**

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

- ◀ **Overall, there is a shortfall on senior pitches amounting to 3.5 match equivalent sessions per week with junior and mini pitches played to capacity. This remains largely consistent with the previous study with the current and future overplay on senior and junior pitches being similar.**
- ◀ **The main difference has been the loss of spare capacity on mini pitches. This can be explained in part, due to the increase in primary teams since the previous study resulting in heavy use on mini pitches.**

#### **Supply summary**

- ◀ The audit of rugby league pitches identifies a total of 12 pitches across six unique sites with five pitches located in Chorley and seven pitches located in South Ribble. No provision has been identified in Preston.
- ◀ The number of unavailable pitches has reduced, in part, due to pitches which were previously marked at education sites including Holy Cross High School and University of Lancashire which are now either used for football or left as general playing field areas. Conversely, there has been a creation of an additional pitch located at Moss Side Recreation Ground.
- ◀ The non-technical assessment of rugby league pitches in the Central Lancashire identifies that there are three (25%) good quality pitches (all located in Chorley), however, five (42%) are standard quality (two located in Chorley) and four (33%) are assessed as poor quality (all located in South Ribble).
- ◀ Leyland Warriors ARLFC highlights the quality of the main pitch has become slightly poorer due to drainage issues with the Club stating plans to improve pitch maintenance to improve the quality.

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- ◀ The main issue raised by Preston & South Ribble Rabbitohs RLFC relates to a lack of sports lighting at Withy Grove Park which limits usage of the pitch in winter months and public use of the facility with issues public access resulting in dog fouling and litter.
- ◀ Leyland Warriors ARLFC access a poor quality changing facility at Moss Side Recreation Ground which also has no dedicated women and girls changing rooms.

### Demand summary

- ◀ A total of 25 teams are identified as playing competitive rugby league across Central Lancashire. This consists of three senior men's, one senior women's, nine junior boys' teams and 12 primary teams.
- ◀ There has been an increase in demand since the 2018 PPS with an increase primary teams, despite a minor decrease in senior and junior teams.
- ◀ Both Leyland Warriors ARLFC and Preston & South Ribble Rabbitohs ARLFC utilise match pitches to accommodate it training demand. The latter does indicate a need for more affordable and accessible 3G provision with it currently hiring several facilities which is a significant cost to the Club.
- ◀ Leyland Warriors ARLFC highlights if it had access to better ancillary provision (dedicated female changing) at its home site, Moss Side Recreation Ground, it would be able to field additional teams.
- ◀ Of responding clubs, both Leyland Warriors ARLFC and Preston & South Ribble Rabbitohs RLFC highlight plans to increase membership amounting to two teams in total.

### Scenarios

#### *Improving pitch quality*

In Central Lancashire, the total amount of overplay amounts to 4.5 match equivalent sessions per week. This is a result of sites accommodating more demand than is recommended based on quality. The scenario below looks at the impact of improvements to the pitches at each of the sites through enhancing pitch quality.

As a guide, the RFL has set a standard number of matches that each pitch should be able to accommodate, set out below.

Table 4.19: Pitch capacity (matches per week) based on quality assessments

| Category | Capacity           |
|----------|--------------------|
| Good     | 3 matches per week |
| Standard | 2 matches per week |
| Poor     | 1 match per week   |

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Table 4.20: Improvements to existing maintenance regimes to reduce overplay

| Site ID | Site name   | Pitch type | No. of pitches | Quality  | Current capacity rating | Improved quality rating | Theoretical capacity rating (MES per week) |
|---------|---|------------|----------------|----------|-------------------------|-------------------------|--|
| -       | <b>Chorley</b>  | -          | -              | -        | -                       | -                       | -  |
| 189     | Chisnall Lane – Chorley Panthers Rugby League                               | Senior     | 1              | Good     | -                       | Good                    | -  |
| 189     | Chisnall Lane – Chorley Panthers Rugby League                               | Senior     | 1              | Good     | 1                       | Good                    | 1  |
| 189     | Chisnall Lane – Chorley Panthers Rugby League                               | Senior     | 1              | Standard | 1.5                     | Good                    | 0.5  |
| 189     | Chisnall Lane – Chorley Panthers Rugby League                               | Mini       | 1              | Good     | -                       | Good                    | -  |
| 229     | Parklands High School   | Senior     | 1              | Standard | 1                       | Good                    | 2  |
| -       | <b>South Ribble</b>   | -          | -              | -        | -                       | -                       | -  |
| 128     | Moss Side Recreation Ground   | Senior     | 1              | Standard | -                       | Good                    | 1  |
| 128     | Moss Side Recreation Ground   | Senior     | 1              | Standard | -                       | Good                    | 1  |
| 128     | Moss Side Recreation Ground   | Senior     | 1              | Standard | 0.5                     | Good                    | 0.5  |
| 128     | Moss Side Recreation Ground   | Junior     | 1              | Poor     | -                       | Good                    | 2  |
| 164     | Wellfield Academy (Wellfield Business and Enterprise College & High School) | Senior     | 1              | Poor     | -                       | Good                    | 2  |
| 166     | Withy Grove Park (Bamber Bridge Leisure Centre)                             | Senior     | 1              | Poor     | 0.5                     | Good                    | 1.5  |
| 169     | Academy @ Worden (Worden Sports College)                                    | Senior     | 1              | Poor     | -                       | Good                    | 2  |

The impact of improving overplayed pitches to good quality is shown in the table above. In the main, overplay would be alleviated across two pitches, however, two of the senior pitches at Chisnall Lane – Chorley Panthers Rugby League would still have overplay due to heavy usage. The overall impact of this results in shortfalls in South Ribble being alleviated although a localised shortfall still present in Chorley and specifically at Chisnall Lane – Chorley Panthers Rugby League.

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### Moving all training demand to 3G

As seen in the scenarios above, pitch improvements can not solely alleviate shortfalls on grass rugby league pitches. This scenario looks at the impact of moving all training demand of match pitches to 3G pitches, if pitches remained the same quality. It should be noted Preston & South Ribble Rabbitohs RLFC (Withy Grove Park (Bamber Bridge Leisure Centre)) already utilises some form of 3G pitch provision for training demand.

Table 4.21: Moving all training demand to 3G

| Site ID | Site name                                       | Analysis area        | Pitch type | No. of pitches | Match equivalent sessions of play (per week) | Training demand | Capacity rating | Match demand only (MES) | Theoretical capacity rating (MES per week) |
|---------|---|----------------------|------------|----------------|--|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------------|--|
| -       | <b>Chorley</b>                                  | -                    | -          | -              | -  | -               | -               | -                       | -  |
| 189     | Chisnall Lane – Chorley Panthers Rugby League   | Chorley Central      | Senior     | 1              | 1  | 2               | -               | 1                       | 2  |
| 189     | Chisnall Lane – Chorley Panthers Rugby League   | Chorley Central      | Senior     | 1              | 1  | 3               | 1               | 1                       | 2  |
| 189     | Chisnall Lane – Chorley Panthers Rugby League   | Chorley Central      | Senior     | 1              | 1.5  | 2               | 1.5             | 1.5                     | 0.5  |
| -       | <b>South Ribble</b>                             | -                    | -          | -              | -  | -               | -               | -                       | -  |
| 128     | Moss Side Recreation Ground                     | South Ribble Leyland | Senior     | 1              | 0.5  | 1.5             | -               | 0.5                     | 1.5  |
| 128     | Moss Side Recreation Ground                     | South Ribble Leyland | Senior     | 1              | 1  | 1               | -               | 1                       | 1  |
| 128     | Moss Side Recreation Ground                     | South Ribble Leyland | Senior     | 1              | 1  | 1.5             | 0.5             | 1                       | 1  |
| 166     | Withy Grove Park (Bamber Bridge Leisure Centre) | South Ribble Eastern | Senior     | 1              | 1  | 1               | 0.5             | 1                       | 0.5  |

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Across the pitches which are overplayed and used for training there is a total shortfall amounting to 3.5 match equivalent sessions per week. If all the training demand (12 match equivalent sessions per week) was removed off these pitches and placed on 3G pitches this would completely alleviate overplay on rugby league pitches in Central Lancashire, creating 8.5 match equivalent sessions of spare capacity per week.

Despite there being 18 11v11 size 3G pitches in Central Lancashire, none are currently accredited as being RFL compliant. In addition, most are operating close to or at capacity. Furthermore, Preston & South Ribble Rabbitohs ARLFC indicates a need for more affordable and accessible 3G provision with it currently hiring several facilities which is a significant cost to the Club.

### Ancillary provision

As well as creating capacity on the pitch there is a requirement to also ensure that current and future levels of demand can be accommodated off the pitch, more specifically regarding ancillary provision and changing rooms.

As outlined in the Assessment Report, ancillary facility ratings are primarily influenced by the type of amenities which are available on a site accompanied by their quality, such as a clubhouse, changing rooms, car parking, dedicated official and spectator facilities. Good quality ancillary facilities are particularly important for rugby clubs as they can assist with income generation. Furthermore, it is becoming increasingly important for the provision to be inclusive, particularly due to growing women's and girls', disability and junior/mini demand.

Although the size and configuration of ancillary provision may alter based on the sports using the provision, and the number of pitches it services, generally the same principles are recommended to allow for varied use from all demographics:

- ◀ Accessible changing areas which can be separated, or are private/self-contained, to allow for separate male/female/all gender or senior/junior separation.
- ◀ A private accessible changing room (with relevant changing and showering provision) for someone who requires assistance.
- ◀ Separate female / male / all gender toilet provision.
- ◀ Suitably designed and specified showering cubicles to all users to maintain dignity and privacy whilst showering.

Open planned changing, toilets and particularly showering facilities can provide a significant barrier to many people resulting in them either not taking part or having a poorer sporting experience.

Specifically in Central Lancashire, demand for the Leyland Warriors ARLFC maybe affected due to the poor quality of their changing provision at Moss Side Recreation Ground. The site does not currently offer separate senior/junior changing areas or dedicated facilities for women and girls.

Without improvements to facilities these clubs could struggle to attract new participants and teams, particularly women and girls, and may even have issues retaining current levels of demand.

Additionally, Chorley Panthers ARLFC has been unresponsive to consultation requests; therefore, the quality of the changing facilities at Chisnall Lane – Chorley Panthers Rugby League is unknown. Therefore, it is not known whether ancillary improvements are also required here.

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## Recommendations

- ◀ Protect existing quantity of rugby league pitches and areas used for rugby league activity, in line with national (i.e. the NPPF and sport England's Playing Fields Policy) and local planning policy.
- ◀ Look to improve pitch quality on all overplayed pitches to reduce overplay.
- ◀ Explore the feasibility of any new 11v11 size 3G pitch, particularly within the Chorley Central or South Ribble Leyland analysis areas, to provide RFL Community Standard compliancy to support RFL training demand.
- ◀ Look to transfer training demand off grass pitches to suitable 3G provision in order to alleviate shortfalls.
- ◀ Support clubs with improvements to ancillary facilities where the facilities are not currently meeting club requirements, women & girls demand or are assessed as poor quality.
- ◀ Ensure that any residential development considers potential increases in demand for the sport and that new provision or contributions are properly sought through utilisation of the Sport England Playing Pitch Calculator.

## 4.4: Third Generation turf (3G) pitches

### Assessment Report summary

#### Supply and demand summary

- ◀ **There is insufficient supply of 11v11 size 3G pitches to meet current and anticipated future football training demand in Central Lancashire, with a potential current shortfall of 5.75 11v11 3G pitches identified and an anticipated future shortfall of 6.75 11v11 3G pitches.**
- ◀ **Once broken down by analysis area, with each club allocated to their authority of origin, this increases to eight 11v11 3G pitch equivalents. Equating to three in Chorley (two in the Central Analysis Area and one in the East Analysis Area), three in Preston (two in the North West Analysis Area and one in the South Analysis Area) and two in South Ribble (one each in the Penwortham and Western Parishes analysis areas).**

#### Supply summary

- ◀ There are 18 11v11 3G pitches in Central Lancashire across 16 sites. All 18 pitches are available for community use but only 18 have sports lighting, with the pitch at Fulwood Academy not provided with sports lighting.
- ◀ Four 11v11 3G pitches are in Chorley with seven pitches each in Preston and South Ribble.
- ◀ Since 2018 there has been an increase of seven 3G pitches with one pitch each provided at University of Lancashire, St Marys Catholic High School Leyland, West Way Sports Hub, Jim Fowlers Memorial Ground (Euxton Villa FC), Parklands High School and two new pitches provided at Wither Grove Park (Bamber Bridge Leisure Centre).
- ◀ As well as the 11v11 3G pitches, there are also 15 smaller size outdoor 3G pitches across eight sites. Of these, all 15 are available to the community and are sports lit.
- ◀ Some clubs/education sites report aspirations to develop 3G pitches including Cadley FC Penwortham Priory Academy, Croston Sports Club, All Hallows Catholic High School, Chorley FC/Southlands High School and University of Lancashire.
- ◀ In Central Lancashire, there is currently one 3G pitch which is World Rugby compliant located at Preston Grasshoppers RFC (PR4 0AP, Preston North West Analysis Area).
- ◀ Most 11v11 3G pitches in Central Lancashire are managed by education providers (13 or 68%).
- ◀ The smaller size 3G pitches are managed by either education providers (two or 14%), commercial management (four or 29%), leisure operators (six or 43%), sports clubs (one or 7%) or Lancashire FA (one or 7%).
- ◀ Overall, eight 11v11 3G pitches assessed as good quality nine as standard quality and two assessed as poor quality located at Runshaw College and Preston College.

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- ◀ In addition to above, there are two good quality, seven standard quality and five poor quality smaller size 3G pitches. The poor quality pitches are located at BAC/EE, Grange Primary School and Playfootball (Preston).

## Demand summary

- ◀ Given there is a total of 798 football teams which originate in Central Lancashire, there is a theoretical need for 21 11v11 3G pitches. As there are currently 15.25 pitch equivalents provided, this means that there is a potential need for 5.75 additional 11v11 3G pitches to meet all current training demand.
- ◀ When considering future demand for an additional 42 teams (based on growth identified in Part 2 of this report), there is potential demand for 22 full size pitches overall (rounded down from 21.11), which means a theoretical future shortfall of 6.75 pitches.

## Scenarios

### Alleviating 3G pitch shortfall in Central Lancashire

The table below considers the number of 3G pitches required if every team was to remain training within the respective analysis area that they are based in. This not only identifies where the potential needs exist across Central Lancashire, but it can also be used to guide which areas should be targeted for new provision. For ease of reference the current requirement and current shortfalls have been rounded to the nearest whole number, where possible, to understand strategically where 11v11 size 3G provision should be established across Central Lancashire.

Table 4.22: Current demand for 11v11 3G pitches if every team was to remain training within the respective local authority (based on 38 teams per pitch)

| Analysis area       | Current number of teams | Current requirement | Current number of 11v11 pitch equivalents | Current shortfall |
|---------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|---|-------------------|
| <b>Chorley</b>      |                         |                     |   |                   |
| Central             | 105                     | 2.76 - 3            | 1   | 2                 |
| East                | 55                      | 1.44 - 1            | -   | 1                 |
| West                | 105                     | 2.74 - 3            | 2.75                                      |                   |
| <b>Preston</b>      |                         |                     |   |                   |
| North East          | 48                      | 1.26 - 1            | 1.75                                      | 1                 |
| North West          | 121                     | 3.18 - 3            | 1.25                                      | 2                 |
| South               | 86                      | 2.26 - 2            | 0.75                                      | 1                 |
| <b>South Ribble</b> |                         |                     |   |                   |
| Central             | 22                      | 0.58 - 1            | -   | 1                 |
| Eastern             | 69                      | 1.82 - 2            | 3   | 1                 |
| Leyland             | 64                      | 1.68 - 2            | 3.25                                      | 1                 |
| Penwortham          | 85                      | 2.24 - 2            | 1   | 1                 |
| Western Parishes    | 38                      | 1                   | -   | 1                 |

It is understood that that the oversupply in the Eastern and Leyland analysis areas in South Ribble can alleviate the minor shortfall in the Central Analysis Area. However, future demand levels should be monitored as this could lead to an 11v11 size pitch shortfall.

Using the above analysis the shortfalls in each area have been summarised below:

- ◀ Chorley – two in the Central Analysis Area and one in the East Analysis Area.
- ◀ Preston - two in the North West Analysis Area and one in the South Analysis Area.
- ◀ South Ribble – One each in the Penwortham and Western Parishes analysis areas.

The below summarises the 3G aspirations from the proceeding Assessment Report.

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Table 4.23: Current demand for 11v11 3G pitches by analysis area

| Site ID             | Site name/alias                  | Comments   |
|---------------------|----------------------------------|--|
| <b>Chorley</b>      |                                  |  |
| 200                 | Croston Sports Club              | A football lead development (Croston Sports Club & Croston Sports Club Juniors football clubs) which includes an aspiration to develop 3G provision on site. |
| 232                 | Southlands High School           | A football lead development (Chorley FC) which aspires to convert the small-size AGP on site to 3G alongside grass pitch improvements.                       |
| 237                 | St Michael's CE High School      | Potential to service football, rugby union and rugby league demand.  |
| <b>Preston</b>      |                                  |  |
| 12                  | Conway Drive                     | A football lead development (Cadley FC) which aspires to develop a small-size 3G pitch on site to accommodate its training demand.                           |
| 59                  | University of Lancashire         | Potential to service football, rugby union and rugby league demand.  |
| <b>South Ribble</b> |                                  |  |
| 85                  | All Hallows Catholic High School | Potential to service football, rugby union and rugby league demand.  |
| 256                 | Penwortham Priory Academy        | Aspiration for a second 11v11 3G pitch on site. Potential to service Football, Rugby union and Rugby league demand.  |

In addition to the aspirations listed above, the Football Foundation is known to be in discussions with Ribble Valley Council regarding the delivery of a 11v11 3G pitch and two small sided 3G pitches as part of a development known as Longridge Sports Village. Whilst this development would reside within the Ribble Valley Council area, it closely neighbours the Preston City Council area and in particular the North East Analysis Area.

Therefore, any proposed 3G developments in Preston should also consider this potential development when considering their feasibility and viability. It should be noted that both Conway Drive and University of Lancashire are located in the North West Analysis Area.

Further analysis is required as part of the Stage E process to understand which of the above might be better suited for 3G pitch development including relevant feasibility and viability assessments and business plans.

*Accounting for future demand via anticipated future trend growth rate (3% growth rate to 2030)*

The table below shows the total need for 3G pitches when accounting for the growth rate trend for football in Chorley, Preston and South Ribble to 2030. This growth rate achieves a higher participation total than when compared to the population change information which has been applied in this report.

Table 4.24: Future demand (3% growth rate to 2030) for 3G pitches across Central Lancashire (based on 38 teams per pitch)

| Local Authority | Future number of teams | 3G requirement | Current number of 11v11 size 3G pitch equivalents | Future shortfall |
|-----------------|------------------------|----------------|---|------------------|
| Chorley         | 266                    | 7              | 3.75  | 3.25             |
| Preston         | 249                    | 6.55 – 6.5     | 3.75  | 2.75             |
| South Ribble    | 407                    | 10.71 – 10.75  | 7.25  | 3.5              |

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When considering this anticipated future demand for an additional 38 teams (based on growth identified in Part 2 of this report), there is potential demand for 24.25 full size pitches overall, which means a theoretical future shortfall of 9.5 pitches.

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

To further the use of 3G pitches for matches, the FA is particularly keen to work with local authorities and providers within local authorities to understand the potential demand for 11v11 size sports lit 3G pitches to cater for different formats of match play.

The FA has an ambition to transfer 50% of mini play on to 3G pitches nationally. Thus, a programme of play has been created for Central Lancashire to determine how many 3G pitches would be required to accommodate this, given that peak time for both mini 7v7 and mini 5v5 football is Saturday mornings.

Table 4.25: Moving all mini matches to 3G pitches

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

Of the 798 teams which originate in Central Lancashire, if all 138 teams playing 7v7 football and 138 teams playing 5v5 football, based on the above programming and separate start times for mini 5v5 and mini 7v7 matches, the overall need is for 17.25 11v11 size 3G pitches to accommodate all current mini match play demand.

Therefore, with 14.75 11v11 size 3G pitch equivalents provided in Central Lancashire, this scenario cannot currently be achieved with a need for an additional 2.5 pitches. However, an additional six 11v11 size 3G pitch equivalents are required to accommodate current football training demand so, should training shortfalls be alleviated, it would then be feasible to transfer all mini football demand onto 3G pitches within Central Lancashire.

Identified in greater detail in Part 5: Strategic Recommendations, due to higher than average rainfall across Central Lancashire, there is a potential greater need for increased utilisation for 3G pitches in order to accommodate match play demand. As a result, the above scenario should be discussed as part of the Stage E process with NGBs and relevant councils to understand potential solutions to the issue.

### *World Rugby compliant/RFL Community Standard 3G pitches*

WR produced the 'performance specification for artificial grass pitches for rugby', more commonly known as 'Regulation 22' that provides the necessary technical detail to produce pitch systems that are appropriate for rugby union. Additionally, pitches of this nature can be tested to support rugby league activity.

### *RFU*

The RFU generally support the development of 3G pitches which support rugby union where grass rugby pitches are over capacity and where a pitch would support the growth of the game at the host site and for the local rugby partnership, including local clubs and education establishments.

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In Central Lancashire, there is currently one 3G pitch which is World Rugby compliant located at Preston Grasshoppers RFC (PR4 0AP, Preston North West Analysis Area).

There is a current shortfall of rugby union capacity in Chorley and Preston amounting to 1.5 match equivalent sessions per week to meet rugby union demand. This equates to a shortfall of one match equivalent sessions in Chorley and 0.5 match equivalent sessions Preston. With these shortfalls able to be alleviated through pitch quality improvements, there is no identified need for additional WR compliant 3G provision within Central Lancashire for rugby union demand.

### *RFL*

3G pitches for rugby league are classed as either RFL Community or RFL Stadium. RFL Community is suitable for Tiers 4-6 and training. If used for competitive games they should be tested every two years, and if it is used for training only then every three years. RFL Stadium pitches are considered suitable for match play use in Tiers 1-3 and should be retested annually if used for competitive games. More information can be found in Section five here [Materials Science Consultants Ltd.](#)

The WR22 test complies with the RFL Community element of this, but the frequency of retest is different should the 3G be used for competitive rugby league. The RFL Stadium criteria requires an additional test.

In Central Lancashire, there is currently no 3G pitch which is RFL compliant.

There is currently a shortfall of 3G pitches within Central Lancashire (for football training) with additional provision identified as being required within each of the three authorities.

As seen above, quality improvements alone will not address all the current shortfalls on rugby league pitches, with overplay remaining on two pitches at Chisnall Lane – Chorley Panthers Rugby League. As such there is a need for additional pitch provision within Chorley to accommodate demand.

In meeting the shortfalls for football in Chorley, it should also be explored to see whether provision of a new 11v11 size 3G pitch, could support rugby league through World Rugby/RFL Community Standard compliancy to enable contact rugby league training to take place on the pitch.

Additionally, Preston & South Ribble Rabbitohs ARLFC (South Ribble) indicates a need for more affordable and accessible 3G provision with it currently hiring several facilities which is a significant cost to the Club.

### *Loss of access of 3G rubber crumb provision*

The utilisation of 3G pitches across Central Lancashire and nationally is strategically important to accommodate both training and competitive demand for various sports, particularly for both football, rugby league and rugby union. As evidenced in the Assessment Report, where known through booking data, community available 11v11 3G pitches are extensively used midweek for football, rugby league and rugby union training with little spare capacity remaining. In Central Lancashire, currently 153 affiliated teams across 40 clubs are registered as using 3G pitches for regular match play. This will only increase as new pitches are provided.

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However, in September 2023 the European Commission completed the adoption of the EU REACH (Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals) restriction on the sale of intentionally added microplastics onto the European market, which includes rubber infill for 3G pitches. The Commission has confirmed an eight-year transition period before the new restriction becomes effective and from October 2031, rubber crumb will no longer be purchasable within the EU. This results in a major threat to existing and new 3G pitch provision.

The ruling does not prevent the continued use of this material for AGPs, nor does it prevent the construction of new pitches with rubber crumb infill before 2031 – but it may make the maintenance of these pitches after this time difficult.

Following the UK’s exit from the EU, the regulatory framework for such matters now sits at a UK level (except for Northern Ireland, which continues to follow EU REACH requirements). The Sports Council (Sport England, Sport Wales, Sportscotland and Sport NI) and leading sport bodies (NGBs) continue to work together with respective governments to understand what the EU ban will mean for the stock of 3G pitches in the UK.

In May 2025, the Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (DEFRA) published a report that reviewed emissions of “intentionally added” microplastics in the UK. These are where microplastics, including rubber infill, are added to products for a wide variety of uses. DEFRA’s report found that 3G pitches are the highest source of these found in the environment. Sports England has provided more information on the matter with its position statement on 3G pitches.<sup>5</sup>

The Football Foundation has followed European Technical Guidance since 2020, installing containment measures on all its funded pitches, additionally, in partnership with the Football Foundation, Sport England is also undertaking research on the efficacy of containment measures.

Subject to the above, should 3G pitches no longer be accessible for training demand, the below table identifies how many good quality sports lit grass pitches would be required in replacement to accommodate all football training demand currently taking place across Central Lancashire for each relevant age format. This assumes that every team will train for one match equivalent session a week on their preferred pitch type.

Table 4.26: Summary of grass pitch requirements without access to 3G provision

| Format      | Total number of teams | Good quality pitch capacity (match equivalent sessions) | Total number of good quality pitches required | Potential playing field hectareage required |
|-------------|-----------------------|---|---|---|
| Adult       | 149                   | 3   | 50  | 37  |
| Youth 11v11 | 237                   | 4   | 59  | 44  |
| Youth 9v9   | 136                   | 4   | 34  | 14  |
| Mini 7v7    | 138                   | 6   | 23  | 6   |
| Mini 5v5    | 138                   | 6   | 23  | 3   |

As seen, there would be a requirement for 189 additional grass football pitches and approximately 104 hectares of land (given that shortfalls exist on the current stock). Furthermore, there would also be a requirement to accommodate six match equivalent sessions of additional training demand from Preston Grasshoppers RFC and Typhoons RFC.

<sup>5</sup> [Position statement on 3G pitches | Sport England](#)

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The above showcases just how crucial the provision of 3G pitches are to accommodate all demand. As such, if the existing rubber crumb infills become outlawed, there will be a need to resurface existing provision with an alternative suitable and appropriate infill based on the findings of the DEFRA report. Several solutions are currently being tested.

As mentioned in the preceding Assessment Report and throughout this document, there is a known issue relating to rainfall and flooding of which is negatively affecting the usage and quality of the grass pitches in Chorley, Preston and South Ribble. A favourable solution is to create additional 3G pitches to reduce usage on grass pitches and support in accommodating current demand pressures, however, following the information above it is highly recommended that any future development of 3G pitches is following guidance on containment measures. Changes regarding this matter needs to be monitored with conversations and research still underway.

### **Recommendations**

- ◀ Protect current stock of 3G pitches, in line with national (i.e. the NPPF and Sport England's Playing Fields Policy) and local planning policy.
- ◀ Work with relevant partners to deliver additional 3G pitches in the Central Lancashire to cater for demand, specifically in analysis areas with identified shortfalls.
- ◀ Work with partners to identify the most suitable locations to build new 3G pitches to alleviate known shortfalls using the findings from the PPOSS.
- ◀ Explore the feasibility of any new 11v11 size 3G pitch to provide RFL Community Standard compliancy to support both RFL training demand, particularly within Chorley.
- ◀ Aim that any new 3G pitches have community use agreements in place through engagement with operators of pitches and the Councils with assistance provided by relevant NGBs as required.
- ◀ Aim that all 11v11 and small size pitches of substantial area are on the FA register where they meet criteria and are re-tested when required to sustain certification, through engagement with operators of pitches not currently registered and when existing certification is nearing expiry.
- ◀ Ensure that all current and future providers have in place a pitch replacement fund to ensure long-term sustainability.
- ◀ As part of the Stage E process monitor the need for increased 3G provision across Central Lancashire to accommodate match play.
- ◀ Ensure suitable infill containment is retrofitted and that all pitches have containment and recycling strategies in place, with alternatives to rubber crumb to be explored, subject to the findings of the DEFRA report.
- ◀ Aim that all new 3G pitches are constructed to meet FA quality performance standards.
- ◀ Engage with 3G providers to replace halogen sports lighting to LED systems to improve energy efficiency, reduce costs and reduce light spill.
- ◀ Explore opportunities for multi-sport use and cross sport compliancy of 3G pitches where new are required / in need of refurbishment to help meet shortfalls for rugby league, rugby union and other pitch sports where present.

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## 4.5: Cricket pitches

### Assessment Report summary

#### Supply and demand summary

- ◀ In Chorley, there is currently sufficient capacity of natural turf cricket squares to meet current peak time demand for club cricket on Saturday, Sundays and midweek. However, for Preston and South Ribble there is a shortfall across Saturday, Sunday and midweek.
- ◀ When accounting for future demand the shortfall worsens in Preston and South Ribble with Chorley still showing actual spare capacity apart from on Saturdays where a shortfall arises.

#### Supply summary

- ◀ In total, there are 26 grass wicket cricket squares across Central Lancashire provided across 26 sites. Of the 26 squares, 14 are in Chorley (54%), five located in Preston (19%) and seven in South Ribble (27%). Additionally, all the grass wicket cricket squares are available for community use.
- ◀ Since the previous study there has been a decrease of seven community available grass cricket square within Central Lancashire.
- ◀ A total of 26 non-turf pitches (NTPs) are identified in across Central Lancashire with eight located in Chorley (five supporting existing grass wicket squares), 12 in Preston (five support existing grass wicket squares) and six in South Ribble (one supporting an existing grass wicket).
- ◀ Lancashire Cricket and the County Council are working together to build a new, high quality, professional and community cricket facility in Farington (South Ribble) with work currently underway and the facility planned to be available for the 2026 season.
- ◀ Across Central Lancashire, 10 clubs own the freehold for their home ground, whilst 10 clubs have a long-term lease of its home venue. Walton-le-Dale CC has unsecure tenure due to renting its venue at Queens Victoria Road with no formal agreement in place.
- ◀ The audit of grass wicket cricket squares in Chorley found nine (64%) to be good quality and five (36%) to be of standard quality.
- ◀ In Preston, two (40%) squares are good quality, one (20%) is standard quality and two (40%) are poor quality located at BAC/EE Preston Sports and Social Club and Whittingham and Goosnargh Cricket Club.
- ◀ In South Ribble, three (43%) squares are good quality, three (43%) are standard quality and one (14%) is poor quality located at Queen Victoria Ground (Walton-Le-Dale Recreation Ground).
- ◀ The audit of ancillary facilities at community available grass pitch cricket sites across Central Lancashire determines that four squares (20%) are accompanied by good quality changing provision, 15 squares (70%) are accompanied by standard quality changing provision, and two squares (10%) have poor quality supporting changing provision, located at Chorley Cricket Club and Whittle and Clayton-Le-Woods Cricket Club.

#### Demand summary

- ◀ There are 24 affiliated clubs across Central Lancashire which collectively provide 164 teams. This equates to 77 senior men's, seven senior women's and 80 junior teams (57 junior boys' and 23 junior girls' team).
- ◀ Overall demand has increased by 22 teams (15% increase) since the 2018 study with demand across all age groups increasing apart from junior boys which has seen a slight decrease. Additionally, both senior women and junior girls demand has seen an increase amounting to 27 teams.
- ◀ Both Leyland CC and New Longton CC highlight that if it had access to additional facilities within Preston, it would be able to field additional teams.
- ◀ Where known through consultation, 16 clubs currently deliver All Stars activity of which nine clubs are in Chorley, one in Preston and six in South Ribble.
- ◀ Where known through consultation, 14 clubs currently deliver Dynamos cricket of which seven clubs are in Chorley, one in Preston and six in South Ribble.
- ◀ There are nine additional teams expected to be generated by population growth alone across Central Lancashire generating demand for 78 match sessions per season.

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## Scenarios

### Addressing overplay

Although a regular, sufficient maintenance regime can sustain good quality sites with minimal levels of overplay (Charnock Richard Cricket Club, Withnell Fold Sports and Social Club, Grimsargh Cricket Club) a reduction in play is recommended to ensure that there is no detrimental effect on quality over time. However, options to alleviate shortfalls should be explored where possible for these sites, therefore they have been included in the scenario below.

In Central Lancashire, overplay is identified on 11 squares at ten sites. The scenario below looks at the impacts of quality improvements as a solution to reducing or alleviating overplay. As a reminder, for good quality squares, capacity is five matches per grass wicket per season, whilst for a standard quality square, capacity is four matches per wicket per season. For poor quality squares, no capacity is considered to exist as such provision is not deemed safe for play. Three squares are identified as Poor quality in Central Lancashire, located at BAC/EE Preston Sports and Social Club and Whittingham and Goosnargh Cricket Club in Preston and at Queen Victoria Ground (Walton-Le-Dale Recreation Ground) in South Ribble.

PitchPower (a technical assessment of quality) for cricket began to be used in 2024 with the initial reports being produced towards the end of the season. In Central Lancashire, 12 cricket sites have received a PitchPower assessment. It should be noted that more assessments are planned to be carried out, therefore, there is a need to review quality as part of the Stage E process.

Of the overplayed squares, five are assessed as standard quality and two are assessed as poor quality, which means the position will improve. The impact of improving quality to good, where each wicket has a theoretical capacity of five match equivalent sessions per season is considered in the table below.

Table 4.26: Impact on overplay if all overplayed squares were improved to good quality

| Site ID | Site name                              | Club                       | No. of squares | Square quality | No. of wickets | Current overplay (matches per season) | Potential position (matches per season) |
|---------|--|----------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------------------------------|---|
| -       | <b>Chorley</b>                         | -                          | -              | -              | -              | -                                     | -                                       |
| 187     | Charnock Richard Cricket Club          | Charnock St James CC       | 1              | Standard       | 8              | 6                                     | 2                                       |
| 249     | Withnell Fold Sports and Social Club   | Withnell Fold CC           | 1              | Good           | 11             | 2                                     | 2                                       |
| -       | <b>Preston</b>                         | -                          | -              | -              | -              | -                                     | -                                       |
| 18      | Fulwood & Broughton Cricket Club       | Fulwood & Broughton CC     | 1              | Standard       | 9              | 25                                    | 16                                      |
| 28      | Grimsargh Cricket Club                 | Grimsargh CC               | 1              | Good           | 10             | 6                                     | 6                                       |
| 60      | Preston Sports Club                    | Preston CC                 | 1              | Standard       | 6              | 26                                    | 20                                      |
| 83      | Whittingham and Goosnargh Cricket Club | Whittingham & Goosnargh CC | 1              | Poor           | 2              | 22                                    | 12                                      |

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| Site ID | Site name  | Club              | No. of squares | Square quality | No. of wickets | Current overplay (matches per season) | Potential position (matches per season) |
|---------|--|-------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------------------------------|---|
| -       | <b>South Ribble</b>                                      | -                 | -              | -              | -              | -                                     | -                                       |
| 99      | Fox Lane Sports and Social Club                          | Leyland CC        | 1              | Good           | 16             | 12                                    | 12                                      |
| 131     | New Longton Sports & Social Club                         | New Longton CC    | 1              | Standard       | 6              | 19                                    | 13                                      |
| 145     | Queen Victoria Ground (Walton-Le-Dale Recreation Ground) | Walton-le-Dale CC | 1              | Poor           | 6              | 46                                    | 16                                      |
| 159     | Vernon Carus Sports Club                                 | Vernon Carus CC   | 1              | Standard       | 3              | 20                                    | 17                                      |
| 159     | Vernon Carus Sports Club                                 | Vernon Carus CC   | 1              | Good           | 5              | 23                                    | 23                                      |

As seen in the table above, only overplay at Charnock Richard Cricket Club would be alleviated. All remaining squares would remain overplayed, albeit the existing standard and poor quality squares would be overplayed to a reduced level. As a result, alternative methods should be examined to alleviate shortfalls.

Cricket squares can be accompanied by non-turf pitches (NTPs), made of a synthetic material that allows users to play on a usable wicket all year round whilst not contributing towards playing demand on natural turf wickets (grass wickets). By the nature of its design, an NTP can accommodate significantly more demand than a natural cricket wicket, meaning it can contribute towards addressing overplay issues on grass cricket squares.

The squares located at Charnock Richard Cricket Club, Withnell Fold Sports and Social Club, New Longton Sports & Social Club, Queen Victoria Ground (Walton-Le-Dale Recreation Ground) and Vernon Carus Sports Club are not serviced by an NTP, and all could theoretically benefit from such provision as a way of reducing identified overplay.

Fulwood & Broughton Cricket Club, Grimsargh Cricket Club, Preston Sports Club, Whittingham and Goosnargh Cricket Club and Fox Lane Sports and Social Club have accompanying NTPs provided, meaning further utilisation of NTPs at these sites for junior teams could assist with alleviating overplay.

The ECB highlights that non-turf pitches which follow its TS6 guidance<sup>6</sup> on performance standards are suitable for high level, senior play and are considered able to take 60 matches per season, although this may include training sessions via the use of mobile nets. Typically, however, play would be more suited to junior teams as senior leagues typically stipulate the use of natural turf wickets.

As an alternative to NTPs (or in addition), although not readily available within grassroots cricket, there may be potential in the future to address overplay through the installation of hybrid wicket/s on competitive senior pitches. The ECB has been working with SIS Pitches on the installation of hybrid cricket wickets with them even being used in County Cricket as of 2024.

<sup>6</sup> <http://www.cag.org.uk/docs/ecb-non-turf-pitches-ts6-final-328.pdf>

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A hybrid wicket combines natural turf grass with less than 5% of uniquely engineered, soft polyethylene yarn, which has already been used to improve golf tees, tennis courts and pitch surrounds. These wickets are to offer a greater capacity in addition to reducing time on repair works with a faster recovery time. Reports found that hybrid wickets improve surface stability, reduced wear, reduced bowler foot holes and significantly extended hours of playing time.

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

Although it is difficult at this stage to understand what impact hybrid wickets could have on each site's capacity, it is suggested that it could potentially alleviate all the overplay on both junior and senior wickets. This is based on the assumption that more senior demand can take place on the hybrid wickets allowing for the outer senior wickets to be used/converted for junior demand. However, it should also be known that hybrid wickets are a new development and remain largely untested at grassroots level, meaning there is no data at present to formally promote them as a solution.

In addition, it should also be noted that hybrid wickets have generally been designed to support high quality provision. It is said that only sites achieving a 'good' standard or above via PitchPower assessments are suitable (meaning 'basic' and 'poor' sites are not).

### *Farington Project*

Lancashire Cricket and the County Council are working together to build a new, high quality, professional and community cricket facility in Farington (South Ribble) with work currently underway and the facility planned to be available for the 2026 season. This site will be the second home to Lancashire Cricket in addition to Emirates Old Trafford, particularly the women's team.

The development includes two new cricket ovals (one professional and one community available), a new indoor cricket dome including a five-lane training net facility and a new pavilion with viewing facilities. The new facility will support in growing women and girls' game further in the North West of England.

Additionally, the facility will help Lancashire Cricket Foundation to deliver a number of their nationwide cricket programmes such as All Stars Cricket and Dynamos Cricket programme, which all have the aim of increasing participation in cricket.

At the time of writing it is unknown as to what extent the new facility could support in reducing the current shortfalls across Central Lancashire. It's hoped that with one of the two squares being community available it will reduce pressures on club facilities with an additional square being available, however, with a new facility of this size and quality, demand is also likely to increase resulting in the currently shortfalls worsening and the need for other alternatives to be explored to reduce the shortfalls. The impact of this development should be monitored at Stage E to understand any potential benefits or impacts.

### *Accommodating future demand*

In total, 14 of the responding clubs across Central Lancashire report future demand aspirations. This totals a potential increase of 32 teams, which broken down equates to six senior men's, nine senior women's and 17 junior teams. This is summarised in the following table.

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Table 4.27: Future demand expressed by clubs

| Club                          | Analysis area                 | Senior men's | Senior women's | Juniors   | Total     |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------|----------------|-----------|-----------|
| <b>Chorley</b>                | -                             | -            | -              | -         | -         |
| Bretherton CC                 | Chorley West                  | -            | 1              | 2         | 3         |
| Brinscall Cricket Club        | Chorley East                  | -            | 1              | 1         | 2         |
| Eccleston CC                  | Chorley West                  | -            | 1              | 1         | 2         |
| Euxton CC                     | Chorley West                  | -            | -              | 2         | 2         |
| Hoghton CC                    | Chorley East                  | 3            | 1              | 1         | 4         |
| Mawdesley CC                  | Chorley West                  | -            | 1              | 1         | 2         |
| Whittle & Clayton Le Woods CC | Chorley East                  | -            | 1              | 2         | 3         |
| <b>Preston</b>                | -                             | -            | -              | -         | -         |
| BAC/EE CC                     | Preston South                 | 1            | -              | 1         | 2         |
| Grimsargh CC                  | Preston North East            | -            | 1              | 1         | 2         |
| Preston CC                    | Preston South                 | -            | 1              | -         | 1         |
| <b>South Ribble</b>           | -                             | -            | -              | -         | -         |
| Gregson Lane CC               | South Ribble Eastern          | -            | -              | 2         | 2         |
| Leyland CC                    | South Ribble Leyland          | 1            | -              | 2         | 3         |
| New Longton CC                | South Ribble Western Parishes | 1            | -              | -         | 1         |
| Walton-le-Dale CC             | South Ribble Eastern          | -            | 1              | 1         | 2         |
| -                             | <b>Total</b>                  | <b>6</b>     | <b>9</b>       | <b>17</b> | <b>32</b> |

For reference, and as identified in the Assessment Report, the average number of matches for senior men's cricket (Saturday) is 12 match equivalent sessions per season, for senior women's cricket (Sunday) it is eight match equivalent sessions per season and for junior cricket (Midweek) it is six match equivalent sessions per season.

Of the clubs with stated future demand aspirations, only those listed by Brinscall and Eccleston cricket clubs can be fully accommodated at their respective home grounds as each has adequate spare capacity at the relevant peak times.

BAC/EE CC's future demand aspirations are considered likely to be able to be accommodated at BAC/EE Preston Sports and Social Club after flood defence works are completed, with the square set to be back in use for the 2026 season.

Grimsnargh, Preston, Leyland, New Longton and Walton-le-Dale cricket clubs all currently overplay their existing home sites, with the level of overplay at each site unable to be alleviated through quality improvements alone. Therefore, these clubs would all require access or utilisation of additional provision, such as an NTP or secondary site, in order to alleviate overplay before being able to potentially accommodate future demand aspirations.

Of the remaining clubs, they all have varying levels of spare capacity at their home sites although to an insufficient level to fully accommodate their future demand aspirations. Both Euxton and Mawdesley cricket clubs currently play their squares to capacity at peak time.

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Bretherton CC has capacity to accommodate its junior demand aspirations but has no spare capacity for an increase in senior women's cricket. Hoghton CC has capacity to accommodate its senior women's and junior demand aspirations but has no spare capacity for an increase in senior men's cricket. Gregson Lane CC only has spare capacity to accommodate one additional junior team whilst Whittle & Clayton Le Woods CC could accommodate its aspiration senior women's or junior demand but has insufficient capacity for an increase in demand of both demographics.

Even if all spare capacity is utilised across Central Lancashire there would be a shortfall of capacity to cater for all club aspirational demand particularly, in Preston and South Ribble where existing provision is already significantly overplayed. This is further compounded with the need to improve most of the ancillary provision at cricket sites across the three authorities to better accommodate women's and girls' demand including such things as individual showering cubicles and segregated changing rooms.

As only 11 club sites are currently serviced by an NTP, a potential option to increase capacity for future growth would be to install one, particularly for junior demand. This could assist in providing additional capacity at Gregson Lane Playing Field and Whittle and Clayton Le Wood Cricket Club to fully accommodate their respective clubs' future demand aspirations. Similarly, the squares at both New Longton Sports & Social Club and Queen Victoria Ground (Walton-Le-Dale Recreation Ground) are currently overplayed to a level that cannot be alleviated through quality improvements alone and would therefore benefit from the installation of an NTP to assist with alleviating shortfalls.

Further to the above, only Bretherton Cricket Club and Whittle and Clayton-Le-Wood Cricket Club have actual spare capacity for an increase in senior men's cricket (Saturdays) in Central Lancashire. However, there is an overall shortfall amounting to 212 matches per season across Central Lancashire on Saturdays. Despite this, a total of four clubs report future demand aspirations for an increase in senior men's cricket, equating to six additional teams.

The only options for growth, further to those listed above, is to creation entirely new provision, however, further investigation is required to understand the feasibility of creating new provision and whether or not there is/will be enough demand to sustain its longevity. Furthermore, an additional option would be reinstating disused provision at the seven sites identified in the preceding Assessment Report and listed below (one square in Chorley, four in Preston and two in South Ribble).

- ◀ St Michaels CE High School (Chorley)
- ◀ Archbishop Temple High School (Preston)
- ◀ Broughton Business Enterprise College & High School (Preston)
- ◀ Our Lady's RC High School (Preston)
- ◀ Preston Grasshoppers RFC (Preston)
- ◀ Hutton C of E Grammar School (South Ribble)
- ◀ Wellfield Academy (South Ribble)

### **Recommendations**

- ◀ Protect existing quantity of cricket squares, in line with national (i.e. the NPPF and sport England's Playing Fields Policy) and local planning policy.
- ◀ Improve quality at sites assessed as poor and standard quality and ensure quality is sustained at sites assessed as good through partnership working with LCF.
- ◀ Explore the feasibility of installing hybrid wickets to square in Central Lancashire to support in reducing shortfalls.

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- ◀ Install additional NTPs to accompany grass wicket squares (where space allows), particularly at Gregson Lane Playing Field and Whittle, Clayton Le Wood Cricket Club, New Longton Sports & Social Club and Queen Victoria Ground (Walton-Le-Dale Recreation Ground).
- ◀ Pursue improved security of tenure for clubs without ownership or a long-term lease arrangement in place, particularly those engaging in lease renewals.
- ◀ Improve the changing and ancillary facilities where there is a need to do so, especially to cater for women & girls demand.
- ◀ Explore the feasibility of reinstating disused provision or creating new provision to assist in alleviating overplay and creating future capacity for growth in Central Lancashire.
- ◀ Consider options to increase and improve stock of suitable practice facilities to support the growth of demand especially women & girls.
- ◀ Continue to support ECB initiatives such as All Stars and Dynamos and ensure unaffiliated demand and recreational cricket is provided for.
- ◀ Ensure that any residential development considers potential increases in demand for the sport and that new provision or contributions are properly sought through utilisation of the Sport England Playing Pitch Calculator.

## 4.6: Hockey pitches (sand/water-based AGPs)

### Assessment Report summary

#### Supply and demand summary

- ◀ **There is currently a sufficient supply of full-size hockey suitable AGPs across Central Lancashire to cater for demand. However, it should be noted that the pitch located at Buckshaw Village Community Association is poor quality and in need of resurface to continue to safely accommodate hockey demand.**

#### Supply summary

- ◀ In Central Lancashire, there is a total of six full size AGPs with three pitches located in Preston, one pitch located in South Ribble and two pitch located in Chorley. Five of the six full size AGPs are available for community use with the pitch located at Broughton Business Enterprise College & High School unavailable for community use due to not being provided with sports lighting.
- ◀ The number of full size AGPs has changed slightly since the previous PPS, with a reduction of three pitches due to being converted to 3G, one pitch is located at University of Lancashire, one pitch at Parklands High School and one pitch at St Marys Catholic High School Leyland.
- ◀ The pitch at Buckshaw Village Community Association is poor quality and is home to both Leyland & Chorley HC and Chorley Phoenix HC. Conversations are currently underway regarding the resurfacing of this pitch.
- ◀ Only Preston HC has security of tenure through long term lease of its principal venue (Preston Sports Club). All other clubs rent provision and therefore are considered to have unsecure tenure.
- ◀ Of the full-size hockey suitable pitches in Central Lancashire, two are assessed as good quality, two as standard quality and two as poor quality located at Buckshaw Village Community Association and Broughton Business Enterprise College & High School.
- ◀ Preston HC's clubhouse is good quality and Leyland & Chorley HC's ancillary facilities are standard quality.

#### Demand summary

- ◀ Across Central Lancashire there is a total of 29 dedicated hockey teams across four community clubs with the most prominent being senior men's teams and senior women's teams with 11 (38%) respectively, followed by four junior girls (14%) and three junior boys' teams (10%). There are no dedicated mini teams.
- ◀ Additionally, University of Lancashire HC has two teams utilising the provision at the University site.
- ◀ Brookfield HC, Chorley Phoenix HC and Preston HC run Back to Hockey sessions at their respective home venues and Chorley Phoenix HC is the only club to run Flyerz Hockey sessions.

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- ◀ Longridge HC currently imports some of its demand to the hockey suitable AGP at University of Lancashire as an overspill venue with its primary venue located in Ribble Valley (Longridge Sports Centre).
- ◀ Chorley Phoenix HC states plan to increase its number of teams by one senior men's, one senior women's and two junior teams.
- ◀ Leyland & Chorley HC is the only club in Central Lancashire to report of latent demand. The Club state the pitch at Buckshaw Village Community Association is poor quality and affecting its growth.
- ◀ The pitch located at Walton-Le-Dale High School, Holy Cross High School and Buckshaw Village Community Association all have some level of spare capacity midweek with the pitch at Holy Cross High School also having sufficient capacity on weekends due to not currently accommodating any match play demand.
- ◀ Although spare capacity is identified at Buckshaw Village Community Association, it should be noted that this pitch is currently poor quality and in need of a full resurface to continue to safely accommodate demand. The Pitch at Preston Sports Club is currently used to capacity to accommodate hockey demand from Preston HC.

## Scenarios

### Meeting demand for hockey suitable AGPs

The PPS Guidance suggests that a pitch with sports lighting can accommodate four match equivalent sessions on a Saturday. With teams playing on a home and away format, this equates to one AGP being able to cater for eight 'home' teams (one team requires 0.5 match equivalent sessions per week on its 'home' AGP).

Using the above calculations, on the basis that there are currently five full size community available hockey suitable pitches in Central Lancashire, this provides a theoretical opportunity to accommodate up to 40 senior teams at peak time. However, the provision at Buckshaw Village Community Association is discounted resulting in an actual capacity of just 32 teams. The pitch is currently poor quality and it's planned to have a full resurface 2026.

Table 4.28: Summary of hockey pitch capacity for peak time match play (Saturday)

| Site ID | Site name                              | Analysis area        | No. of pitches | Potential capacity in teams | Actual capacity in teams | Number of hockey teams using the provision at peak time | Capacity balance |
|---------|--|----------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|---|------------------|
| 59      | University of Lancashire               | Preston North West   | 1              | 8                           | 8                        | 6 <sup>7</sup>  | 2                |
| 60      | Preston Sports Club                    | Preston South        | 1              | 8                           | 8                        | 8   |                  |
| 161     | Walton-Le-Dale High School             | South Ribble Eastern | 1              | 8                           | 8                        | 4   | 4                |
| 184     | Buckshaw Village Community Association | Chorley East         | 1              | 8                           | -                        | 7   | 7                |
| 220     | Holy Cross High School                 | Chorley Central      | 1              | 8                           | 8                        | -   | 8                |

<sup>7</sup> Demand from Preston HC (six teams), University of Lancashire HC (two teams) and Longridge HC (one team)

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| Site ID | Site name | Analysis area | No. of pitches | Potential capacity in teams | Actual capacity in teams | Number of hockey teams using the provision at peak time | Capacity balance |
|---------|-----------|---------------|----------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|---|------------------|
| -       | -         | <b>Total</b>  | <b>5</b>       | <b>40</b>                   | <b>32</b>                | <b>25</b>   | <b>7</b>         |

Based on the above, there is a clear need to protect the pitches at University of Lancashire, Preston Sports Club, Walton-le-Dale High School and Buckshaw Village Community Association to accommodate current levels of hockey demand across Central Lancashire.

As there is spare capacity at Holy Cross High School, it should be considered for Leyland & Chorley HC and Chorley Phoenix HC to utilise this pitch short term whilst the pitch at Buckshaw Village Community Association is being resurfaced, with conversations regarding this already underway. Additionally, protecting the pitch at Holy Cross High School would provide additional capacity for the future growth of hockey in Central Lancashire as well as offering as a strategic replacement pitch if any issues arose with the other three pitches.

### **Recommendations**

- ◀ Protect the AGPs at University of Lancashire, Preston Sports Club, Walton-le-Dale High School and Buckshaw Village Community Association for continued hockey use.
- ◀ Resurface the pitch at Buckshaw Village Community Association as agreed in 2026 to continue to safely accommodate demand.
- ◀ Look to refurbish all pitches with suitable hockey surfaces when required based on their age, accessibility and quality.
- ◀ Look to protect the pitch at Holy Cross High School as a hockey suitable surface long term to accommodate potential future growth for the sport in Central Lancashire.
- ◀ Ensure that any residential development considers potential increases in demand for the sport and that new provision or contributions are properly sought through utilisation of the Sport England Playing Pitch Calculator.

## **4.7: Tennis courts**

### **Assessment Report summary**

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

- ◀ For club-based tennis, where known through consultation, Mawdesley TC, Broughton and District TC, Fulwood Lawn TC and Leyland Lawn TC all have sufficient capacity to facilitate club demand both now and in the future. It should be noted that one tennis court located at Fox Lane Sports and Social Club is currently poor quality and is in need of refurbishment.
- ◀ For non-club courts, whilst no courts are identified as having any capacity issues, it cannot be said that supply is sufficient to meet demand due to the amount of unmet and latent demand evidenced both nationally and in the Authority. There is instead a clear need to improve and retain the current supply in ways that can attract and better accommodate more users at sites such as Bretherton Recreation Ground (Chorley), Moor Park (Preston) and Much Hoole Playing Field (South Ribble).

#### **Supply summary**

- ◀ There are 133 tennis courts identified in Central Lancashire across 38 sites with 43 courts found in Chorley, 50 courts in Preston and 40 courts identified in South Ribble. Of these, 86 courts are available for community use (33 courts in Chorley, 36 courts in Preston and 17 courts in South Ribble).
- ◀ Since the previous study, 43 courts are identified as disused.
- ◀ A planning application has recently been approved for the creation of new tennis courts as part of the new Whittingham and Goosnargh Sports and Social Club redevelopment. The

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proposed new facility will include new pavilion, one senior football pitch, tennis court and retention of existing bowling green.

- Most tennis courts are operated by education providers (62 or 47%), this is closely followed by 46 (35%) tennis courts operated by sports clubs. There are 22 (16%) tennis courts which are managed by the Councils and three (2%) courts managed by a Parish Council.
- Across Central Lancashire, 46 tennis courts are serviced by sports lights, representing just 35% of the provision.
- Of the community available courts in Chorley, 26 (79%) are assessed as good quality, four (12%) as standard quality and three (9%) as poor quality.
- Across Preston, 28 (78%) are assessed as good quality, seven (19%) as standard quality and one (3%) as poor quality.
- Within South Ribble, 10 (59%) are assessed as good quality, three (18%) as standard quality and four (23%) as poor quality.

### **Demand summary**

- There are 15 tennis clubs across Central Lancashire.
- Of the responding clubs, there is a total of 1,586 members. As a breakdown, this equates to 793 senior members and 260 junior members.
- Across Central Lancashire, there is the Preston Tennis League that takes place.
- We Do Tennis has partnered with Preston City Council to host Free Park Tennis sessions in Preston located at Moor Park every Saturday from 10am.
- We Do Tennis has partnered with Preston City Council to host a Big Tennis Weekend in Preston; however, the date or location is yet to be confirmed.
- Of the responding clubs, both Mawdesley TC and Leyland Lawn TC plans to increase its membership by 20 senior members and 30 junior members collectively.

## **Scenarios**

### *Improving the recreational tennis offer*

Increasing recreational tennis demand is currently a priority for the LTA, with twice as many people playing casually rather than at clubs. To enable this, it has secured a £22 million investment fund to be put into public tennis courts across Britain, together with an £8.5 million investment from the LTA. This will see thousands of public park tennis courts that are in poor or unplayable condition improved for the benefit of the local communities.

Although not currently identified for improvement, options should be explored to invest in provision at Bretherton Recreation Ground (Chorley), Moor Park (Preston) and Much Hoole Playing Field (South Ribble) to support unmet and latent demand, aligning with the LTA's priority to increase recreational tennis demand. If these courts are improved, this would result in each Authority having good quality community available courts not in a club environment.

Furthermore, Moor Park, Haslam Park and Ashton Park (Preston) already host a variety of initiatives to attract and retain players including a Local Tennis League as well as Free Park Tennis sessions and a Big Tennis Weekend through We Do Tennis which has partnered with Preston City Council. Courts at these sites should therefore be well maintained to ensure they can continue to suitably accommodate this demand. Options to deliver similar initiatives in Chorley and South Ribble should also be explored.

## **Recommendations**

- Protect existing quantity of tennis courts, in line with national (i.e. the NPPF and sport England's Playing Fields Policy) and local planning policy.

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- ◀ Explore options to invest in community accessible tennis courts at Bretherton Recreation Ground (Chorley), Moor Park (Preston) and Much Hoole Playing Field (South Ribble) in order to provide suitable provision accessible provision in each authority in Central Lancashire.
- ◀ Linked to the above, improve the park courts highlighted as part of the LTA Parks Investment Strategy as a priority to create a year-round recreational tennis option to meet local demand.
- ◀ Ensure pickleball demand is met appropriately.
- ◀ Aim to put sinking funds in place by providers for long-term sustainability.

## 4.8: Padel

### Assessment Report summary

#### Supply and demand summary

- ◀ **There are currently eight padel tennis courts across Central Lancashire, with 30 courts identified by the LTA mapping as being needed relative to population. There is a need for provision to provide an opportunity for all members of the community where they are located, to have the opportunity to play the sport.**

#### Supply summary

- ◀ There are currently eight padel tennis courts in Central Lancashire, with all eight located in Preston at West View Leisure Centre (two padel courts), Broughton & District Club (two padel courts), two new courts located at Fishwick Rangers Padel and two new padel courts located at Just Padel Preston on Corporation Street.
- ◀ Chorley Padel Club aspires to build a dedicated padel facility with two covered padel courts in Chorley and is in the process of speaking with the Council regarding a suitable facility.
- ◀ Additionally, University of Lancashire and Chorley Community Trust highlights aspiration to develop padel courts.
- ◀ There is a current planning application for the creation of two padel courts located at David Lloyd Club (Chorley). It should be noted that David Lloyd is in the process of updating the internal layout as the current proposed location would result in the loss of two tennis courts. Additionally, there is a planning application for four new padel courts located at Buckshaw Village (PR7 7EL).
- ◀ A planning application has recently been approved for the creation of four indoor padel courts located on Belgrave Court in Preston which is due to be open October 2025.
- ◀ Additionally, a planning application has recently been submitted (06/2025/0994) to Preston City Council known as the Longridge Sports Village, with plans including a new 11v11 3G pitch, two small sided 3G pitches, six padel courts, indoor cricket nets and a new 5k Park Run route. The proposed development is located in the neighbouring authority, Ribble Valley, however given its close proximity to Preston it is likely this development could accommodate demand from Preston.

#### Demand summary

- ◀ The LTA has recently carried out a mapping exercise that sets out the level of provision that could be sustained within a local authority, based on population and demand, with this identifying a need for 30 courts across Central Lancashire.

## Scenarios

### Development of Padel provision across Central Lancashire

Padel tennis is relatively new to Great Britain and is growing in popularity, particularly since its recognition as a sport and integration within the LTA. It is played mainly in a doubles format on an enclosed court and can be played in groups of mixed ages and abilities. The rules are broadly the same as tennis, although you serve under-arm and the walls are used as part of the game with the ball allowed to bounce off them.

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In order to grow the sport, the LTA is focused on improving the infrastructure and the coach education pathway. At the end of 2020, there were 87 courts, whereas there were 350 at the end of 2023 and 129,000 identified participants, with this illustrating significant growth. It is therefore envisaged that the infrastructure and participation in padel will continue to increase substantially in the next five years, with the LTA identifying an aim to grow the number of courts to 1,000 and the number of players to 400,000.

There are currently six padel tennis courts in Central Lancashire, with all six located in Preston at West View Leisure Centre (two padel courts), Broughton & District Club (two padel courts) and two new padel courts located at Just Padel Preston on Corporation Street.

Chorley Padel Club aspires to build a dedicated padel facility with two covered padel courts in Chorley and is in the process of speaking with Chorley Council regarding a suitable facility. Additionally, University of Lancashire and Chorley Community Trust highlights aspiration to develop padel courts.

There is a current planning application for the creation of two padel courts located at David Lloyd Club (Chorley). It should be noted that David Lloyd is in the process of updating the internal layout as the current proposed location would result in the loss of two tennis courts. Additionally, there is a planning application for four new padel courts located at Buckshaw Village (PR7 7EL).

A planning application has recently been approved for the creation of four indoor padel courts located on Belgrave Court in Preston which is due to be open October 2025.

Additionally, a planning application has recently been submitted (06/2025/0994) to Preston City Council for development of Longridge Sports Village, with plans including a new 11v11 3G pitch, two small sided 3G pitches, six padel courts, indoor cricket nets and a new 5k Parkrun route. The proposed development is in the neighbouring authority, Ribble Valley, however, given its proximity to Preston it is likely this development could accommodate some demand from Preston.

Given padel is a relatively new sport and growing fast, LTA has recently carried out a mapping exercise that sets out the level of provision that could be sustained within a local authority, based on population and demand. This model identifies that up to nine courts could be warranted in Chorley, 12 courts in Preston and nine courts in South Ribble. It should be noted that these figures (30 courts collectively) is not a limit but an analysis for community provision based on adult population which can change over the years.

If all the current applications are completed this would see the creation of two padel courts in Chorley and four padel courts in Preston (aspirations from University of Lancashire and Chorley Community Trust have not yet been quantified). In total this equates to six courts, resulting in 12 courts across Central Lancashire and leaving an outstanding shortfall of 18 courts (two in Preston, seven in Chorley and nine in South Ribble).

As a result, all proposed developments should be further investigated for feasibility in order offer potential users a variety of accessibility options if they do not impede the accessibility or utilisation of other sporting provision.

More information is also required surrounding aspirations identified above as padel courts should not be created to the detriment of existing sporting provision.

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## Recommendations

- Subject to further feasibility, support the development of padel courts within Central Lancashire, ensuring they do not impede on other sporting provision.

## 4.9: Bowls

### Assessment Report summary

#### Supply and demand summary

- Of the responding clubs, all but eight (Croston Black Horse BC, Withnell Fold Bowling Club, Acregate Labour BC, Longton Victory Memorial BC, Fox Lane BC, Higher Walton BC, Vernon's Bowling Club and Lostock Hall Cons BC) are currently operating within a 'sustainable' membership range.
- Total membership for the 12 responsive clubs equates to 628. Of these clubs, eight highlight aspirations to increase membership. These clubs all suggest that future demand can adequately be accommodated on their existing green.

#### Supply summary

- There are 64 crown bowling greens and one flat bowling green identified across Central Lancashire across 62 sites with the only flat green located at Moor Park in Preston following development work to reinstate the green.
- Of these, 40 greens are serviced with sports lighting. Of the 65 bowling greens, 28 greens are in Chorley, 20 greens are in Preston, and 17 greens are in South Ribble.
- Since the previous study, 15 greens are now considered disused.
- Of the bowling greens located in Chorley, 15 (52%) are assessed as good quality, 11 (37%) as standard quality and two (11%) as poor quality.
- In Preston, seven (44%) bowling greens are assessed as good quality, 10 (50%) as standard quality and one (6%) as poor quality.
- Of the bowling greens located in South Ribble, 15 (88%) are assessed as good quality, one (6%) as standard quality and one (6%) as poor quality.
- Across Central Lancashire, 27 (46%) sites are accompanied by good quality facilities, with 22 (39%) sites having standard quality facilities and eight (15%) sites having poor quality facilities.
- Across Central Lancashire, 40 greens are serviced by sports lighting with 14 greens identified in Chorley and 13 greens in both Preston and South Ribble respectively.

#### Demand summary

- There are 51 bowling clubs identified as playing across Central Lancashire although only 12 clubs have responded to consultation requests to date and given membership figures. Total membership for the 12 responsive clubs equates to 628.
- The largest club according to known membership is currently Longton Victory Memorial BC in South Ribble, with 119 members.
- Of the responding clubs, eight (Lostock Hall Cons BC, Longton Victory Memorial BC, Higher Walton BC, Fox Lane BC, Vernon's Bowling Club, Withnell Fold Bowling Club, Tatton BC and Whitechapel & Inglewhite BC) highlights plans to increase membership, however, only seven quantify an amount equating to 84 members collectively.

## Scenarios

### Accommodating current and future demand

British Crown Green Bowling Association does not have any specific guidance on bowling green capacity, stating that it can vary from site-to-site and from club-to-club. However, as a guide, it states that any green operating with a membership of close to or over 60 may need additional resource to ensure that it is meeting its required level of demand.

Of the responding clubs, three clubs are currently operating at or above this threshold in Central Lancashire, as follows:

- Eccleston BC (Eccleston The Green – Chorley).

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- ◀ Whitechapel & Inglewhite BC (Whitechapel & Inglewhite (Whitechapel Village Hall) – Preston).
- ◀ Eagle & Child BC (Eagle & Child – South Ribble).

Of the clubs listed above, currently no capacity issues are highlighted in addition to no quality issues identified with all three clubs accessing good quality bowling greens. Therefore, all three of these clubs need to be monitored to ensure that supply remains adequate.

Conversely, Tatton BC is currently accommodating 19 members which is below to the recommendation (20 members) to be considered sustainable and therefore needs to be monitored to ensure long-term survival of the club. It should be noted that the Club currently access a standard quality bowling green, therefore improving the bowling green at this site could attract more members to help sustain it.

## **Recommendations**

- ◀ Protect existing quantity of currently used greens and, as a minimum, sustain quality.
- ◀ Look to improve all utilised poor quality greens to a minimum standard quality.
- ◀ Ensure that any proposed development of currently used greens is in line with NPPF and local planning policy.
- ◀ Assist clubs, where possible, with any future ancillary provision improvements.
- ◀ Monitor capacity levels of highly supported clubs such as Eccleston, Whitechapel & Inglewhite and Eagle & Child bowls clubs to ensure they have sufficient capacity.
- ◀ Monitor capacity levels of low supported clubs such as Tatton BC to ensure the provision is sustainable.
- ◀ Support clubs with plans to increase membership so that growth can be maximised.
- ◀ Update the documentation as part of the Stage E process with any new information provided by the relevant bowls NGB.

## **4.10: Netball**

### **Assessment Report summary**

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

- ◀ **In summary, there is a need to protect the current number of outdoor netball courts across Central Lancashire in order to sustain current levels of demand. There is also a need to improve the quality of courts in order to accommodate additional demand. Additionally, exploration should be given to opening up unavailable sites for community use.**

#### **Supply summary**

- ◀ There are 91 netball courts identified in Central Lancashire across 30 sites with 26 courts found in Chorley, 27 courts in Preston and 38 courts identified in South Ribble. Of these, 46 courts are available for community use (23 courts in Chorley, 11 courts in Preston and 12 courts in South Ribble).
- ◀ There is one netball court located across one Council site (Coronation Recreation Ground), which is overmarked with tennis. Additionally, there are five dedicated netball courts located at Leyland Sports Association. All remaining courts are located at education sites.
- ◀ Only 17 netball courts (22%) are serviced by sports lighting.
- ◀ Across Chorley, 11 (42%) are assessed as good quality, three (12%) as standard quality and 12 (46%) as poor quality. Of the good quality netball courts, all 11 are available for community use.
- ◀ Of the courts in Preston, seven (26%) are assessed as good quality, nine (33%) as standard quality and 11 (41%) as poor quality. Of the good quality tennis courts, all seven are available for community use.

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- ◀ Within South Ribble, eight (21%) are assessed as good quality, 13 (34%) as standard quality and 17 (44%) as poor quality. Of the good quality tennis courts, five are available for community use.

## **Demand summary**

- ◀ Key netball clubs across Central Lancashire include Chorley Inferno Netball Club, Leyland Excel Netball Club, Preston Netball Club and South Ribble Netball Club.
- ◀ The Preston Netball Project offers both Back to Netball every Monday from 5pm at West View Leisure Centre.
- ◀ The Preston Netball Project offers both walking netball sessions every Monday from 5pm at West View Leisure Centre. Additionally, South Ribble Netball Club offers walking netball sessions every Monday at Wellfield Academy.

## **Scenarios**

### *Improving court quality*

As mentioned in the preceding Assessment Report a substantial number of netball courts in Central Lancashire are rated as poor quality. This represents 40 courts or nearly half of all provision (44%) across 15 sites. All poor quality courts are located at education sites which are currently unavailable for community use. Problems recorded during site assessments include poor grip underfoot, the presence of moss and worn line markings, with maintenance also considered to be basic.

It should be noted that 29 of the 40 poor quality courts are not available for community use with many of the providers stating that they are unavailable due to their quality and/or lack of demand to use the provision (again due to perceived quality). There is a risk that if the currently available courts remain poor quality, or even worsen, may become unusable. Poor quality, community accessible courts are currently located at Albany Science College, Southlands High School and Wellfield Academy (Wellfield Business and Enterprise College & High School).

Therefore, it is recommended that all poor quality courts are improved with attempts made to create community access at those sites which are unavailable once enhancements have been carried out.

## **Recommendations**

- ◀ Protect existing courts in line with national (i.e. the NPPF and Sport England's Playing Fields Policy) and local planning policy.
- ◀ Secure community use at sites that are currently in use or that could be used in the future.
- ◀ Improve court quality at sites assessed as poor or standard quality and sustain quality at sites assessed as good, especially at sites in use by clubs and for England Netball initiatives.
- ◀ Consider establishing additional sports lighting at venues in use for netball or at venues that could attract netball demand following installation.

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## 4.11: Athletics

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#### Supply and demand summary

- It is considered that for an athletics track to be sustainable, a club membership of circa 200 is required, of which both clubs are operating above the recommended membership figures collectively are accommodating 956 members.
- Based on the levels of demand at each of the athletics tracks (University of Lancashire and West Way Sports Hub) across Central Lancashire and given that Chorley Athletics and Tri Club is currently exporting some of its demand to Bolton, there is insufficient quantity of facilities to meet demand

#### Supply summary

- There is one community available athletics track in Central Lancashire located in Preston at the University of Lancashire, which is an eight lane, synthetic 400 metre track. The track is provided with sports lighting to support activities on both the track and infield and provides all accompanying field event facilities including a throws cage (hammer, discus & club), javelin, high jump, long/triple jump and shot put area.
- There is also a 400m cinder track located in South Ribble at Lancashire Constabulary Training Headquarters. This track is unavailable for community and not provided with sports lighting.
- In addition to the above, there is an eight-lane synthetic compact track immediately adjacent to the 11v11 3G pitch located at West Way Sports Hub in Chorley.
- The athletics track located at University of Lancashire is owned and managed by the education provider then rented annually by Preston Harriers AC. Chorley Athletics and Tri Club rents the facility located at West Way Sports Hub from Chorley Council.
- Chorley Council has plans to develop an Active Track (700m long) at West Way Sports Hub with funding in place. This would be an addition to the 11v11 3G pitch and 100m sprint track which is already provided.
- The non-technical assessment identifies the track and accompanying field facilities located at University of Lancashire as good quality, with the compact track located at West Way Sports Hub also assessed as good quality due to being installed in 2021.
- Chorley Athletics and Tri Club also exports some of its demand to Bolton to use the track and field facilities located at Bolton Arena. The Club highlights the need for a 400m track in Chorley to cater for its demand.
- Facilities located at both West Way Sports Hub and University of Lancashire are good quality and consists of changing rooms, fencing, showers, access for disabled, toilets and storage for track and field events. No issues were raised during consultation with relevant stakeholders.

#### Demand summary

- Five clubs have a current focus on athletics and/or running activity across Central Lancashire.
- There are two ParkRuns and two Junior ParkRuns across Central Lancashire which are held on Saturday and Sunday morning, respectively.
- Chorley Athletics and Tri Club indicates a significant need for improved access to facilities, particularly a 400m athletics track in Chorley with the Club currently exporting some of its demand outside the Authority to Bolton.
- Further to this both Chorley Athletics and Tri Club and Preston Harriers are operating waiting lists consisting of 180 members collectively.

## Scenarios

### *Accommodating current demand*

It is considered that for an athletics track to be sustainable, a club membership of circa 200 is required. This is based on figures and consultation provided by England Athletics.

Preston Harriers AC utilises the 400m track located at the University of Lancashire where it is operating significantly above the recommended capacity figure (593 members). Despite operating significantly above the recommended capacity, Preston Harriers AC reports no concerns with its existing facilities, instead operating a waiting list consisting of 130 people due to a need for additional volunteers to be able to accommodate more demand.

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Therefore, it is presently determined that the Club is adequately catered for although facility quality and future growth must be closely monitored to ensure this remains the case. It would be beneficial to the Club to work with the University and develop a community use agreement to ensure long term usage of the facilities at University of Lancashire.

Comparatively, Chorley Athletics and Tri Club utilise the 100m track at West Way Sports Hub which is insufficient for its current demand (363 members). Therefore, the Club also exports some of its demand to Bolton to use the track and field facilities located at Bolton Arena. The Club highlight the need for a 400m track in Chorley to cater for its demand.

A potential way to increase capacity particularly in Chorley, would be the creation of additional provision such as an Active Track. Chorley Council has plans to develop an Active Track (700m long) at West Way Sports Hub with funding in place. This would be an addition to the 11v11 3G pitch and 100m sprint track which is already provided. It is considered likely that this Active Track development, alongside the existing 100m sprint track at West Way Sports Hub, would provide sufficient athletics provision for Chorley Athletics and Tri Club within Chorley and alleviate its need to export a portion of its demand to Bolton.

## Recommendations

- ◀ Protect existing indoor and outdoor facilities.
- ◀ Support the creation of a 700m Active Track at West Way Sports Hub to better accommodate demand within Chorley and more specifically from Chorley Athletics and Tri Club.
- ◀ Work with Preston Harriers AC to generate a community use agreement to ensure long term usage of the facility.
- ◀ Ensure the track at University of Lancashire remains TrackMark accredited.
- ◀ Look to protect the good quality 100m track at West Way Sports Hub.
- ◀ Continue to increase participation within affiliated clubs and the wider running market, building on the success of Parkrun and looking to increase other initiatives not currently operating in Central Lancashire.
- ◀ Consider the need to include ActiveTracks (walk/jog/run/cycle loops) within parks and open spaces or as part of future housing developments.

## 4.12: Cycling

### Assessment Report summary

#### Supply and demand summary

- ◀ **It is considered that demand for cycling across Central Lancashire is being adequately accommodated. The priority should be sustaining the quality of existing facilities so that it continues to meet demand.**

#### Supply summary

- ◀ There is one good quality BMX Pump Track located at Coppull BMX (Chisnall Lane) and one standard quality BMX Pump Track at Harpers Lane Recreation Ground, of which both are located in Chorley. Only the track at Coppull BMX is provided with sports lighting.
- ◀ Additionally, there is one standard quality BMX Pump Track located within South Ribble located at Much Hoole which is not provided with sports lighting.
- ◀ In Preston, there is a good quality BMX Pump Track located at Fishwick Recreation Ground (London Road) which is home to Preston Pirates BMX Club and has sports lighting to provide all year-round usage. The track has seen recent investment into improving the facility including refurbishing two berms (raised corners) to improve the riders' safety and experience and improvements to drainage.
- ◀ Additionally, there is a good quality 1.5km outdoor cycling track and a 0.75km outdoor junior cycle track around the sports facilities at University of Lancashire.
- ◀ A planning application has recently been approved for the creation of a new BMX Pump Track located at Waverly Park (Preston) with work set to commence summer 2025.

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## Demand summary

- There are nine prominent cycling clubs based across Central Lancashire, Chorley Cycling Club, BMX Widow Photography, Hoppers Rollers, Mid Lancs BMX, Preston Pirates BMX Club, Rebracing, Red Rose Olympic CC, Ribble Valley CRC and Ribble Valley Juniors CC.
- Go Velo Learn to Ride operates Go-Ride sessions at University of Lancashire utilising 1.5km cycling track and a 0.75km junior cycle track around the sports facilities. Additionally, Chorley Cycling Club hosts Go-Ride sessions.

## Scenarios

No suitable scenarios have been identified, with the following recommendations instead considered necessary based on the supply and demand findings.

## Recommendations

- Protect existing formal provision across the five existing sites in line with national (i.e. the NPPF and Sport England's Playing Fields Policy) and local planning policy.
- Ensure continued access to sites and routes used for formal cycling.
- Ensure all clubs/groups have home bases to operate from and pursue improved security of tenure where it is required.
- Support British Cycling initiatives and ensure appropriate infrastructure is in place to accommodate such demand.
- Support the proposed BMX Pump Track Development at Waverly Park (Preston).<sup>8</sup>

## 4.13: Other sports

### Assessment Report summary

#### Supply and demand summary

- Outdoor water sports in Chorley, Preston, and South Ribble are moderately well served, particularly in the Preston area where the Dock Basin supports a variety of water-based activities.
- The climbing and bouldering offer in Chorley, Preston, and South Ribble is strongly centred around two modern indoor facilities — Boulder UK and PrestonWall — both of which cater for a wide range of climbers from complete beginners to experienced athletes. With over 1,200 sqm. of climbing space combined, and inclusive features for children and those with disabilities, these facilities meet current demand well.
- Given the above, supply is currently insufficient for American Football with the Club accessing multiple sites across Central Lancashire due to the lack of dedicated American Football provision. Additionally, when considering future demand, it is highlighted that the lack of facilities is affecting the Club's growth.
- Archery across Central Lancashire is well catered for through facilities such as: Wigan Lane Sports and Community Hub, Clayton Green Sports Centre and Preston Grasshoppers RFC, meaning that archery is particularly well catered for when it comes to both indoor and outdoor venues.
- Pickleball across Central Lancashire is well catered for through facilities such as: Chorley Tennis Club, All seasons Leisure Centre, Clayton Green Sports Centre, Sir Tom Finney Sports Centre, Bamber Bridge Leisure Centre and Leyland Leisure Centre meaning that pickleball is particularly well catered for when it comes to both indoor and outdoor venues.
- Across Central Lancashire, supply is considered sufficient for basketball given the number of facilities available to the Community.

#### Supply summary

- Outdoor water sports provision in Chorley, Preston, and South Ribble is primarily centred around inland waterways such as the Lancaster Canal, River Ribble, and man-made facilities like Preston Dock Basin.

<sup>8</sup> For more information relating to facility types, see <https://www.britishcycling.org.uk/facilities>.

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- ◀ Indoor climbing and bouldering in Chorley, Preston, and South Ribble is primarily served by two major facilities: Boulder UK and PrestonWall Climbing Centre at West View Leisure Centre.
- ◀ There is currently no dedicated American football pitch located across Central Lancashire.
- ◀ Chorley Bowmen currently utilise Wigan Lane Sports and Community Hub in the summer months with the Club based at Clayton green Sports Centre. Preston Grasshoppers Bowmen are located at Preston Grasshoppers RFC utilising a purpose built indoor 20-yard range with occasional outdoor usage on the rugby pitches.
- ◀ There are a number of indoor facilities across Central Lancashire which offer pickleball located at All seasons Leisure Centre and Clayton Green Sports Centre in Chorley, Sir Tom Finney Sports Centre in Preston and Bamber Bridge Leisure Centre and Leyland Leisure Centre in South Ribble. There is also pickleball provision located just outside of Preston at Longridge Pickleball Club.
- ◀ Additionally, there are two dedicated outdoor pickleball courts located at Chorley Tennis Club.
- ◀ There are seven basketball courts identified across Central Lancashire across five sites all located in Preston. Of these, all seven are available for community use.

### **Demand summary**

- ◀ There are a number of clubs across Central Lancashire including, Euxton Canoe Club, Ribble Canoe Club, Clitheroe Canoe Club, Preston Kellboat Club, Preston Dragons, Preston Divers, John O’Gaunt Rowing Club and Ribble Cruising Club.
- ◀ There are a number of climbing clubs across Central Lancashire including, Preston Mountaineering Club, Lancashire Climbing & Caving Club, Fylde Mountaineering Club, Boulder UK and West View Leisure Centre/PrestonWall Programmes.
- ◀ Chorley Buccaneers currently accommodates roughly 175 members and aspires to keep growing, however, the lack of access to facilities for matches and training is making this challenging. The Club highlights a need for a dedicated home venue to accommodate both its training and match demand.
- ◀ There are two archery club across Central Lancashire, Chorley Bowmen and Preston Grasshoppers Bowmen.

### **Scenarios**

No suitable scenarios have been identified, with the following recommendations instead considered necessary based on the supply and demand findings.

### **Recommendations**

- ◀ Protect existing quantity, in line with national (i.e. the NPPF and Sport England’s Playing Fields Policy) and local planning policy.
- ◀ Look to identify a suitable home site for Chorley Buccaneers to better accommodate its demand and support its future growth.
- ◀ Improve quality at sites assessed as poor or standard quality and sustain quality at sites assessed as good.

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## PART 5: STRATEGIC RECOMMENDATIONS

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

### AIM 1

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

#### Recommendations:

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

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

The PPOSS shows that all existing playing field and outdoor sport sites cannot be deemed surplus to requirements because of shortfalls now and in the future. As such, all provision requires protection or replacement until all identified shortfalls have been overcome. This includes disused (including any which may not have been identified in this document) underused and poor quality sites as there is a requirement for such provision to help meet and alleviate the identified shortfalls.

When shortfalls are evident, provision can only be permanently lost when the current picture changes to the extent that the site in question is no longer needed as a result of no shortfalls existing, or unless replacement provision is provided and agreed upon by all stakeholders. NPPF paragraph 104 states that existing open space, sports and recreational buildings and land, including playing fields and formal play spaces, should not be built on unless:

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

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

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## *Policy Exception E1:*

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

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

## *Policy Exception E2*

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

## *Policy Exception E3*

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

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

## *Policy Exception E4:*

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

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

## *Policy Exception E5*

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

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

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It may be appropriate to consider rationalisation of certain low value playing pitch sites (i.e. one or two pitch sites with no changing provision) to generate investment and focus resources towards creating bigger and better quality venues (hub sites). Such sites could then be re-purposed to meet other recreational needs or, if appropriate and agreed, could be developed for other uses. It is vital, however, that there is no net loss of facilities and that replacement provision is in place and available for use prior to existing provision being lost.

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

Much like some authorities nationally, there is reliance on the education sector to provide for most of the demand for playing pitch and outdoor sport facilities across Central Lancashire. However, where this is the case, it is imperative that future opportunities to secure tenure for clubs is explored and progressed where possible. The following schools provide community use to clubs.

Table 5.1: Known use of education sites

| School  | Club  | Sport                     |
|---|---|---------------------------|
| <b>Chorley</b>                                  | -   | -                         |
| Bishop Rawthorne C of E Language College        | Croston Sports Club<br>Croston Sports Club Junior<br>Euxton Villa<br>Mawdesley FC | Football<br>Football (3G) |
| Brindle Gregson Lane Primary School             | Walton North End JFC  | Football                  |
| Brinscall St John Primary School                | Brinscall Village JFC   | Football                  |
| Buckshaw Primary School                         | JFC Chorley   | Football                  |
| Eccleston St Mary's C E Primary School          | Eccleston & Heskin (Juniors)  | Football                  |
| Euxton Primrose Hill Primary School             | Leyland Albion FC   | Football                  |
| Highfield Primary School                        | Chorley Wanderers Junior  | Football                  |
| Holy Cross High School                          | Chorley Wanderers Junior  | Football<br>Football (3G) |
| Rivington and Blackrod High School              | Old Rivingtonians Sports Club   | Football                  |
| Southlands High School                          | Chorley Wanderers Junior<br>Gillibrand Warriors                                   | Football                  |
| St Johns C of E Primary School                  | Pine Villa  | Football                  |
| St Josephs Catholic Primary School              | Freestyle Urban Soccer  | Football                  |
| <b>Preston</b>                                  | -   | -                         |
| Ashton Community Science College                | Cadley<br>Fulwood Amateur<br>Man V Fat Preston FC<br>Ribbleton FC                 | Football<br>Football (3G) |
| Broughton-in-Amounderness C of E Primary School | Cadley  | Football                  |
| Christ the King Catholic High School            | Walton North End JFC  | Football<br>Football (3G) |
| Corpus Christi Catholic High School             | Cadley  | Football (3G)             |
| Fulwood Academy                                 | Chorley FC<br>Longsands JFC   | Football<br>Football (3G) |

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| School  | Club   | Sport                     |
|---|--|---------------------------|
| Lea Community Primary School                                    | Springfields (Preston)   | Football                  |
| Our Lady's RC High School                                       | St Anthony's SC FC   | Football                  |
| Preston College   | AFC Preston<br>Bamber Bridge FC<br>PNE Community & Education Trust                                 | Football (3G)             |
| <b>South Ribble</b>   | -  | -                         |
| Academy @ Wordern   | Leyland Pirates Football Club  | Football                  |
| All Hallows Catholic High School                                | Penwortham St Teresa's   | Football                  |
| All Saints' Church of England Primary School                    | New Longton Rovers JFC   | Football                  |
| Balshaw's C of E High School                                    | Chorley FC<br>Euxton Villa<br>Lostock Hall Juniors<br>Ribble Wanderers                             | Football                  |
| Brownedge St Mary's Catholic High School                        | Leyland Pirates Football Club  | Football<br>Football (3G) |
| Cardinal Newman College (off site playing fields) Kem Mill Lane | Penwortham Town  | Football                  |
| Higher Walton Primary School                                    | Walton North End JFC   | Football                  |
| Hutton C of E Grammar School (off site)                         | Penwortham St Teresa's   | Football                  |
| Leyland Methodist Junior School                                 | Ribble Wanderers   | Football                  |
| Lostock Hall Academy  | Lostock Hall Juniors   | Football                  |
| Moor Hey School   | Lostock Hall Juniors   | Football                  |
| Penwortham Priory Academy                                       | AFC Penwortham<br>Penwortham St Teresa's<br>Penwortham Town<br>Kingsfold FC<br>PNE Women (Juniors) | Football<br>Football (3G) |
| Seven Stars Primary School                                      | SRDC   | Football                  |
| St Leonard's C of E Primary School                              | Walton Le Dale Juniors   | Football                  |
| St Mary's Catholic High School & College                        | Leyland B.T.R<br>Leyland Pirates Football Club   | Football<br>Football (3G) |
| Walton-Le-Dale High School                                      | Gregson Lane JFC<br>Chorley Phoenix HC<br>Brookfield HC  | Football<br>Hockey (AGP)  |
| Walton-Le-Dale Primary School                                   | Walton Le Dale Juniors   | Football                  |
| Wellfield Academy   | Ribble Wanderers   | Football                  |
| Woodlea Junior School   | Bamber Bridge United   | Football                  |

Not having fully formalised usage presents a risk for those clubs using these sites as community use could technically be terminated at any time.

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

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

Local sports clubs should be supported by partners including the Councils (where relevant), parish and town councils and NGBs to achieve sustainability across a range of areas including management, membership, funding, facilities, volunteers and partnership work. For example, club development should be supported, and clubs should be encouraged to develop evidence of business and sports development plans to generate income via their facilities.

### *Alternative management models*

The Councils could explore possible alternative options for the future management of some sites within its playing field portfolio, including leasehold or Community Asset Transfer (CAT). Potential benefits of this include reducing costs which may allow for the retention and possible improvement of other retained sites within the portfolio, as well as potentially opening up new routes to improvement of sites and access to external funding opportunities through club-led management models.

Local sports clubs should be supported by partners including the Councils and National Governing Bodies to achieve sustainability across a range of areas including management, membership, funding, facilities, volunteers and partnership work. For example, support club development and encourage clubs to develop evidence of business and sports development plans to generate income via their facilities. All clubs could be encouraged to look at different management models such as registering as Community Amateur Sports Clubs (CASC)<sup>9</sup>. They should also be encouraged to work with partners locally – such as volunteer support agencies or local businesses.

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

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

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

### *Community Asset Transfer*

Another way of ensuring long term tenure for clubs is through a Community Asset Transfer (CAT). This is the transfer of management and/or ownership of public land and buildings from its owner (usually a local authority) to a community organisation (such as a Development Trust, a Community Interest Company or a social enterprise) for less than market value – to achieve a local social, economic or environmental benefit.

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<sup>9</sup> [Link to CASC benefits](#)

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Community based organisations are often much more effective at engaging people than other types of organisation because they are close to and directly accountable to their community.

Communities that come together to plan and deliver services can make them more inclusive and responsive than state run services. Communities can mobilise a lot of volunteer time and energy. Asset transfer can, for example:

- ◀ Help local authorities meet policy objectives.
- ◀ Make better use of underused assets.
- ◀ Open and increase opportunities for clubs/organisations to access grant funding for which local authorities cannot apply (e.g. Football Foundation Grass Maintenance Fund).
- ◀ Improve assets through increased time and resource (both financial and volunteer) than what the local authority may be able to contribute.
- ◀ Give sports clubs and community organisations more security and sustainability and help transition clubs away from being funding dependent. Opens opportunities to revenue generation and greater self-dependence.
- ◀ Enable people to protect the assets in their communities – including iconic heritage buildings and open spaces. Reducing costs to the local authority and protection against further budgetary cuts.
- ◀ Involve people in designing and running the services from which, they benefit.
- ◀ Be a catalyst for getting people more involved as volunteers.
- ◀ Keep money in the local economy through enterprise and locally owned assets.

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 should this be an option for the Councils to consider. It can be accessed here: [Link to Sport England Community assets and rights](#)

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

To maximise community use, a more coherent, structured relationship with schools and higher/further education establishments is recommended. The ability to access good facilities within the local community is vital to any sports organisation, yet many clubs struggle to find good quality places to play and train. Across Central Lancashire, pricing policies at facilities can be a barrier to access at some education sites but physical access, poor quality and resistance from providers to open up provision is also an issue.

A large number of sporting facilities are located on education sites and making these available to sports clubs can offer significant benefits to both the venues and local clubs, as well as helping to reduce identified shortfalls. It is, however, common for provision not to be fully maximised for community use, even on established community use sites.

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

- ◀ Ashton Community Science College.
- ◀ Albany Science College.
- ◀ Broughton Business Enterprise College & High School.
- ◀ St Bernard Catholic Primary School.

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- ◀ Penwortham Girls High School.
- ◀ St Mary's & St Benedicts RC Primary School

Gaining access to some, or all of these sites, could have a significant impact in alleviating shortfalls for a variety of sports. It should be noted this may also include qualitative improvements. The Councils, with assistance from NGBs and SE, needs to work towards gaining secured access to more educational sites in order to provide additional capacity for community sports. This should include ensure relevant policies are contained within strategic documents such as the emerging local plan.

There are a growing number of academies over which the Councils has little or no control, yet it is still important to understand the significance of such sites and to work with the providers where there are opportunities for community use. In addition, relevant NGBs have a role to play in supporting the Councils to deliver upon this recommendation and communicating with schools where necessary to address shortfalls in provision.

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

Sport England's Use our School<sup>10</sup> campaign provides guidance on how the Councils could obtain access to educational sites including providing relevant information surrounding potential operating models, legal and governance / finance / marketing and operating information.

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

### **AIM 2**

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

#### **Recommendations:**

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

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<sup>10</sup> <https://www.sportengland.org/funding-and-campaigns/use-our-school>

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## Recommendation (d) – Improve quality

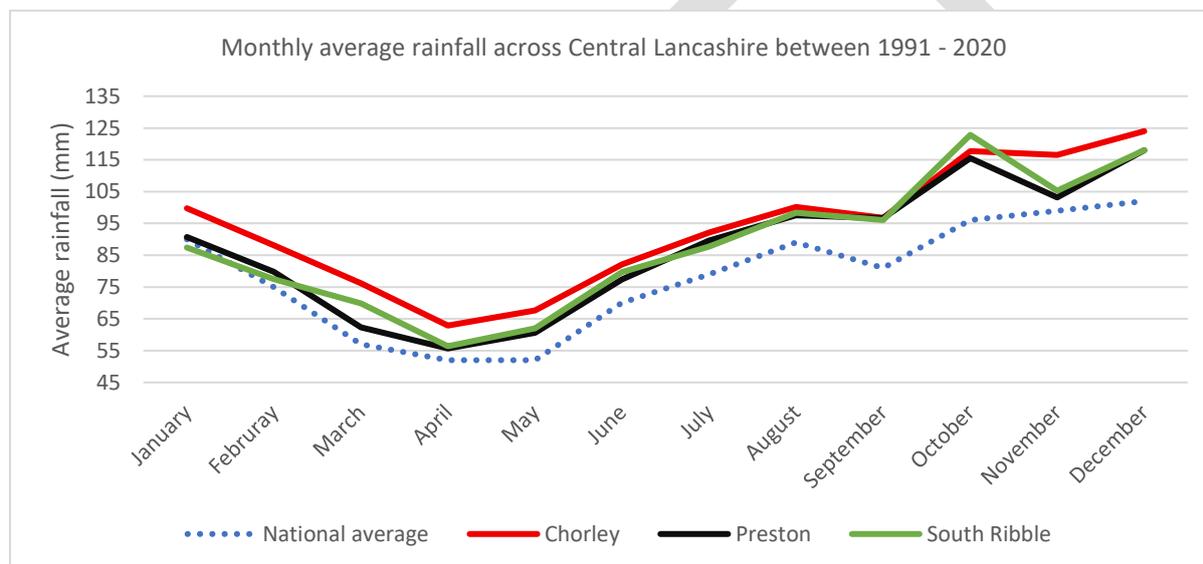
There are several ways in which it is possible to improve pitch quality, and these are explored below.

### **Rainfall, flooding and Climate change issues**

As discussed in the preceding Assessment Report, there is evidence of higher levels of rainfall across Lancashire when compared to much of England, in particular in western regions. Evidence provided by the Met Office<sup>11</sup> indicates that this is to do with the proximity to the Lake District and prevailing westerly winds from the Atlantic.

The North West averages 1,319mm of rainfall annually which is significantly higher than the national average of 1,168mm (based on 1991-2020 data). In comparison the South East is the driest with only 788mm a year. The figure below shows the average amount of rainfall from 1991 – 2020 across Chorley, Preston and South Ribble.

Figure 5.1: Average rainfall across Central Lancashire from 1991-2020<sup>12</sup>



Further to this, Chorley, Preston and South Ribble have recently published a document (January 2025) to show an updated flood risk assessment across Central Lancashire known as Central Lancashire Level 1 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (2024)<sup>13</sup>. This assessment is an update to the previous document completed in 2021. It uses the latest information available on flood risk, together with the most current flood risk and planning policy information from the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), showing the impact of rising temperatures, changing rainfall patterns and other aspects of climate change.

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.

<sup>11</sup> <https://weather.metoffice.gov.uk/learn-about/weather/types-of-weather/rain/how-much-does-it-rain-in-the-uk>

<sup>12</sup> <https://climatedataportal.metoffice.gov.uk/datasets/monthly-precipitation-observations-1991-2020/explore?location=53.664770%2C-2.637380%2C11.27>

<sup>13</sup> [Central Lancashire Level 1 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment \(2024\)](#)

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Following the above, 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. It is highly recommended that any future development of 3G pitches is following guidance on containment measures. Changes regarding this matter needs to be monitored with conversations and research still underway.

It's recommended to consider and utilise all information provided when looking to develop new sporting provision to reduce the risk of future issues from heavy rainfall and potential flooding.

### **Available support programmes**

#### *Ground Management Association (GMA) Pitch Advisory Service*

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

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

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

Pitch providers are encouraged to complete a self-assessment of pitches using the Football Foundation PitchPower (PP) app. In August 2022, PitchPower was re-launched, with enhanced capability to support use beyond football pitches and is now accessible for the assessment of natural turf pitches for cricket, rugby league and rugby union. It should be noted that with cricket in particular, more PitchPower assessments are planned to be carried out, therefore, there is a need to review quality as part of the Stage E process of this PPOSS.

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

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### *Football Foundation PitchPower Assessment*

The Premier League, The FA and the Football Foundation are increasing efforts to improve the quality of grass pitches in England with the launch of the PitchPower app. Launched in 2020 alongside the Football Foundation Pitch Preparation Fund, the app is a new digital self-assessment tool to allow reports and recommendations to be made more quickly and easily once submitted for review by GMA regional pitch advisors.

Across Central Lancashire, the Lancashire FA play a proactive role, as County FA supporting clubs, schools and pitch operators, to engage in the pitch power process, monitoring uptake and new potentials to access funding support, from the Football Foundation.

The tool across web app and desktop is open to access by all providers, for example clubs, schools and local authorities. Following a PitchPower Assessment Report, organisations can work towards the recommended dedicated maintenance regime identified to improve the quality of their pitches.

In addition to non-technical assessments, clubs and education sites across Central Lancashire continue to undertake PitchPower assessments as a means of improving the quality of provision. Consequently, it should be recommended through the PPOSS process for the local authority to support delivering any improvement to new sites that undertake PitchPower assessments.

### *Football Foundation Grass Pitch Maintenance Fund (GPMF)*

Eligible clubs and organisations can also utilise the report as an evidence base to acquire potential funding streams, for example, to obtain the required maintenance equipment. If a PitchPower assessment categorises pitches as 'poor' or 'basic' they are then eligible to apply for funding through the Football Foundation Grass Pitch Maintenance Fund<sup>14</sup>, a fund offering six-year tapered grants to help clubs enhance or sustain the quality of their grass pitches. The fund is a key part of the Football Foundation's Grass Pitch Improvement Programme - an ambition to deliver 20,000 good quality grass pitches by 2030. Clubs with good or standard quality pitches can also apply for a lower level of funding to improve and sustain quality.

All applicants must have, as a minimum, landowners permission to accept investment or ideally long term security of tenure and have received a PitchPower Pitch Assessment Report, with the fund currently open to football clubs, leagues, charities, community organisations, education providers and town and parish councils. Local authorities are not currently eligible applicants, however, eligible organisations using local authority sites can apply provided they have landowners permission as stated above.

However, councils can undertake technical assessment of pitches using the PitchPower app. Opportunities to access the fund to support presently Council managed sites include establishment of a service level agreement with a resident club for maintenance responsibilities, or transfer of long-term management to the club/organisation through leasehold or Community Asset Transfer (CAT), both enabling the club/organisation to apply to the fund.

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<sup>14</sup> <https://footballfoundation.org.uk/grant/grass-pitch-maintenance-fund>

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

### **Addressing overplay**

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

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

Table 5.3: Recommended capacity of pitches

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

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

For cricket, an increase in the usage of NTPs is key to reducing overplay as this allows for the transfer of junior demand from grass wickets. It also does not require any additional playing pitch space as NTPs can be installed adjacent to existing squares. However, when considering future demand across Central Lancashire, there would be a shortfall of capacity to cater for all club aspirational demand particularly, in Preston and South Ribble where existing provision is already significantly overplayed.

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Therefore, consideration needs to be made as to potentially reinstate disused provision or establishing new provision to cater for this future demand.

For rugby union, overplay can be reduced resolved through improvements to pitch maintenance. However, for rugby league, quality improvements alone will not address all the current shortfalls on rugby league pitches, as such there is a need for additional pitch provision to accommodate demand.

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

### *Improving changing provision*

There is a need to address changing provision at some sites across Central Lancashire (these are detailed further in the Action Plan), for example, the changing provision at Astley Park, Eccleston Recreation Ground, Sandy Lane (BWARA), Ashton Park, Conway Drive, Fishwick Recreation Ground, Moor Park, Ribbleton Park, South Drive, King George V Playing Field (Higher Walton), Penwortham Holme Recreation Ground and St Cuthbert's Playing Field are poor quality with users stating the need to redevelop the ancillary facilities as the current facilities are outdated. As previously mentioned, without appropriate, fit for purpose ancillary facilities, good quality pitches may be underutilised.

Changing facilities form the most essential part of this offer and therefore key sites should be given priority for improvement such as, multi-sport pitch sites, club managed sites and sites which are strategically important for adult and/or women and girls participation.

### *Accessible and inclusive sports facilities (ASIF)<sup>15</sup>*

Sport England has recently updated what was formally known as Accessible Sports Facilities to ASIF which is guidance for planners, designers, building owners and operators to support the design and operations of safe, welcoming, accessible and inclusive sports and leisure facilities.

ASIF aims to increase awareness and use of inclusive design principles, support approaches to design that can reduce or remove barriers to more being active and encourage best practice approaches to creating and maintained well designed sports and leisure facilities from point of concept through to day to day occupation.

This has dedicated sections regarding internal areas (Part C) and changing/toilet provision (Part D) and how to make provision accessible and inclusive for all users.

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

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

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<sup>15</sup><https://www.sportengland.org/guidance-and-support/facilities-and-planning/design-and-cost-guidance/accessible-inclusive>

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Please refer to Part 6: Action Plan (contained in a separate document) for the proposed hierarchy. Developer contributions, where relevant to the development and appropriate, could be informed by this hierarchy.

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

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

To address community need a coordinated approach to strategic investment is required. In delivering this recommendation, the Councils should maintain a regular dialogue with local partners through the PPOSS Steering Group.

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

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

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

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

For playing pitches, it is recommended the Councils continue to use Sport England's Playing Pitch Calculator as a tool for helping to determine the additional demand for pitches and to estimate the likely developer contribution required linking to sites within the locality. This should form part of the Councils working with Sport England to develop a process and guidance for obtaining developer contributions.

The calculator uses the current number of teams by sports pitch type contained within the Assessment Report and calculates the percentage within each age group that play that sport. That percentage is then applied to the population growth.

The additional teams likely to be generated are then converted into match equivalent sessions and associated pitch requirements in the peak period, with the associated costs (both for providing the pitch/facility and for its life cycle) then given. The calculator splits the requirement into peak time demand for natural turf pitches, training demand for artificial grass pitches, and the number of new changing rooms required.

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

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

This is due to the importance of ensuring that the stock of facilities provided is correct to avoid provision becoming unsustainable and unused. The preference is for multi-pitch and potentially multi-sport sites to be developed, supported by a clubhouse and adequate parking facilities which consider the potential for future AGP development. This is because single-pitch facilities are more likely to become under-used (or unused), unviable and unsustainable.

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

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

Sport England recommends that a number of 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 S106 agreement or equivalent must be completed that should specify, when applied, the amount that will be linked to Sport England's Building Cost Information Service from the date of the permission and timing of the contribution/s to be made.
- ◀ Contributions should also be secured towards the first ten years of maintenance on new pitches (lifecycle costs) as a minimum, the cost of which is indicated by the Sport England Playing Pitch Calculator. NGBs and Sport England can provide further and up-to-date information on the associated costs.
- ◀ External funding should be sought/secured to achieve maximum benefit from the investment into appropriate facility enhancement, alongside other open space provision, and its subsequent maintenance.
- ◀ Where new provision is provided, appropriate changing rooms and associated car parking should be located on site, where possible and appropriate.
- ◀ All new or improved outdoor sports facilities on school sites should be subject to community use agreements.

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## **AIM 3**

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

### **Recommendations:**

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

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

The Councils and partners should work to rectify identified inadequacies and meet identified shortfalls as outlined in the preceding Assessment Report and the sport-by-sport specific recommendations (Part 4) as well as the following Action Plan (Part 6).

It is important that the current levels of provision are protected, maintained and enhanced to secure provision both for now and in the future. Maximising use of existing provision through a combination of the following will help to reduce shortfalls and accommodate future demand:

- ◀ Improving quality in order to improve the capacity to accommodate more demand.
- ◀ Transferring demand from overplayed sites to sites with spare capacity.
- ◀ The re-designation of facilities e.g. converting an unused pitch (or pitch type) for one sport to instead cater for another sport (or another pitch type).
- ◀ Securing community use at school sites including those currently unavailable.
- ◀ Working with commercial and private providers to increase usage.

Unmet demand, changes in sport participation and trends, and proposed housing growth should be recognised and factored into future facility planning. Assuming 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.

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 redesignate 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 plan will seek to provide further clarification on where re-designation is suitable.

The PPOSS identifies priority sites that should be focused upon, including those that are presently overplayed and/or poor quality, or unused sites that are particularly large. It also advises how issues can be overcome.

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

The Steering Group should use and regularly update the Action Plan within this Strategy. The Action Plan lists recommendations for each site, focused upon both qualitative and quantitative improvements, which if delivered will lessen the need for new provision.

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Linked to the above and as evidenced in Part 4, although there are identified shortfalls of match equivalent sessions, most current and future demand is currently being met and most shortfalls for football, rugby union, cricket, hockey, tennis, netball and bowls can be addressed via quality improvements and/or improved access to sites that are presently used minimally or that are currently unavailable. Adding to the current stock, particularly in the short term, is therefore not recommended as a priority, except for 3G pitches and the shortfall for which cannot be reduced without new stock.

However, for rugby league it shows that given the amount of demand, if maximum level quality improvements were to take place, shortfalls would still be present. In this instance, other methods of addressing overplay should be explored such as the installation of additional provision, increased sports lighting or using dedicated sports lit training areas and potentially installing a RFL Community Standard 3G pitches to better support training demand.

Notwithstanding the above, large scale housing developments and the establishment of new schools may also necessitate the need for new provision. Where new schools are developed, there is an opportunity to combine the building of the school to the development of a new multi-sport site that will be of a benefit to the school as well as the wider community.

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

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## PART 6: ACTION PLAN

The site-by-site action plan seeks to address key issues identified in the preceding Assessment Report. It provides recommendations based on current levels of usage, quality and future demand, as well as the potential of each site for enhancement. It is organised by Analysis Area and includes information pertaining to the sub sections below.

### *Site hierarchy*

The 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. As stated in Recommendation (e), to allow for facility developments to be programmed within a phased approach, the Councils should adopt a tiered approach to the management and improvement of playing pitch sites and associated facilities.

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

Table 6.1: Tiered site criteria

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

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

**Key centres** are more community focused, although 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 may be necessary to improve the facilities at both hub sites and key sites. This could be to improve the provision, create additional provision (e.g., a 3G pitch) or to enhance the ancillary facilities in terms of access, flexibility (i.e., single-sex changing if necessary) and quality as well as ensuring that they meet the rules and regulations of local competitions.

**Local sites** refer to those sites offering minimal provision or that are of minimal value to the wider community. Primarily they are sites with one pitch/facility or a low number of pitches/facilities that service just one or two sports (e.g., bowling green sites).

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

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

### **Partners**

The column indicating partners in the Action Plans below refers to the main organisations that the Councils (or the relevant provider) would look to work with to support delivery of the actions.

Given the extent of potential actions, it is reasonable to assume that partners will not necessarily be able to support all the actions identified but where the action is a priority and resource is available the partner will endeavour to assist.

As all sites sit within the local authority areas, the Councils is considered to be a partner for each identified action (as the column indicates partners for the Councils) and is therefore not included. However, it is acknowledged that it will take on more of a leading role for some specific sites and some specific actions (e.g., at council venues), and a supporting role at others (such as private sites/schools etc).

### **Priority**

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

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

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

## **Costs**

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

- (L) - Low - less than £150k.
- (M) - Medium - £150k-£750k.
- (H) - High £750k and above.

These are based on Sport England's estimated facility costs<sup>16</sup>.

## **Timescales**

The Action Plan has been created to be delivered over a ten-year period and the information within the Assessment Report, Strategy and Action Plan will require updating as developments occur. The indicative timescales relate to anticipated delivery times and are not priority based:

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

## **Aim**

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

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<sup>16</sup> [Facility cost guidance | Sport England](#)

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## CHORLEY - CENTRAL ANALYSIS AREA

### Area summary – pitch sports<sup>17</sup>

| Area                    | Pitch type                             | Current capacity total in MES <sup>[1]</sup>               | Future capacity total in MES (2041) <sup>18</sup>          |
|-------------------------|--|--|--|
| <b>Football (grass)</b> | -                                      | -  | -  |
| Central                 | Adult                                  | Shortfall of 4.5   | Shortfall of 4.5   |
| Central                 | Youth 11v11                            | Actual spare capacity of 0.5                               | Actual spare capacity of 0.5                               |
| Central                 | Youth 9v9                              | Shortfall of 1.5   | Shortfall of 1.5   |
| Central                 | Mini 7v7                               | Shortfall of 1.5   | Shortfall of 1.5   |
| Central                 | Mini 5v5                               | Shortfall of 1   | Shortfall of 1   |
| <b>Chorley</b>          | <b>Adult</b>                           | <b>Shortfall of 5.5</b>                                    | <b>Shortfall of 6.5</b>                                    |
| <b>Chorley</b>          | <b>Youth 11v11</b>                     | <b>Shortfall of 5</b>                                      | <b>Shortfall of 7.5</b>                                    |
| <b>Chorley</b>          | <b>Youth 9v9</b>                       | <b>Shortfall of 5</b>                                      | <b>Shortfall of 6</b>                                      |
| <b>Chorley</b>          | <b>Mini 7v7</b>                        | <b>Shortfall of 1.5</b>                                    | <b>Shortfall of 3</b>                                      |
| <b>Chorley</b>          | <b>Mini 5v5</b>                        | <b>Shortfall of 1</b>                                      | <b>Shortfall of 1.5</b>                                    |
| <b>Football (3G)</b>    | -                                      | -  | -  |
| Central                 | 11v11                                  | Shortfall of 2 pitches                                     | Shortfall of 2 pitches                                     |
| <b>Chorley</b>          | <b>11v11</b>                           | <b>Shortfall of 2 pitches</b>                              | <b>Shortfall of 3 pitches</b>                              |
| <b>Cricket</b>          | -                                      | -  | -  |
| Central                 | Saturday                               | Shortfall of 6   | Shortfall of 18  |
| Central                 | Sunday                                 | Spare capacity of 10                                       | Spare capacity of 10                                       |
| Central                 | Midweek                                | Spare capacity of 24                                       | Spare capacity of 18                                       |
| <b>Chorley</b>          | <b>Saturday</b>                        | <b>Spare capacity of 16</b>                                | <b>Shortfall of 8</b>                                      |
| <b>Chorley</b>          | <b>Sunday</b>                          | <b>Spare capacity of 56</b>                                | <b>Spare capacity of 56</b>                                |
| <b>Chorley</b>          | <b>Midweek</b>                         | <b>Spare capacity of 100</b>                               | <b>Spare capacity of 118</b>                               |
| <b>Rugby union</b>      | -                                      | -  | -  |
| <b>Chorley</b>          | <b>Senior</b>                          | <b>Shortfall of 1</b>                                      | <b>Shortfall of 1</b>                                      |
| <b>Rugby league</b>     | -                                      | -  | -  |
| <b>Chorley</b>          | <b>Senior</b>                          | <b>Shortfall of 2.5</b>                                    | <b>Shortfall of 2.5</b>                                    |
| <b>Chorley</b>          | <b>Junior</b>                          | <b>Played to capacity</b>                                  | <b>Shortfall of 0.5</b>                                    |
| <b>Chorley</b>          | <b>Mini</b>                            | <b>Played to capacity</b>                                  | <b>Played to capacity</b>                                  |
| <b>Hockey</b>           | -                                      | -  | -  |
| <b>Chorley</b>          | <b>Full size, with sports lighting</b> | <b>Sufficient supply if Buckshaw Village is resurfaced</b> | <b>Sufficient supply if Buckshaw Village is resurfaced</b> |

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

<sup>18</sup> It should be noted that this future demand figure is at a Boroughwide level, and some analysis areas may have greater shortfalls than others.

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## Area summary – non-pitch sports

| Sport               | Headline findings   |
|---------------------|---|
| <b>Athletics</b>    | There is one formal athletics track in Central Lancashire provided in the Preston North West located at University of Lancashire. Additionally, there is one 100m synthetic track located at West Way Sports Hub in the Chorley West Analysis Area. It cannot be said that supply is sufficient to meet demand given that Chorley Athletics and Tri Club is currently exporting some of its demand to Bolton due to the lack of facilities in the area,   |
| <b>Bowls</b>        | Supply is considered sufficient to meet demand in the Chorley Central Analysis Area with 16 greens provided. Clubs should be monitored to ensure their existing provision remains sufficient.   |
| <b>Tennis</b>       | With eight community available courts provided in the Chorley Central Analysis Area for club-based tennis, supply is considered sufficient to meet demand. Away from clubs, no courts are identified as having any capacity issues, and previously expressed latent demand is likely to have been met. However, it is also likely that informal demand will continue to increase following the improvements to courts.  |
| <b>Netball</b>      | There are currently 20 community available netball courts located in the Chorley Central Analysis Area, supply is considered to meet demand. However, it should be noted that two sites currently provided poor quality provision located at Albany Science College and Southlands High School.   |
| <b>Cycling</b>      | It is considered that demand for cycling across Central Lancashire is being adequately accommodated. There is one good quality BMX Pump Track located at Coppull BMX (Chisnall Lane) and one standard quality BMX Pump Track at Harpers Lane Recreation Ground, of which both are located in Chorley. Only the track at Coppull BMX is provided with sports lighting.   |
| <b>Other sports</b> | <p>Outdoor water sports in Chorley, Preston, and South Ribble are moderately well served, particularly in the Preston area where the Dock Basin supports a variety of water-based activities.</p> <p>The climbing and bouldering offer in Chorley, Preston, and South Ribble is strongly centred around two modern indoor facilities — Boulder UK and PrestonWall — both of which cater for a wide range of climbers from complete beginners to experienced athletes.</p> <p>Supply is currently insufficient for American football with the Club accessing multiple sites across Central Lancashire due to the lack of dedicated American football provision.</p> <p>Archery across Central Lancashire is well catered for through facilities such as: Wigan Lane Sports and Community Hub, Clayton Green Sports Centre and Preston Grasshoppers RFC, meaning that archery is particularly well catered for when it comes to both indoor and outdoor venues.</p> <p>Pickleball across Central Lancashire is well catered for through facilities such as: Chorley Tennis Club, All seasons Leisure Centre, Clayton Green Sports Centre, Sir Tom Finney Sports Centre, Bamber Bridge Leisure Centre and Leyland Leisure Centre meaning that pickleball is particularly well catered for when it comes to both indoor and outdoor venues.</p> <p>Across Central Lancashire, supply is considered sufficient for basketball given the number of dedicated facilities available to the Community. However, there is a clear need to improve and retain the current supply in ways that can attract and better accommodate more users at sites such as Haslam Park, Moor Park and Smith’s Recreation Ground.</p> |

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| Site ID | Site   | Active Places ID | Postcode | Sport            | Management      | Current status  | Recommended actions  | Partners                 | Site hierarchy tier | Priority | Timescales | Cost | Aim                           |
|---------|--|------------------|----------|------------------|-----------------|---|--|--------------------------|---------------------|----------|------------|------|-------------------------------|
| 170     | Adlington Cricket Club                       | 1208071          | PR7 4HH  | Cricket          | Sport Club      | One standard quality square with 13 grass wickets and an NTP that is home to Adlington CC. The site is serviced with standard quality ancillary provision that are not compatible for women's and girls' demand. There is actual spare capacity to accommodate for two additional midweek and one additional Sunday team. | Sustain square quality through dedicated maintenance regime. Utilise spare capacity to accommodate future demand and/or alleviate shortfalls. Explore the feasibility of improving ancillary facilities on site. | Sports Club, ECB         | Local               | M        | M          | M    | Protect<br>Enhance<br>Provide |
| 171     | Albany Science College                       | 1201745          | PR7 3AY  | Football         | Education       | One adult and one youth 11v11 pitch both of which are of a poor quality and available for community use.  | Improve pitch quality through an enhanced maintenance regime.  | Education, LFA, FF       | Local               | M        | S          | L    | Protect<br>Enhance            |
| 171     | Albany Science College                       | 1201745          | PR7 3AY  | Cricket          | Education       | One standalone NTP unavailable for community use.   | Protect for curricular use.  | Education, ECB           | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect                       |
| 171     | Albany Science College                       | 1201745          | PR7 3AY  | Tennis / Netball | Education       | Six poor quality macadam courts unavailable for community use. Overmarked with tennis and netball.  | Protect for curricular use.  | Education, LTA, EN       | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect                       |
| 173     | Anderton St Joseph's Bowling Club            | -                | PR6 9NA  | Bowls            | Sport Club      | One good quality crown bowling green home to St Joseph's Anderton BC. The site is serviced with standard quality ancillary provision.   | Sustain green quality through dedicated maintenance regime.  | Sports Club, BCGBA       | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect                       |
| 174     | Astley Park                                  | 6006735          | PR7 1NP  | Football         | Local Authority | Three adult and one youth 9v9 pitch that have spare capacity discounted due to poor quality. The site is serviced with poor quality ancillary provision with current plans in place to improve facilities.  | Improve pitch quality through an enhanced maintenance regime. Once improved look to maximise utilisation through an anchor club. Support plans to improve ancillary provision.                                   | Local Authority, LFA, FF | Key Centre          | M        | S          | L    | Protect<br>Enhance            |
| 174     | Astley Park                                  | 6006735          | PR7 1NP  | Bowls            | Local Authority | Two standard quality bowling greens.  | Sustain green quality through dedicated maintenance regime.  | Local authority, BCGBA   | Key Centre          | L        | L          | L    | Protect                       |
| 174     | Astley Park                                  | 6006735          | PR7 1NP  | Tennis           | Local Authority | Three standard quality macadam courts that are not sports lit.  | Sustain quality with appropriate maintenance.  | Local Authority, LTA     | Key Centre          | L        | L          | L    | Protect                       |
| 176     | Bay Horse Pub, Heath Charnock                | -                | PR6 9ER  | Bowls            | Sports Club     | One standard quality crown bowling green serviced by standard quality ancillary provision.  | Sustain green quality through dedicated maintenance regime.  | Sports Club, BCGBA       | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect                       |
| 187     | Charnock Richard Cricket Club                | 1208093          | PR7 5NL  | Cricket          | Sport Club      | One standard quality square with eight grass wickets home to Charnock St James CC. The square is overplayed by six matches per season.  | Improve square quality through enhanced maintenance regime to reduce overplay.   | Sports Club, ECB         | Local               | M        | S          | L    | Protect<br>Enhance            |
| 188     | Charnock Richard Football Club (Mossie Park) | -                | PR7 5LZ  | Football         | Sports Club     | Two adult, one youth 11v11, one youth 9v9, and one mini 7v7 pitch which are all a standard quality and home to Charnock Richard FC (Step 5).  | Sustain pitch quality through dedicated maintenance regime.  | Sports Club, LFA, FF     | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect                       |

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|---------|---|------------------|----------|------------------|-----------------|---|---|--------------------------|---------------------|----------|------------|------|-----------------|
|         |   |                  |          |                  |                 | Site is serviced by standard quality ancillary provision.   | Utilise actual spare capacity for future demand and/or alleviate shortfalls. Ensure relevant facilities meet NLS ground grading requirements as needed.                 |                          |                     |          |            |      |                 |
| 189     | Chisnall Lane - Chorley Panthers Rugby League | 1208096          | PR7 5EA  | Rugby League     | Sports Club     | Two good quality and one standard quality senior rugby league pitch and one good quality mini pitch. One of the good quality senior pitches is serviced with sport lighting. The site is home to Chorley Panthers RUFC. Two of senior pitches are overplayed by a total of 2.5 MES. The site is serviced by good quality ancillary provision. | Improve pitch quality where possible through an enhanced maintenance regime to alleviate overplay. Explore options to relocate training demand to alleviate shortfalls. | Sport Club, RFL          | Local               | S        | M          | L    | Protect Enhance |
| 191     | Chorley Cricket Club                          | 1208081          | PR7 1LG  | Cricket          | Sport Club      | One good quality square with 16 grass wickets and an NTP home to Chorley CC.  | Sustain square quality through dedicated maintenance regime.  | Sports Club, ECB         | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect         |
| 191     | Chorley Cricket Club                          | 1208081          | PR7 1LG  | Tennis           | Sports Club     | Five good quality macadam courts that are sports lit. There are two dedicated outdoor pickleball courts at this site.   | Sustain court quality through an enhanced maintenance regime.   | Sports Club, LTA         | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect         |
| 194     | Chorley Subscription Bowling Green            | -                | PR7 1LN  | Bowls            | Sport Club      | One good quality crown bowling green home to Chorley Subscription BC which is provided with sports lighting.  | Sustain green quality through dedicated maintenance regime.   | Sports Club, BCGBA       | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect         |
| 197     | Coppull Conservative Club                     | -                | PR7 5DF  | Bowls            | Sports Club     | One good quality crown bowling green home to Coppull BC. The site is serviced with sports lighting and good quality ancillary provision.  | Sustain green quality through dedicated maintenance regime.   | Sports Club, BCGBA       | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect         |
| 198     | Coppull United                                | -                | PR7 5HD  | Football         | Sports Club     | One standard quality adult pitch home to Chorley Women FC and Coppull United. The site is serviced by standard quality ancillary provision. Demand plays in the Regional Feeder League.   | Sustain pitch quality through dedicated maintenance regime. Ensure relevant provision meets NLS ground grading requirements as needed.                                  | Sports Club, LFA, FF     | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect         |
| 199     | Coronation Recreation Ground                  | 1042965          | PR7 2DJ  | Bowls            | Local Authority | Two standard quality crown bowling greens which are provided with sports lighting but without ancillary provision.  | Sustain green quality through dedicated maintenance regime.   | Local Authority, BCGBA   | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect         |
| 199     | Coronation Recreation Ground                  | 1042965          | PR7 2DJ  | Tennis / Netball | Local Authority | One standard quality macadam court overmarked with tennis and netball.  | Sustain court quality through dedicated maintenance regime.   | Local Authority, LTA, EN | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect         |
| 200     | Croston Sports Club                           | 1040868          | PR26 9RR | Football         | Sport Club      | One standard quality adult pitch overplayed by one MES home to Croston Sports Club & Juniors. The site is serviced by standard quality ancillary provision.   | Sustain pitch quality through dedicated maintenance regime. Explore feasibility options of having 3G provision at this.   | Sports Club, LFA, FF     | Key Centre          | M        | S          | H    | Protect Provide |

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|---------|-------------------------------------|------------------|----------|--------------------|------------------------|---|---|------------------------------|---------------------|----------|------------|------|-------------------------------|
|         |                                     |                  |          |                    |                        | Club has future aspirations to create 3G provision at this site, but no plans have been imposed to date Demand plays in the Regional Feeder League.   | Ensure relevant provision meets NLS ground grading requirements as needed.  |                              |                     |          |            |      |                               |
| 200     | Croston Sports Club                 | 1040868          | PR26 9RR | Cricket            | Sports Club            | One good quality square with 12 grass wickets and an NTP home to Croston CC. The site is serviced by standard quality ancillary provision that are not compatible for women's and girls' demand. There is actual spare capacity to accommodate one additional Sunday and three midweek teams. | Sustain square quality through dedicated maintenance regime. Utilise spare capacity to accommodate future demand and/or alleviate shortfalls. Explore the feasibility of improving ancillary provision. | Sports Club, ECB             | Key centre          | M        | M          | M    | Protect<br>Enhance<br>Provide |
| 200     | Croston Sports Club                 | 1040868          | PR26 9RR | Tennis             | Sports Club            | Three good quality macadam courts.  | Sustain court quality through dedicated maintenance regime.   | Sports Club, LTA             | Key centre          | L        | L          | L    | Protect                       |
| 203     | East Ward Conservative Club         | -                | PR6 0AT  | Bowls              | Community Organisation | One good quality crown bowling green home to East Ward BC. The site is serviced by sports lighting and good quality ancillary provision.  | Sustain green quality through dedicated maintenance regime.   | Community Organisation BCGBA | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect                       |
| 210     | Fairview Youth and Community Centre | 30004778         | PR6 9RN  | Football (Disused) | Local Authority        | The mini 7v7 pitch at this site is no longer actively marked and therefore has not been included in the analysis. The land is still available to hire and is maintained by the Council.   | Look to reinstate the pitch to reduce overall shortfalls.   | Local Authority, LFA, FF     | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect<br>Enhance<br>Provide |
| 211     | Gillett Playing Fields              | 1208107          | PR6 9EE  | Football           | Local Authority        | One standard quality youth 11v11 pitch with actual spare capacity of one MES. Planning permission has been granted for a new pavilion including changing facilities and car parking to accommodate both football and cricket.   | Improve pitch quality through an enhanced maintenance regime. Following a successful planning application, develop the new pavilion and car parking to better accommodate the demand onsite.            | Local Authority, LFA, FF     | Local               | H        | H          | H    | Protect<br>Enhance<br>Provide |
| 211     | Gillett Playing Fields              | 1208107          | PR6 9EE  | Cricket            | Local Authority        | A good quality eight wicket square that has no additional capacity for further demand. Planning permission has been granted for a new pavilion including changing facilities and car parking to accommodate both football and cricket.  | Sustain square with appropriate levels of maintenance. Following a successful planning application, develop the new pavilion and car parking to better accommodate the demand onsite.                   | Local Authority, ECB         | Local               | H        | H          | H    | Protect<br>Enhance<br>Provide |
| 212     | Buttermere Green                    | 1069939          | PR7 2JG  | Football           | Local Authority        | One poor quality mini 7v7 pitch with actual spare capacity discounted due to quality.   | Improve pitch quality through enhanced maintenance regime.  | Local Authority, LFA, FF     | Local               | M        | S          | L    | Protect<br>Enhance            |
| 215     | Harpers Lane Recreation Ground      | -                | PR6 0HP  | Bowls              | Local Authority        | One standard quality crown green without ancillary provision.   | Sustain green quality through dedicated maintenance regime.   | Local Authority, BCGBA       | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect                       |

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|---------|--------------------------------|------------------|----------|----------|-----------------|---|---|--------------------------|---------------------|----------|------------|------|-------------------------|
| 215     | Harpers Lane Recreation Ground | -                | PR6 0HP  | BMX      | Local Authority | One standard quality BMX pump track.  | Protect track for community use.  | Local Authority          | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect                 |
| 217     | Highfield Primary School       | -                | PR6 0SP  | Football | Education       | One community available poor quality mini 7v7 pitch with actual spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure.   | Improve pitch quality as required to better meet curricular, extracurricular and community demand.  | Education, LFA, FF       | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect Enhance         |
| 220     | Holy Cross High School         | 1201360          | PR7 3LS  | Football | Education       | Two youth 11v11 and one mini 7v7 all of which are of good quality and home to Chorley Wanderers Juniors. The site is serviced by poor quality ancillary provision and is in need of refurbishment due to school and community use.  | Sustain pitch quality through dedicated maintenance regime. Explore the feasibility of improving ancillary provision on site.   | Education, LFA, FF       | Key centre          | M        | M          | M    | Protect Enhance         |
| 220     | Holy Cross High School         | 1201360          | PR7 3LS  | Hockey   | Education       | One full size hockey AGP serviced by sports lighting and available for community use. Pitch was resurfaced in 2021 and is of a good quality. Site is predominantly used to accommodate football training demand and is not currently used to accommodate match play on weekends. No hockey clubs are currently accessing this site. | Sustain pitch quality through dedicated maintenance regime. Ensure future sinking fund is in place for future refurbishment when necessary. Leyland & Chorley HC and Chorley Phoenix HC to utilise this pitch on a short term basis whilst the pitch at Buckshaw Village Community Association is being resurfaced. | Education, EH            | Key centre          | L        | S          | L    | Protect                 |
| 220     | Holy Cross High School         | 1201360          | PR7 3LS  | Netball  | Education       | Three standard quality macadam courts that are available for community use but not sports lit.  | Sustain court quality as required to meet curricular, extracurricular and community demand.   | Education, EN            | Key centre          | L        | L          | L    | Protect                 |
| 222     | Jubilee Playing Pitches        | 6006718          | PR7 4LA  | Football | Local Authority | One adult and one youth 11v11 both of a standard quality and available for community use. The site is without ancillary provision.  | Improve pitch quality through an enhanced maintenance regime.   | Local Authority, LFA, FF | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect Enhance         |
| 223     | King George V Field            | 1208109          | PR6 9LP  | Football | Local Authority | Two mini 5v5, two mini 7v7, two youth 9v9, and two youth 11v11 all of which are a poor quality. All youth pitches are overplayed by a total of two MES. The site is home to Adlington JFC. The site is serviced by good quality ancillary provision.  | Improve pitch quality through enhanced maintenance regime to alleviate overplay.  | Local Authority, LFA, FF | Local               | M        | S          | L    | Protect Enhance         |
| 229     | Parklands High School          | 1008060          | PR7 1LL  | Football | Education       | One adult and one youth 9v9 both of which are of a standard quality and available for community use. The site has actual spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure.  | Improve pitch quality through an enhanced maintenance regime. Look to formalise community use agreement to provide security of tenure.  | Education, LFA, FF       | Key centre          | L        | L          | L    | Protect Enhance Provide |

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|---------|------------------------|------------------|----------|--------------|------------|---|--|--------------------|---------------------|----------|------------|------|-------------------------|
| 229     | Parklands High School  | 1008060          | PR7 1LL  | 3G           | Education  | One 11v11 3G pitch serviced by sports lighting and available for community use out of curricular hours. The pitch was installed in 2024 and is of a good quality. It has FIFA certification due to expire in May 2027.  | Sustain pitch quality through dedicated maintenance regime.<br>Ensure sinking fund is in place for future refurbishment.<br>Ensure pitch is retested as required to remain FIFA certified. | Education, LFA, FF | Key centre          | L        | L          | L    | Protect                 |
| 229     | Parklands High School  | 1008060          | PR7 1LL  | Tennis       | Education  | Four good quality macadam courts unavailable for community use.   | Sustain court quality curricular use.  | Education, LTA     | Key centre          | L        | L          | L    | Protect                 |
| 229     | Parklands High School  | 1008060          | PR7 1LL  | Netball      | Education  | Three good quality macadam courts.<br>Leyland Excel Netball Club is a community netball club that accesses this site.   | Sustain court quality as appropriate to meet curricular, extracurricular and community demand.   | Education, LTA     | Key centre          | L        | L          | L    | Protect                 |
| 220     | Parklands High School  | 1008060          | PR7 1LL  | Rugby union  | Education  | One poor quality (M0/D0) senior rugby union pitch which is overplayed by 0.5 MES. The pitch is available for community use.   | Improve pitch quality through enhanced maintenance regime.   | Education, RFU     | Key centre          | L        | L          | L    | Protect Enhance         |
| 220     | Parklands High School  | 1008060          | PR7 1LL  | Rugby league | Education  | One standard quality senior pitch that has spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure.  | Improve pitch quality through enhanced maintenance regime.   | Education, RFL     | Key centre          | L        | L          | L    | Protect Enhance         |
| 230     | Rivington Bowling Club | -                | BL6 7SE  | Bowls        | Sport Club | One good quality crown bowling green home to Rivington BC. The site is serviced by good quality ancillary provision.  | Sustain green quality through dedicated maintenance regime.  | Sports Club, BCGBA | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect                 |
| 232     | Southlands High School | 6015121          | PR7 2NJ  | Football     | Education  | Two youth 11v11, one youth 9v9, and one mini 7v7 pitch which are all standard quality. The youth 9v9 pitch is currently overplayed by one MES.<br>It's in early discussions with relevant stakeholders to improve all grass pitches, the creation of an additional pitch and refurbishment of the existing AGP with Chorley FC Women. | Improve pitch quality through an enhanced maintenance regime.<br>Look to formalise community use agreement to provide security of tenure.  | Education, LFA, FF | Key centre          | M        | S          | L    | Protect Enhance         |
| 232     | Southlands High School | 6015121          | PR7 2NJ  | Hockey       | Education  | One smaller sized AGP which is serviced with sports lighting and is available for community use. Early discussions to refurbish this with a 3G surface in relation to partnership with Chorley FC Women.  | As the pitch is not required for hockey look to refurbish to 3G in partnership with Chorley FC Women.  | Education, EH      | Key centre          | M        | S          | L    | Protect Enhance         |
| 232     | Southlands High School | 6015121          | PR7 2NJ  | Netball      | Education  | Three poor quality macadam courts used by Chorley Inferno Netball Club.   | Improve court quality through enhanced maintenance regime.<br>Look to add sports lighting to allow for year-round usage.   | Education, EN      | Key centre          | L        | L          | L    | Protect Enhance Provide |

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|---------|-----------------------------|------------------|----------|-------------------|------------------------|--|---|--------------------------------|---------------------|----------|------------|------|-------------------------|
| 234     | St George's Club            | -                | PR7 2DW  | Bowls             | Community Organisation | One good quality crown green home to St Georges BC. The site is serviced by good quality ancillary provision.  | Sustain green quality through dedicated maintenance regime.   | Community Organisation , BCGBA | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect                 |
| 235     | St Joseph's Club            | -                | PR6 0HR  | Bowls             | Community Organisation | One good quality crown green home to St Joseph's Chorley BC. The site serviced by good quality ancillary provision.  | Sustain green quality through dedicated maintenance regime.   | Community Organisation , BCGBA | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect                 |
| 236     | St Mary's Club              | -                | PR7 2BY  | Bowls             | Community Organisation | One standard quality crown green serviced by good quality ancillary provision.   | Sustain green quality through dedicated maintenance regime.   | Community Organisation , BCGBA | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect                 |
| 237     | St Michael's CE High School | 1201754          | PR7 1RS  | Football          | Education              | One youth 11v11 and one youth 9v9 pitch which are both standard quality, and one poor quality mini 5v5 pitch. The site has actual spare capacity which has been discounted due to unsure tenure. | Improve pitch quality through enhanced maintenance regime. Look to formalise community use agreement to provide security of tenure. | Education, LFA, FF             | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect Enhance         |
| 237     | St Michael's CE High School | 1201754          | PR7 1RS  | Rugby union       | Education              | One poor quality (M0/D0) senior rugby union pitch which is available for community use but not provided with sports lighting. The pitch is currently overplayed by 0.5 MES.                      | Improve pitch quality through enhanced maintenance regime to reduce overplay on site.   | Education, RFU                 | Local               | L        | S          | L    | Protect Enhance         |
| 237     | St Michael's CE High School | 1201754          | PR7 1RS  | Tennis            | Education              | Four good quality macadam courts available for community use but no provided with sports lighting.   | Sustain court quality through dedicated maintenance regime. Look to add sports lighting to allow for year-round usage.              | Education, LTA                 | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect Enhance Provide |
| 237     | St Michael's CE High School | 1201754          | PR7 1RS  | Netball           | Education              | Three good quality macadam courts which are not provided with sports lighting. The courts are used by Leyland Netball Club.  | Sustain court quality through dedicated maintenance regime. Look to add sports lighting to allow for year-round usage.              | Education, EN                  | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect Provide         |
| 237     | St Michael's CE High School | 1201754          | PR7 1RS  | Cricket (disused) | Education              | One disused cricket square.  | Look to reinstate the pitch to reduce overall shortfalls.   | Education, LCF, ECB            | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect                 |
| 238     | St Paul's Bowling Club      | -                | PR6 9QZ  | Bowls             | Sports Club            | One standard quality crown bowling green which is provided with sports lighting. The green is home to St Paul's Adlington.   | Sustain green quality through dedicated maintenance regime.   | Sports Club, BCGBA             | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect                 |
| 240     | Tatton Recreation Ground    | -                | PR6 0PR  | Bowls             | Local Authority        | One standard quality crown bowling green which is provided with sports lighting and is home to Tatton BC. The site is serviced by good quality ancillary provision.                              | Sustain green quality through dedicated maintenance regime.   | Local Authority, BCGBA         | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect                 |

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| Site ID | Site  | Active Places ID | Postcode | Sport    | Management      | Current status  | Recommended actions   | Partners                 | Site hierarchy tier | Priority | Timescales | Cost | Aim                     |
|---------|---|------------------|----------|----------|-----------------|---|---|--------------------------|---------------------|----------|------------|------|-------------------------|
| 243     | Victory Park - Chorley FC                         | 6016098          | PR7 3DU  | Football | Sport Club      | One standard quality adult pitch home to Chorley FC. The site is serviced by good quality ancillary provision. The Club is at Step 2 in the NLS.  | Improve pitch quality through an enhanced maintenance regime. Ensure site meets relevant requirements for progression within the NLS. | Sports Club, LFA, FF     | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect Enhance         |
| 248     | Wigan Lane Playing Field                          | 6008544          | PR7 4BY  | Football | Local Authority | One standard quality youth 11v11 pitch with actual spare capacity of one MES.   | Improve pitch quality through an enhanced maintenance regime to utilise actual spare capacity.  | Local Authority, LFA, FF | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect Enhance Provide |
| 257     | St Josephs Catholic Primary School                | 6012839          | PR6 0JF  | Football | Education       | One poor quality mini 7v7 pitch which is overplayed by one MES per week. Freestyle Urban Soccer use this site and reports no purpose-built ancillary provision or toilet facilities on site.  | Improve pitch quality through enhanced maintenance regime to alleviate quality.   | Education, LFA, FF       | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect Enhance         |
| 269     | Rivington and Blackrod high school (upper School) | 1201526          | BL6 7RU  | Football | Education       | One mini 5v5 and one mini 7v7 pitch both of which are of a poor quality, one adult and one youth 9v9 pitch which are standard quality. The adult pitch is overplayed by 4.5 MES and both mini pitches are overplayed by a total of 1.5 MES. | Improve pitch quality through enhanced maintenance regime to alleviate overplay. Look to secure tenure for users via a CUA.           | Education, LFA, FF       | Local               | M        | M          | M    | Protect Enhance         |
| 269     | Rivington and Blackrod high school (upper School) | 1201526          | BL6 7RU  | Cricket  | Education       | One standalone NTP unavailable for community use.   | Sustain quality for curricular use.   | Education, ECB           | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect                 |
| 331     | St Johns C of E Primary School                    | -                | PR7 5DU  | Football | Education       | One poor quality mini 7v7 pitch with actual spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure. The site is without ancillary provision.  | Improve pitch quality through enhanced maintenance regime. Look to formalise community use agreement to provide security of tenure.   | Education, LFA, FF       | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect Enhance         |
| 335     | Cottage Fields                                    | -                | PR7 3QE  | Football | Local Authority | One poor quality mini 5v5 pitch available with actual spare capacity discounted due to poor quality. The site is without ancillary provision.   | Improve pitch quality through enhanced maintenance regime.  | Local Authority, LFA, FF | Local               | L        | S          | L    | Protect Enhance         |
| 336     | Tansley Park                                      | -                | PR7 5DJ  | Football | Parish Council  | One poor quality mini 5v5 pitch with actual spare capacity discounted due to poor quality. The site is without ancillary provision  | Improve pitch quality through enhanced maintenance regime.  | Parish Council, LFA, FF  | Local               | L        | S          | L    | Protect Enhance         |
| 345     | Gillibrand Playing Pitches                        | -                | PR7 2JQ  | Football | Local Authority | One mini 5v5, one youth 9v9, and one youth 11v11 pitch which are all a good quality used by Freestyle Urban Soccer. The site is serviced by good quality ancillary provision.   | Sustain pitch quality through dedicated maintenance regime.   | Local Authority, LFA, FF | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect                 |

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## CHORLEY - EAST ANALYSIS AREA

### Area summary – pitch sports<sup>19</sup>

| Area                    | Pitch type                             | Current capacity total in MES <sup>[1]</sup>               | Future capacity total in MES (2041) <sup>20</sup>          |
|-------------------------|--|--|--|
| <b>Football (grass)</b> | -                                      | -  | -  |
| East                    | Adult                                  | Played to capacity   | Played to capacity   |
| East                    | Youth 11v11                            | Shortfall of 1.5   | Shortfall of 1.5   |
| East                    | Youth 9v9                              | Shortfall of 1   | Shortfall of 1   |
| East                    | Mini 7v7                               | Played to capacity   | Played to capacity   |
| East                    | Mini 5v5                               | Played to capacity   | Played to capacity   |
| <b>Chorley</b>          | <b>Adult</b>                           | <b>Shortfall of 5.5</b>                                    | <b>Shortfall of 6.5</b>                                    |
| <b>Chorley</b>          | <b>Youth 11v11</b>                     | <b>Shortfall of 5</b>                                      | <b>Shortfall of 7.5</b>                                    |
| <b>Chorley</b>          | <b>Youth 9v9</b>                       | <b>Shortfall of 5</b>                                      | <b>Shortfall of 6</b>                                      |
| <b>Chorley</b>          | <b>Mini 7v7</b>                        | <b>Shortfall of 1.5</b>                                    | <b>Shortfall of 3</b>                                      |
| <b>Chorley</b>          | <b>Mini 5v5</b>                        | <b>Shortfall of 1</b>                                      | <b>Shortfall of 1.5</b>                                    |
| <b>Football (3G)</b>    | -                                      | -  | -  |
| East                    | 11v11                                  | Shortfall of one pitch                                     | Shortfall of one pitch                                     |
| <b>Chorley</b>          | <b>11v11</b>                           | <b>Shortfall of 2 pitches</b>                              | <b>Shortfall of 3 pitches</b>                              |
| <b>Cricket</b>          | -                                      | -  | -  |
| East                    | Saturday                               | Spare capacity of 10                                       | Spare capacity of 10                                       |
| East                    | Sunday                                 | Spare capacity of 30                                       | Spare capacity of 30                                       |
| East                    | Midweek                                | Spare capacity of 16                                       | Spare capacity of 10                                       |
| <b>Chorley</b>          | <b>Saturday</b>                        | <b>Spare capacity of 16</b>                                | <b>Shortfall of 8</b>                                      |
| <b>Chorley</b>          | <b>Sunday</b>                          | <b>Spare capacity of 56</b>                                | <b>Spare capacity of 56</b>                                |
| <b>Chorley</b>          | <b>Midweek</b>                         | <b>Spare capacity of 100</b>                               | <b>Spare capacity of 118</b>                               |
| <b>Rugby union</b>      | -                                      | -  | -  |
| <b>Chorley</b>          | <b>Senior</b>                          | <b>Shortfall of 1</b>                                      | <b>Shortfall of 1</b>                                      |
| <b>Rugby league</b>     | -                                      | -  | -  |
| <b>Chorley</b>          | <b>Senior</b>                          | <b>Shortfall of 2.5</b>                                    | <b>Shortfall of 2.5</b>                                    |
| <b>Chorley</b>          | <b>Junior</b>                          | <b>Played to capacity</b>                                  | <b>Shortfall of 0.5</b>                                    |
| <b>Chorley</b>          | <b>Mini</b>                            | <b>Played to capacity</b>                                  | <b>Played to capacity</b>                                  |
| <b>Hockey</b>           | -                                      | -  | -  |
| <b>Chorley</b>          | <b>Full size, with sports lighting</b> | <b>Sufficient supply if Buckshaw Village is resurfaced</b> | <b>Sufficient supply if Buckshaw Village is resurfaced</b> |

### Area summary – non-pitch sports

| Sport            | Headline findings   |
|------------------|---|
| <b>Athletics</b> | There is one formal athletics track in Central Lancashire provided in the Preston North West located at University of Lancashire. Additionally, there is one 100m synthetic track located at West Way Sports Hub in the Chorley West Analysis Area. It cannot be said that supply is sufficient to meet demand given that Chorley Athletics and Tri Club is currently exporting some of its demand to Bolton due to the lack of facilities in the area, |

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

<sup>20</sup> It should be noted that this future demand figure is at a Boroughwide level, and some analysis areas may have greater shortfalls than others.

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| Sport               | Headline findings   |
|---------------------|---|
| <b>Bowls</b>        | Supply is considered sufficient to meet demand in the Chorley East Analysis Area with five greens provided. Clubs should be monitored to ensure their existing provision remains sufficient. It should be noted that two greens are assessed as poor quality located at Houghton Cricket Club and Ley Inn Bowling Club, support should be given to the clubs to improve the green quality to continue to adequately accommodate demand.   |
| <b>Tennis</b>       | With four community available courts provided in the Chorley East Analysis Area for club-based tennis, supply is considered sufficient to meet demand. It should be noted that the courts located at Houghton Cricket Club are poor quality and in need of resurfacing. Away from clubs, no courts are identified as having any capacity issues, and previously expressed latent demand is likely to have been met. However, it is also likely that informal demand will continue to increase following the improvements to courts.   |
| <b>Netball</b>      | There are currently no community available netball courts located in the Chorley East Analysis Area. However, it's said that all demand is being adequately accommodated in the surrounding analysis areas.   |
| <b>Cycling</b>      | It is considered that demand for cycling across Central Lancashire is being adequately accommodated. There is one good quality BMX Pump Track located at Coppull BMX (Chisnall Lane) and one standard quality BMX Pump Track at Harpers Lane Recreation Ground, of which both are in Chorley. Only the track at Coppull BMX is provided with sports lighting.   |
| <b>Other sports</b> | <p>Outdoor water sports in Chorley, Preston, and South Ribble are moderately well served, particularly in the Preston area where the Dock Basin supports a variety of water-based activities.</p> <p>The climbing and bouldering offer in Chorley, Preston, and South Ribble is strongly centred around two modern indoor facilities — Boulder UK and PrestonWall — both of which cater for a wide range of climbers from complete beginners to experienced athletes.</p> <p>Supply is currently insufficient for American football with the Club accessing multiple sites across Central Lancashire due to the lack of dedicated American football provision.</p> <p>Archery across Central Lancashire is well catered for through facilities such as: Wigan Lane Sports and Community Hub, Clayton Green Sports Centre and Preston Grasshoppers RFC, meaning that archery is particularly well catered for when it comes to both indoor and outdoor venues.</p> <p>Pickleball across Central Lancashire is well catered for through facilities such as: Chorley Tennis Club, All seasons Leisure Centre, Clayton Green Sports Centre, Sir Tom Finney Sports Centre, Bamber Bridge Leisure Centre and Leyland Leisure Centre meaning that pickleball is particularly well catered for when it comes to both indoor and outdoor venues.</p> <p>Across Central Lancashire, supply is considered sufficient for basketball given the number of dedicated facilities available to the Community. However, there is a clear need to improve and retain the current supply in ways that can attract and better accommodate more users at sites such as Haslam Park, Moor Park and Smith's Recreation Ground.</p> |

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| Site ID | Site                                   | Active Places ID | Postcode | Sport            | Management             | Current status   | Recommended actions  | Partners                       | Site hierarchy tier | Priority | Timescales | Cost | Aim             |
|---------|--|------------------|----------|------------------|------------------------|--|--|--------------------------------|---------------------|----------|------------|------|-----------------|
| 34      | Hoghton Cricket Club                   | -                | PR5 0SG  | Cricket          | Sports Club            | One good quality square with 14 grass wickets home to Hoghton CC. Spare capacity on Sunday and Midweek. The Club aspires to expand and improve current pavilion and is looking for funding support.  | Sustain square quality through dedicated maintenance regime. Utilise spare capacity to accommodate future demand / alleviate shortfalls. Explore the feasibility of improving ancillary provision on site. | Sport Club, ECB                | Local               | M        | M          | M    | Protect Enhance |
| 34      | Hoghton Cricket Club                   | -                | PR5 0SG  | Bowls            | Sports Club            | One poor quality crown bowling green which is serviced by good quality ancillary provision.  | Improve green quality through enhanced maintenance regime.   | Sports Club, BCGBA             | Local               | M        | S          | L    | Protect Enhance |
| 180     | Brinscall St John Primary School       | 6012766          | PR6 8PT  | Football         | Education              | Two mini 7v7 pitches which are good quality and used by Brinscall Village FC. The site is without ancillary provision.   | Sustain pitch quality through dedicated maintenance regime.  | Education, LFA, FF             | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect         |
| 181     | Brinscall Village Junior Football Club | -                | PR6 8PY  | Football         | Sport Club             | One good quality youth 11v11 pitch used by Brinscall Village FC. The site is without ancillary provision.  | Sustain pitch quality through dedicated maintenance regime.  | Sports Club, LFA, FF           | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect         |
| 181     | Brinscall Village Junior Football Club | -                | PR6 8PY  | Cricket          | Sports Club            | One standard quality cricket square with 16 grass wickets which is available for community use. Spare capacity on Sunday and Midweek.  | Sustain square quality through dedicated maintenance regime. Utilise spare capacity to accommodate future demand / alleviate shortfalls.   | Sports Club, ECB               | Local               | L        | S          | L    | Protect Enhance |
| 181     | Brinscall Village Junior Football Club | -                | PR6 8PY  | Bowls            | Sports Club            | One good quality crown bowling green which is home to Brinscall BC.  | Sustain green quality through dedicated maintenance regime.  | Sports Club, BCGBA             | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect         |
| 181     | Brinscall Village Junior Football Club | -                | PR6 8PY  | Tennis (Disused) | Sports Club            | Two tennis courts at this site which are now disused.  | Look to reinstate the courts for community demand.   | Sports Club LTA                | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Enhance Provide |
| 184     | Buckshaw Village Community Association | 1038194          | PR7 7BF  | Football         | Community Organisation | Two youth 11v11 pitches which are poor quality and used by Astley & Buckshaw Juniors and Euxton Girls. Both pitches are overplayed by 1.5 MES collectively. The site is serviced by standard quality ancillary provision.                                    | Improve pitch quality through dedicated maintenance regime to reduce overplay.   | Community Organisation LFA, FF | Local               | M        | S          | L    | Protect Enhance |
| 184     | Buckshaw Village Community Association | 1038194          | PR7 7BF  | Hockey           | Community Organisation | One full size AGP serviced with sports lighting accessed by Leyland & Chorley HC and Chorley Phoenix HC on an unsecure monthly rental. The pitch is poor quality due to its age (20 years old). It's planned for the pitch to have a full resurface in 2026. | Carrying out the agreed full pitch resurface to continue to safely accommodate hockey demand. Look to formalise community use agreement to provide security of tenure.                                     | Community Organisation EH      | Local               | H        | S          | H    | Protect Enhance |

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| Site ID | Site                                     | Active Places ID | Postcode | Sport    | Management            | Current status  | Recommended actions  | Partners                 | Site hierarchy tier | Priority | Timescales | Cost | Aim                     |
|---------|--|------------------|----------|----------|-----------------------|---|--|--------------------------|---------------------|----------|------------|------|-------------------------|
| 196     | Clayton Green Sports Centre              | 1004590          | PR6 7TL  | 3G       | Commercial Management | Two standard quality small sized 3G pitches which are serviced with sports lighting and available for community use.  | Sustain pitch quality through dedicated maintenance regime. Ensure sinking fund is in place for future refurbishments when needed. | Commercial, LFA, FF      | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect                 |
| 213     | Great Green's Lane Playing Pitch         | 6007368          | PR5 8HL  | Football | Local Authority       | One poor quality adult pitch with actual spare capacity discounted due to poor quality. The site is without ancillary provision.  | Improve pitch quality through enhanced maintenance regime.   | Local Authority, LFA, FF | Local               | L        | S          | L    | Protect Enhance         |
| 224     | Ley Inn Bowling Club                     | -                | PR6 7EU  | Bowls    | Sport Club            | One poor quality crown bowling green which is serviced by good quality ancillary provision.   | Improve green quality through enhanced maintenance regime.   | Sports Club, BCGBA       | Local               | M        | S          | L    | Provide Enhance         |
| 231     | Sandy Lane, Brinscall (BWARA)            | -                | PR6 8PT  | Football | Sports Club           | One good quality youth 9v9 pitch which is home to Brinscall Village JFC. The site is serviced by poor quality ancillary provision which needs improving to cater for all demand using the site.   | Sustain pitch quality through dedicated maintenance regime. Explore feasibility of improving ancillary provision on site.          | Sports Club, LFA, FF     | Local               | M        | M          | M    | Protect Enhance         |
| 233     | St Chad's Bowling Club                   | -                | PR6 8AJ  | Bowls    | Sports Club           | One standard quality crown bowling green which is home to St Chads BC.  | Sustain green quality through dedicated maintenance regime.  | Sports Club, BCGBA       | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect                 |
| 245     | White Coppice Cricket Club               | 1208112          | PR6 9DE  | Cricket  | Sport Club            | One standard quality cricket square which provides eight grass wickets and is home to White Coppice CC. The site is serviced with a mobile training net.  | Improve square quality through dedicated maintenance regime.   | Sports Club, ECB         | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect Enhance         |
| 246     | Whittle and Clayton le Wood Cricket Club | -                | PR6 7EA  | Cricket  | Sports Club           | One good quality cricket square which provides eight grass wickets and is home to Whittle and Clayton Le Wood CC. The site is serviced by one fixed bay, one mobile training net and poor ancillary provision that isn't compatible for women's and girls' demand.        | Sustain pitch quality through dedicated maintenance regime. Explore feasibility of improving ancillary provision on site.          | Sports Club, ECB         | Local               | M        | M          | M    | Protect Enhance Provide |
| 247     | Whittle-le-Woods FC                      | 1041612          | PR6 7EA  | Football | Sport Club            | One good quality adult pitch which is home to Whittle Wanderers FC. The site is serviced by standard quality ancillary provision.   | Sustain pitch quality through dedicated maintenance regime.  | Sports Club, ECB         | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect                 |
| 249     | Withnell Fold Sports and Social Club     | 1041113          | PR6 8BA  | Cricket  | Sport Club            | One good quality cricket square which provides 11 grass wickets and is home to Withnell Fold CC. The site is serviced by two fixed bay training nets, mobile training nets and standard quality ancillary provision that is not compatible for women's and girls' demand. | Sustain pitch quality through dedicated maintenance regime. Explore feasibility of improving ancillary provision on site.          | Sport Club, ECB          | Local               | M        | M          | M    | Protect Enhance provide |

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| Site ID | Site                                   | Active Places ID | Postcode | Sport    | Management  | Current status  | Recommended actions  | Partners             | Site hierarchy tier | Priority | Timescales | Cost | Aim             |
|---------|--|------------------|----------|----------|-------------|---|--|----------------------|---------------------|----------|------------|------|-----------------|
| 249     | Withnell Fold Sports and Social Club   | 1041113          | PR6 8BA  | Bowls    | Sport Club  | One good quality green used by Withnell Fold Bowling Club.  | Sustain green quality with appropriate maintenance.  | Sports Club, BCGBA   | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect         |
| 263     | Brindle Gregson Lane Primary School    | -                | PR5 0DR  | Football | Education   | One poor quality youth 9v9 pitch which is used by Walton North End JFC. The site is currently overplayed by one MES and is not serviced with ancillary provision. | Improve pitch quality through enhanced maintenance regime to reduce overplay on site.  | Education, LFA, FF   | Local               | M        | M          | M    | Protect Enhance |
| 267     | Clayton-le-woods C of E Primary School | 6012743          | PR6 7EU  | Football | Education   | One poor quality mini 7v7 pitch which is used by Whittle Wanderers FC.  | Improve pitch quality through enhanced maintenance regime.   | Education, LFA, FF   | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect Enhance |
| 277     | Abbey Village (BVJFC)                  | -                | PR6 8DA  | Football | Sports Club | One good quality youth 11v11 pitch which is home to Brinscall Village JFC. The site is serviced by standard quality ancillary provision.                          | Sustain pitch quality through enhanced maintenance regime.   | Sports Club, LFA, FF | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect         |
| 280     | David Lloyd Club (Chorley)             | 1001591          | PR6 8AB  | Tennis   | Sports Club | Four good quality artificial tennis courts which are available for community use and one of which is serviced by sports lighting.                                 | Sustain court quality through dedicated maintenance regime. Look to add sports lighting to remaining courts to allow for year-round usage. | Sports Club, LTA     | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect Provide |

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## CHORLEY - WEST ANALYSIS AREA

### Area summary – pitch sports<sup>21</sup>

| Area                    | Pitch type                             | Current capacity total in MES <sup>[1]</sup>               | Future capacity total in MES (2041) <sup>22</sup>          |
|-------------------------|--|--|--|
| <b>Football (grass)</b> | -                                      | -  | -  |
| West                    | Adult                                  | Shortfall of 1   | Shortfall of 1   |
| West                    | Youth 11v11                            | Shortfall of 4   | Shortfall of 4   |
| West                    | Youth 9v9                              | Shortfall of 2.5   | Shortfall of 2.5   |
| West                    | Mini 7v7                               | Played to capacity   | Played to capacity   |
| West                    | Mini 5v5                               | Played to capacity   | Played to capacity   |
| <b>Chorley</b>          | <b>Adult</b>                           | <b>Shortfall of 5.5</b>                                    | <b>Shortfall of 6.5</b>                                    |
| <b>Chorley</b>          | <b>Youth 11v11</b>                     | <b>Shortfall of 5</b>                                      | <b>Shortfall of 7.5</b>                                    |
| <b>Chorley</b>          | <b>Youth 9v9</b>                       | <b>Shortfall of 5</b>                                      | <b>Shortfall of 6</b>                                      |
| <b>Chorley</b>          | <b>Mini 7v7</b>                        | <b>Shortfall of 1.5</b>                                    | <b>Shortfall of 3</b>                                      |
| <b>Chorley</b>          | <b>Mini 5v5</b>                        | <b>Shortfall of 1</b>                                      | <b>Shortfall of 1.5</b>                                    |
| <b>Football (3G)</b>    | -                                      | -  | -  |
| West                    | 11v11                                  | Played to capacity   | Played to capacity   |
| <b>Chorley</b>          | <b>11v11</b>                           | <b>Shortfall of 2 pitches</b>                              | <b>Shortfall of 3 pitches</b>                              |
| <b>Cricket</b>          | -                                      | -  | -  |
| West                    | Saturday                               | Spare capacity of 12                                       | Played to capacity   |
| West                    | Sunday                                 | Spare capacity of 16                                       | Spare capacity of 16                                       |
| West                    | Midweek                                | Spare capacity of 60                                       | Spare capacity of 54                                       |
| <b>Chorley</b>          | <b>Saturday</b>                        | <b>Spare capacity of 16</b>                                | <b>Shortfall of 8</b>                                      |
| <b>Chorley</b>          | <b>Sunday</b>                          | <b>Spare capacity of 56</b>                                | <b>Spare capacity of 56</b>                                |
| <b>Chorley</b>          | <b>Midweek</b>                         | <b>Spare capacity of 100</b>                               | <b>Spare capacity of 118</b>                               |
| <b>Rugby union</b>      | -                                      | -  | -  |
| <b>Chorley</b>          | <b>Senior</b>                          | <b>Shortfall of 1</b>                                      | <b>Shortfall of 1</b>                                      |
| <b>Rugby league</b>     | -                                      | -  | -  |
| <b>Chorley</b>          | <b>Senior</b>                          | <b>Shortfall of 2.5</b>                                    | <b>Shortfall of 2.5</b>                                    |
| <b>Chorley</b>          | <b>Junior</b>                          | <b>Played to capacity</b>                                  | <b>Shortfall of 0.5</b>                                    |
| <b>Chorley</b>          | <b>Mini</b>                            | <b>Played to capacity</b>                                  | <b>Played to capacity</b>                                  |
| <b>Hockey</b>           | -                                      | -  | -  |
| <b>Chorley</b>          | <b>Full size, with sports lighting</b> | <b>Sufficient supply if Buckshaw Village is resurfaced</b> | <b>Sufficient supply if Buckshaw Village is resurfaced</b> |

### Area summary – non-pitch sports

| Sport            | Headline findings   |
|------------------|---|
| <b>Athletics</b> | There is one formal athletics track in Central Lancashire provided in the Preston North West located at University of Lancashire. Additionally, there is one 100m synthetic track located at West Way Sports Hub in the Chorley West Analysis Area. It cannot be said that supply is sufficient to meet demand given that Chorley Athletics and Tri Club is currently exporting some of its demand to Bolton due to the lack of facilities in the area. |

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

<sup>22</sup> It should be noted that this future demand figure is at a Boroughwide level, and some analysis areas may have greater shortfalls than others.

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| Sport               | Headline findings   |
|---------------------|---|
| <b>Bowls</b>        | Supply is considered sufficient to meet demand in the Chorley West Analysis Area with seven greens provided. Clubs (Eccleston BC) should be monitored to ensure their existing provision remains sufficient.  |
| <b>Tennis</b>       | With four community available courts provided in the Chorley West Analysis Area for club-based tennis, supply is considered sufficient to meet demand. Away from clubs, no courts are identified as having any capacity issues, and previously expressed latent demand is likely to have been met. However, it is also likely that informal demand will continue to increase following the improvements to courts. It should be noted that the courts located at Bretherton Recreation Ground are poor quality and in need of resurfacing.  |
| <b>Netball</b>      | There are currently three community available netball courts located in the Chorley West Analysis Area, supply is considered to meet demand.  |
| <b>Cycling</b>      | It is considered that demand for cycling across Central Lancashire is being adequately accommodated. There is one good quality BMX Pump Track located at Coppull BMX (Chisnall Lane) and one standard quality BMX Pump Track at Harpers Lane Recreation Ground, of which both are in Chorley. Only the track at Coppull BMX is provided with sports lighting.   |
| <b>Other sports</b> | <p>Outdoor water sports in Chorley, Preston, and South Ribble are moderately well served, particularly in the Preston area where the Dock Basin supports a variety of water-based activities.</p> <p>The climbing and bouldering offer in Chorley, Preston, and South Ribble is strongly centred around two modern indoor facilities — Boulder UK and PrestonWall — both of which cater for a wide range of climbers from complete beginners to experienced athletes.</p> <p>Supply is currently insufficient for American football with the Club accessing multiple sites across Central Lancashire due to the lack of dedicated American football provision.</p> <p>Archery across Central Lancashire is well catered for through facilities such as: Wigan Lane Sports and Community Hub, Clayton Green Sports Centre and Preston Grasshoppers RFC, meaning that archery is particularly well catered for when it comes to both indoor and outdoor venues.</p> <p>Pickleball across Central Lancashire is well catered for through facilities such as: Chorley Tennis Club, All seasons Leisure Centre, Clayton Green Sports Centre, Sir Tom Finney Sports Centre, Bamber Bridge Leisure Centre and Leyland Leisure Centre meaning that pickleball is particularly well catered for when it comes to both indoor and outdoor venues.</p> <p>Across Central Lancashire, supply is considered sufficient for basketball given the number of dedicated facilities available to the Community. However, there is a clear need to improve and retain the current supply in ways that can attract and better accommodate more users at sites such as Haslam Park, Moor Park and Smith's Recreation Ground.</p> |

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|---------|--|------------------|----------|-----------|-------------|--|---|----------------------|---------------------|----------|------------|------|--------------------|
| 175     | West Way Sports Hub                      | 6006752          | PR7 6DJ  | Football  | Sports Club | One adult, one youth 11v11, and one mini 7v7 pitch which are all a good quality.   | Sustain pitch quality through dedicated maintenance regime.   | Sports Club, LFA, FF | Hub                 | L        | L          | L    | Protect            |
| 175     | West Way Sports Hub                      | 6006752          | PR7 6DJ  | 3G        | Sports Club | One good quality 11v11 3G pitch which is provided with sports lighting and has FIFA certification until May 2028.  | Sustain pitch quality through dedicated maintenance regime.<br>Ensure sinking fund is in place for future refurbishment when necessary.<br>Ensure pitch is retested for FIFA certification as required. | Sports Club, LFA, FF | Hub                 | L        | L          | L    | Protect            |
| 175     | West Way Sports Hub                      | 6006752          | PR7 6DJ  | Athletics | Sports Club | One 100m sports lit synthetic track used by Chorley Athletics and Tri Club.<br>Chorley Council has plans to develop an Active Track (700m long) with funding in place.   | Sustain track quality through dedicated maintenance regime.<br>Look to develop an active track onsite once planning permission has been secured.  | Sports Club, EA      | Hub                 | H        | S          | H    | Protect<br>Provide |
| 177     | Bishop Rawstorne C of E Language College | 1203346          | PR26 9HH | Football  | Education   | One adult, one youth 11v11, and one youth 9v9 pitch which are all a poor quality. Both the youth 11v11 pitch and youth 9v9 pitch are overplayed by three MES collectively.   | Improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance.  | Education LFA, FF    | Key centre          | M        | S          | L    | Protect<br>Enhance |
| 177     | Bishop Rawstorne C of E Language College | 1203346          | PR26 9HH | 3G        | Education   | One 11v11 3G pitch which is serviced with sports lighting and is available for community use. The pitch has FA certification until May 2027. The pitch was installed in 2014 and is of a standard quality.                                     | Sustain pitch quality through dedicated maintenance regime.<br>Ensure sink funding is in place for future refurbishment when necessary.<br>Ensure pitch is retested for FA certification as required.   | Education, LFA, FF   | Key centre          | L        | S          | L    | Protect            |
| 177     | Bishop Rawstorne C of E Language College | 1203346          | PR26 9HH | Cricket   | Education   | One standalone NTP unavailable for community use.  | Sustain quality for curricular use.   | Education, ECB       | Key centre          | L        | L          | L    | Protect            |
| 177     | Bishop Rawstorne C of E Language College | 1203346          | PR26 9HH | Tennis    | Education   | Four good quality macadam courts which are available for community use.  | Sustain court quality for curricular use.   | Education, LTA       | Key centre          | L        | L          | L    | Protect            |
| 177     | Bishop Rawstorne C of E Language College | 1203346          | PR26 9HH | Netball   | Education   | Three good quality macadam courts which are available for community use but not serviced with sports lighting.   | Sustain court quality for curricular use.   | Education, EN        | Key centre          | L        | L          | L    | Protect            |
| 178     | Bretherton Cricket Club                  | 1041191          | PR26 9AB | Cricket   | Sport Club  | One good quality square which provides eight grass wickets and is home to Bretherton CC. The site is serviced with one set of mobile training nets and standard quality ancillary provision that does not cater for women's and girls' demand. | Sustain square quality through dedicated maintenance regime.  | Sports Club, ECB     | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect            |

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|---------|--|------------------|----------|----------|-----------------|---|--|--------------------------|---------------------|----------|------------|------|-------------------------|
|         |  |                  |          |          |                 | The site has actual spare capacity for one additional Saturday team and two midweek teams.  |  |                          |                     |          |            |      |                         |
| 179     | Bretherton Recreation Ground               | 6020897          | PR26 9AH | Football | Parish Council  | One mini 7v7 and one youth 9v9 pitch which are both of a poor quality and used by Croston Sports Club Juniors. The site is without ancillary provision.   | Improve pitch quality through enhanced maintenance regime.   | Parish Council, LFA, FF  | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect                 |
| 179     | Bretherton Recreation Ground               | 6020897          | PR26 9AH | Bowls    | Parish Council  | One good quality crown bowling green which is serviced with standard quality ancillary provision.   | Sustain green quality through dedicated maintenance regime.  | Parish Council, BCGBA    | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect                 |
| 179     | Bretherton Recreation Ground               | 6020897          | PR26 9AH | Tennis   | Parish Council  | One poor quality macadam tennis court which is serviced by sports lighting.   | Improve court quality through enhanced maintenance regime.   | Parish Council, LTA      | Local               | M        | S          | L    | Protect Enhance         |
| 183     | Buckshaw Primary School, Chancery Road     | -                | PR7 1XP  | Football | Education       | One poor quality mini 7v7 pitch which has actual spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure.  | Improve pitch quality through enhanced maintenance regime.   | Education, LFA, FF       | Local               | L        | S          | L    | Protect Enhance         |
| 186     | Chancery Road Playing Field (Derian House) | -                | PR7 1DH  | Football | Local Authority | One poor quality youth 11v11 pitch which has actual spare capacity discounted due to poor quality.  | Improve pitch quality through enhanced maintenance regime.   | Local Authority, LFA, FF | Local               | L        | S          | L    | Protect Enhance         |
| 192     | Brookfields Park                           | -                | PR7 1DG  | Football | Sports Club     | One good quality adult pitch which is home to Astley & Buckshaw Juniors. The site is serviced by good quality ancillary provision   | Sustain pitch quality through dedicated maintenance regime.  | Sports Club, LFA, FF     | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect                 |
| 201     | Croston Black Horse                        | -                | PR26 9RQ | Bowls    | Sports Club     | One good quality crown bowling green which is home to Croston Black Horse BC. The site is serviced by poor quality ancillary provision.   | Sustain green quality through dedicated maintenance regime. Explore the feasibility of improving ancillary provision.      | Sports Club, BCGBA       | Local               | L        | S          | M    | Protect Enhance         |
| 205     | Eccleston Cricket Club                     | 1208091          | PR7 51Z  | Cricket  | Sport Club      | One good quality cricket square which provides 12 grass wickets and one NTP. Additionally, it's serviced with standard quality ancillary provision which is not compatible for women's and girl's demand. There is actual spare capacity for two additional midweek and Sunday teams at this site | Sustain square quality through dedicated maintenance regime. Explore feasibility of improving ancillary provision on site. | Sports Club, ECB         | Local               | M        | M          | M    | Protect Enhance Provide |
| 206     | Eccleston Recreation Ground                | 6021034          | PR7 5SY  | Football | Parish Council  | Two adult and one youth 9v9 pitch which are standard quality, and one poor quality mini 5v5 pitch. The site is serviced by poor quality ancillary provision and needs refurbishment.  | Improve pitch quality through enhanced maintenance regime. Explore feasibility of improving ancillary provision on site.   | Council, LFA, FF         | Local               | M        | M          | M    | Protect Enhance Provide |

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|---------|---|------------------|----------|----------|----------------|---|---|----------------------|---------------------|----------|------------|------|-----------------|
| 207     | Eccleston St Mary's C E Primary School        | -                | PR7 5TE  | Football | Education      | One poor quality mini 7v7 pitch which has actual spare capacity discounted due to quality.  | Improve pitch quality through an enhanced maintenance regime.   | School, LFA, FF      | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect Enhance |
| 208     | Euxton Cricket Club                           | 1208092          | PR7 6DD  | Cricket  | Sport Club     | One good quality cricket square which provides 12 wickets and is home to Euxton CC. The site is serviced with three fixed practice nets and standard quality ancillary provision that is not compatible for women's and girl's demand.                                  | Sustain square quality through dedicated maintenance regime.  | Sports Club, ECB     | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect         |
| 214     | Greenside Recreation Field                    | 1040867          | PR7 6BL  | Football | Parish Council | One youth 11v11 and one youth 9v9 pitch which are both standard quality and used by Euxton Girls. Both pitches are overmarked by mini pitches. The youth 11v11 pitch is overplayed by three MES per week. The site is serviced by standard quality ancillary provision. | Improve pitch quality through an enhanced maintenance regime to alleviate overplay.   | Council, LFA, FF     | Local               | M        | S          | L    | Protect Enhance |
| 221     | Jim Fowlers Memorial Ground (Euxton Villa FC) | 6020621          | PR7 6HQ  | Football | Sport Club     | One adult, one youth 9v9 and one mini 7v7 pitch which are all good quality and used by Euxton Villa FC. The adult pitch is currently overplayed by one MES per week. The site is serviced by good quality ancillary provision.  | Sustain pitch quality through dedicated maintenance regime.   | Sports Club, LFA, FF | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect         |
| 221     | Jim Fowlers Memorial Ground (Euxton Villa FC) | 6020621          | PR7 6HQ  | 3G       | Sports Club    | One 11v11 3G pitch which is available for community use and serviced with sports lighting. The pitch has FIFA certification until May 2027. The pitch was installed in 2025 and is of good quality.   | Sustain pitch quality through dedicated maintenance regime. Ensure sinking fund is in place for future refurbishment when necessary. Ensure pitch is retested for FIFA certification as required. | Sports Club, LFA, FF | Local               | L        | S          | L    | Protect         |
| 226     | Mawdesley Cricket Club (Rectory Field)        | 1040863          | L40 3TG  | Football | Sport Club     | One poor quality mini 7v7 pitch which has actual spare capacity discounted due to poor quality.   | Improve pitch quality through enhanced maintenance regime.  | Sport Club, LFA, FF  | Local               | L        | S          | L    | Protect Enhance |
| 226     | Mawdesley Cricket Club (Rectory Field)        | 1040863          | L40 3TG  | Cricket  | Sports club    | One good quality cricket square which has 12 wickets, one NTP and home to Mawdesley CC. The site is serviced with two fixed training bays, mobile training nets and standard quality ancillary provision with no dedicated female changing rooms.                       | Sustain square quality through dedicated maintenance regime.  | Sports Club, ECB     | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect         |

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|---------|-------------------------------------|------------------|----------|----------|-------------|--|---|----------------------|---------------------|----------|------------|------|-----------------|
| 227     | Mawdesley Hall                      | -                | L40 2QT  | Bowls    | Sports Club | One good quality crown bowling green which is serviced with sports lighting and is home to Mawdesley BC. The site is serviced with standard quality ancillary provision. | Sustain green quality through dedicated maintenance regime.   | Sports Club, BCGBA   | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect         |
| 227     | Mawdesley Hall                      | -                | L40 2QT  | Tennis   | Sports Club | Four good quality artificial tennis courts which are used by Mawdesley TC.   | Sustain court quality through dedicated maintenance regime.   | Sports Club, LTA     | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect         |
| 242     | Twin Lakes (Croston Sports Club)    | 1040879          | PR26 9AA | Football | Sports Club | One standard quality youth 11v11 pitch which has actual spare capacity of 0.5 MES.   | Improve pitch quality through an enhanced maintenance regime. Utilise spare capacity for future demand and/or alleviate shortfalls. | Sports Club, LFA, FF | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect Enhance |
| 250     | Wymott Bowling Club                 | -                | PR26 8NH | Bowls    | Sports Club | One good quality crown bowling green which is home to Wymott BC. The green is serviced by sports lighting and standard quality ancillary provision.                      | Sustain green quality through dedicated maintenance regime.   | Sports Club, BCGBA   | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect         |
| 281     | Eccleston The Green                 | -                | PR7 5TE  | Bowls    | Sports Club | One good quality crown bowling green which is home to Eccleston BC. The site is serviced by sports lighting and standard quality ancillary provision.                    | Sustain green quality through dedicated maintenance regime.   | Sports Club, BCGBA   | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect         |
| 293     | Croston Subscription Bowling Club   | -                | PR26 9HH | Bowls    | Sport Club  | One standard quality crown bowling green which is home to Croston Subs BC. The green is serviced with poor quality ancillary provision that needs modernisation.         | Sustain green quality through dedicated maintenance regime. Explore the feasibility of improving ancillary provision on site.       | Sports Club, BCGBA   | Local               | L        | S          | L    | Protect Enhance |
| 332     | Euxton Primrose Hill Primary School | -                | PR7 6BA  | Football | Education   | One poor quality youth 9v9 pitch which is overplayed by one MES per week. The site is not serviced with ancillary provision.   | Improve pitch quality through enhanced maintenance regime to alleviate overplay.  | Education, LFA, FF   | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect Enhance |
| 339     | Preston North End Training Ground   | -                | PR7 6FA  | Football | Sports Club | Three adult pitches which are all good quality but unavailable for community use.  | Protect for club use.   | School, LFA, FF      | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect         |
| 344     | Astley Village Playing Fields       | -                | PR7 6DJ  | Football | LCC         | One standard quality youth 11v11 pitch.  | Sustain pitch quality through dedicated maintenance regime.   | LCC, LFA, FF         | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect         |

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## PRESTON - NORTH EAST ANALYSIS AREA

### Area summary – pitch sports<sup>23</sup>

| Area                    | Pitch type                             | Current capacity total in MES <sup>[1]</sup> | Future capacity total in MES (2041) <sup>24</sup> |
|-------------------------|--|--|---|
| <b>Football (grass)</b> | -                                      | -  | -   |
| North East              | Adult                                  | Played to capacity                           | Played to capacity                                |
| North East              | Youth 11v11                            | Played to capacity                           | Played to capacity                                |
| North East              | Youth 9v9                              | Played to capacity                           | Played to capacity                                |
| North East              | Mini 7v7                               | Actual spare capacity of 0.5                 | Actual spare capacity of 0.5                      |
| North East              | Mini 5v5                               | Played to capacity                           | Played to capacity                                |
| <b>Preston</b>          | <b>Adult</b>                           | <b>Shortfall of 2</b>                        | <b>Shortfall of 3.5</b>                           |
| <b>Preston</b>          | <b>Youth 11v11</b>                     | <b>Shortfall of 6</b>                        | <b>Shortfall of 8</b>                             |
| <b>Preston</b>          | <b>Youth 9v9</b>                       | <b>Shortfall of 5.5</b>                      | <b>Shortfall of 6</b>                             |
| <b>Preston</b>          | <b>Mini 7v7</b>                        | <b>Spare capacity of 2.5</b>                 | <b>Spare capacity of 2</b>                        |
| <b>Preston</b>          | <b>Mini 5v5</b>                        | <b>Spare capacity of 1</b>                   | <b>Spare capacity of 1</b>                        |
| <b>Football (3G)</b>    | -                                      | -  | -   |
| North East              | 11v11                                  | Actual spare capacity of 0.75 pitches        | Actual spare capacity of 0.75 pitches             |
| <b>Preston</b>          | <b>11v11</b>                           | <b>Shortfall of 3 pitches</b>                | <b>Shortfall of 3.75 pitches</b>                  |
| <b>Cricket</b>          | -                                      | -  | -   |
| North East              | Saturday                               | Shortfall of 53                              | Shortfall 65                                      |
| North East              | Sunday                                 | Shortfall of 53                              | Shortfall of 53                                   |
| North East              | Midweek                                | Shortfall of 53                              | Shortfall of 59                                   |
| <b>Preston</b>          | <b>Saturday</b>                        | <b>Shortfall of 79</b>                       | <b>Shortfall of 91</b>                            |
| <b>Preston</b>          | <b>Sunday</b>                          | <b>Shortfall of 79</b>                       | <b>Shortfall of 79</b>                            |
| <b>Preston</b>          | <b>Midweek</b>                         | <b>Shortfall of 79</b>                       | <b>Shortfall of 85</b>                            |
| <b>Rugby union</b>      | -                                      | -  | -   |
| <b>Preston</b>          | <b>Senior</b>                          | <b>Shortfall of 0.5</b>                      | <b>Shortfall of 2</b>                             |
| <b>Rugby league</b>     | -                                      | -  | -   |
| <b>Preston</b>          | <b>Senior</b>                          | - <sup>25</sup>                              | -   |
| <b>Preston</b>          | <b>Junior</b>                          | -  | -   |
| <b>Preston</b>          | <b>Mini</b>                            | -  | -   |
| <b>Hockey</b>           | -                                      | -  | -   |
| <b>Preston</b>          | <b>Full size, with sports lighting</b> | <b>Sufficient supply</b>                     | <b>Sufficient supply</b>                          |

### Area summary – non-pitch sports

| Sport            | Headline findings   |
|------------------|---|
| <b>Athletics</b> | There is one formal athletics track in Central Lancashire provided in the Preston North West located at University of Lancashire. Additionally, there is one 100m synthetic track located at West Way Sports Hub in the Chorley West Analysis Area. It cannot be said that supply is sufficient to meet demand given that Chorley Athletics and Tri Club is currently exporting some of its demand to Bolton due to the lack of facilities in the area, |

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

<sup>24</sup> It should be noted that this future demand figure is at a Boroughwide level, and some analysis areas may have greater shortfalls than others.

<sup>25</sup> There is no supply or demand for rugby league in Preston.

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|---------------------|---|
| <b>Bowls</b>        | Supply is considered sufficient to meet demand in the Preston North East Analysis Area with six greens provided. Clubs (Whitechapel & Inglewhite BC) should be monitored to ensure their existing provision remains sufficient.   |
| <b>Tennis</b>       | With 11 community available courts provided in the Preston North East Analysis Area for club-based tennis, supply is considered sufficient to meet demand. Away from clubs, no courts are identified as having any capacity issues, and previously expressed latent demand is likely to have been met. However, it is also likely that informal demand will continue to increase following the improvements to courts.  |
| <b>Netball</b>      | There are currently no community available netball courts located in the Preston North East Analysis Area. However, it's said that all demand is being adequately accommodated in the surrounding analysis areas.   |
| <b>Cycling</b>      | It is considered that demand for cycling across Central Lancashire is being adequately accommodated. There is a good quality BMX Pump Track located at Fishwick Recreation Ground (London Road) which is home to Preston Pirates BMX Club and has sports lighting to provide all year-round usage. The track has seen recent investment into improving the facility including refurbishing two berms (raised corners) to improve the riders' safety and experience and improvements to drainage. Additionally, there is a good quality 1.5km outdoor cycling track and a 0.75km outdoor junior cycle track around the sports facilities at University of Lancashire. A planning application has recently been approved for the creation of a new BMX Pump Track located at Waverly Park (Preston) with work set to commence summer 2025.  |
| <b>Other sports</b> | <p>Outdoor water sports in Chorley, Preston, and South Ribble are moderately well served, particularly in the Preston area where the Dock Basin supports a variety of water-based activities.</p> <p>The climbing and bouldering offer in Chorley, Preston, and South Ribble is strongly centred around two modern indoor facilities — Boulder UK and PrestonWall — both of which cater for a wide range of climbers from complete beginners to experienced athletes.</p> <p>Supply is currently insufficient for American football with the Club accessing multiple sites across Central Lancashire due to the lack of dedicated American football provision.</p> <p>Archery across Central Lancashire is well catered for through facilities such as: Wigan Lane Sports and Community Hub, Clayton Green Sports Centre and Preston Grasshoppers RFC, meaning that archery is particularly well catered for when it comes to both indoor and outdoor venues.</p> <p>Pickleball across Central Lancashire is well catered for through facilities such as: Chorley Tennis Club, All seasons Leisure Centre, Clayton Green Sports Centre, Sir Tom Finney Sports Centre, Bamber Bridge Leisure Centre and Leyland Leisure Centre meaning that pickleball is particularly well catered for when it comes to both indoor and outdoor venues.</p> <p>Across Central Lancashire, supply is considered sufficient for basketball given the number of dedicated facilities available to the Community. However, there is a clear need to improve and retain the current supply in ways that can attract and better accommodate more users at sites such as Haslam Park, Moor Park and Smith's Recreation Ground.</p> |

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|---------|-------------------------------------|------------------|----------|----------|------------|--|--|--------------------|---------------------|----------|------------|------|-------------------------------|
| 1       | Archbishop Temple High School       | 1201330          | PR2 8RA  | Football | Education  | One adult, two youth 11v11, and one youth 9v9 pitch which are all standard quality and have spare capacity discounted due to unsure tenure.  | Sustain pitch quality through dedicated maintenance regime. Look to formalise community use agreement to provide security of tenure.                         | Education, LFA, FF | Key centre          | L        | S          | L    | Protect<br>Provide            |
| 1       | Archbishop Temple High School       | 1201330          | PR2 8RA  | Hockey   | Education  | One small sized AGP which is available for community use.  | Retain and refurbish as required.  | Education, EH      | Key centre          | L        | L          | L    | Protect                       |
| 1       | Archbishop Temple High School       | 1201330          | PR2 8RA  | Cricket  | Education  | One standalone NTP which is available for community use. Additionally, there is one disused cricket square.  | Sustain NTP. Look to reinstate cricket square to reduce shortfalls.  | Education, ECB     | Key centre          | L        | L          | L    | Protect                       |
| 1       | Archbishop Temple High School       | 1201330          | PR2 8RA  | Tennis   | Education  | Three standard quality macadam tennis courts which are unavailable for community use.  | Protect for curricular use.  | Education, LTA     | Key centre          | L        | L          | L    | Protect                       |
| 13      | Corpus Christi Catholic High School | 1201769          | PR2 8QY  | Football | Education  | Two poor quality youth 11v11 pitches which are used by Preston City FC. The site is serviced by poor quality ancillary provision which is in need of modernisation.  | Improve pitch quality through enhanced maintenance regime. Explore feasibility of improving ancillary provision on site.                                     | Education, LFA, FF | Key centre          | M        | M          | M    | Protect<br>Enhance            |
| 13      | Corpus Christi Catholic High School | 1201769          | PR2 8QY  | 3G       | Education  | One 11v11 3G pitch which is serviced with sports lighting. The pitch is available for community use and has FIFA certification until February 2027. The pitch was installed in 2006 and is standard quality. Only available to 20:30 midweek.  | Refurbish the pitch in the immediate future due to its age. Once refurbished look to retest for FIFA certification. Explore options to extend midweek usage. | Education, LFA, FF | Key centre          | H        | S          | H    | Protect<br>Enhance            |
| 13      | Corpus Christi Catholic High School | 1201769          | PR2 8QY  | Tennis   | Education  | Four poor quality macadam tennis courts which are unavailable for community use.   | Improve court quality through enhanced maintenance regime for curricular demand. Protect for curricular use.   | Education, LTA     | Key centre          | L        | L          | L    | Protect<br>Enhance            |
| 13      | Corpus Christi Catholic High School | 1201769          | PR2 8QY  | Netball  | Education  | Three poor quality macadam netball courts which are unavailable for community use.   | Improve court quality through enhanced maintenance regime for curricular demand. Protect for curricular use.   | Education, EN      | Key centre          | L        | L          | L    | Protect<br>Enhance            |
| 18      | Fulwood & Broughton Cricket Club    | 1208491          | PR3 5JE  | Cricket  | Sport Club | One standard quality cricket square which provides nine grass wickets and an NTP. The square is overplayed by 25 MES per season. It's serviced by good quality ancillary provision and has recently had planning permission approved for an extension. The site is serviced by four fixed bay training nets and a mobile training net. | Improve square quality through an enhanced maintenance regime to alleviate overplay. Support the Club with plans to extend its pavilion.                     | Sports Club, ECB   | Local               | M        | M          | L    | Protect<br>Enhance<br>Provide |

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|---------|--------------------------------------|------------------|----------|----------|-----------------|--|---|--------------------------|---------------------|----------|------------|------|-------------------------|
| 22      | Goosnargh Village Football Club      | 6004989          | PR3 2BH  | Football | Sport Club      | One poor quality mini 7v7 pitch which has actual spare capacity discounted due to poor quality.  | Improve pitch quality through enhanced maintenance regime.  | Sports Club, LFA, FF     | Local               | L        | S          | L    | Protect Enhance         |
| 24      | Grange Primary School                | 1201752          | PR2 6PS  | 3G       | Education       | One small sized 3G pitch which is serviced by sports lighting and available for community use. Pitch was installed in 2013 and is poor quality.  | Improve pitch quality via resurfacing when feasibly possible.   | Education, LFA, FF       | Local               | M        | S          | M    | Protect Enhance         |
| 28      | Grimsargh Cricket Club               | 1208494          | PR2 5LH  | Football | Sport Club      | One youth 9v9 pitch that has spare capacity discounted due to poor quality.  | Improve pitch quality through enhanced maintenance regime.  | Sports Club, LFA, FF     | Local               | L        | S          | L    | Protect Enhance         |
| 28      | Grimsargh Cricket Club               | 1208494          | PR2 5LH  | Cricket  | Sport Club      | One good quality cricket square which provides 10 grass wickets and an NTP. The site is home to Grimsargh CC. The square is currently overplayed by six MES per season. The site is serviced with standard quality ancillary provision that is not compatible for women's and girls' demand. | Sustain square quality through dedicated maintenance regime. Explore the feasibility of improving ancillary facilities on site.   | Sports Club, ECB         | Local               | M        | S          | M    | Protect Enhance Provide |
| 54      | Preston College                      | 1010250          | PR2 8UR  | 3G       | Education       | One 11v11 3G pitch which is available for community use and provided with sports lighting. The pitch was installed in 2007 and is poor quality with the FA certification recently expired.   | Improve pitch quality via resurfacing when feasibly possible. Have pitch retested for FA certification to accommodate match play. | Education, LFA, FF       | Local               | H        | S          | H    | Protect Enhance Provide |
| 65      | South Drive                          | -                | PR2 9ST  | Football | Local Authority | Two good quality youth 9v9 pitches used by Cadley FC. The site is serviced with poor quality ancillary provision and is not suitable for the levels of demand on site with aspirations to improve the provision.   | Sustain pitch quality through dedicated maintenance regime. Explore the feasibility of improving ancillary facilities on site.    | Local Authority, LFA, FF | Local               | H        | M          | M    | Protect Enhance         |
| 79      | Sherwood Park                        | 30002778         | PR2 9HP  | Football | Local Authority | One mini 7v7, two youth 9v9, and one youth 11v11 which are all good quality and used by Cadley FC. The mini 7v7 pitch has actual spare capacity of 0.5 MES. The site is not provided with ancillary provision.   | Sustain pitch quality through dedicated maintenance regime.   | Local Authority, LFA, FF | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect                 |
| 83      | Whittingham & Goosnargh Cricket Club | 1041190          | PR3 2JH  | Cricket  | Sport Club      | One poor quality cricket square which provides two grass wickets and an NTP. The site is home to Whittingham & Goosnargh CC. The square is overplayed by 22 MES per season.  | Improve square quality through enhanced maintenance regime to reduce overplay.  | Sports Club, LFA, FF     | Local               | H        | S          | M    | Protect Enhance         |
| 278     | Millennium Hall (Mill Field)         | -                | PR2 6GG  | Football | Parish Council  | One mini 7v7 and one youth 9v9 pitch which are both of good quality and used by Longsands JFC. The site has no dedicated ancillary provision.  | Sustain pitch quality through dedicated maintenance regime.   | Parish Council, LFA, FF  | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect                 |

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|---------|---------------------------------|------------------|----------|------------|-----------------|---|---|---------------------|---------------------|----------|------------|------|-----------------|
| 286     | Barton & Myerscough Tennis Club | -                | PR3 5AL  | Bowls      | Sport Club      | One good quality crown bowling green which is serviced with sports lighting and home to Barton BC.  | Sustain green quality through dedicated maintenance regime.   | Sports Club, BCGBA  | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect         |
| 286     | Barton & Myerscough Tennis Club | -                | PR3 5AL  | Tennis     | Sports Club     | Two good quality macadam tennis courts which are serviced with sports lighting.   | Sustain court quality through dedicated maintenance regime.   | Sports Club, LTA    | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect         |
| 289     | The Fulwood Club                | -                | PR2 8NH  | Bowls      | Sports Club     | One good quality crown bowling green which is home to Fulwood BC and St Anthony's BC. The site is serviced with good quality ancillary provision.   | Sustain green quality through dedicated maintenance regime.   | Sports Club, BCGBA  | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect         |
| 294     | Lonsdale Club                   | -                | PR2 8BY  | Bowls      | Sports Club     | One good quality crown bowling green which is serviced by sports lighting and home to Lonsdale BC. The site is serviced with good quality ancillary provision.  | Sustain green quality through dedicated maintenance regime.   | Sports Club, BCGBA  | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect         |
| 312     | Whitechapel & Inglewhite        | -                | PR3 2EX  | Bowls      | Sport Club      | One good quality crown bowling green which is home to Whitechapel & Inglewhite BC. The site is serviced by good quality ancillary provision. There is a current planning application to install sports lighting at this site. | Sustain green quality through dedicated maintenance regime. Explore the feasibility of installing sports lighting at this site. | Sports Club, BCGBA  | Local               | M        | S          | M    | Protect Enhance |
| 312     | Whitechapel & Inglewhite        | -                | PR3 2EX  | Tennis     | Parish Council  | Three standard quality artificial tennis courts which are serviced with sports lighting.  | Sustain court quality through dedicated maintenance regime.   | Parish Council, LTA | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect         |
| 313     | Fulwood Tennis Club             | -                | PR2 8DY  | Tennis     | Sports Club     | Four good quality artificial tennis courts which are used by Fulwood Lawn TC.   | Sustain court quality through dedicated maintenance regime.   | Sports Club, LTA    | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect         |
| 314     | Goosnargh Tennis Club           | -                | PR3 2BN  | Tennis     | Sports Club     | Two standard quality macadam tennis courts which are provided with sports lighting.   | Sustain court quality through dedicated maintenance regime.   | Sports Club, LTA    | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect         |
| 341     | Whittingham Club                | -                | PR3 3JF  | Bowls      | Sports Club     | One standard quality bowling crown green which is home to Whittingham & Goosnargh BC. The site is serviced by standard quality ancillary provision.   | Sustain green quality through dedicated maintenance regime.   | Sports Club, BCGBA  | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect         |
| 343     | Fairfax Road                    | -                | PR2 6YP  | Basketball | Local Authority | One standard quality macadam basketball court which is serviced by sports lighting.   | Improve court quality through dedicated maintenance regime.   | Local Authority, EB | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect Enhance |
| 346     | The Olive School                | -                | PR2 8DW  | Netball    | Education       | Two standard quality macadam tennis courts which are unavailable for community use.   | Protect for curricular use.   | Education, EN       | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect         |

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## PRESTON - NORTH WEST ANALYSIS AREA

### Area summary – pitch sports<sup>26</sup>

| Area                    | Pitch type                             | Current capacity total in MES <sup>[1]</sup> | Future capacity total in MES (2041) <sup>27</sup> |
|-------------------------|--|--|---|
| <b>Football (grass)</b> | -                                      | -  | -   |
| North West              | Adult                                  | Shortfall of 1.5                             | Shortfall of 1.5                                  |
| North West              | Youth 11v11                            | Shortfall of 6.5                             | Shortfall of 6.5                                  |
| North West              | Youth 9v9                              | Shortfall of 4                               | Shortfall of 4                                    |
| North West              | Mini 7v7                               | Actual spare capacity of 1                   | Actual spare capacity of 1                        |
| North West              | Mini 5v5                               | Actual spare capacity of 1                   | Actual spare capacity of 1                        |
| <b>Preston</b>          | <b>Adult</b>                           | <b>Shortfall of 2</b>                        | <b>Shortfall of 3.5</b>                           |
| <b>Preston</b>          | <b>Youth 11v11</b>                     | <b>Shortfall of 6</b>                        | <b>Shortfall of 8</b>                             |
| <b>Preston</b>          | <b>Youth 9v9</b>                       | <b>Shortfall of 5.5</b>                      | <b>Shortfall of 6</b>                             |
| <b>Preston</b>          | <b>Mini 7v7</b>                        | <b>Spare capacity of 2.5</b>                 | <b>Spare capacity of 2</b>                        |
| <b>Preston</b>          | <b>Mini 5v5</b>                        | <b>Spare capacity of 1</b>                   | <b>Spare capacity of 1</b>                        |
| <b>Football (3G)</b>    | -                                      | -  | -   |
| North West              | 11v11                                  | Shortfall of 2 pitches                       | Shortfall of 2 pitches                            |
| <b>Preston</b>          | <b>11v11</b>                           | <b>Shortfall of 3 pitches</b>                | <b>Shortfall of 3.75 pitches</b>                  |
| <b>Cricket</b>          | -                                      | -  | -   |
| North West              | Saturday                               | Played to capacity                           | Played to capacity                                |
| North West              | Sunday                                 | Played to capacity                           | Played to capacity                                |
| North West              | Midweek                                | Played to capacity                           | Played to capacity                                |
| <b>Preston</b>          | <b>Saturday</b>                        | <b>Shortfall of 79</b>                       | <b>Shortfall of 91</b>                            |
| <b>Preston</b>          | <b>Sunday</b>                          | <b>Shortfall of 79</b>                       | <b>Shortfall of 79</b>                            |
| <b>Preston</b>          | <b>Midweek</b>                         | <b>Shortfall of 79</b>                       | <b>Shortfall of 85</b>                            |
| <b>Rugby union</b>      | -                                      | -  | -   |
| <b>Preston</b>          | <b>Senior</b>                          | <b>Shortfall of 0.5</b>                      | <b>Shortfall of 2</b>                             |
| <b>Rugby league</b>     | -                                      | -  | -   |
| <b>Preston</b>          | <b>Senior</b>                          | - <sup>28</sup>                              | -   |
| <b>Preston</b>          | <b>Junior</b>                          | -  | -   |
| <b>Preston</b>          | <b>Mini</b>                            | -  | -   |
| <b>Hockey</b>           | -                                      | -  | -   |
| <b>Preston</b>          | <b>Full size, with sports lighting</b> | <b>Sufficient supply</b>                     | <b>Sufficient supply</b>                          |

### Area summary – non-pitch sports

| Sport            | Headline findings   |
|------------------|---|
| <b>Athletics</b> | There is one formal athletics track in Central Lancashire provided in the Preston North West located at University of Lancashire. Additionally, there is one 100m synthetic track located at West Way Sports Hub in the Chorley West Analysis Area. It cannot be said that supply is sufficient to meet demand given that Chorley |

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

<sup>27</sup> It should be noted that this future demand figure is at a Boroughwide level, and some analysis areas may have greater shortfalls than others.

<sup>28</sup> There is no supply or demand for rugby league in Preston.

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| Sport               | Headline findings   |
|---------------------|---|
|                     | Athletics and Tri Club is currently exporting some of its demand to Bolton due to the lack of facilities in the area,   |
| <b>Bowls</b>        | Supply is considered sufficient to meet demand in the Preston North West Analysis Area with four greens provided. Clubs should be monitored to ensure their existing provision remains sufficient.  |
| <b>Tennis</b>       | With nine community available courts provided in the Preston North West Analysis Area for club-based tennis, supply is considered sufficient to meet demand. Away from clubs, no courts are identified as having any capacity issues, and previously expressed latent demand is likely to have been met. However, it is also likely that informal demand will continue to increase following the improvements to courts.  |
| <b>Netball</b>      | There are currently 11 community available netball courts located in the Preston North West Analysis Area, supply is considered to meet demand.   |
| <b>Cycling</b>      | It is considered that demand for cycling across Central Lancashire is being adequately accommodated. There is a good quality BMX Pump Track located at Fishwick Recreation Ground (London Road) which is home to Preston Pirates BMX Club and has sports lighting to provide all year-round usage. The track has seen recent investment into improving the facility including refurbishing two berms (raised corners) to improve the riders' safety and experience and improvements to drainage. Additionally, there is a good quality 1.5km outdoor cycling track and a 0.75km outdoor junior cycle track around the sports facilities at University of Lancashire. A planning application has recently been approved for the creation of a new BMX Pump Track located at Waverly Park (Preston) with work set to commence summer 2025.  |
| <b>Other sports</b> | <p>Outdoor water sports in Chorley, Preston, and South Ribble are moderately well served, particularly in the Preston area where the Dock Basin supports a variety of water-based activities.</p> <p>The climbing and bouldering offer in Chorley, Preston, and South Ribble is strongly centred around two modern indoor facilities — Boulder UK and PrestonWall — both of which cater for a wide range of climbers from complete beginners to experienced athletes.</p> <p>Supply is currently insufficient for American football with the Club accessing multiple sites across Central Lancashire due to the lack of dedicated American football provision.</p> <p>Archery across Central Lancashire is well catered for through facilities such as: Wigan Lane Sports and Community Hub, Clayton Green Sports Centre and Preston Grasshoppers RFC, meaning that archery is particularly well catered for when it comes to both indoor and outdoor venues.</p> <p>Pickleball across Central Lancashire is well catered for through facilities such as: Chorley Tennis Club, All seasons Leisure Centre, Clayton Green Sports Centre, Sir Tom Finney Sports Centre, Bamber Bridge Leisure Centre and Leyland Leisure Centre meaning that pickleball is particularly well catered for when it comes to both indoor and outdoor venues.</p> <p>Across Central Lancashire, supply is considered sufficient for basketball given the number of dedicated facilities available to the Community. However, there is a clear need to improve and retain the current supply in ways that can attract and better accommodate more users at sites such as Haslam Park, Moor Park and Smith's Recreation Ground.</p> |

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|---------|---|------------------|----------|-------------------|-----------------|--|--|--------------------------|---------------------|----------|------------|------|-------------------------|
| 2       | Ashton Community Science College                    | 1004579          | PR2 1SL  | Football          | Education       | Two poor quality youth 11v11 pitches which are overplayed by 3.5 MES.  | Improve pitch quality through enhanced maintenance regime to reduce overplay on site.  | Education, LFA, FF       | Key centre          | M        | S          | L    | Protect Enhance         |
| 2       | Ashton Community Science College                    | 1004579          | PR2 1SL  | 3G                | Education       | One community available 11v11 3G pitch which is provided with sports lighting and has FA certification until May 2028. Standard quality having been built in 2012.   | Refurbish the pitch in the immediate future due to its age. Once refurbished look to retest for FA certification.  | Education, LFA, FF       | Key centre          | H        | S          | H    | Protect Enhance         |
| 2       | Ashton Community Science College                    | 1004579          | PR2 1SL  | Rugby union       | Education       | One poor quality (M0/D0) pitch which is unavailable for community use.   | Improve pitch quality through an enhanced maintenance regime for curricular use.   | Education, RFU           | Key centre          | L        | L          | L    | Protect Enhance         |
| 2       | Ashton Community Science College                    | 1004579          | PR2 1SL  | Netball           | Education       | Four standard quality macadam tennis courts which are available for community use.   | Sustain court quality through dedicated maintenance regime.  | Education, EN            | Key centre          | L        | L          | L    | Protect                 |
| 8       | Broughton Business Enterprise College & high school | 1201203          | PR3 5JJ  | Football          | Education       | One adult and one youth 11v11 pitch which are both of poor quality and unavailable for community use.  | Improve pitch quality through an enhanced maintenance regime for curricular and extracurricular use.   | Education LFA, FF        | Key centre          | L        | L          | L    | Protect Enhance Provide |
| 8       | Broughton Business Enterprise College & High School | 1201203          | PR3 5JJ  | Rugby Union       | Education       | One poor quality pitch which is unavailable for community use.   | Improve pitch quality through an enhanced maintenance regime for curricular and extracurricular use. Look to make pitches available for community use to reduce overall shortfalls.                  | Education, RFU           | Key centre          | L        | L          | L    | Protect Enhance Provide |
| 8       | Broughton Business Enterprise College & High School | 1201203          | PR3 5JJ  | Hockey            | Education       | One full size AGP which is unavailable for community use due to lack of sports lighting. The School indicated it would be open to allow community use at the weekend for matches. The pitch was installed in 2015 and is poor quality. | Look at feasibility of providing sport lighting at this site. Improve pitch quality via resurfacing when feasibly possible. Look to formalise community use agreement to provide security of tenure. | Education, EH            | Key centre          | H        | S          | H    | Protect Enhance Provide |
| 8       | Broughton Business Enterprise College & High School | 1201203          | PR3 5JJ  | Tennis            | Education       | Three standard quality macadam tennis courts which are unavailable for community use and not provided with sports lighting.  | Protect for curricular use.  | Education, LTA           | Key centre          | L        | L          | L    | Protect                 |
| 8       | Broughton Business Enterprise College & High School | 1201203          | PR3 5JJ  | Netball           | Education       | Three standard quality macadam tennis courts which are unavailable for community use and not provided with sports lighting.  | Protect for curricular use.  | Education, EN            | Key centre          | L        | L          | L    | Protect                 |
| 8       | Broughton Business Enterprise College & High School | 1201203          | PR3 5JJ  | Cricket (disused) | Education       | One disused cricket square.  | Look to reinstate the pitch to reduce overall shortfalls.  | Education, LCF, ECB      | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect                 |
| 12      | Conway Drive  | 6004976          | PR2 3WY  | Football          | Local Authority | Two youth 11v11, one mini 7v7 and one mini 5v5 pitch which are good quality.   | Sustain pitch quality through an enhanced maintenance regime.  | Local Authority, LFA, FF | Local               | M        | M          | H    | Protect Enhance Provide |

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|---------|--|------------------|----------|----------|-----------------|---|---|--------------------------|---------------------|----------|------------|------|-------------------------|
|         |  |                  |          |          |                 | Cadley FC is in the process of renewing its long-term lease with ambitions to develop a small sided 3G pitch on this side to accommodate training demand.   | Assist the Club in obtaining a long term lease.<br>Look at possibilities of developing a small size 3G at this site.  |                          |                     |          |            |      |                         |
| 19      | Fulwood Academy                                | 1201441          | PR2 9YR  | Football | Education       | Two youth 11v11, one youth 9v9 and mini 7v7 pitch all of poor quality. The youth 11v11 pitches are overplayed three match equivalent sessions whereas the youth 9v9 is overplayed by 1.5 match equivalent session.      | Improve pitch quality through enhanced maintenance to alleviate shortfalls.   | Education, LFA, FF       | Local               | M        | S          | L    | Protect Enhance         |
| 19      | Fulwood Academy                                | 1201441          | PR2 9YR  | 3G       | Education       | One community available 11v11 3G pitch which is not provided with sports lighting and has FA certification until May 2028.  | Sustain pitch quality through dedicated maintenance regime.<br>Look at feasibility of providing sport lighting at this site.<br>Ensure sinking fund is in place for future refurbishment when necessary.<br>Have pitch retested for FA certification to accommodate match play. | Education, LFA, FF       | Local               | L        | S          | L    | Protect Provide         |
| 19      | Fulwood Academy                                | 1201441          | PR2 9YR  | Netball  | Education       | Three poor quality clay netball courts which are not provided with sports lighting and are unavailable for community use.   | Improve court quality through an enhanced maintenance regime for circular and extracurricular usage.<br>Protect for curricular use.   | Education, EN            | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect Enhance         |
| 20      | Fulwood Amateurs Association Football Club     | 30006810         | PR4 0AE  | Football | Sports Club     | One adult and three youth 11v11 pitches which are good quality.   | Sustain pitch quality through dedicated maintenance regime.   | Sports Club, LFA, FF     | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect                 |
| 33      | Haslam Park                                    | 1042964          | PR2 1JD  | Cricket  | Local Authority | One NTP which is available for community use.   | Protect NTP for community use.  | Local Authority, ECB     | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect                 |
| 33      | Haslam Park                                    | 1042964          | PR2 1JD  | Tennis   | Local Authority | Three good quality macadam tennis courts which are not provided with sports lighting. Significant damage to three courts caused by motorbikes. The Council is in the process of repairing the damage to affected court. | Ensure damage to courts is resolved to allow for continued usage.<br>Look at feasibility of providing sport lighting at this site.  | Local Authority, LTA     | Local               | M        | S          | M    | Protect Enhance Provide |
| 41      | King George V Playing Field, Broughton Village | 30004781         | PR3 5JB  | Football | Local Authority | One poor quality adult pitch which has actual spare capacity discounted due to poor quality. The site is not provided with dedicated ancillary provision.   | Improve pitch quality through enhanced maintenance regime   | Local Authority, LFA, FF | Local               | L        | S          | L    | Protect Enhance         |
| 46      | Mill Lane Playing Field                        | 6004988          | PR2 3SD  | Football | Local Authority | One standard quality adult pitch with spare capacity 0.5 match equivalent sessions.   | Sustain pitch quality with appropriate levels of maintenance.<br>Utilise spare capacity for future demand and/or alleviate shortfalls.  | Local Authority, LFA, FF | Local               | L        | S          | L    | Protect Enhance         |

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|---------|---------------------------|------------------|----------|-------------|-------------|---|--|----------------------|---------------------|----------|------------|------|-------------------------|
| 51      | Our Lady's RC High School | 1201739          | PR2 3SQ  | Football    | Education   | One adult and one youth 11v11 pitch which are both poor quality.  | Improve pitch quality through enhanced maintenance regime.   | Education, LFA, FF   | Local               | H        | S          | L    | Protect Enhance         |
| 51      | Our Lady's RC High School | 1201739          | PR2 3SQ  | Cricket     | Education   | One NTP which is unavailable for community use.   | Protect for curricular use.  | Education, ECB       | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect                 |
| 51      | Our Lady's RC High School | 1201739          | PR2 3SQ  | Netball     | Education   | Three good quality macadam netball courts which are available for community use.  | Sustain court quality through dedicated maintenance regime.  | Education, EN        | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect                 |
| 56      | Preston Grasshoppers RFC  | 1036112          | PR4 0AP  | 3G          | Sport Club  | One community available 11v11 3G which has FA until May 2027 and WR certification until June 2026. The pitch is good quality.   | Sustain pitch quality through an enhanced maintenance regime. Ensure sinking fund is in place for future refurbishment when necessary.   | Sports Club, LFA, FF | Key centre          | L        | L          | L    | Protect                 |
| 56      | Preston Grasshoppers RFC  | 1036112          | PR4 0AP  | Rugby union | Sports Club | Two good quality (M2/D1) pitches of which one is provided with sports lighting and two standard quality (M2/D0) pitch. All pitches are played to capacity.  | Sustain pitch quality through dedicated maintenance regime. Look at feasibility of providing sport lighting on additional pitches to better accommodate training demand.   | Sports Club, RFU     | Key centre          | M        | M          | M    | Protect Provide         |
| 56      | Preston Grasshoppers RFC  | 1036112          | PR4 0AP  | Cricket     | Sports Club | One NTP which is available for community use. Additionally, the site previously accommodates on grass cricket square which is no longer marked.   | Protect NTP for community use. Look to reinstate the grass cricket square to help reduce overall shortfalls.   | Sports Club, ECB     | Key centre          | L        | L          | L    | Protect                 |
| 59      | University of Lancashire  | 1004645          | PR2 1SG  | Football    | Education   | Six adult and two youth 9v9 pitches which are standard quality. All adult pitches are overplayed by a total of four MES and youth 9v9 by 2.5 MES. Community club users have unsecure tenure.  | Improve pitch quality through enhanced maintenance regime to reduce overplay on site. Aim to protect community use through CUA.  | Education, LFA, FF   | Hub                 | H        | M          | M    | Protect Enhance         |
| 59      | University of Lancashire  | 1004645          | PR2 1SG  | 3G          | Education   | One good quality sports lit 11v11 3G pitches with FIFA certification until May 2026 built in 2021. Also, one FA and WR compliant 3G pitch which is standard quality having been built in 2016. Aspirations to develop an additional 11v11 3G pitch in replacement of its seven current poor quality smaller size AGPs which will be available for community use alongside its other provision. Current capacity on 3G pitches is limited for community clubs. | Sustain pitch quality with appropriate and look to refurbish when required. Ensure relevant pitch replacement funds are in situ. Ensure pitches are retested for relevant FIFA, FA and WR certification as required. Due to the poor quality of the AGPs, in addition to no hockey usage, explore the feasibility of conversation to a 11v11 size sports lit 3G pitch with secured levels of dedicated community access. | Education, LFA, FF   | Hub                 | H        | S          | H    | Protect Provide Enhance |
| 59      | University of Lancashire  | 1004645          | PR2 1SG  | Hockey      | Education   | One standard quality full size AGP, built in 2010, which is provided with sports lighting and is used by Preston HC and University of Lancashire HC.  | Protect the full size AGP as a hockey suitable surface and refurbish, when required, with suitable carpet to accommodate curricular,   | Education, EH        | Hub                 | H        | L          | L    | Protect Provide Enhance |

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|---------|----------------------------|------------------|----------|------------------|-----------------------|--|--|--------------------------------|---------------------|----------|------------|------|-----------------|
|         |                            |                  |          |                  |                       | Additionally, there are seven smaller sized AGPs of which all are provided with sports lighting and are available for community use.   | extracurricular and community hockey demand. Look to secure tenure for any community hockey clubs through a CUA. Due to the poor quality of the AGPs, in addition to no hockey usage, explore the feasibility of conversion to a 11v11 size sports lit 3G pitch with secured levels of dedicated community access. |                                |                     |          |            |      |                 |
| 59      | University of Lancashire   | 1004645          | PR2 1SG  | Athletics        | Education             | One good quality 400m synthetic track which is provided with sports lighting and used by Preston Harriers AC. Refurbished in 2024 and is TrackMark accredited.                 | Sustain track quality through an enhanced maintenance regime. Ensure is retested as required to sustain TrackMark accreditation. Provide Preston Harriers AC long term security of tenure.   | Education, EA                  | Hub                 | M        | L          | L    | Protect         |
| 59      | University of Lancashire   | 1004645          | PR2 1SG  | Tennis / Netball | Education             | Four good quality sports lit macadam courts overmarked for tennis and netball. Available for community use.  | Sustain quality with appropriate maintenance and retain as current use.  | Education, LTA, EN             | Hub                 | L        | L          | L    | Protect         |
| 66      | Springfields Sports Ground |                  | PR2 1XR  | Football         | Sports Club           | Two good quality adult pitches which are unavailable for community use. Used by Preston North End FC   | Retain as current use.   | Sports Club, LFA, FF           | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect         |
| 76      | Station Lane               | 6004962          | PR3 5DY  | Football         | Local Authority       | One standard quality adult pitch which has actual spare capacity of one MES. The site is not provided with dedicated ancillary provision.                                      | Sustain quality with appropriate maintenance. Utilise spare capacity to accommodate future demand and/or alleviate shortfalls.   | Local Authority, LFA, FF       | Local               | L        | S          | L    | Protect         |
| 77      | Tanterton Playing Fields   | 6004986          | PR2 7DD  | Football         | Local Authority       | Two standard quality adult pitches which have actual spare capacity of 0.5 MES.  | Sustain quality with appropriate maintenance. Utilise spare capacity to accommodate future demand and/or alleviate shortfalls.   | Local Authority, LFA, FF       | Local               | L        | S          | L    | Protect         |
| 80      | Playfootball (Preston)     | 1008791          | PR2 3TX  | 3G               | Commercial Management | Three smaller sized 3G pitches which are serviced with sports lighting. All three pitches were installed in 2009 and are poor quality.   | Improve pitch quality via resurfacing when feasibly possible.  | Commercial Management, LFA, FF | Key                 | L        | S          | M    | Protect Enhance |
| 290     | Broughton & District Club  | 1037864          | PR3 5DA  | Bowls            | Sport Club            | One standard quality crown bowling green which is provided with sports lighting and home to Broughton & District BC. The site is serviced by good quality ancillary provision. | Sustain green quality through dedicated maintenance regime.  | Sports Club, BCGBA             | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect         |

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| Site ID | Site                                | Active Places ID | Postcode | Sport           | Management             | Current status   | Recommended actions   | Partners                      | Site hierarchy tier | Priority | Timescales | Cost | Aim     |
|---------|-------------------------------------|------------------|----------|-----------------|------------------------|--|---|-------------------------------|---------------------|----------|------------|------|---------|
| 290     | Broughton & District Club           | 1037864          | PR3 5DA  | Tennis          | Sports Club            | Five good quality macadam tennis courts and two good quality clay tennis courts of which are serviced with sports lighting and used by Broughton & District TC. There are also two Padel courts on the site. | Sustain court quality through dedicated maintenance regime.   | Sports Club, LTA              | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect |
| 291     | Catforth Village Hall               |                  | PR4 0HH  | Bowls (Disused) | Local Authority        | Previous PPS identified one bowling green at this site which is now disused.   | Retain as strategic reserve if an increase in demand warrants reinstating the provision.<br>Ensure any permanent loss of provision meets national planning policy requirements. | Local Authority, BCGBA        | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect |
| 295     | Salwick Social Club                 |                  | PR4 0RN  | Bowls (Disused) | Community Organisation | Previous PPS identified one bowling green at this site which is now disused.   | Retain as strategic reserve if an increase in demand warrants reinstating the provision.<br>Ensure any permanent loss of provision meets national planning policy requirements. | Community Organisation, BCGBA | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect |
| 296     | Woodplumpton & District Tennis Club | 1042927          | PR4 0RU  | Bowls           | Sport Club             | One standard quality crown bowling green which is home to Woodplumpton BC. The site is serviced by good quality ancillary provision.   | Sustain green quality through dedicated maintenance regime.   | Sports Club, BCGBA            | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect |
| 296     | Woodplumpton & District Tennis Club | 1042927          | PR4 0RU  | Tennis          | Sports Club            | Two standard quality macadam tennis courts which are provided with sports lighting.  | Sustain court quality through dedicated maintenance regime.   | Sports Club, BCGBA            | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect |
| 309     | Lea Bowling Club                    |                  | PR2 1YN  | Bowls           | Sport Club             | One good quality crown bowling green which is provided with sports lighting and home to Lea BC.  | Sustain green quality through dedicated maintenance regime.   | Sports Club, BCGBA            | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect |
| 310     | Parkfield Labour Club               |                  | PR2 2LH  | Bowls           | Sports Club            | One standard quality crown bowling green which is home to Parkfield Labour BC. The site is serviced by good quality ancillary provision.   | Sustain green quality through dedicated maintenance regime.   | Sports Club, BCGBA            | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect |
| 311     | Moor Park Sports & Social Club      |                  | PR2 3AE  | Bowls           | Community Organisation | One standard quality crown bowling green which is home to Moor Park BC.  | Sustain green quality through dedicated maintenance regime.   | Community Organisation, BCGBA | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect |

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## PRESTON - SOUTH ANALYSIS AREA

### Area summary – pitch sports<sup>29</sup>

| Area                    | Pitch type                             | Current capacity total in MES <sup>[1]</sup> | Future capacity total in MES (2041) <sup>30</sup> |
|-------------------------|--|--|---|
| <b>Football (grass)</b> | -                                      | -  | -   |
| South                   | Adult                                  | Shortfall of 0.5                             | Shortfall of 0.5                                  |
| South                   | Youth 11v11                            | Actual spare capacity of 0.5                 | Actual spare capacity of 0.5                      |
| South                   | Youth 9v9                              | Shortfall of 1.5                             | Shortfall of 1.5                                  |
| South                   | Mini 7v7                               | Actual spare capacity of 1                   | Actual spare capacity of 1                        |
| South                   | Mini 5v5                               | Played to capacity                           | Played to capacity                                |
| <b>Preston</b>          | <b>Adult</b>                           | <b>Shortfall of 2</b>                        | <b>Shortfall of 3.5</b>                           |
| <b>Preston</b>          | <b>Youth 11v11</b>                     | <b>Shortfall of 6</b>                        | <b>Shortfall of 8</b>                             |
| <b>Preston</b>          | <b>Youth 9v9</b>                       | <b>Shortfall of 5.5</b>                      | <b>Shortfall of 6</b>                             |
| <b>Preston</b>          | <b>Mini 7v7</b>                        | <b>Spare capacity of 2.5</b>                 | <b>Spare capacity of 2</b>                        |
| <b>Preston</b>          | <b>Mini 5v5</b>                        | <b>Spare capacity of 1</b>                   | <b>Spare capacity of 1</b>                        |
| <b>Football (3G)</b>    | -                                      | -  | -   |
| South                   | 11v11                                  | Shortfall of 1 pitch                         | Shortfall of 1 pitch                              |
| <b>Preston</b>          | <b>11v11</b>                           | <b>Shortfall of 3 pitches</b>                | <b>Shortfall of 3.75 pitches</b>                  |
| <b>Cricket</b>          | -                                      | -  | -   |
| South                   | Saturday                               | Shortfall of 26                              | Shortfall of 26                                   |
| South                   | Sunday                                 | Shortfall of 26                              | Shortfall of 26                                   |
| South                   | Midweek                                | Shortfall of 26                              | Shortfall of 26                                   |
| <b>Preston</b>          | <b>Saturday</b>                        | <b>Shortfall of 79</b>                       | <b>Shortfall of 91</b>                            |
| <b>Preston</b>          | <b>Sunday</b>                          | <b>Shortfall of 79</b>                       | <b>Shortfall of 79</b>                            |
| <b>Preston</b>          | <b>Midweek</b>                         | <b>Shortfall of 79</b>                       | <b>Shortfall of 85</b>                            |
| <b>Rugby union</b>      | -                                      | -  | -   |
| <b>Preston</b>          | <b>Senior</b>                          | <b>Shortfall of 0.5</b>                      | <b>Shortfall of 2</b>                             |
| <b>Rugby league</b>     | -                                      | -  | -   |
| <b>Preston</b>          | <b>Senior</b>                          | - <sup>31</sup>                              | -   |
| <b>Preston</b>          | <b>Junior</b>                          | -  | -   |
| <b>Preston</b>          | <b>Mini</b>                            | -  | -   |
| <b>Hockey</b>           | -                                      | -  | -   |
| <b>Preston</b>          | <b>Full size, with sports lighting</b> | <b>Sufficient supply</b>                     | <b>Sufficient supply</b>                          |

### Area summary – non-pitch sports

| Sport            | Headline findings   |
|------------------|---|
| <b>Athletics</b> | There is one formal athletics track in Central Lancashire provided in the Preston North West located at University of Lancashire. Additionally, there is one 100m synthetic track located at West Way Sports Hub in the Chorley West Analysis Area. It cannot be said that supply is sufficient to meet demand given that Chorley Athletics and Tri Club is currently exporting some of its demand to Bolton due to the lack of facilities in the area, |

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

<sup>30</sup> It should be noted that this future demand figure is at a Boroughwide level, and some analysis areas may have greater shortfalls than others.

<sup>31</sup> There is no supply or demand for rugby league in Preston.

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| Sport               | Headline findings   |
|---------------------|---|
| <b>Bowls</b>        | Supply is considered sufficient to meet demand in the Preston South Analysis Area with 10 greens provided. Clubs should be monitored to ensure their existing provision remains sufficient. It should be noted that one green is assessed as poor quality located at Victoria Bowling Club, support should be given to the Club to improve the green quality to continue to adequately accommodate demand.  |
| <b>Tennis</b>       | With 10 community available courts provided in the Preston South Analysis Area, supply is considered sufficient to meet demand. No courts are identified as having any capacity issues. However, it is also likely that informal demand will continue to increase following the improvements to courts. It should be noted that the one court located at Moor Park are poor quality and in need of resurfacing.   |
| <b>Netball</b>      | There are currently no community available netball courts located in the Preston South Analysis Area. However, it's said that all demand is being adequately accommodated in the surrounding analysis areas.  |
| <b>Cycling</b>      | It is considered that demand for cycling across Central Lancashire is being adequately accommodated. There is a good quality BMX Pump Track located at Fishwick Recreation Ground (London Road) which is home to Preston Pirates BMX Club and has sports lighting to provide all year-round usage. The track has seen recent investment into improving the facility including refurbishing two berms (raised corners) to improve the riders' safety and experience and improvements to drainage. Additionally, there is a good quality 1.5km outdoor cycling track and a 0.75km outdoor junior cycle track around the sports facilities at University of Lancashire. A planning application has recently been approved for the creation of a new BMX Pump Track located at Waverly Park (Preston) with work set to commence summer 2025.  |
| <b>Other sports</b> | <p>Outdoor water sports in Chorley, Preston, and South Ribble are moderately well served, particularly in the Preston area where the Dock Basin supports a variety of water-based activities.</p> <p>The climbing and bouldering offer in Chorley, Preston, and South Ribble is strongly centred around two modern indoor facilities — Boulder UK and PrestonWall — both of which cater for a wide range of climbers from complete beginners to experienced athletes.</p> <p>Supply is currently insufficient for American football with the Club accessing multiple sites across Central Lancashire due to the lack of dedicated American football provision.</p> <p>Archery across Central Lancashire is well catered for through facilities such as: Wigan Lane Sports and Community Hub, Clayton Green Sports Centre and Preston Grasshoppers RFC, meaning that archery is particularly well catered for when it comes to both indoor and outdoor venues.</p> <p>Pickleball across Central Lancashire is well catered for through facilities such as: Chorley Tennis Club, All seasons Leisure Centre, Clayton Green Sports Centre, Sir Tom Finney Sports Centre, Bamber Bridge Leisure Centre and Leyland Leisure Centre meaning that pickleball is particularly well catered for when it comes to both indoor and outdoor venues.</p> <p>Across Central Lancashire, supply is considered sufficient for basketball given the number of dedicated facilities available to the Community. However, there is a clear need to improve and retain the current supply in ways that can attract and better accommodate more users at sites such as Haslam Park, Moor Park and Smith's Recreation Ground.</p> |

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|---------|--------------------------------------|------------------|----------|----------|-----------------|--|---|--------------------------|---------------------|----------|------------|------|-----------------|
| 3       | Ashton Park                          | 6004979          | PR2 1LH  | Football | Local Authority | Two standard quality youth 9v9 pitches that have actual spare capacity of one match equivalent session.  | Sustain pitch quality with appropriate maintenance. Utilise spare capacity for future demand and/or alleviate shortfalls.   | Local Authority, LFA, FF | Key centre          | L        | M          | L    | Protect Enhance |
| 3       | Ashton Park                          | 6004979          | PR2 1LH  | Bowls    | Local Authority | One good quality crown bowling green which is home to Ashton Nomands BC.   | Sustain green quality through dedicated maintenance regime.   | Local Authority, BCGBA   | Key centre          | L        | L          | L    | Protect         |
| 3       | Ashton Park                          | 6004979          | PR2 1LH  | Tennis   | Local Authority | Two good quality macadam tennis courts.  | Sustain court quality through dedicated maintenance regime.   | Local Authority, LTA     | Key centre          | L        | L          | L    | Protect         |
| 5       | BAC/EE                               | 1208488          | PR1 8JP  | Football | Private         | One adult, one youth 9v9, and one mini 5v5 pitch which are all standard quality. Adult pitch is overplayed by 0.5 match equivalent sessions, whereas the mini 5v5 has actual spare capacity of one match equivalent session.                                       | Improve pitch quality through dedicated maintenance regime.   | Private, LFA, FF         | Local               | L        | S          | L    | Protect Enhance |
| 5       | BAC/EE                               | 1208488          | PR1 8JP  | 3G       | Private         | One small sized 3G pitch which is provided with sports lighting and available for community use. Poor quality having been built in 2009.   | Look to refurbish the pitch based on the surfaces age. Ensure sinking fund is in place for future refurbishment when necessary.                                       | Private, LFA, FF         | Local               | L        | S          | M    | Protect Enhance |
| 5       | BAC/EE                               | 1208488          | PR1 8JP  | Cricket  | Sports Club     | One poor quality cricket square which provides 12 wickets and an NTP. The site is home to BAC/EE CC. The square is currently out of use due to flood defence works which are being carried out. It's planned for the square to be back in use for the 2026 season. | Ensure the square is reinstated, to equal or better quality, for the 2026 season to cater for the demand BAC/EE CC.   | Sports Club, ECB         | Local               | H        | S          | M    | Protect Enhance |
| 11      | Christ the King Catholic High School | 1203210          | PR1 4LX  | Football | Education       | One standard quality adult pitch which is used by Ribbleton FC and Walton North End JFC. The site is serviced by poor quality ancillary provision due to being out dated and in need of modernisation to provide for school and community use.                     | Sustain pitch quality through dedicated maintenance regime. Explore the feasibility of improving ancillary provision on site.   | Education, LFA, FF       | Key centre          | M        | M          | M    | Protect Enhance |
| 11      | Christ the King Catholic High School | 1203210          | PR1 4LX  | 3G       | Education       | One good quality small size FA certified sports lit 3G pitch available for community use.  | Sustain pitch quality with appropriate maintenance. Ensure a relevant pitch replacement fund is in place. Ensure the pitch retains is FA certification when required. | Education, LFA, FF       | Key centre          | L        | S          | L    | Protect         |
| 11      | Christ the King Catholic High School | 1203210          | PR1 4LX  | Cricket  | Education       | One standalone NTP which is unavailable for community use.   | Protect for curricular use.   | Education, ECB           | Key centre          | L        | L          | L    | Protect         |

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|---------|--|------------------|----------|-----------------|-----------------|--|---|----------------------------|---------------------|----------|------------|------|-----------------|
| 11      | Christ the King Catholic High School     | 1203210          | PR1 4LX  | Netball         | Education       | Two poor quality macadam tennis courts which are unavailable for community use.  | Improve court quality through an enhanced maintenance regime for curricular and extracurricular demand.   | Education, EN              | Key centre          | L        | L          | L    | Protect Enhance |
| 16      | Fishwick Recreation Ground (London Road) | 1038832          | PR2 5AN  | Football        | Local Authority | One standard quality adult pitch with actual spare capacity of 0.5 match equivalent sessions.  | Sustain pitch quality with appropriate maintenance. Utilise spare capacity for future demand and/or alleviate shortfalls.   | Local Authority, LFA, FF   | Local               | L        | S          | L    | Protect         |
| 17      | Frenchwood Recreation Ground             | 6004984          | PR1 4LX  | Football        | Local Authority | Two poor quality adult pitches which are used by AFC Preston, Ribbleson Athletic and Sporting Preston. The site is serviced by standard quality ancillary provision.   | Improve pitch quality through enhanced maintenance regime. Look at feasibility of improving drainage on site.   | Local Authority, LFA, FF   | Local               | M        | S          | M    | Protect Enhance |
| 32      | Hartington Road Recreation Ground        | -                | PR1 8PY  | Bowls (Disused) | Local Authority | Previous PPS identified one bowling green at this site which is now disused.   | Retain as strategic reserve if an increase in demand warrants reinstating the provision. Ensure any permanent loss of provision meets national planning policy requirements.  | Local Authority, BCGBA     | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect         |
| 42      | Lea Community Primary School             | 30004788         | PR2 1PD  | Football        | Education       | One youth 9v9, one mini 7v7, and one mini 5v5 pitch which are all poor quality. Overplayed by 2.5, 0.5 and one match equivalent session, respectively.   | Improve pitch quality through enhanced maintenance regime to better accommodate curricular, extracurricular and community demand.   | Education, LFA, FF         | Local               | M        | S          | L    | Protect Enhance |
| 48      | Moor Park                                | 1208500          | PR1 6AU  | Football        | Local Authority | Four adult pitches of which three are poor quality and one is standard quality. Total overplay amount to 0.5 match equivalent sessions. Ancillary facilities are outdated and in need of modernisation. Plans are underway to improve these facilities with funding granted. | Improve pitch quality through enhanced maintenance regime. Assist where possible in improving the quality of ancillary provision.   | Local Authority, LFA, FF   | Key centre          | H        | S          | H    | Protect Enhance |
| 48      | Moor Park                                | 1208500          | PR1 6AU  | Cricket         | Local Authority | Two standalone NTPs which are available for community use.   | Sustain square quality through dedicated maintenance regime.  | Local Authority, ECB       | Key centre          | L        | L          | L    | Protect         |
| 48      | Moor Park                                | 1208500          | PR1 6AU  | Bowls           | Local Authority | One good quality flat bowling green and one good quality crown bowling green which are home to The Preston and District Blind BC. Also, two disused bowling greens.  | Sustain green quality through dedicated maintenance regime. Retain disused greens as strategic reserve if an increase in demand warrants reinstating the provision. Ensure any permanent loss of provision meets national planning policy requirements. | Local Authority, BCGBA, BE | Key centre          | L        | L          | L    | Protect         |

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|---------|---|------------------|----------|-----------------|-----------------|---|--|--------------------------|---------------------|----------|------------|------|-----------------|
| 48      | Moor Park                                 | 1208500          | PR1 6AU  | Tennis          | Local Authority | Seven macadam tennis courts of which six are good quality and one is poor quality. All courts are available for community use.  | Sustain good court quality and improve poor court quality through enhanced maintenance regime.   | Local Authority, LTA     | Key centre          | M        | S          | L    | Protect Enhance |
| 49      | Moor Park Business and Enterprise College | -                | PR1 6DT  | Netball         | Education       | One poor quality macadam netball court which is unavailable for community use.  | Protect for curricular use.  | Education, EN            | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect         |
| 58      | Preston North End Football Club           | 30003650         | PR1 6UT  | Football        | Sports Club     | One good quality adult pitch which is unavailable for community use.  | No action required.  | Sports Club, LFA, FF     | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect         |
| 60      | Preston Sports Club                       | 1014660          | PR1 8JP  | Football        | Sport Club      | One mini 7v7 and one youth 11v11 pitch of which both are good quality and have spare capacity.  | Sustain pitch quality through dedicated maintenance regime.<br>Utilise spare capacity for future demand and/or alleviate shortfalls.   | Sports Club, LFA, FF     | Local               | L        | S          | L    | Protect         |
| 60      | Preston Sports Club                       | 1014660          | PR1 8JP  | Hockey          | Sports Club     | One full size AGP which is provided with sports lighting and is home to Preston HC. Pitch is good quality having been resurfaced in 2020.                               | Sustain pitch quality through dedicated maintenance regime.<br>Ensure sinking fund is in place for future refurbishment when necessary.  | Sports Club, EH          | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect         |
| 60      | Preston Sports Club                       | 1014660          | PR1 8JP  | Cricket         | Sports Club     | One standard quality cricket square which provides six wickets and an NTP. The site is home to Preston CC and currently overplayed by 26 MES.                           | Improve square quality through dedicated maintenance regime to alleviate overplay.<br>Explore greater utilisation of NTP and/or installation of hybrid wicket to greater alleviate shortfalls. | Sports Club, ECB         | Local               | M        | S          | L    | Protect Enhance |
| 63      | Ribbleton Park                            | 6004975          | PR1 4SX  | Football        | Local Authority | One adult, one youth 11v11 and one mini 7v7 pitch which are all standard quality. Mini pitch has spare capacity at peak time whereas the others are played to capacity. | Sustain pitch quality through dedicated maintenance regime.<br>Utilise spare capacity for future demand and/or alleviate shortfalls.   | Local Authority, LFA, FF | Local               | L        | S          | L    | Protect         |
| 63      | Ribbleton Park                            | 6004975          | PR1 4SX  | Bowls (Disused) | Local Authority | Previous PPS identified two bowling greens which are now disused.   | Retain as strategic reserve if an increase in demand warrants reinstating the provision.<br>Ensure any permanent loss of provision meets national planning policy requirements.                | Sports club, BCGBA       | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect         |
| 71      | St Teresa's Catholic Primary School       | 30005176         | PR1 4RH  | Hockey          | Education       | One small sized AGP which is provided with sports lighting and available for community use.   | Sustain pitch quality through dedicated maintenance regime.<br>Ensure sinking fund is in place for future refurbishment when necessary.  | Education, EH            | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect         |
| 73      | St. Bernard's Catholic School             | -                | PR2 1RP  | Football        | Education       | One poor quality youth 9v9 pitch which is unavailable for community use.  | Improve pitch quality through an enhanced maintenance regime for curricular and extracurricular usage.   | Education, LFA, FF       | Local               | L        | S          | L    | Protect Enhance |

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|---------|--|------------------|----------|-----------------|-------------|---|--|----------------------|---------------------|----------|------------|------|-----------------|
| 81      | West View Leisure Centre               | 1004649          | PR1 5EP  | 3G              | Trust       | One small sized 3G which is provided with sports lighting and available for community use. The pitch was resurfaced in 2024 and is good quality.                            | Sustain pitch quality through dedicated maintenance regime.  | Trust, LFA, FF       | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect         |
| 97      | Frank Thompson Sports Ground           | 30009674         | PR1 4AP  | Football        | Sports Club | One standard quality adult pitch.   | Sustain pitch quality with appropriate maintenance.  | Sports Club, LFA, FF | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect         |
| 264     | St Bernard Catholic Primary School     | -                | PR2 1RP  | Football        | Education   | One poor quality youth 9v9 pitch which is unavailable for community use.  | Improve pitch quality through an enhanced maintenance regime for curricular and extracurricular usage.   | Education, LFA, FF   | Local               | L        | S          | L    | Protect Enhance |
| 282     | Acregate Labour                        | -                | PR1 5QL  | Bowls           | Sports Club | One good quality crown bowling green which is provided with sports lighting and home to Acregate Labour BC. The site is serviced with standard quality ancillary provision. | Sustain green quality through dedicated maintenance regime.  | Sports Club, BCGBA   | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect         |
| 283     | Deepdale Bowling Club                  | -                | PR1 6LN  | Bowls (Disused) | Sport Club  | Previous PPS identified one bowling green at this site but is now disused.  | Retain as strategic reserve if an increase in demand warrants reinstating the provision. Ensure any permanent loss of provision meets national planning policy requirements. | Sports club, BCGBA   | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect         |
| 284     | Ashton Bowling Club                    | -                | PR2 1AL  | Bowls           | Sport Club  | One good quality crown bowling green which is home to Ashton BC. The site is serviced with good quality ancillary provision.  | Sustain green quality through dedicated maintenance regime.  | Sports Club, BCGBA   | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect         |
| 285     | Ashton-on-Ribble Bowling & Social Club | -                | PR2 1AL  | Bowls           | Sports Club | One standard quality crown bowling green which is home to Thurlby BC. The site is serviced by good quality ancillary provision.   | Sustain green quality through dedicated maintenance regime.  | Sports Club, BCGBA   | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect         |
| 287     | Deepdale Labour Social & Bowling Club  | -                | PR1 6RX  | Bowls (Disused) | Sport Club  | Previous PPS identified one bowling green at this site but is now disused.  | Retain as strategic reserve if an increase in demand warrants reinstating the provision. Ensure any permanent loss of provision meets national planning policy requirements. | Sports club, BCGBA   | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect         |
| 288     | Empire Services Club                   | -                | PR1 8PP  | Bowls           | Sports Club | Two standard quality crown bowling greens which is provided with sports lighting. The site is serviced by standard quality ancillary provision.                             | Sustain green quality through dedicated maintenance regime.  | Sports Club, BCGBA   | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect         |
| 292     | Frenchwood Social Club                 | -                | PR1 4NJ  | Bowls           | Sports Club | One standard quality crown bowling green which is home to Frenchwood Social BC. The site is serviced with standard quality ancillary provision.                             | Sustain green quality through dedicated maintenance regime.  | Sports Club, BCGBA   | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect         |

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|---------|---------------------------|------------------|----------|-----------------|-----------------|--|---|------------------------|---------------------|----------|------------|------|-----------------|
| 316     | Victoria Bowling Club     | -                | PR1 8JP  | Bowls           | Sport Club      | One poor quality crown bowling green which is provided with sports lighting and home to Victoria BC. The site is serviced with standard quality ancillary provision. | Improve green quality through enhanced maintenance regime.  | Sports Club, BCGBA     | Local               | M        | S          | L    | Protect Enhance |
| 340     | Smith's Recreation Ground | -                | PR1 4LB  | Bowls (Disused) | Local Authority | The previous PPS identified two bowling greens at this site which are now disused.   | Retain as strategic reserve if an increase in demand warrants reinstating the provision.<br>Ensure any permanent loss of provision meets national planning policy requirements. | Local Authority, BCGBA | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect         |
| 340     | Smith's Recreation Ground | -                | PR1 4LB  | Basketball      | Local Authority | One poor quality macadam basketball court which is provided with sports lighting.  | Improve court quality through enhanced maintenance regime.  | Local Authority, BE    | Local               | L        | S          | L    | Protect Enhance |

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## SOUTH RIBBLE - CENTRAL ANALYSIS AREA

### Area summary – pitch sports<sup>32</sup>

| Area                    | Pitch type                             | Current capacity total in MES <sup>[1]</sup> | Future capacity total in MES (2041) <sup>33</sup> |
|-------------------------|--|--|---|
| <b>Football (grass)</b> | -                                      | -  | -   |
| Central                 | Adult                                  | Actual spare capacity of 0.5                 | Actual spare capacity of 0.5                      |
| Central                 | Youth 11v11                            | Shortfall of 2                               | Shortfall of 2                                    |
| Central                 | Youth 9v9                              | Shortfall of 1.5                             | Shortfall of 1.5                                  |
| Central                 | Mini 7v7                               | Played to capacity                           | Played to capacity                                |
| Central                 | Mini 5v5                               | Played to capacity                           | Played to capacity                                |
| <b>South Ribble</b>     | <b>Adult</b>                           | <b>Shortfall of 6</b>                        | <b>Shortfall of 8</b>                             |
| <b>South Ribble</b>     | <b>Youth 11v11</b>                     | <b>Shortfall of 5.5</b>                      | <b>Shortfall of 7</b>                             |
| <b>South Ribble</b>     | <b>Youth 9v9</b>                       | <b>Shortfall of 2.5</b>                      | <b>Shortfall of 3.5</b>                           |
| <b>South Ribble</b>     | <b>Mini 7v7</b>                        | <b>Spare capacity of 1</b>                   | <b>Played to capacity</b>                         |
| <b>South Ribble</b>     | <b>Mini 5v5</b>                        | <b>Played to capacity</b>                    | <b>Shortfall of 0.5</b>                           |
| <b>Football (3G)</b>    | -                                      | -  | -   |
| Central                 | 11v11                                  | At capacity                                  | At capacity                                       |
| <b>South Ribble</b>     | <b>11v11</b>                           | <b>Shortfall of 2 pitches</b>                | <b>Shortfall of 3.5 pitches</b>                   |
| <b>Cricket</b>          | -                                      | -  | -   |
| Central                 | Saturday                               | Played to capacity                           | Played to capacity                                |
| Central                 | Sunday                                 | Played to capacity                           | Played to capacity                                |
| Central                 | Midweek                                | Played to capacity                           | Played to capacity                                |
| <b>South Ribble</b>     | <b>Saturday</b>                        | <b>Shortfall of 149</b>                      | <b>Shortfall of 161</b>                           |
| <b>South Ribble</b>     | <b>Sunday</b>                          | <b>Shortfall of 149</b>                      | <b>Shortfall of 149</b>                           |
| <b>South Ribble</b>     | <b>Midweek</b>                         | <b>Shortfall of 143</b>                      | <b>Shortfall of 149</b>                           |
| <b>Rugby union</b>      | -                                      | -  | -   |
| <b>South Ribble</b>     | <b>Senior</b>                          | <b>Played to capacity</b>                    | <b>Played to capacity</b>                         |
| <b>Rugby league</b>     | -                                      | -  | -   |
| <b>South Ribble</b>     | <b>Senior</b>                          | <b>Shortfall of 1</b>                        | <b>Shortfall of 1</b>                             |
| <b>South Ribble</b>     | <b>Junior</b>                          | <b>Played to capacity</b>                    | <b>Played to capacity</b>                         |
| <b>South Ribble</b>     | <b>Mini</b>                            | <b>Played to capacity</b>                    | <b>Shortfall of 0.5</b>                           |
| <b>Hockey</b>           | -                                      | -  | -   |
| <b>South Ribble</b>     | <b>Full size, with sports lighting</b> | <b>Sufficient supply</b>                     | <b>Sufficient supply</b>                          |

### Area summary – non-pitch sports

| Sport            | Headline findings   |
|------------------|---|
| <b>Athletics</b> | There is one formal athletics track in Central Lancashire provided in the Preston North West located at University of Lancashire. Additionally, there is one 100m synthetic track located at West Way Sports Hub in the Chorley West Analysis Area. It cannot be said that supply is sufficient to meet demand given that Chorley Athletics and Tri Club is currently exporting some of its demand to Bolton due to the lack of facilities in the area, |

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

<sup>33</sup> It should be noted that this future demand figure is at a Boroughwide level, and some analysis areas may have greater shortfalls than others.

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| Sport               | Headline findings   |
|---------------------|---|
| <b>Bowls</b>        | Supply is considered sufficient to meet demand in the South Ribble Central Analysis Area with five greens provided. Clubs (Lostock Hall Cons BC) should be monitored to ensure their existing provision remains sufficient.   |
| <b>Tennis</b>       | There are currently no community available tennis courts located in the South Ribble Central Analysis Area, with one unavailable courts located at Lostock Hall Academy. However, it's said that all demand is being adequately accommodated in the surrounding analysis areas.   |
| <b>Netball</b>      | There are currently no community available netball courts located in the South Ribble Central Analysis Area. However, it's said that all demand is being adequately accommodated in the surrounding analysis areas.   |
| <b>Cycling</b>      | It is considered that demand for cycling across Central Lancashire is being adequately accommodated. There is one standard quality BMX Pump Track located within South Ribble located at Much Hoole which is not provided with sports lighting.   |
| <b>Other sports</b> | <p>Outdoor water sports in Chorley, Preston, and South Ribble are moderately well served, particularly in the Preston area where the Dock Basin supports a variety of water-based activities.</p> <p>The climbing and bouldering offer in Chorley, Preston, and South Ribble is strongly centred around two modern indoor facilities — Boulder UK and PrestonWall — both of which cater for a wide range of climbers from complete beginners to experienced athletes.</p> <p>Supply is currently insufficient for American football with the Club accessing multiple sites across Central Lancashire due to the lack of dedicated American football provision.</p> <p>Archery across Central Lancashire is well catered for through facilities such as: Wigan Lane Sports and Community Hub, Clayton Green Sports Centre and Preston Grasshoppers RFC, meaning that archery is particularly well catered for when it comes to both indoor and outdoor venues.</p> <p>Pickleball across Central Lancashire is well catered for through facilities such as: Chorley Tennis Club, All seasons Leisure Centre, Clayton Green Sports Centre, Sir Tom Finney Sports Centre, Bamber Bridge Leisure Centre and Leyland Leisure Centre meaning that pickleball is particularly well catered for when it comes to both indoor and outdoor venues.</p> <p>Across Central Lancashire, supply is considered sufficient for basketball given the number of dedicated facilities available to the Community. However, there is a clear need to improve and retain the current supply in ways that can attract and better accommodate more users at sites such as Haslam Park, Moor Park and Smith's Recreation Ground.</p> |

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| Site ID | Site                                   | Active Places ID | Postcode | Sport    | Management             | Current status   | Recommended actions  | Partners                      | Site hierarchy tier | Priority | Timescales | Cost | Aim             |
|---------|--|------------------|----------|----------|------------------------|--|--|-------------------------------|---------------------|----------|------------|------|-----------------|
| 120     | Lostock Hall Academy                   | 6005300          | PR5 5UR  | Football | Education              | One adult, two youth 11v11 and one youth 9v9 pitch, all of standard quality.<br>The adult pitch has discounted spare capacity due to unsecure tenure. The youth 11v11 pitches are overplayed by two MES per week whilst the youth 9v9 pitch is overplayed by 0.5 MES per week. | Improve pitch quality through enhanced maintenance regime to alleviate overplay.<br>Look to formalise community use agreement to provide security of tenure. | Education, LFA, FF            | Local               | M        | S          | L    | Protect Enhance |
| 120     | Lostock Hall Academy                   | 6005300          | PR5 5UR  | Hockey   | Education              | One small size, hockey suitable AGP that is sports lit and available for community use.  | Sustain pitch quality through dedicated maintenance regime.<br>Ensure sinking fund is in place for future refurbishment when necessary.                      | Education, EH                 | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect         |
| 120     | Lostock Hall Academy                   | 6005300          | PR5 5UR  | Cricket  | Education              | One standalone NTP that is unavailable for community use.  | Sustain wicket quality for curricular use.   | Education, ECB                | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect         |
| 120     | Lostock Hall Academy                   | 6005300          | PR5 5UR  | Tennis   | Education              | Three good quality macadam tennis courts that are unavailable for community use.   | Sustain court quality for curricular use.  | Education, LTA                | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect         |
| 120     | Lostock Hall Academy                   | 6005300          | PR5 5UR  | Netball  | Education              | Three good quality netball tennis courts that are unavailable for community use.   | Sustain court quality for curricular use.  | Education, EN                 | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect         |
| 121     | Lostock Hall Community Primary School  | 6012874          | PR5 5AS  | Football | Education              | One poor quality mini 7v7 pitch with discounted spare capacity due to poor pitch quality.  | Improve pitch quality through enhanced maintenance regime.   | Education, LFA, FF            | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect Enhance |
| 157     | Lostock Hall Recreation Ground         | 6005280          | PR5 5JH  | Football | Local Authority        | One poor quality adult pitch with discounted spare capacity due to poor pitch quality.<br>The site is without ancillary provision.   | Improve pitch quality through enhanced maintenance regime.   | Local Authority, LFA, FF      | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect Enhance |
| 163     | St Cuthbert's Playing Field            | -                | PR5 5TL  | Football | Local Authority        | One standard quality mini 7v7 pitch that is played to capacity at peak time.<br>The site is serviced by poor quality ancillary provision.  | Sustain pitch quality through dedicated maintenance regime.<br>Explore the feasibility of improving ancillary provision on site.                             | Local Authority, LFA, FF      | Local               | M        | M          | M    | Protect Enhance |
| 254     | BTR Recreation Ground                  | -                | PR25 3GR | Football | Local Authority        | Two standard quality adult pitches with 0.5 MES of actual spare capacity per week.<br>The site is without ancillary provision.   | Sustain pitch quality through dedicated maintenance regime.  | Local Authority, LFA, FF      | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect         |
| 298     | Farington & District Conservative Club | -                | PR25 4QL | Bowls    | Community Organisation | One good quality crown bowling green that is sports lit and home to Farington & District Cons BC.<br>The site is serviced by standard quality ancillary provision.   | Sustain green quality through dedicated maintenance regime.  | Community Organisation, BCGBA | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect         |

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| Site ID | Site                           | Active Places ID | Postcode | Sport           | Management             | Current status  | Recommended actions  | Partners                      | Site hierarchy tier | Priority | Timescales | Cost | Aim             |
|---------|--------------------------------|------------------|----------|-----------------|------------------------|---|--|-------------------------------|---------------------|----------|------------|------|-----------------|
| 300     | Leyland & Farington Club       | -                | PR25 4GB | Bowls           | Community Organisation | One standard quality crown bowling green that is sports lit and home to Leyland & Farington BC.<br>The site is serviced by poor quality ancillary provision.  | Sustain green quality through dedicated maintenance regime.<br>Explore the feasibility of improving ancillary provision on site.   | Community Organisation, BCGBA | Local               | M        | M          | M    | Protect Enhance |
| 301     | Farington St. Pauls            | 6012437          | PR26 6PR | Bowls           | Community Organisation | One good quality crown bowling green that is home to Farington St Paul's BC.<br>The site is serviced by good quality ancillary provision.   | Sustain green quality through dedicated maintenance regime.  | Community Organisation, BCGBA | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect         |
| 307     | Lostock Hall Conservative Club | -                | PR5 5AA  | Bowls           | Community Organisation | One good quality crown bowling green that is home to Lostock Hall Cons BC. The green is currently operating within the recommended capacity although is expected to exceed this, should future demand aspirations be realised.<br>The site is serviced by standard quality ancillary provision. Lostock Hall Cons BC aspires for a new bowls cabin to better accommodate current and future demand. | Sustain green quality through dedicated maintenance regime.<br>Explore the feasibility of improving ancillary provision on site.<br>Monitor future growth of the Club to ensure that existing supply remains adequate. | Community Organisation, BCGBA | Local               | M        | M          | M    | Protect Enhance |
| 317     | Our Lady & St Gerard's Church  | -                | PR5 5AA  | Bowls (Disused) | Community Organisation | One bowling green that now lies disused.  | Retain as strategic reserve if an increase in demand warrants reinstating the provision.<br>Ensure any permanent loss of provision meets national planning policy requirements.  | Local Authority, BCGBA        | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect         |
| 333     | Moor Hey School                | -                | PR5 5SS  | Football        | Education              | One poor quality youth 9v9 pitch that is overplayed by one MES per week.<br>The site is without ancillary provision.  | Improve pitch quality through enhanced maintenance regime to alleviate overplay.<br>Look to formalise community use agreement to provide security of tenure.   | Education, LFA, FF            | Local               | M        | S          | L    | Protect Enhance |

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## SOUTH RIBBLE - EASTERN ANALYSIS AREA

### Area summary – pitch sports<sup>34</sup>

| Area                    | Pitch type                             | Current capacity total in MES <sup>[1]</sup> | Future capacity total in MES (2041) <sup>35</sup> |
|-------------------------|--|--|---|
| <b>Football (grass)</b> | -                                      | -  | -   |
| Eastern                 | Adult                                  | Played to capacity                           | Played to capacity                                |
| Eastern                 | Youth 11v11                            | Actual spare capacity of 1                   | Actual spare capacity of 1                        |
| Eastern                 | Youth 9v9                              | Shortfall of 0.5                             | Shortfall of 0.5                                  |
| Eastern                 | Mini 7v7                               | Actual spare capacity of 0.5                 | Actual spare capacity of 0.5                      |
| Eastern                 | Mini 5v5                               | Played to capacity                           | Played to capacity                                |
| <b>South Ribble</b>     | <b>Adult</b>                           | <b>Shortfall of 6</b>                        | <b>Shortfall of 8</b>                             |
| <b>South Ribble</b>     | <b>Youth 11v11</b>                     | <b>Shortfall of 5.5</b>                      | <b>Shortfall of 7</b>                             |
| <b>South Ribble</b>     | <b>Youth 9v9</b>                       | <b>Shortfall of 2.5</b>                      | <b>Shortfall of 3.5</b>                           |
| <b>South Ribble</b>     | <b>Mini 7v7</b>                        | <b>Spare capacity of 1</b>                   | <b>Played to capacity</b>                         |
| <b>South Ribble</b>     | <b>Mini 5v5</b>                        | <b>Played to capacity</b>                    | <b>Shortfall of 0.5</b>                           |
| <b>Football (3G)</b>    | -                                      | -  | -   |
| Eastern                 | 11v11                                  | Actual spare capacity of 1 pitch             | Actual spare capacity of 1 pitch                  |
| <b>South Ribble</b>     | <b>11v11</b>                           | <b>Shortfall of 2 pitches</b>                | <b>Shortfall of 3.5 pitches</b>                   |
| <b>Cricket</b>          | -                                      | -  | -   |
| Eastern                 | Saturday                               | Shortfall of 46                              | Shortfall of 58                                   |
| Eastern                 | Sunday                                 | Shortfall of 46                              | Shortfall of 46                                   |
| Eastern                 | Midweek                                | Shortfall of 40                              | Shortfall of 40                                   |
| <b>South Ribble</b>     | <b>Saturday</b>                        | <b>Shortfall of 149</b>                      | <b>Shortfall of 161</b>                           |
| <b>South Ribble</b>     | <b>Sunday</b>                          | <b>Shortfall of 149</b>                      | <b>Shortfall of 149</b>                           |
| <b>South Ribble</b>     | <b>Midweek</b>                         | <b>Shortfall of 143</b>                      | <b>Shortfall of 149</b>                           |
| <b>Rugby union</b>      | -                                      | -  | -   |
| <b>South Ribble</b>     | <b>Senior</b>                          | <b>Played to capacity</b>                    | <b>Played to capacity</b>                         |
| <b>Rugby league</b>     | -                                      | -  | -   |
| <b>South Ribble</b>     | <b>Senior</b>                          | <b>Shortfall of 1</b>                        | <b>Shortfall of 1</b>                             |
| <b>South Ribble</b>     | <b>Junior</b>                          | <b>Played to capacity</b>                    | <b>Played to capacity</b>                         |
| <b>South Ribble</b>     | <b>Mini</b>                            | <b>Played to capacity</b>                    | <b>Shortfall of 0.5</b>                           |
| <b>Hockey</b>           | -                                      | -  | -   |
| <b>South Ribble</b>     | <b>Full size, with sports lighting</b> | <b>Sufficient supply</b>                     | <b>Sufficient supply</b>                          |

### Area summary – non-pitch sports

| Sport            | Headline findings   |
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| <b>Athletics</b> | There is one formal athletics track in Central Lancashire provided in the Preston North West located at University of Lancashire. Additionally, there is one 100m synthetic track located at West Way Sports Hub in the Chorley West Analysis Area. It cannot be said that supply is sufficient to meet demand given that Chorley Athletics and Tri Club is currently exporting some of its demand to Bolton due to the lack of facilities in the area, |

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| Sport               | Headline findings   |
|---------------------|---|
| <b>Bowls</b>        | Supply is considered sufficient to meet demand in the South Ribble Eastern Analysis Area with five greens provided. Clubs should be monitored to ensure their existing provision remains sufficient.  |
| <b>Tennis</b>       | There are currently no community available tennis courts located in the South Ribble Central Analysis Area. However, it's said that all demand is being adequately accommodated in the surrounding analysis areas.  |
| <b>Netball</b>      | There are currently no community available netball courts located in the South Ribble Eastern Analysis Area. However, it's said that all demand is being adequately accommodated in the surrounding analysis areas.   |
| <b>Cycling</b>      | It is considered that demand for cycling across Central Lancashire is being adequately accommodated. There is one standard quality BMX Pump Track located within South Ribble located at Much Hoole which is not provided with sports lighting.   |
| <b>Other sports</b> | <p>Outdoor water sports in Chorley, Preston, and South Ribble are moderately well served, particularly in the Preston area where the Dock Basin supports a variety of water-based activities.</p> <p>The climbing and bouldering offer in Chorley, Preston, and South Ribble is strongly centred around two modern indoor facilities — Boulder UK and PrestonWall — both of which cater for a wide range of climbers from complete beginners to experienced athletes.</p> <p>Supply is currently insufficient for American football with the Club accessing multiple sites across Central Lancashire due to the lack of dedicated American football provision.</p> <p>Archery across Central Lancashire is well catered for through facilities such as: Wigan Lane Sports and Community Hub, Clayton Green Sports Centre and Preston Grasshoppers RFC, meaning that archery is particularly well catered for when it comes to both indoor and outdoor venues.</p> <p>Pickleball across Central Lancashire is well catered for through facilities such as: Chorley Tennis Club, All seasons Leisure Centre, Clayton Green Sports Centre, Sir Tom Finney Sports Centre, Bamber Bridge Leisure Centre and Leyland Leisure Centre meaning that pickleball is particularly well catered for when it comes to both indoor and outdoor venues.</p> <p>Across Central Lancashire, supply is considered sufficient for basketball given the number of dedicated facilities available to the Community. However, there is a clear need to improve and retain the current supply in ways that can attract and better accommodate more users at sites such as Haslam Park, Moor Park and Smith's Recreation Ground.</p> |

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| Site ID | Site                                       | Active Places ID | Postcode | Sport    | Management             | Current status   | Recommended actions   | Partners                        | Site hierarchy tier | Priority | Timescales | Cost | Aim             |
|---------|--|------------------|----------|----------|------------------------|--|---|---------------------------------|---------------------|----------|------------|------|-----------------|
| 88      | Bamber Bridge FC (QED Stadium)             | 6006104          | PR5 6UU  | Football | Sport Club             | One standard quality adult football pitch that is played to capacity at peak time. The site is serviced by good quality ancillary provision.   | Sustain pitch quality through dedicated maintenance regime.   | Sports Club, LFA, FF            | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect         |
| 100     | Gregson Lane                               | 6005289          | PR5 0DP  | Football | Community Organisation | One youth 11v11 and one mini 7v7 pitch, both of poor quality. The youth 11v11 pitch is played to capacity whilst the mini 7v7 pitch has discounted spare capacity due to poor pitch quality. The site is serviced by standard quality ancillary provision.   | Improve pitch quality through enhanced maintenance regime.  | Community Organisation, LFA, FF | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect Enhance |
| 100     | Gregson Lane                               | 6005289          | PR5 0DP  | Cricket  | Community Organisation | One standard quality cricket square with 11 wickets that is home to Gregson Lane CC. The square has capacity for one additional midweek team. The site is serviced by good quality ancillary provision although changing rooms are considered to be of standard quality and unsuitable for female use. | Sustain square quality through dedicated maintenance regime.  | Community Organisation, ECB     | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect         |
| 103     | Higher Walton Primary School               | 6012778          | PR5 4FE  | Football | Education              | One mini 7v7 pitch of poor quality that is overplayed by 0.5 MES per week. The site is without ancillary provision.  | Improve pitch quality through enhanced maintenance regime to alleviate overplay. Look to formalise community use agreement to provide security of tenure. | Education, LFA, FF              | Local               | M        | S          | L    | Protect Enhance |
| 104     | Holland House Road Football Pitch          | 1041417          | PR5 4JG  | Football | Local Authority        | One poor quality adult pitch that is played to capacity. The site is serviced by standard quality ancillary provision.   | Improve pitch quality through enhanced maintenance regime.  | Local Authority, LFA, FF        | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect Enhance |
| 110     | King George V Playing Field, Higher Walton | -                | PR5 4HU  | Football | Local Authority        | One adult and one youth 11v11 pitch, both of standard quality and played to capacity at peak time. The site is serviced by poor quality ancillary provision, with the facilities unsuitable for the level of demand on site.   | Sustain pitch quality through dedicated maintenance regime. Explore the feasibility of improving ancillary provision on site.                             | Local Authority, LFA, FF        | Local               | M        | M          | M    | Protect Enhance |
| 110     | King George V Playing Field, Higher Walton | -                | PR5 4HU  | Bowls    | Local Authority        | One good quality crown bowling green that is home to Higher Walton BC. The green is operating within recommended capacity guidelines. The site is serviced by poor quality ancillary provision.  | Sustain green quality through dedicated maintenance regime. Explore the feasibility of improving ancillary provision on site.                             | Local Authority, BCGBA          | Local               | M        | M          | M    | Protect Enhance |

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| Site ID | Site   | Active Places ID | Postcode | Sport    | Management      | Current status  | Recommended actions  | Partners                 | Site hierarchy tier | Priority | Timescales | Cost | Aim             |
|---------|--|------------------|----------|----------|-----------------|---|--|--------------------------|---------------------|----------|------------|------|-----------------|
| 123     | Lostock St Gerards FC  | 1041551          | PR5 5UA  | Football | Sport Club      | Two adult, one youth 9v9 and one mini 7v7 pitch, all of good quality. All pitches are played to capacity at peak time. The site is serviced by standard quality ancillary provision.  | Sustain pitch quality through dedicated maintenance regime.  | Sport Club, LFA, FF      | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect         |
| 145     | Queen Victoria Ground (Walton-Le-Dale)                                   | -                | PR5 4HB  | Football | Local Authority | One youth 11v11, one youth 9v9 and two mini 7v7 pitches. One of the mini 7v7 and the youth 9v9 pitch are of good quality. The youth 11v11 pitch is of standard quality whilst the remaining mini 7v7 pitch is of poor quality. The youth 9v9 pitch is played to capacity at peak time. The poor quality mini 7v7 pitch has discounted spare capacity due to poor pitch quality. The remaining mini 7v7 and the youth 11v11 pitch each have one MES of actual spare capacity per week. The site is serviced by standard quality ancillary provision. | Improve pitch quality through enhanced maintenance regime.   | Local Authority, LFA, FF | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect Enhance |
| 150     | St Leonard's C of E Primary School                                       | -                | PR5 4JL  | Football | Education       | One poor quality mini 7v7 pitch that has discounted spare capacity due to poor pitch quality and unsecure tenure.   | Improve pitch quality through enhanced maintenance regime. Look to formalise community use agreement to provide security of tenure.  | Education, LFA, FF       | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect Enhance |
| 161     | Walton-Le-Dale High School (Walton-Le-Dale Arts College and High School) | 1203449          | PR5 6RN  | Football | Education       | One youth 11v11, one youth 9v9, one mini 7v7 and one mini 5v5 pitch, all of standard quality. Both mini pitch formats have discounted spare capacity due to poor pitch quality. The youth 11v11 pitch is played to capacity whilst the youth 9v9 pitch is overplayed by 0.5 MES per week.   | Improve pitch quality through enhanced maintenance regime to alleviate overplay.   | Education, LFA, FF       | Local               | M        | S          | L    | Protect Enhance |
| 161     | Walton-Le-Dale High School (Walton-Le-Dale Arts College and High School) | 1203449          | PR5 6RN  | Hockey   | Education       | One standard quality, full size, hockey suitable AGP that is sportslit and available for community use. The pitch is home to Chorley Phoenix HC and Brookfield HC although has capacity for a further four teams.   | Sustain pitch quality through dedicated maintenance regime. Ensure sinking fund is in place for future refurbishment when necessary. | Education, EH            | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect         |
| 162     | Walton-Le-Dale Primary School  | 6012111          | PR5 4TD  | Football | Education       | One poor quality mini 7v7 pitch with discounted spare capacity due to poor pitch quality. The site is without ancillary provision.  | Improve pitch quality through enhanced maintenance regime. Look to formalise community use agreement to provide security of tenure.  | Education, LFA, FF       | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect         |

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| Site ID | Site  | Active Places ID | Postcode | Sport           | Management             | Current status   | Recommended actions  | Partners                       | Site hierarchy tier | Priority | Timescales | Cost | Aim             |
|---------|---|------------------|----------|-----------------|------------------------|--|--|--------------------------------|---------------------|----------|------------|------|-----------------|
| 166     | Withy Grove Park (Bamber Bridge Leisure Centre) | 6005272          | PR5 6YJ  | 3G              | Local Authority        | Two good quality, full size 3G pitches that are sports lit, available for community use and feature on the FIFA pitch register. The site is serviced by good quality ancillary provision.  | Sustain pitch quality through dedicated maintenance regime. Ensure sinking fund is in place for future refurbishment when necessary.   | Local Authority, LFA, FF       | Hub                 | L        | L          | L    | Protect         |
| 166     | Withy Grove Park (Bamber Bridge Leisure Centre) | 6005272          | PR5 6YJ  | Rugby League    | Local Authority        | One poor quality senior rugby league pitch. The pitch is overplayed by 0.5 MES per week. Preston & South Ribble Rabbitohs RLFC reports issues regarding the lack of sports lighting on site limits usage of the pitch in winter months and public use of the facility with issues public access resulting in dog fouling and litter. The site is serviced by good quality ancillary provision. | Improve pitch quality through enhanced maintenance regime to alleviate overplay.   | Local Authority, RFL           | Local               | M        | S          | L    | Protect Enhance |
| 255     | South Ribble Tennis and Fitness Centre          | 1006768          | PR5 6BJ  | 3G              | Commercial Management  | Four standard quality, small size 3G pitches that are sports lit and available for community use.  | Sustain pitch quality through dedicated maintenance regime. Ensure sinking fund is in place for future refurbishment when necessary.   | Commercial Management, LFA, FF | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect         |
| 259     | Brownedge St Mary's catholic High school        | 1201732          | PR5 6PB  | 3G              | Education              | One standard quality, full size 3G pitch that is sports lit, available for community use and features on the FA pitch register.  | Sustain pitch quality through dedicated maintenance regime. Ensure sinking fund is in place for future refurbishment when necessary.   | Education, LFA, FF             | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect         |
| 259     | Brownedge St Mary's catholic High school        | 1201732          | PR5 6PB  | Tennis          | Education              | Three poor quality macadam tennis courts that are unavailable for community use.   | Sustain court quality for curricular use.  | Education, LTA                 | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect         |
| 271     | St Mary's & St Benedicts RC Primary School      | 1041185          | PR5 6TA  | Football        | Education              | Two poor quality youth 11v11 pitches that are unavailable for community use.   | Sustain pitch quality for curricular use.  | Education, LFA, FF             | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect         |
| 302     | Bamber Bridge Catholic Club                     | -                | PR5 6TA  | Bowls           | Community Organisation | One good quality crown bowling green that is home to Bamber Bridge Catholic BC. The site is serviced by good quality ancillary provision.  | Sustain green quality through dedicated maintenance regime.  | Community Organisation, BCGBA  | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect         |
| 303     | Bamber Bridge Conservative Club                 | -                | PR5 6TU  | Bowls (Disused) | Community Organisation | One disused crown bowling green. Bamber Bridge Cons BC has folded since the previous PPS.  | Retain as strategic reserve if an increase in demand warrants reinstating the provision. Ensure any permanent loss of provision meets national planning policy requirements. | Local Authority, BCGBA         | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect         |

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## SOUTH RIBBLE - LEYLAND ANALYSIS AREA

### Area summary – pitch sports<sup>36</sup>

| Area                    | Pitch type                             | Current capacity total in MES <sup>[1]</sup> | Future capacity total in MES (2041) <sup>37</sup> |
|-------------------------|--|--|---|
| <b>Football (grass)</b> | -                                      | -  | -   |
| Leyland                 | Adult                                  | Shortfall of 3                               | Shortfall of 3                                    |
| Leyland                 | Youth 11v11                            | Shortfall of 5.5                             | Shortfall of 5.5                                  |
| Leyland                 | Youth 9v9                              | Shortfall of 1.5                             | Shortfall of 1.5                                  |
| Leyland                 | Mini 7v7                               | Shortfall of 0.5                             | Shortfall of 0.5                                  |
| Leyland                 | Mini 5v5                               | Played to capacity                           | Played to capacity                                |
| <b>South Ribble</b>     | <b>Adult</b>                           | <b>Shortfall of 6</b>                        | <b>Shortfall of 8</b>                             |
| <b>South Ribble</b>     | <b>Youth 11v11</b>                     | <b>Shortfall of 5.5</b>                      | <b>Shortfall of 7</b>                             |
| <b>South Ribble</b>     | <b>Youth 9v9</b>                       | <b>Shortfall of 2.5</b>                      | <b>Shortfall of 3.5</b>                           |
| <b>South Ribble</b>     | <b>Mini 7v7</b>                        | <b>Spare capacity of 1</b>                   | <b>Played to capacity</b>                         |
| <b>South Ribble</b>     | <b>Mini 5v5</b>                        | <b>Played to capacity</b>                    | <b>Shortfall of 0.5</b>                           |
| <b>Football (3G)</b>    | -                                      | -  | -   |
| Leyland                 | 11v11                                  | Actual spare capacity of 1 pitch             | Actual spare capacity of 1 pitch                  |
| <b>South Ribble</b>     | <b>11v11</b>                           | <b>Shortfall of 2 pitches</b>                | <b>Shortfall of 3.5 pitches</b>                   |
| <b>Cricket</b>          | -                                      | -  | -   |
| Leyland                 | Saturday                               | Shortfall of 12                              | Shortfall of 12                                   |
| Leyland                 | Sunday                                 | Shortfall of 12                              | Shortfall of 12                                   |
| Leyland                 | Midweek                                | Shortfall of 12                              | Shortfall of 12                                   |
| <b>South Ribble</b>     | <b>Saturday</b>                        | <b>Shortfall of 149</b>                      | <b>Shortfall of 161</b>                           |
| <b>South Ribble</b>     | <b>Sunday</b>                          | <b>Shortfall of 149</b>                      | <b>Shortfall of 149</b>                           |
| <b>South Ribble</b>     | <b>Midweek</b>                         | <b>Shortfall of 143</b>                      | <b>Shortfall of 149</b>                           |
| <b>Rugby union</b>      | -                                      | -  | -   |
| <b>South Ribble</b>     | <b>Senior</b>                          | <b>Played to capacity</b>                    | <b>Played to capacity</b>                         |
| <b>Rugby league</b>     | -                                      | -  | -   |
| <b>South Ribble</b>     | <b>Senior</b>                          | <b>Shortfall of 1</b>                        | <b>Shortfall of 1</b>                             |
| <b>South Ribble</b>     | <b>Junior</b>                          | <b>Played to capacity</b>                    | <b>Played to capacity</b>                         |
| <b>South Ribble</b>     | <b>Mini</b>                            | <b>Played to capacity</b>                    | <b>Shortfall of 0.5</b>                           |
| <b>Hockey</b>           | -                                      | -  | -   |
| <b>South Ribble</b>     | <b>Full size, with sports lighting</b> | <b>Sufficient supply</b>                     | <b>Sufficient supply</b>                          |

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

<sup>37</sup> It should be noted that this future demand figure is at a Boroughwide level, and some analysis areas may have greater shortfalls than others.

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## Area summary – non-pitch sports

| Sport               | Headline findings   |
|---------------------|---|
| <b>Athletics</b>    | There is one formal athletics track in Central Lancashire provided in the Preston North West located at University of Lancashire. Additionally, there is one 100m synthetic track located at West Way Sports Hub in the Chorley West Analysis Area. It cannot be said that supply is sufficient to meet demand given that Chorley Athletics and Tri Club is currently exporting some of its demand to Bolton due to the lack of facilities in the area,   |
| <b>Bowls</b>        | Supply is considered sufficient to meet demand in the South Ribble Leyland Analysis Area with three greens provided. Clubs (Eagle & Child BC) should be monitored to ensure their existing provision remains sufficient.  |
| <b>Tennis</b>       | With four community available courts provided in the South Ribble Leyland Analysis Area, supply is considered sufficient to meet demand. No courts are identified as having any capacity issues, and previously expressed latent demand is likely to have been met. However, it is also likely that informal demand will continue to increase following the improvements to courts. It should be noted that the one court located at Fox Lane Sports and Social Club is poor quality and in need of resurfacing.  |
| <b>Netball</b>      | There are currently 11 community available netball courts located in the South Ribble Leyland Analysis Area, supply is considered to meet demand. However, it should be noted that one site currently provided poor quality provision located at Wellfield Academy.   |
| <b>Cycling</b>      | It is considered that demand for cycling across Central Lancashire is being adequately accommodated. There is one standard quality BMX Pump Track located within South Ribble located at Much Hoole which is not provided with sports lighting.   |
| <b>Other sports</b> | <p>Outdoor water sports in Chorley, Preston, and South Ribble are moderately well served, particularly in the Preston area where the Dock Basin supports a variety of water-based activities.</p> <p>The climbing and bouldering offer in Chorley, Preston, and South Ribble is strongly centred around two modern indoor facilities — Boulder UK and PrestonWall — both of which cater for a wide range of climbers from complete beginners to experienced athletes.</p> <p>Supply is currently insufficient for American football with the Club accessing multiple sites across Central Lancashire due to the lack of dedicated American football provision.</p> <p>Archery across Central Lancashire is well catered for through facilities such as: Wigan Lane Sports and Community Hub, Clayton Green Sports Centre and Preston Grasshoppers RFC, meaning that archery is particularly well catered for when it comes to both indoor and outdoor venues.</p> <p>Pickleball across Central Lancashire is well catered for through facilities such as: Chorley Tennis Club, All seasons Leisure Centre, Clayton Green Sports Centre, Sir Tom Finney Sports Centre, Bamber Bridge Leisure Centre and Leyland Leisure Centre meaning that pickleball is particularly well catered for when it comes to both indoor and outdoor venues.</p> <p>Across Central Lancashire, supply is considered sufficient for basketball given the number of dedicated facilities available to the Community. However, there is a clear need to improve and retain the current supply in ways that can attract and better accommodate more users at sites such as Haslam Park, Moor Park and Smith's Recreation Ground.</p> |

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| Site ID | Site                         | Active Places ID | Postcode | Sport       | Management | Current status  | Recommended actions  | Partners            | Site hierarchy tier | Priority | Timescales | Cost | Aim             |
|---------|------------------------------|------------------|----------|-------------|------------|---|--|---------------------|---------------------|----------|------------|------|-----------------|
| 87      | Balshaw's C of E High School | 1203212          | PR25 3AH | Football    | Education  | Two youth 11v11 and one youth 9v9 pitch, all of poor quality. The youth 11v11 pitches are overplayed by 4.5 MES per week whilst the youth 9v9 pitch is overplayed by one MES per week.  | Improve pitch quality through enhanced maintenance regime to alleviate overplay.   | Education, LFA, FF  | Local               | M        | S          | L    | Protect Enhance |
| 87      | Balshaw's C of E High School | 1203212          | PR25 3AH | Rugby Union | Education  | One senior rugby union pitch of poor (M0/D1) quality. Spare capacity is discounted due to unsecure tenure and poor pitch quality.   | Improve pitch quality through enhanced maintenance regime. Look to formalise community use agreement to provide security of tenure.        | Education, RFU      | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect Enhance |
| 87      | Balshaw's C of E High School | 1203212          | PR25 3AH | Tennis      | Education  | Four poor quality tennis courts that are unavailable for community use.   | Sustain court quality for curricular use.  | Education, LTA      | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect         |
| 87      | Balshaw's C of E High School | 1203212          | PR25 3AH | Netball     | Education  | Three poor quality netball courts that are unavailable for community use.   | Sustain court quality for curricular use.  | Education, EN       | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect         |
| 99      | Fox Lane Sports Club         | 1208495          | PR25 1HB | Football    | Sport Club | One youth 9v9 and one mini 7v7 pitch, both of good quality. The youth 9v9 pitch has 0.5 MES of actual spare capacity per week whilst the mini 7v7 pitch has one MES of actual spare capacity per week. The site is serviced by standard quality ancillary provision.  | Sustain pitch quality through dedicated maintenance regime.  | Sport Club, LFA, FF | Key                 | L        | L          | L    | Protect         |
| 99      | Fox Lane Sports Club         | 1208495          | PR25 1HB | Cricket     | Sport Club | One good quality cricket square with 16 grass wickets and an NTP. The square is overplayed by 12 matches per season. The site is serviced by good quality ancillary provision but standard quality changing facilities that are unsuitable for female demand. The site is serviced by four fixed bay training nets. | Sustain square quality through dedicated maintenance regime. Look to increase of the utilisation of the NTP on site to alleviate overplay. | Sport Club, ECB     | Key                 | H        | S          | L    | Protect         |
| 99      | Fox Lane Sports Club         | 1208495          | PR25 1HB | Bowls       | Sport Club | Two good quality crown bowling greens that are home to Fox Lane BC. The greens are operating within the recommended capacity guidelines. The site is serviced by poor quality ancillary provision, with facilities reported to be in need of modernisation. Fox Lane BC aspires to refurbish the clubhouse on site. | Sustain green quality through dedicated maintenance regime. Support Fox Lane BC to enhance ancillary provision on site.                    | Sport Club, BCGBA   | Key                 | M        | M          | M    | Protect Enhance |

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| Site ID | Site  | Active Places ID | Postcode | Sport                | Management | Current status   | Recommended actions   | Partners                 | Site hierarchy tier | Priority | Timescales | Cost | Aim                     |
|---------|---|------------------|----------|----------------------|------------|--|---|--------------------------|---------------------|----------|------------|------|-------------------------|
| 99      | Fox Lane Sports Club                                | 1208495          | PR25 1HB | Tennis               | Sport Club | Three good quality, sports lit tennis courts and one poor quality tennis court. The site is home to Leyland Lawn TC.   | Improve court quality through enhanced maintenance regime.  | Sport Club, LTA          | Key                 | L        | L          | L    | Protect                 |
| 115     | Lancashire County Football Association Headquarters | 1103443          | PR25 2LF | Football             | LFA        | One good quality adult pitch that is overplayed by two MES per week. The site is serviced by standard quality ancillary provision.   | Sustain pitch quality through dedicated maintenance regime. Explore the feasibility of relocating some demand away from the site to alternate sites with actual spare capacity to alleviate overplay. | LFA, FF                  | Key                 | H        | S          | L    | Protect                 |
| 115     | Lancashire County Football Association Headquarters | 1103443          | PR25 2LF | 3G                   | LFA        | Two standard quality, small size 3G pitches that are sports lit, available for community use and on the FA register.   | Sustain pitch quality through dedicated maintenance regime. Ensure sinking fund is in place for future refurbishment when necessary.  | LFA, FF                  | Key                 | L        | L          | L    | Protect                 |
| 116     | Leyland Methodist Junior School                     | 6012729          | PR25 3ET | Football             | Education  | One poor quality mini 7v7 pitch that is played to capacity at peak time.   | Improve pitch quality through enhanced maintenance regime.  | Education, FA, FF        | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect Enhance         |
| 128     | Moss Side Recreation Ground                         | -                | PR26 7XU | Rugby Union (unused) | Sport Club | One senior rugby union pitch that is no longer marked on site.   | Potentially look to reinstate the pitch to reduce overall shortfalls.   | Local Authority, LFA, FF | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect Enhance Provide |
| 128     | Moss Side Recreation Ground                         | -                | PR26 7XU | Rugby League         | Sport Club | Three standard quality senior rugby league pitches and one poor quality junior rugby league pitch. The site is home to Leyland Warriors ARLFC. One of the senior pitches is overplayed by 0.5 MES per week. All remaining pitches are played to capacity. The site is serviced by standard quality ancillary provision although poor quality changing facilities. the facilities do not currently offer separate senior/junior changing areas or dedicated facilities for women and girls. | Improve pitch quality through enhanced maintenance regime to alleviate overplay. Explore the feasibility of improving ancillary provision on site.  | Sport Club, RFL          | Local               | M        | M          | M    | Protect Enhance         |
| 146     | Runshaw College                                     | 1009054          | PR25 3DQ | Football             | Education  | One poor quality adult football pitch that is overplayed by one MES per week. The site is serviced by standard quality ancillary provision.  | Improve pitch quality through enhanced maintenance regime to alleviate overplay. Look to formalise community use agreement to provide security of tenure.   | Education, LFA, FF       | Key                 | M        | S          | L    | Protect Enhance         |
| 146     | Runshaw College                                     | 1009054          | PR25 3DQ | 3G                   | Education  | One poor quality, full size 3G pitch that is sports lit and available for community use.   | Improve pitch quality via resurfacing when feasibly possible.   | Education, LFA, FF       | Key                 | H        | S          | H    | Protect Enhance         |

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| Site ID | Site  | Active Places ID | Postcode | Sport        | Management | Current status  | Recommended actions   | Partners           | Site hierarchy tier | Priority | Timescales | Cost | Aim             |
|---------|---|------------------|----------|--------------|------------|---|---|--------------------|---------------------|----------|------------|------|-----------------|
| 146     | Runshaw College   | 1009054          | PR25 3DQ | Rugby Union  | Education  | One senior rugby union pitch of poor (M0/D1) quality. Spare capacity is discounted due to unsecure tenure and poor pitch quality.   | Improve pitch quality through enhanced maintenance regime. Look to formalise community use agreement to provide security of tenure.                       | Education, RFU     | Key                 | M        | S          | L    | Protect Enhance |
| 147     | Seven Stars Primary School  | 6012800          | PR25 1TD | Football     | Education  | One poor quality mini 7v7 pitch that is overplayed by 1.5 MES per week.   | Improve pitch quality through enhanced maintenance regime to alleviate overplay. Look to formalise community use agreement to provide security of tenure. | Education, LFA, FF | Local               | M        | S          | L    | Protect Enhance |
| 151     | St Mary's Catholic high school & College                                    | -                | PR25 1BS | 3G           | Education  | One good quality, full size 3G pitch that is sports lit, available for community use and on the FIFA pitch register.  | Sustain pitch quality through dedicated maintenance regime. Ensure sinking fund is in place for future refurbishment when necessary.                      | Education, LFA, FF | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect         |
| 151     | St Mary's Catholic high school & College                                    | -                | PR25 1BS | Tennis       | Education  | Two poor quality macadam tennis courts that are unavailable for community use.  | Sustain court quality for curricular use.   | Education, LTA     | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect         |
| 164     | Wellfield Academy (Wellfield Business and Enterprise College & high school) | 1201632          | PR25 2TP | Football     | Education  | One youth 11v11 and one youth 9v9 pitch, both of poor quality. The youth 11v11 pitch is overplayed by 0.5 MES per week whilst the youth 9v9 pitch is overplayed by one MES per week. The site is reported to suffer from poor drainage. | Improve pitch quality through enhanced maintenance regime to alleviate overplay. Look to formalise community use agreement to provide security of tenure. | Education, LFA, FF | Local               | M        | S          | L    | Protect Enhance |
| 164     | Wellfield Academy (Wellfield Business and Enterprise College & high school) | 1201632          | PR25 2TP | Rugby Union  | Education  | One poor (M0/D1) quality senior rugby union pitch. Spare capacity is discounted due to unsecure tenure and poor pitch quality.  | Improve pitch quality through enhanced maintenance regime. Look to formalise community use agreement to provide security of tenure.                       | Education, RFU     | Local               | M        | S          | L    | Protect Enhance |
| 164     | Wellfield Academy (Wellfield Business and Enterprise College & high school) | 1201632          | PR25 2TP | Rugby League | Education  | One poor quality senior rugby league pitch that is played to capacity.  | Improve pitch quality through enhanced maintenance regime.  | Education, RFL     | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect Enhance |
| 164     | Wellfield Academy (Wellfield Business and Enterprise College & high school) | 1201632          | PR25 2TP | Cricket      | Education  | A standalone NTP. The square previously accommodated a grass cricket square although this is no longer marked.  | Sustain wicket quality for curricular use. Look to reinstate the grass cricket square to support in alleviating shortfalls.                               | Education, ECB     | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect         |

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| Site ID | Site  | Active Places ID | Postcode | Sport           | Management      | Current status   | Recommended actions  | Partners                 | Site hierarchy tier | Priority | Timescales | Cost | Aim             |
|---------|---|------------------|----------|-----------------|-----------------|--|--|--------------------------|---------------------|----------|------------|------|-----------------|
| 164     | Wellfield Academy (Wellfield Business and Enterprise College & high school) | 1201632          | PR25 2TP | Tennis          | Education       | Four poor quality macadam tennis courts that are unavailable for community use. A planning application is soon to be submitted for the redevelopment of the site including demolishing and replacing the currently school building. The area of the playing field which will be lost following the redevelopment will be re provided elsewhere onsite. It is yet unknown if the tennis courts will be refurbished and provided with sports lighting. | Sustain court quality for curricular use. Ensure courts are re-provided in line with Sport England guidance.                         | Education, LTA           | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect         |
| 164     | Wellfield Academy (Wellfield Business and Enterprise College & high school) | 1201632          | PR25 2TP | Netball         | Education       | Two poor quality macadam netball courts that are available for community use.  | Improve court quality through enhanced maintenance regime.   | Education, EN            | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect         |
| 167     | Woodlea Junior School   | 6012157          | PR25 1JL | Football        | Education       | One youth 9v9 and one mini 7v7 pitch, both of standard quality. Both pitch types have discounted spare capacity due to unsecure tenure. The site is without ancillary provision on site.   | Sustain pitch quality through dedicated maintenance regime. Look to formalise community use agreement to provide security of tenure. | Education, LFA, FF       | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect         |
| 168     | Worden Park   | 6005274          | PR25 3DH | Football        | Local Authority | Four adult, three youth 11v11 and three youth 9v9 pitches, all of poor quality. All pitch types have discounted spare capacity due to poor pitch quality. The site is serviced by standard quality ancillary provision.  | Improve pitch quality through enhanced maintenance regime.   | Local Authority, LFA, FF | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect Enhance |
| 169     | Academy @ Worden (Worden Sports College)                                    | 1201744          | PR25 1QX | Football        | Education       | Two youth 11v11 and one youth 9v9 pitch, all of poor quality. The youth 11v11 pitches are overplayed by 0.5 MES per week whilst the youth 9v9 pitch is played to capacity. The site is serviced by standard quality ancillary provision.   | Improve pitch quality through enhanced maintenance regime. Look to formalise community use agreement to provide security of tenure.  | Education, LFA, FF       | Local               | M        | S          | L    | Protect Enhance |
| 169     | Academy @ Worden (Worden Sports College)                                    | 1201744          | PR25 1QX | Rugby League    | Education       | One poor quality senior rugby league pitch that is available for community use but played to capacity.   | Improve pitch quality through enhanced maintenance regime.   | Education, RFL           | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect         |
| 169     | Academy @ Worden (Worden Sports College)                                    | 1201744          | PR25 1QX | Netball         | Education       | Four standard quality macadam netball courts that are available for community use.   | Sustain court quality through dedicated maintenance regime.  | Education, EN            | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect         |
| 297     | Leyland Sports Association  | -                | PR25 2LF | Bowls (disused) | Sport Club      | Two disused bowling greens.  | Retain as strategic reserve if an increase in demand warrants reinstating the provision.   | Local Authority, BCGBA   | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect         |

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| Site ID | Site                       | Active Places ID | Postcode | Sport   | Management            | Current status   | Recommended actions  | Partners                     | Site hierarchy tier | Priority | Timescales | Cost | Aim             |
|---------|----------------------------|------------------|----------|---------|-----------------------|--|--|------------------------------|---------------------|----------|------------|------|-----------------|
|         |                            |                  |          |         |                       |  | Ensure any permanent loss of provision meets national planning policy requirements.  |                              |                     |          |            |      |                 |
| 297     | Leyland Sports Association | -                | PR25 2LF | Netball | Sport Club            | Five good quality macadam netball courts that are sports lit and available for community use.  | Sustain court quality through dedicated maintenance regime.  | Sport Club, EN               | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect         |
| 299     | Eagle & Child              | -                | PR25 3AA | Bowls   | Commercial Management | One sports lit crown bowling green of good quality that is home to Eagle & Child BC. The green is operating above the recommended capacity limit. Ancillary provision on site is of poor quality and in need of modernisation. | Sustain green quality through dedicated maintenance regime. Explore the feasibility of improving ancillary provision on site. Monitor future growth of the Club to ensure that existing supply remains adequate. | Commercial Management, BCGBA | Local               | H        | M          | M    | Protect Enhance |

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## SOUTH RIBBLE - PENWORTHAM ANALYSIS AREA

### Area summary – pitch sports<sup>38</sup>

| Area                    | Pitch type                             | Current capacity total in MES <sup>[1]</sup> | Future capacity total in MES (2041) <sup>39</sup> |
|-------------------------|--|--|---|
| <b>Football (grass)</b> | -                                      | -  | -   |
| Penwortham              | Adult                                  | Shortfall of 3                               | Shortfall of 3                                    |
| Penwortham              | Youth 11v11                            | Played to capacity                           | Played to capacity                                |
| Penwortham              | Youth 9v9                              | Shortfall of 1                               | Shortfall of 1                                    |
| Penwortham              | Mini 7v7                               | Played to capacity                           | Played to capacity                                |
| Penwortham              | Mini 5v5                               | Played to capacity                           | Played to capacity                                |
| <b>South Ribble</b>     | <b>Adult</b>                           | <b>Shortfall of 6</b>                        | <b>Shortfall of 8</b>                             |
| <b>South Ribble</b>     | <b>Youth 11v11</b>                     | <b>Shortfall of 5.5</b>                      | <b>Shortfall of 7</b>                             |
| <b>South Ribble</b>     | <b>Youth 9v9</b>                       | <b>Shortfall of 2.5</b>                      | <b>Shortfall of 3.5</b>                           |
| <b>South Ribble</b>     | <b>Mini 7v7</b>                        | <b>Spare capacity of 1</b>                   | <b>Played to capacity</b>                         |
| <b>South Ribble</b>     | <b>Mini 5v5</b>                        | <b>Played to capacity</b>                    | <b>Shortfall of 0.5</b>                           |
| <b>Football (3G)</b>    | -                                      | -  | -   |
| Penwortham              | 11v11                                  | Shortfall of one pitch                       | Shortfall of one pitch                            |
| <b>South Ribble</b>     | <b>11v11</b>                           | <b>Shortfall of 2 pitches</b>                | <b>Shortfall of 3.5 pitches</b>                   |
| <b>Cricket</b>          | -                                      | -  | -   |
| Penwortham              | Saturday                               | Shortfall of 72                              | Shortfall of 72                                   |
| Penwortham              | Sunday                                 | Shortfall of 72                              | Shortfall of 72                                   |
| Penwortham              | Midweek                                | Shortfall of 72                              | Shortfall of 78                                   |
| <b>South Ribble</b>     | <b>Saturday</b>                        | <b>Shortfall of 149</b>                      | <b>Shortfall of 161</b>                           |
| <b>South Ribble</b>     | <b>Sunday</b>                          | <b>Shortfall of 149</b>                      | <b>Shortfall of 149</b>                           |
| <b>South Ribble</b>     | <b>Midweek</b>                         | <b>Shortfall of 143</b>                      | <b>Shortfall of 149</b>                           |
| <b>Rugby union</b>      | -                                      | -  | -   |
| <b>South Ribble</b>     | <b>Senior</b>                          | <b>Played to capacity</b>                    | <b>Played to capacity</b>                         |
| <b>Rugby league</b>     | -                                      | -  | -   |
| <b>South Ribble</b>     | <b>Senior</b>                          | <b>Shortfall of 1</b>                        | <b>Shortfall of 1</b>                             |
| <b>South Ribble</b>     | <b>Junior</b>                          | <b>Played to capacity</b>                    | <b>Played to capacity</b>                         |
| <b>South Ribble</b>     | <b>Mini</b>                            | <b>Played to capacity</b>                    | <b>Shortfall of 0.5</b>                           |
| <b>Hockey</b>           | -                                      | -  | -   |
| <b>South Ribble</b>     | <b>Full size, with sports lighting</b> | <b>Sufficient supply</b>                     | <b>Sufficient supply</b>                          |

### Area summary – non-pitch sports

| Sport            | Headline findings   |
|------------------|---|
| <b>Athletics</b> | There is one formal athletics track in Central Lancashire provided in the Preston North West located at University of Lancashire. Additionally, there is one 100m synthetic track located at West Way Sports Hub in the Chorley West Analysis Area. It cannot be said that supply is sufficient to meet demand given that Chorley Athletics and Tri Club is currently exporting some of its demand to Bolton due to the lack of facilities in the area, |

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

<sup>39</sup> It should be noted that this future demand figure is at a Boroughwide level, and some analysis areas may have greater shortfalls than others.

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| Sport               | Headline findings   |
|---------------------|---|
| <b>Bowls</b>        | Supply is considered sufficient to meet demand in the South Ribble Penwortham Analysis Area with two greens provided. Clubs should be monitored to ensure their existing provision remains sufficient.  |
| <b>Tennis</b>       | With three community available courts provided in the South Ribble Penwortham Analysis Area, supply is considered sufficient to meet demand. No courts are identified as having any capacity issues, and previously expressed latent demand is likely to have been met. However, it is also likely that informal demand will continue to increase following the improvements to courts.   |
| <b>Netball</b>      | There are currently three community available netball courts located in the South Ribble Penwortham Analysis Area, supply is considered to meet demand.   |
| <b>Cycling</b>      | It is considered that demand for cycling across Central Lancashire is being adequately accommodated. There is one standard quality BMX Pump Track located within South Ribble located at Much Hoole which is not provided with sports lighting.   |
| <b>Other sports</b> | <p>Outdoor water sports in Chorley, Preston, and South Ribble are moderately well served, particularly in the Preston area where the Dock Basin supports a variety of water-based activities.</p> <p>The climbing and bouldering offer in Chorley, Preston, and South Ribble is strongly centred around two modern indoor facilities — Boulder UK and PrestonWall — both of which cater for a wide range of climbers from complete beginners to experienced athletes.</p> <p>Supply is currently insufficient for American football with the Club accessing multiple sites across Central Lancashire due to the lack of dedicated American football provision.</p> <p>Archery across Central Lancashire is well catered for through facilities such as: Wigan Lane Sports and Community Hub, Clayton Green Sports Centre and Preston Grasshoppers RFC, meaning that archery is particularly well catered for when it comes to both indoor and outdoor venues.</p> <p>Pickleball across Central Lancashire is well catered for through facilities such as: Chorley Tennis Club, All seasons Leisure Centre, Clayton Green Sports Centre, Sir Tom Finney Sports Centre, Bamber Bridge Leisure Centre and Leyland Leisure Centre meaning that pickleball is particularly well catered for when it comes to both indoor and outdoor venues.</p> <p>Across Central Lancashire, supply is considered sufficient for basketball given the number of dedicated facilities available to the Community. However, there is a clear need to improve and retain the current supply in ways that can attract and better accommodate more users at sites such as Haslam Park, Moor Park and Smith's Recreation Ground.</p> |

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| Site ID | Site  | Active Places ID | Postcode | Sport    | Management      | Current status  | Recommended actions   | Partners                 | Site hierarchy tier | Priority | Timescales | Cost | Aim             |
|---------|---|------------------|----------|----------|-----------------|---|---|--------------------------|---------------------|----------|------------|------|-----------------|
| 85      | All Hallows Catholic High School                                | 1201338          | PR1 0LN  | Football | Education       | One adult, one youth 9v9 and one mini 7v7 pitch, all of poor quality and unavailable for community use.   | Improve pitch quality through enhanced maintenance regime.  | Education, LFA, FF       | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect Enhance |
| 85      | All Hallows Catholic High School                                | 1201338          | PR1 0LN  | Tennis   | Education       | Three standard quality macadam tennis courts that are unavailable for community use.  | Sustain court quality for curricular use.   | Education, LTA           | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect         |
| 85      | All Hallows Catholic High School                                | 1201338          | PR1 0LN  | Netball  | Education       | Six standard quality macadam netball courts that are unavailable for community use.   | Sustain court quality for curricular use.   | Education, EN            | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect         |
| 90      | Cardinal Newman College (Off Site Playing Fields) Kem Mill Lane | -                | PR1 9TZ  | Football | Education       | Two good quality adult, one good quality youth 9v9 and one standard quality mini 7v7 pitch. All pitch types are played to capacity at peak time. The site is serviced by standard quality ancillary provision.                            | Sustain pitch quality through dedicated maintenance regime.<br>Look to formalise community use agreement to provide security of tenure. | Education, LFA, FF       | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect         |
| 92      | Cop Lane Church of England Primary School.                      | 6012844          | PR1 9AE  | Hockey   | Education       | One small size, hockey suitable AGP that is unavailable for community use.  | Sustain pitch quality for curricular use.   | Education, EH            | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect         |
| 107     | Hurst Grange Park   | 6005283          | PR1 9XH  | Football | Local Authority | One poor quality youth 9v9 pitch that has discounted spare capacity due to poor pitch quality.  | Improve pitch quality through enhanced maintenance regime.  | Local Authority, LFA, FF | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect Enhance |
| 111     | King George V Playing Field, Penwortham                         | -                | PR1 0HX  | Football | Local Authority | One poor quality youth 9v9 pitch that has discounted spare capacity due to poor pitch quality.  | Improve pitch quality through enhanced maintenance regime.  | Local Authority, LFA, FF | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect Enhance |
| 112     | Kingsfold Drive Playing Fields                                  | 6005284          | PR1 9EQ  | Football | Local Authority | One adult, one youth 9v9 and one mini 5v5 pitch, all of poor quality. All pitch types have discounted spare capacity due to poor pitch quality. The pitches on site suffer from poor drainage and is without ancillary provision on site. | Improve pitch quality through enhanced maintenance regime.  | Local Authority, LFA, FF | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect Enhance |
| 137     | Penwortham Girls High School                                    | 1201129          | PR1 0SR  | Football | Education       | One adult and one youth 11v11 pitch, both of standard quality and unavailable for community use.  | Sustain pitch quality for curricular use.   | Education, LFA, FF       | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect         |
| 137     | Penwortham Girls High School                                    | 1201129          | PR1 0SR  | Tennis   | Education       | Four poor quality macadam tennis courts that are unavailable for community use.   | Sustain court quality for curricular use.   | Education, LTA           | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect         |
| 137     | Penwortham Girls High School                                    | 1201129          | PR1 0SR  | Netball  | Education       | Four poor quality macadam netball courts that are unavailable for community use.  | Sustain court quality for curricular use.   | Education, EN            | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect         |

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| Site ID | Site                               | Active Places ID | Postcode | Sport    | Management      | Current status   | Recommended actions   | Partners                 | Site hierarchy tier | Priority | Timescales | Cost | Aim                     |
|---------|------------------------------------|------------------|----------|----------|-----------------|--|---|--------------------------|---------------------|----------|------------|------|-------------------------|
| 139     | Penwortham Holme Recreation Centre | 1041527          | PR1 9UD  | Football | Local Authority | Six standard quality and 12 poor quality mini 5v5 pitches that are played to capacity at peak time. Ancillary provision on site is not currently fit for use and in need of upgrading and modernisation. This site is used as a central venue for Mid Lancashire Colts JFL.  | Improve pitch quality through enhanced maintenance regime.<br>Explore the feasibility of improving ancillary facilities on site.  | Local Authority, LFA, FF | Hub                 | M        | M          | M    | Protect Enhance         |
| 143     | Penwortham Sports and Social Club  | -                | PR1 9QE  | Cricket  | Sports Club     | One good quality cricket square with 12 grass wickets. The square is played to capacity at peak times.<br>The site is serviced by good quality ancillary provision although standard quality changing facilities that are not compatible for women and girls' demand. Penwortham CC aspires to upgrade its social space.<br>The site is serviced by two fixed bay training nets. | Sustain square quality through dedicated maintenance regime.<br>Explore the feasibility of improving ancillary facilities on site.  | Sport Club, ECB          | Local               | M        | M          | M    | Protect Enhance         |
| 143     | Penwortham Sports and Social Club  | -                | PR1 9QE  | Bowls    | Sports Club     | One good quality crown bowling green that is home to Penwortham Sports Club BC.<br>The site is serviced by good quality ancillary provision.   | Sustain green quality through dedicated maintenance regime.   | Sport Club, BCGBA        | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect                 |
| 159     | Vernon Carus Sports & Social Club  | 1041399          | PR1 9TE  | Football | Sport Club      | One adult and one youth 9v9 pitch, both of good quality. The adult pitch is overplayed by two MES per week whilst the youth 9v9 is played to capacity at peak time.<br>Penwortham Town FC is looking to install drainage to improve pitch quality on site.<br>The site is serviced by standard quality ancillary provision.  | Sustain pitch quality through dedicated maintenance regime.<br>Support Penwortham Town FC to improve drainage on site.<br>Explore the feasibility of relocating some demand away from the site to alternate sites with actual spare capacity to alleviate overplay. | Sport Club, LFA, FF      | Key                 | H        | S          | M    | Protect Enhance         |
| 159     | Vernon Carus Sports & Social Club  | 1041399          | PR1 9TE  | Cricket  | Sport Club      | Two cricket squares with three and five grass wickets respectively. The five-wicket square is of good quality whilst the three-wicket square is of standard quality. The smaller square is overplayed by 20 matches per season whilst the larger square is overplayed by 23 matches per season.<br>The site is serviced by a fixed bay training net and a mobile training net.   | Improve square quality through enhanced maintenance regime to reduce overplay on site.<br>Explore the feasibility of installing NTPs on site in order to alleviate overplay of the grass squares on site.   | Sport Club, ECB          | Key                 | H        | S          | M    | Protect Enhance Provide |

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|---------|-----------------------------------|------------------|----------|----------|------------|---|--|--------------------|---------------------|----------|------------|------|-----------------|
| 159     | Vernon Carus Sports & Social Club | 1041399          | PR1 9TE  | Bowls    | Sport Club | One good quality crown bowling green that is home to Vernons BC. The green is operating within the recommended capacity guidelines. The site is serviced by standard quality ancillary provision.   | Sustain green quality through dedicated maintenance regime.  | Sport Club, BCGBA  | Key                 | L        | L          | L    | Protect         |
| 256     | Penwortham Priory Academy         | 30009478         | PR1 0JE  | Football | Education  | Four youth 11v11 and two youth 9v9 pitches, all of good quality. The youth 11v11 pitches are played to capacity at peak time whilst the youth 9v9 pitches have discounted spare capacity due to unsecure tenure. The site has been awarded FF funding to improve pitch quality. Ancillary provision on site is of standard quality however changing rooms need modernisation due to school and community use. | Sustain pitch quality through dedicated maintenance regime. Look to formalise a community use agreement to provide security of tenure. Explore the feasibility of improving ancillary provision on site.       | Education, LFA, FF | Key                 | M        | M          | M    | Protect Enhance |
| 256     | Penwortham Priory Academy         | 30009478         | PR1 0JE  | 3G       | Education  | One standard quality, full size 3G pitch that is sports lit, available to the community and features on the FA register. The Academy is working with the FF to refurbish the pitch in late 2025. The Academy aspires to have a second full size 3G pitch on site.   | Sustain pitch quality through dedicated maintenance regime. Ensure sinking fund is in place for future refurbishment when necessary. Explore the feasibility of providing a second full size 3G pitch on site. | Education, LFA, FF | Key                 | L        | L          | L    | Protect         |
| 256     | Penwortham Priory Academy         | 30009478         | PR1 0JE  | Cricket  | Education  | One standalone NTP that is available for community use.   | Sustain wicket quality through dedicated maintenance regime.   | Education, ECB     | Key                 | L        | L          | L    | Protect         |
| 256     | Penwortham Priory Academy         | 30009478         | PR1 0JE  | Tennis   | Education  | Three standard quality macadam tennis courts that are sports lit and available for community use.   | Sustain court quality through dedicated maintenance regime.  | Education, LTA     | Key                 | L        | L          | L    | Protect         |
| 256     | Penwortham Priory Academy         | 30009478         | PR1 0JE  | Netball  | Education  | Three standard quality macadam netball courts that are sports lit and available for community use.  | Sustain court quality through dedicated maintenance regime.  | Education, EN      | Key                 | L        | L          | L    | Protect         |

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## SOUTH RIBBLE – WESTERN PARISHES ANALYSIS AREA

### Area summary – pitch sports<sup>40</sup>

| Area                    | Pitch type                             | Current capacity total in MES <sup>[1]</sup> | Future capacity total in MES (2041) <sup>41</sup> |
|-------------------------|--|--|---|
| <b>Football (grass)</b> | -                                      | -  | -   |
| Western Parishes        | Adult                                  | Shortfall of 0.5                             | Shortfall of 0.5                                  |
| Western Parishes        | Youth 11v11                            | Actual spare capacity of 1                   | Actual spare capacity of 1                        |
| Western Parishes        | Youth 9v9                              | Actual spare capacity of 2                   | Actual spare capacity of 2                        |
| Western Parishes        | Mini 7v7                               | Actual spare capacity of 1                   | Actual spare capacity of 1                        |
| Western Parishes        | Mini 5v5                               | Played to capacity                           | Played to capacity                                |
| <b>South Ribble</b>     | <b>Adult</b>                           | <b>Shortfall of 6</b>                        | <b>Shortfall of 8</b>                             |
| <b>South Ribble</b>     | <b>Youth 11v11</b>                     | <b>Shortfall of 5.5</b>                      | <b>Shortfall of 7</b>                             |
| <b>South Ribble</b>     | <b>Youth 9v9</b>                       | <b>Shortfall of 2.5</b>                      | <b>Shortfall of 3.5</b>                           |
| <b>South Ribble</b>     | <b>Mini 7v7</b>                        | <b>Spare capacity of 1</b>                   | <b>Played to capacity</b>                         |
| <b>South Ribble</b>     | <b>Mini 5v5</b>                        | <b>Played to capacity</b>                    | <b>Shortfall of 0.5</b>                           |
| <b>Football (3G)</b>    | -                                      | -  | -   |
| Western Parishes        | 11v11                                  | Shortfall of 1 pitch                         | Shortfall of 1 pitch                              |
| <b>South Ribble</b>     | <b>11v11</b>                           | <b>Shortfall of 2 pitches</b>                | <b>Shortfall of 3.5 pitches</b>                   |
| <b>Cricket</b>          | -                                      | -  | -   |
| Western Parishes        | Saturday                               | Shortfall of 19                              | Shortfall of 19                                   |
| Western Parishes        | Sunday                                 | Shortfall of 19                              | Shortfall of 19                                   |
| Western Parishes        | Midweek                                | Shortfall of 19                              | Shortfall of 19                                   |
| <b>South Ribble</b>     | <b>Saturday</b>                        | <b>Shortfall of 149</b>                      | <b>Shortfall of 161</b>                           |
| <b>South Ribble</b>     | <b>Sunday</b>                          | <b>Shortfall of 149</b>                      | <b>Shortfall of 149</b>                           |
| <b>South Ribble</b>     | <b>Midweek</b>                         | <b>Shortfall of 143</b>                      | <b>Shortfall of 149</b>                           |
| <b>Rugby union</b>      | -                                      | -  | -   |
| <b>South Ribble</b>     | <b>Senior</b>                          | <b>Played to capacity</b>                    | <b>Played to capacity</b>                         |
| <b>Rugby league</b>     | -                                      | -  | -   |
| <b>South Ribble</b>     | <b>Senior</b>                          | <b>Shortfall of 1</b>                        | <b>Shortfall of 1</b>                             |
| <b>South Ribble</b>     | <b>Junior</b>                          | <b>Played to capacity</b>                    | <b>Played to capacity</b>                         |
| <b>South Ribble</b>     | <b>Mini</b>                            | <b>Played to capacity</b>                    | <b>Shortfall of 0.5</b>                           |
| <b>Hockey</b>           | -                                      | -  | -   |
| <b>South Ribble</b>     | <b>Full size, with sports lighting</b> | <b>Sufficient supply</b>                     | <b>Sufficient supply</b>                          |

### Area summary – non-pitch sports

| Sport            | Headline findings   |
|------------------|---|
| <b>Athletics</b> | There is one formal athletics track in Central Lancashire provided in the Preston North West located at University of Lancashire. Additionally, there is one 100m synthetic track located at West Way Sports Hub in the Chorley West Analysis Area. It cannot be said that supply is sufficient to meet demand given that Chorley Athletics and Tri Club is currently exporting some of its demand to Bolton due to the lack of facilities in the area, |

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

<sup>41</sup> It should be noted that this future demand figure is at a Boroughwide level, and some analysis areas may have greater shortfalls than others.

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| Sport               | Headline findings   |
|---------------------|---|
| <b>Bowls</b>        | Supply is considered sufficient to meet demand in the South Ribble Penwortham Analysis Area with five greens provided. Clubs (Longton Victory Memorial BC) should be monitored to ensure their existing provision remains sufficient. It should be noted that one green is assessed as poor quality located at Lancashire Constabulary Training Headquarters, support should be given to the club to improve the green quality to continue to adequately accommodate demand.  |
| <b>Tennis</b>       | With 10 community available courts provided in the South Ribble Western Parishes Analysis Area, supply is considered sufficient to meet demand. No courts are identified as having any capacity issues, and previously expressed latent demand is likely to have been met. However, it is also likely that informal demand will continue to increase following the improvements to courts. It should be noted that three courts located at Much Hoole Playing Field are poor quality and in need of resurfacing.  |
| <b>Netball</b>      | There are currently no community available netball courts located in the South Ribble Western Parishes Analysis Area. However, it's said that all demand is being adequately accommodated in the surrounding analysis areas.  |
| <b>Cycling</b>      | It is considered that demand for cycling across Central Lancashire is being adequately accommodated. There is one standard quality BMX Pump Track located within South Ribble located at Much Hoole which is not provided with sports lighting.   |
| <b>Other sports</b> | <p>Outdoor water sports in Chorley, Preston, and South Ribble are moderately well served, particularly in the Preston area where the Dock Basin supports a variety of water-based activities.</p> <p>The climbing and bouldering offer in Chorley, Preston, and South Ribble is strongly centred around two modern indoor facilities — Boulder UK and PrestonWall — both of which cater for a wide range of climbers from complete beginners to experienced athletes.</p> <p>Supply is currently insufficient for American football with the Club accessing multiple sites across Central Lancashire due to the lack of dedicated American football provision.</p> <p>Archery across Central Lancashire is well catered for through facilities such as: Wigan Lane Sports and Community Hub, Clayton Green Sports Centre and Preston Grasshoppers RFC, meaning that archery is particularly well catered for when it comes to both indoor and outdoor venues.</p> <p>Pickleball across Central Lancashire is well catered for through facilities such as: Chorley Tennis Club, All seasons Leisure Centre, Clayton Green Sports Centre, Sir Tom Finney Sports Centre, Bamber Bridge Leisure Centre and Leyland Leisure Centre meaning that pickleball is particularly well catered for when it comes to both indoor and outdoor venues.</p> <p>Across Central Lancashire, supply is considered sufficient for basketball given the number of dedicated facilities available to the Community. However, there is a clear need to improve and retain the current supply in ways that can attract and better accommodate more users at sites such as Haslam Park, Moor Park and Smith's Recreation Ground.</p> |

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| Site ID | Site   | Active Places ID | Postcode | Sport       | Management      | Current status  | Recommended actions   | Partners                 | Site hierarchy tier | Priority | Timescales | Cost | Aim             |
|---------|--|------------------|----------|-------------|-----------------|---|---|--------------------------|---------------------|----------|------------|------|-----------------|
| 45      | Longton Victory Memorial Ground              | -                | PR4 5YA  | Football    | Local Authority | One standard quality youth 9v9 pitch that is played to capacity at peak time.   | Sustain pitch quality through dedicated maintenance regime.   | Local Authority, LFA, FF | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect         |
| 45      | Longton Victory Memorial Ground              | -                | PR4 5YA  | Bowls       | Local Authority | Two good quality, sports lit, crown bowling greens that are used by Longton Victory Memorial BC. The Club has applied to the Lancashire Environment Fund to improve its current sports lighting. The site is operating close to the recommended capacity limit and is expected to exceed this when considering future demand. The site is serviced by good quality ancillary provision. | Sustain green quality through dedicated maintenance regime. Monitor Club growth to ensure existing provision remains suitable for its demand. | Local Authority, BCGBA   | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect         |
| 86      | All Saints' Church of England Primary School | -                | PR4 4XA  | Football    | Education       | One standard quality mini 7v7 pitch that is played to capacity at peak time.  | Sustain pitch quality through dedicated maintenance regime.   | Education, LFA, FF       | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect         |
| 108     | Hutton C of E Grammar School                 | 1201365          | PR4 5SN  | Football    | Education       | One poor quality adult pitch that is overplayed by 0.5 MES per week.  | Improve pitch quality through enhanced maintenance regime. Look to formalise community use agreement to provide security of tenure.           | Education, LFA, FF       | Local               | M        | S          | L    | Protect Enhance |
| 108     | Hutton C of E Grammar School                 | 1201365          | PR4 5SN  | Rugby Union | Education       | Two standard (M1/D1) quality rugby union pitches. The pitches have discounted spare capacity due to unsecure tenure.  | Sustain pitch quality through dedicated maintenance regime. Look to formalise community use agreement to provide security of tenure.          | Education, RFU           | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect         |
| 108     | Hutton C of E Grammar School                 | 1201365          | PR4 5SN  | Cricket     | Education       | A standalone NTP. Additionally, one disused cricket square.   | Sustain wicket quality through dedicated maintenance regime. Look to reinstate the disused square to alleviate shortfalls.                    | Education, ECB           | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect         |
| 108     | Hutton C of E Grammar School                 | 1201365          | PR4 5SN  | Netball     | Education       | Two poor quality macadam netball courts that are unavailable for community use.   | Sustain court quality for curricular use.   | Education, EN            | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect         |
| 109     | Hutton C of E Grammar School (off site)      | 6005277          | PR4 5SE  | Rugby Union | Education       | Three poor (M0/D1) quality rugby union pitches. The pitches have discounted spare capacity due to poor pitch quality.   | Improve pitch quality through enhanced maintenance regime. Look to formalise community use agreement to provide security of tenure.           | Education, RFU           | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect Enhance |
| 109     | Hutton C of E Grammar School (off site)      | 6005277          | PR4 5SE  | Cricket     | Education       | A standalone NTP.   | Sustain wicket quality through dedicated maintenance regime.  | Education, ECB           | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect         |

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|---------|---|------------------|----------|------------------|-----------------|--|---|--------------------------|---------------------|----------|------------|------|--------------------|
| 109     | Hutton C of E Grammar School (off site)               | 6005277          | PR4 5SE  | Tennis (disused) | Education       | The site accommodates four disused tennis courts.  | Look to reinstate courts for curricular demand  | Education, LTA           | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Enhance<br>Provide |
| 114     | Lancashire Constabulary Training Headquarters, Hutton | 1036528          | PR4 5TJ  | Football         | Private         | Two adult, one youth 9v9, one mini 7v7 and one mini 5v5 pitch, all of standard quality. The adult pitches are overplayed by 0.5 MES per week whilst the youth 9v9 and mini 5v5 pitches are played to capacity at peak time. The mini 7v7 pitch has discounted spare capacity due to unsecure tenure. | Improve pitch quality through enhanced maintenance regime. Look to formalise community use agreement to provide security of tenure. | Private, LFA, FF         | Local               | M        | S          | L    | Protect<br>Enhance |
| 114     | Lancashire Constabulary Training Headquarters, Hutton | 1036528          | PR4 5TJ  | Rugby Union      | Private         | One poor (M0/D1) rugby union pitch that is unavailable for community use.  | Sustain pitch quality for private use.  | Private, RFU             | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect            |
| 114     | Lancashire Constabulary Training Headquarters, Hutton | 1036528          | PR4 5TJ  | Athletics        | Private         | One 400m cinder track that is unavailable for community use.   | Sustain track quality for private use.  | Private, EA              | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect            |
| 114     | Lancashire Constabulary Training Headquarters, Hutton | 1036528          | PR4 5TJ  | Bowls            | Private         | One poor quality crown bowling green that is currently unused.   | Sustain green quality for private use.  | Private, BCGBA           | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect            |
| 119     | Longton Playing Field                                 | -                | PR4 5HA  | Football         | Local Authority | One standard quality youth 11v11 pitch with one MES of actual spare capacity per week.   | Sustain pitch quality through dedicated maintenance regime.   | Local Authority, LFA, FF | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect            |
| 129     | Much Hoole Playing Field                              | 6005275          | PR4 4QL  | Football         | Local Authority | One standard quality adult pitch and one poor quality mini 5v5 pitch. The adult pitch has 0.5 MES of actual spare capacity per week whilst the mini 5v5 pitch has discounted spare capacity due to poor pitch quality.   | Improve pitch quality through enhanced maintenance regime to alleviate overplay.  | Local Authority, LFA, FF | Local               | M        | S          | L    | Protect<br>Enhance |
| 129     | Much Hoole Playing Field                              | 6005275          | PR4 4QL  | Bowls            | Local Authority | One good quality, sports lit, crown bowling green that is home to Hoole Village Memorial Hall BC. The site is serviced by poor quality ancillary provision.  | Sustain green quality through dedicated maintenance regime.   | Local Authority, BCGBA   | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect            |
| 129     | Much Hoole Playing Field                              | 6005275          | PR4 4QL  | Tennis           | Local Authority | Three poor quality macadam tennis courts that are available for community use.   | Improve court quality through dedicated maintenance regime.   | Local Authority, LTA     | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect            |
| 131     | New Longton Sports & Social Club                      | 1041416          | PR4 4AA  | Football         | Sports Club     | One standard quality adult pitch that is played to capacity. The site is serviced by standard quality ancillary provision.   | Sustain pitch quality through dedicated maintenance regime.   | Sport Club, LFA, FF      | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect            |

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| Site ID | Site                             | Active Places ID | Postcode | Sport            | Management      | Current status   | Recommended actions   | Partners                 | Site hierarchy tier | Priority | Timescales | Cost | Aim                           |
|---------|----------------------------------|------------------|----------|------------------|-----------------|--|---|--------------------------|---------------------|----------|------------|------|-------------------------------|
| 131     | New Longton Sports & Social Club | 1041416          | PR4 4AA  | Cricket          | Sports Club     | One standard quality cricket square with six wickets. The outfield is considered to be of poor quality. The square is overplayed by 19 matches per season.<br>The site is serviced by good quality ancillary provision and two fixed bay training nets although New Longton CC reports demand for additional training provision. | Improve square quality through enhanced maintenance regime to reduce overplay.<br>Explore the feasibility of installing an NTP on site to alleviate overplay.<br>Explore the feasibility of providing additional training facilities on site. | Sport Club, ECB          | Local               | H        | M          | M    | Protect<br>Enhance<br>Provide |
| 132     | New Longton Village Hall         | -                | PR4 4AA  | Football         | Parish Council  | One youth 9v9 and one mini 7v7 pitch, both of standard quality. Both pitch types have one MES of actual spare capacity per week.   | Sustain pitch quality through dedicated maintenance regime.   | Parish Council, LFA, FF  | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect                       |
| 275     | Richard Holmes Memorial Ground   | 30002782         | PR4 5JY  | Football         | Local Authority | One adult, one youth 9v9 and one mini 7v7 pitch, all of good quality. The youth 9v9 pitch has one MES of actual spare capacity whilst the mini 7v7 pitch has discounted spare capacity due to overmarking. The adult pitch is played to capacity at peak time.<br>The site is serviced by standard quality ancillary provision.  | Sustain pitch quality through dedicated maintenance regime.   | Local Authority, LFA, FF | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect                       |
| 305     | Penwortham Lawn Tennis Club      | 30004202         | PR4 4BH  | Football         | Sports Club     | Five good quality artificial tennis courts that are sports lit and available for community use.  | Sustain court quality through dedicated maintenance regime.   | Sport Club, LTA          | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect                       |
| 306     | New Longton                      | -                | PR4 4JL  | Bowls            | Sports Club     | One good quality, sports lit, crown bowling green that is home to New Longton BC.<br>The site is serviced by standard quality ancillary provision.   | Sustain green quality through dedicated maintenance regime.   | Sport Club, BCGBA        | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect                       |
| 315     | Hutton Playing Field             | -                | PR4 5SE  | Football         | Local Authority | One poor quality adult football pitch that is played to capacity.  | Improve pitch quality through enhanced maintenance regime.  | Local Authority, LFA, FF | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Protect<br>Enhance            |
| 315     | Hutton Playing Field             | -                | PR4 5SE  | Tennis (Disused) | Local Authority | Two tennis courts that now lie disused.  | Look to reinstate courts for community demand.  | Local Authority          | Local               | L        | L          | L    | Enhance<br>Provide            |

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## PART 7: HOUSING GROWTH SCENARIOS

The PPOSS provides an estimate of demand for pitch sports based on population forecasts and club consultation to 2041 (in line with the emerging joint 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 Calculator (PPC) adds to this, updating the likely demand generated for pitch sports based on housing increases and converts the demand into match equivalent sessions and the number of pitches required. This is achieved via team generation rates in the Assessment Report to determine how many new teams would be generated from an increase in population derived from housing growth and gives the associated costs of supplying the increased pitch provision.

For such major large scale housing developments, consideration should be given to providing multi-pitch sites with suitable ancillary provision, including appropriate clubhouse/changing facilities and car parking. Single pitch sites which have been provided traditionally by developers are not considered to provide long term sustainable provision for the relevant sports.

For tennis, Sport England has been working with the LTA to add outdoor tennis courts to its Sports Facilities Calculator (SFC)<sup>42</sup>. The SFC is a modelling tool designed to assist local planning authorities to quantify how much additional demand is generated by increasing populations and new housing areas. The model has no spatial qualities or dimension and can only be used to estimate the facility needs for whole area populations.

The SFC uses information that Sport England has gathered on who uses facilities and applies this to the population profile of the local area. This ensures that the calculations take on board the population profile (e.g. age, gender, etc) of the local area. The SFC then turns this estimation of demand (visits per week) into the equivalent amount of facility which is needed to meet these visits. As detailed above, the SFC includes tennis courts, however, it does not calculate a need for athletics and bowling greens which are also covered in the scope of the PPOSS. Recommendations on need for this type of provision is provided using the evidence base collated within the PPOSS.

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

The scenarios below are provided as a guide to show the potential additional demand for pitch sports that could be generated from housing growth in Chorley, Preston and South Ribble, thus showing how the calculator works and what it provides.

They are based on proposed housing figures within in the emerging Local Plan, meaning that they are subject to change; however, they are only being used as a guide to show the potential additional demand for pitch sports that could be generated from the growth over the local plan period.

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<sup>42</sup><https://www.sportengland.org/how-we-can-help/facilities-and-planning/planning-for-sport/sports-facility-calculator>

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### 7.1: Scenario One – Testing the model for a housing development proposing 6,012 dwellings in Chorley (14,669 new population)

The estimated additional population derived from housing growth from 6,012 dwellings with an occupancy rate of 2.44 people per household (based on a national average) is 14,669 people. The table below identifies what this equates to in terms of pitch demand.

This population increase equates to 15.94 match equivalent sessions of demand per week for grass pitch sports, 0.47 match equivalent sessions on a hockey suitable AGPs and 79.33 match equivalent sessions of demand per season for cricket. Training demand equates to 30.87 hours of use per week for football on 3G pitches, and 0.59 match equivalent sessions on a sports lit grass pitch for rugby league and 1.63 hours on a hockey suitable AGP.

Table 7.1: Likely demand for grass pitch sports generated from an additional 14,669 people

| Pitch sport           | Match demand per week <sup>43</sup> | Training demand <sup>44</sup>  |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Adult football        | 2.05                                | 30.87 hours                    |
| Youth football        | 7.81                                | As above                       |
| Mini soccer           | 5.58                                | As above                       |
| Rugby union           | 0                                   | -                              |
| Rugby league          | 0.5                                 | 0.59 match equivalent sessions |
| Adult hockey          | 0.47                                | 1.41 hours                     |
| Junior & mixed hockey | 0.06                                | 0.22 hours                     |
| Cricket               | 79.33                               | -                              |

To quantify this, the table below translates estimated demand into new pitch provision with associated capital and lifestyle costs.

Table 7.2: Estimated demand and costs for new pitch provision

| Pitch type      | Number of pitches to meet demand | Capital cost <sup>45</sup> | Lifecycle Cost (per annum) <sup>46</sup> | Number of changing rooms | Capital cost      |
|-----------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|--|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Adult football  | 2.05                             | £233,756                   | £46,050                                  | 4.11                     | £838,471          |
| Youth football  | 7.81                             | £734,120                   | £148,292                                 | 10.45                    | £2,132,954        |
| Mini soccer     | 5.58                             | £165,652                   | £32,799                                  | 0                        | £0                |
| Rugby union     | 0                                | £0                         | £0                                       | 0                        | £0                |
| Rugby league    | 0.5                              | £74,072                    | £13,703                                  | 1                        | £203,698          |
| Cricket         | 1.74                             | £618,419                   | £113,789                                 | 3.47                     | £708,605          |
| Sand based AGPs | 0.12                             | £116,151                   | £3,020                                   | 0.23                     | £47,912           |
| 3G              | 0.81                             | £965,177                   | £29,248                                  | 1.62                     | £331,780          |
| Tennis Courts   | 1.89                             | £215,185                   | -  | -                        | -                 |
| <b>Total</b>    | <b>20.5</b>                      | <b>£3,122,532</b>          | <b>£386,901</b>                          | <b>20.88</b>             | <b>£4,263,420</b> |

<sup>43</sup> As per the PPS Guidance, demand for cricket is considered in terms of match equivalent sessions per season rather than per week.

<sup>44</sup> Hours equate to access to an 11v11 sports lit 3G pitch or hockey suitable AGP

<sup>45</sup> [Link to Sport England cost guidance](#)

<sup>46</sup> Lifecycle costs are based on the % of the total project cost per annum as set out in Sport England's Life Cycle Costs Natural Turf Pitches and Artificial Surfaces documents (2012)

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Overall, an additional 20.5 pitches would be required to meet additional demand arising from an additional 14,669 people living in Chorley. This consist of 17.68 grass pitches, 0.93 of access to artificial pitches and 1.89 outdoor tennis courts. This would require an expected capital cost of £3,122,532 and a lifecycle cost per annum of £386,901. To facilitate the increased provision, 20.88 changing rooms would need to be provided at a capital cost of £4,263,420.

### 7.2: Scenario Two – Testing the model for a housing development proposing 9,360 dwellings in Preston (22,838 new population)

The estimated additional population derived from housing growth from 9,360 dwellings with an occupancy rate of 2.44 people per household (based on a national average) is 22,838 people. The table below identifies what this equates to in terms of pitch demand.

This population increase equates to 21.16 match equivalent sessions of demand per week for grass pitch sports, 1.34 match equivalent sessions on a hockey suitable AGPs and 44.31 match equivalent sessions of demand per season for cricket. Training demand equates to 39.39 hours of use per week for football on 3G pitches, and accumulative 0.58 match equivalent sessions on a sports lit grass pitch for the rugby union and rugby league and 3.07 hours on a hockey suitable AGP.

Table 7.3: Likely demand for grass pitch sports generated from an additional 22,838 people

| Pitch sport           | Match demand per week <sup>47</sup> | Training demand <sup>48</sup>  |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Adult football        | 4.83                                | 39.39 hours                    |
| Youth football        | 8.93                                | As above                       |
| Mini soccer           | 5.94                                | As above                       |
| Rugby union           | 1.38                                | 1.5 match equivalent sessions  |
| Rugby league          | 0.08                                | 0.08 match equivalent sessions |
| Adult hockey          | 0.87                                | 2.61 hours                     |
| Junior & mixed hockey | 0.47                                | 0.46 hours                     |
| Cricket               | 44.31                               | -                              |

To quantify this, the table below translates estimated demand into new pitch provision with associated capital and lifestyle costs.

Table 7.4: Estimated demand and costs for new pitch provision

| Pitch type     | Number of pitches to meet demand | Capital cost <sup>49</sup> | Lifecycle Cost (per annum) <sup>50</sup> | Number of changing rooms | Capital cost |
|----------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|--|--------------------------|--------------|
| Adult football | 4.83                             | £549,605                   | £108,272                                 | 9.65                     | £1,971,408   |
| Youth football | 8.93                             | £840,034                   | £169,687                                 | 10.59                    | £2,162,567   |
| Mini soccer    | 5.94                             | £176,319                   | £34,911                                  | 0                        | £0           |
| Rugby union    | 1.38                             | £239,851                   | £44,372                                  | 2.77                     | £565,362     |
| Rugby league   | 0.08                             | £11,741                    | £2,172                                   | 0.16                     | £32,287      |
| Cricket        | 0.97                             | £346,482                   | £63,753                                  | 1.94                     | £397,010     |

<sup>47</sup> As per the PPS Guidance, demand for cricket is considered in terms of match equivalent sessions per season rather than per week.

<sup>48</sup> Hours equate to access to an 11v11 sports lit 3G pitch or hockey suitable AGP

<sup>49</sup> [Link to Sport England cost guidance](#)

<sup>50</sup> Lifecycle costs are based on the % of the total project cost per annum as set out in Sport England's Life Cycle Costs Natural Turf Pitches and Artificial Surfaces documents (2012)

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| Pitch type      | Number of pitches to meet demand | Capital cost <sup>49</sup> | Lifecycle Cost (per annum) <sup>50</sup> | Number of changing rooms | Capital cost      |
|-----------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|--|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Sand based AGPs | 0.22                             | £215,466                   | £5,602                                   | 0.44                     | £88,880           |
| 3G              | 1.04                             | £1,231,512                 | £37,319                                  | 2.07                     | £423,332          |
| Tennis Courts   | 3.11                             | £354,218                   | -  | -                        | -                 |
| <b>Total</b>    | <b>26.5</b>                      | <b>£3,965,228</b>          | <b>£466,088</b>                          | <b>27.62</b>             | <b>£5,552,055</b> |

Overall, an additional 26.5 pitches would be required to meet additional demand arising from an additional 22,838 people living in Preston. This consist of 22.13 grass pitches, 1.26 of access to artificial pitches and 3.11 outdoor tennis courts. This would require an expected capital cost of £3,965,228 and a lifecycle cost per annum of £466,088. To facilitate the increased provision, 27.62 changing rooms would need to be provided at a capital cost of £5,552,055.

### 7.3: Scenario Three – Testing the model for a housing development proposing 8,280 dwellings in South Ribble (20,203 new population)

The estimated additional population derived from housing growth from 8,280 dwellings with an occupancy rate of 2.44 people per household (based on a national average) is 20,203 people. The table below identifies what this equates to in terms of pitch demand.

This population increase equates to 26.63 match equivalent sessions of demand per week for grass pitch sports, 0.27 match equivalent sessions on a hockey suitable AGPs and 94.41 match equivalent sessions of demand per season for cricket. Training demand equates to 52.27 hours of use per week for football on 3G pitches, and 0.63 match equivalent sessions on a sports lit grass pitch for rugby league and 0.88 hours on a hockey suitable AGP.

Table 7.5: Likely demand for grass pitch sports generated from an additional 20,203 people

| Pitch sport           | Match demand per week <sup>51</sup> | Training demand <sup>52</sup>  |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Adult football        | 4.86                                | 52.27 hours                    |
| Youth football        | 11.72                               | As above                       |
| Mini soccer           | 9.55                                | As above                       |
| Rugby union           | 0                                   | -                              |
| Rugby league          | 0.5                                 | 0.63 match equivalent sessions |
| Adult hockey          | 0.27                                | 0.81 hours                     |
| Junior & mixed hockey | 0                                   | 0.07 hours                     |
| Cricket               | 94.41                               | -                              |

To quantify this, the table below translates estimated demand into new pitch provision with associated capital and lifestyle costs.

<sup>51</sup> As per the PPS Guidance, demand for cricket is considered in terms of match equivalent sessions per season rather than per week.

<sup>52</sup> Hours equate to access to an 11v11 sports lit 3G pitch or hockey suitable AGP

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Table 7.6: Estimated demand and costs for new pitch provision

| Pitch type      | Number of pitches to meet demand | Capital cost <sup>53</sup> | Lifecycle Cost (per annum) <sup>54</sup> | Number of changing rooms | Capital cost      |
|-----------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|--|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Adult football  | 4.86                             | £553,610                   | £109,061                                 | 9.73                     | £1,985,776        |
| Youth football  | 11.72                            | £1,102,249                 | £222,654                                 | 14.78                    | £3,018,844        |
| Mini soccer     | 9.55                             | £283,678                   | £56,168                                  | 0                        | £0                |
| Rugby union     | 0                                | £0                         | £0                                       | 0                        | £0                |
| Rugby league    | 0.5                              | £73,579                    | £13,612                                  | 0.99                     | £202,342          |
| Cricket         | 2.07                             | £738,376                   | £135,861                                 | 4.14                     | £846,056          |
| Sand based AGPs | 0.07                             | £66,823                    | £1,737                                   | 0.13                     | £27,565           |
| 3G              | 1.38                             | £1,634,056                 | £49,517                                  | 2.75                     | £561,707          |
| Tennis Courts   | 2.55                             | £290,050                   | -  | -                        | -                 |
| <b>Total</b>    | <b>32.7</b>                      | <b>£4,742,421</b>          | <b>£588,610</b>                          | <b>32.52</b>             | <b>£6,642,290</b> |

Overall, an additional 32.7 pitches would be required to meet additional demand arising from an additional 20,203 people living in South Ribble. This consist of 28.7 grass pitches, 1.38 of access to artificial pitches and 2.55 outdoor tennis courts. This would require an expected capital cost of £4,742,421 and a lifecycle cost per annum of £588,610. To facilitate the increased provision, 35.52 changing rooms would need to be provided at a capital cost of £6,642,290.

## The most appropriate way to meet the estimated demand

It is important that the above results are looked at alongside the findings of the Assessment Report, and the recommendations and actions of the Strategy. By doing so, the most appropriate way of meeting the estimated needs can be determined and any resulting proposals justified. This should include:

- ◀ Using the Assessment Report and related Strategy to understand the nature of the playing pitch sites within an appropriate catchment of the new population along with issues, recommendations and actions relevant to that area.
- ◀ Looking at the different ways in which the needs could be met, including for example:
  - ◀ Enhancing existing provision to increase capacity, supported by suitable management and maintenance arrangements to ensure the greater capacity is maintained over the longer term;
  - ◀ Undertaking works, and ensuring long term maintenance and access arrangements, to secure new or greater community use of existing provision;
  - ◀ Providing new pitches as an extension on current sites.
  - ◀ Providing new (natural and/or artificial grass pitches).

If the decision is taken to provide new pitches, then the calculator takes the estimated needs for matches and training activity and converts this into an estimate of the likely pitch provision required to meet the needs of population projections. Indicative costs are also provided to provide this level of pitch provision in addition to costing for associated changing room provision.

<sup>53</sup> [Link to Sport England cost guidance](#)

<sup>54</sup> Lifecycle costs are based on the % of the total project cost per annum as set out in Sport England's Life Cycle Costs Natural Turf Pitches and Artificial Surfaces documents (2012)

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## Summary

### *Onsite contributions*

The above scenarios identify that through overall housing growth; demand will be generated to some extent for all pitch sports. Whilst initially the figures seem substantial, it must be noted that they are based upon each of the three authorities (Chorley, Preston, South Ribble) housing demand for the entire period of the local plan development. In reality, the requirements will be staggered, with existing provision able to meet some of the needs when developments are considered on a case-by-case basis. This would be achieved through contributions being directed towards improvements rather than new provision.

Experience shows that only significantly large housing sites are likely to generate demand for new provision to be created. Where this is the case, consideration should be given to providing multi-pitch sites with suitable ancillary provision, including appropriate clubhouse/changing facilities and car parking. Single pitch sites which have been provided traditionally by developers are not considered to provide long term sustainable provision for the relevant sports.

If any schools or leisure facilities are to be built within any development these could represent an opportunity for the creation of collective 11v11 size sports lit 3G pitch in addition to any tennis/netball courts (as long as they are sports lit) to ensure greater utilisation. Relevant accessible and security of tenure through CUAs would also need to be factored into any such development.

It should be noted that there is potential to locate any mini football demand onto a 3G pitch. Any monies dedicated to mini grass football pitches could therefore go towards the development of 3G provision in order to save on land. This approach would require a FA certified pitch in addition to agreement with relevant stakeholders (FF/LFA).

### *Offsite contributions*

Where demand does not warrant new pitch provision, the Action Plan in this document should be consulted to determine whether the additional demand can be accommodated via existing provision (in which case no further action is required). This would only be the case if nearby sites have sufficient actual spare capacity for the relevant sports, which could be established, as an example, through creating a bespoke catchment area for the development and reviewing the provision that falls within this.

An alternative approach to obtaining contributions for each individual housing development and allocating them to improving localised sporting sites identified for improvement within the PPOSS, is to pool them together. This would allow for greater levels of investment into sites, where needed, for more expensive enhancements such drainage or ancillary expansions or even the creation of artificial pitches. Additionally, this would allow for the collating of contributions from smaller developments, below 300 dwellings, to maximise the benefit they can provide to sporting sites within Chorley, Preston and South Ribble.

The pooling of contributions could lead to the greater enhancement of provision in each local authority at strategically important sites in Chorley, Preston and South Ribble, such as:

- ◀ Astley Park (Chorley Central Analysis Area).
- ◀ Moor Park (Preston South Analysis Area).
- ◀ Moss Side Recreation Ground (South Ribble Leyland Analysis Area).

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Pooling of contributions should be done strategically and ought to be localised to the analysis area, and even potentially key settlements, of the housing growth to ensure S106 monies are spent on improving the sporting infrastructure for the new population. It is strongly recommended the Councils work with Sport England, and NGBs where relevant, to develop a process and guidance to calculate and secure developer contributions which may include onsite, offsite and pooling of contributions.

It should be noted that the relevant NGBs should be included within any discussions to ensure their overall strategic recommendations for Chorley, Preston and South Ribble are considered. Additionally, the above scenarios are only to provide a broad indication of what sporting provision, at this current stage, is required for the projected population increase. The PPC will need to be used at various stages of any development to provide up to date analysis moving forward on what is required for a sporting perspective.

Please note that the PPC only includes the main pitch sports and tennis but there may also be a requirement to improve facilities for other pitch and non-pitch sports such as other sports, bowls and athletics, for example. Therefore, securing developer contributions to deliver improvements/new provision should be guided by this Strategy and in particular the site-by-site Action Plan and in consultation with the relevant NGB through the PPOSS Steering Group.

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

The section below sets out a generalised approach on how to deliver a PPOSS whilst also keeping it robust and up-to-date. However, as agreed by Sport England, a more tailored approach should be considered for Central Lancashire, aligning with the processes adopted by other local authorities in the North West (see Appendix 3).

### ***Delivery***

The PPOSS 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 the Borough can be satisfied. The Strategy identifies where there is a deficiency in provision and recommends how best to resolve this in the future. This document should be regarded as part of the planning process as a material consideration.

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

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 PPOSS is used and applied appropriately within their area of work and influence.

To help ensure the PPOSS is well used, it should be regarded as the key document within the study area guiding the improvement and protection of playing pitch and outdoor sport 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 needed to improve the situation and meet future demand.

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

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

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

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The Councils are responsible for keeping the database and background supply and demand information up-to-date in order that area-by-area action plans can be updated. This should be carried out in consultation with the NGBs, particularly around affiliation time when information is updated.

As a guide, if no review and subsequent update has been carried out within three years of the PPOSS being signed off by the steering group, then Sport England and the NGBs would consider it and the information on which it is based to be out of date. The nature of the supply and in particular the demand for provision is likely to change year-on-year, meaning that without any form of review and update it would be difficult to make the case that the supply and demand information and assessment work is sufficiently robust.

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).
- ◀ 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 PPOSS is complete the role of the Steering Group should evolve so that it:

- ◀ Acts as a focal point for promoting the value and importance of the 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 PPOSS has been used and how it has been applied to a variety of circumstances
- ◀ Ensures the PPOSS 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 PPOSS along with the supply and demand information and assessment work on which it is based. Further to review the group should either:
  - ◀ Provide a short annual progress and update paper;
  - ◀ Provide a partial review focussing on particular sport, pitch type and/or sub area; or
  - ◀ Lead a full review and update of the PPOSS document (including the supply and demand information and assessment details).

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

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

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

## Checklists

In order for this Strategy to be signed off by the steering group, a Stage D Checklist: Develop the Strategy has been prepared which indicates where a step has been completed or if further action may be required.

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

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| <b>Step 8: Write and Adopt the Strategy</b>   | ✓ |   |
| 1. Does the PPS document provide the reader with a clear understanding of the areas listed in paragraph D20?  |   |   |
| 2. Is it clear from the PPS document why the recommendations and actions have been included, how they are to be delivered and what they will achieve?                   |   | ✓ |
| 3. Does the PPS document indicate how it should be used and applied in different areas and circumstances along with the benefits of doing so?                           | ✓ |   |
| 4. Has the PPS document been subject to appropriate consultation?   | ✓ |   |
| 5. Do all members of the steering group and other relevant parties endorse the PPS and recognise its lead role in guiding the improvement of pitches in the study area? | ✓ |   |
| 6. Has the PPS document been formally adopted by the local authority and is its status recognised across all relevant departments?                                      |   | ✓ |

To help ensure the PPOSS 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:

| <b>Stage E: Deliver the strategy and keep it robust and up-to-date</b>   | Tick ✓ |                    |
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|  | Yes    | Requires Attention |
| <b>Step 9: Apply and deliver the strategy</b>  |        |                    |
| 1. Are steering group members clear on how the PPS can be applied across a range of relevant areas?  |        |                    |
| 2. Is each member of the steering group committed to taking the lead to help ensure the PPS is used and applied appropriately within their area of work and influence?                                     |        |                    |
| 3. Has a process been put in place to ensure regular monitoring of how the recommendations and action plan are being delivered and the PPS is being applied?   |        |                    |
| <b>Step 10: Keep the strategy robust and up-to-date</b>  |        |                    |
| 1. Has a process been put in place to ensure the PPS is kept robust and up-to-date?  |        |                    |
| 2. Does the process involve an annual update of the PPS?   |        |                    |
| 3. Is the steering group to be maintained and is it clear of its on-going role?  |        |                    |
| 4. Is regular liaison with the NGBs and other parties planned?   |        |                    |
| 5. Has all the supply and demand information been collated and presented in a format (i.e. single document that can be filtered accordingly) that will help people to review it and highlight any changes? |        |                    |
| 6. Have any changes made to the Active Places Power data been fed back to Sport England?   |        |                    |

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## APPENDIX ONE: SPORTING CONTEXT

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

### National context

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

### ***Department of Digital, Culture, Media and Sport Get Active: A Strategy for the Future of Sport and Physical Activity (2023)***

The Government published its new strategy for sport in August 2023. The 2015 government sport strategy, Sporting Future: A New Strategy for a More Active Nation, was a fundamental re-framing of sport and physical activity in the UK. It set out five outcomes delivered by sport and physical activity:

- ◀ Physical wellbeing
- ◀ Mental wellbeing
- ◀ Individual development
- ◀ Social and community development
- ◀ Sustainable economic development

This new strategy builds on the foundations of Sporting Future and retains these five outcomes at its core. In order to measure its success in producing outputs which accord with these aims it has also adopted a series of three core priorities, with seven indicators to achieve these priorities as follows:

- ◀ **Being unapologetically ambitious in making the nation more active**
  - ◀ Ensuring everyone is focused on increasing physical activity, meaning fewer inactive children, and narrowing the gap on inactivity where groups are not being reached, with visible progress across the country by 2030
  - ◀ Focusing on evidence, data and metrics
  - ◀ Setting the future direction for facilities and spaces where people can be active
- ◀ **Making sport and physical activity more inclusive and welcoming for all that everyone can have confidence that there is a place for them in sport**
  - ◀ Helping the sector to be welcoming to all
  - ◀ Improving how issues and concerns are dealt within the sector
- ◀ **Moving towards a more sustainable sector that is more financially resilient and robust**
  - ◀ Supporting the sector to access additional, alternative forms of investment
  - ◀ Working towards a more environmentally sustainable sector

Delivering against these priorities will help create a more active nation and a more sustainable sport sector. These aims are complementary; greater participation, stronger governance and confidence in the sector will help to drive investment, which in turn helps to attract new audiences. The vision is to make sport and physical activity accessible, resilient, fun and fair, for now and the years to come – for the benefit of individuals and the country.

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### ***Sport England Uniting the Movement: Our 10-year vision to transform lives and communities through sport (2021-2031)***

Sport and physical activity makes people happier and healthier, and movement is the lens through which we can make that happen. It does the same thing for our communities, with life-changing, sustainable benefits that have huge economic and social value. That's why Sport England wants sport and physical activity to be recognised as essential to help overcome these national challenges.

The Strategy recognises the need to invest in sport and physical activity through NGBs, other sports bodies and local sports clubs, organisations and community groups to increase engagement for different groups as part of our core purpose. It states that there is now a need to go further in promoting movement in general as the means to unlock sport and activity for some people.

#### ***Tackling inequalities***

There are deep-rooted inequalities in sport and physical activity, which means that there are people who feel excluded from being active because the right options and opportunities aren't there. These inequalities are at the very core of the Uniting the Movement.

Sport England plans on having a laser focus on tackling inequalities in all that it does, because providing opportunities to people and communities that have traditionally been left behind, and helping to remove the barriers to activity is vitally important.

#### ***National Planning Policy Framework (2024)***

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.

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

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

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

The Strategy sets out shared aims and objectives it aims to deliver on in conjunction with The Premier League, Sport England and the Government, to be delivered with support of the Football Foundation.

These stakeholders have clearly identified the aspirations for football to contribute directly to nationally important social and health priorities. Alongside this, the strategy is clear that traditional, affiliated football remains an important priority and a core component of the game, whilst recognising and supporting the more informal environments used for the community and recreational game.

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

£1.3 billion has been spent by football and Government since 2000 to enhance existing football facilities and build new ones. However, more is needed if football and Government’s shared objectives for participation, individual well-being and community cohesion are to be achieved. Nationally, direct investment will be increased – initially to £69 million per annum from football and Government (a 15% increase on recent years).

The NFFS investment priorities can be broadly grouped into six areas, recognising the need to grow the game, support existing players and better understand the different football environments:

- ◀ **Improve 20,000 Natural Turf pitches**, with a focus on addressing drop off due to a poor playing experience;
- ◀ **Deliver 1,000 3G AGP ‘equivalents’** (mix of full size and small sided provision, including MUGAs - small sided facilities are likely to have a key role in smaller / rural communities and encouraging multi-sport offers), enhancing the quality of playing experience and supporting a sustainable approach to grass roots provision;
- ◀ **Deliver 1,000 changing pavilions/clubhouses**, linked to multi-pitch or hub sites, supporting growth (particularly in women and girls’ football), sustainability and providing a facility infrastructure to underpin investment in coaching, officials and football development;
- ◀ **Support access to flexible indoor spaces**, including equipment and court markings, to support growth in futsal, walking football and to support the education and skills outcomes, exploiting opportunities for football to positively impact on personal and social outcomes for young people in particular;
- ◀ **Refurbish existing stock** to maintain current provision, recognising the need to address historic under-investment and issues with refurbishment of existing facilities;
- ◀ **Support testing of technology and innovation**, building on customer insight to deliver hubs for innovation, testing and development of the game.

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### ***The FA: A Thriving Grassroots Game (2024-28)***

This new strategy aims to enhance participation, improve facilities and create a more inclusive and enjoyable environment for players, coaches, volunteers and officials.

The strategy focuses on five main areas:

1. **Improving Playing Choice and Opportunity**  
Creating diverse and flexible playing options to cater to all individuals.
2. **Delivering Equal Opportunities for Women and Girls**  
Ensuring every woman and girl has access to football in a safe and enjoyable setting.
3. **Building and Improving Facilities**  
Increasing the quality and quantity of grassroots football pitches and facilities.
4. **Tackling Poor Behaviour**  
Reducing incidents of poor behaviour and discrimination, promoting positive conduct.
5. **Developing a Valued Network of Volunteers, Coaches, and Referees**  
Growing and supporting the grassroots workforce to sustain the game's future.

To achieve these priorities, the FA has identified three key drivers:

- ◀ **Supporting Thriving Community Clubs**  
Assisting clubs to grow sustainably and provide excellent football experiences.
- ◀ **Connecting and Serving Participants**  
Enhancing digital services to offer personalized and accessible opportunities.
- ◀ **Progressing the Game's Governance**  
Implementing high governance standards to serve all football participants effectively.

These initiatives are developed in collaboration with County FAs to ensure local needs are met.

The FA's strategy aims to transform grassroots football by addressing key challenges, investing in facilities, and promoting inclusivity and positive behaviour.

### ***The FA: Inspiring Positive Change Through Football (2024-28)***<sup>55</sup>

The FA launched its new Strategy which aims to 'take English football forward, with clear focus on the biggest opportunities and challenges that need to be addressed'.

To achieve this, eight key strategic priorities are identified which include four 'Game Changer' objectives and four 'Drivers' objectives as detailed below. The strategy also outlines how The FA's plans to achieve these objectives.

Game Changers:

- ◀ Win tournaments
  - ◀ Develop pathways
  - ◀ Support elite players
  - ◀ Enhance environments
  - ◀ Collaborate and influence
- ◀ A game free from discrimination
  - ◀ Boost representation
  - ◀ Drive more inclusion
  - ◀ Tackle discrimination
- ◀ Equal opportunities for women & girls
  - ◀ Increase school participation
  - ◀ Increase club participation
  - ◀ Enhance women's competitions

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<sup>55</sup> [FA Strategy 2024-2028: The Football Association](#)

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- ◀ Support female coaches and referees
- ▶ Transform the pitch landscape
  - ◀ Sustain and grow high-quality grass pitches
  - ◀ Deliver new 3G pitches
  - ◀ Support inclusivity accessibility and environmental sustainability of facilities
- ▶ Drivers:
  - ▶ Thriving community clubs
    - ◀ Develop club opportunities
    - ◀ Support the current and future generation of club leaders
    - ◀ Equip clubs to add long-term value to local communities
  - ▶ World-class FA cups
    - ◀ Broaden commercial appeal
    - ◀ Evolve the Adobe Women's FA Cup format
  - ▶ Participant led
    - ◀ Place participants at the centre of decision making
    - ◀ Create flexible models to meet participants needs
    - ◀ Provide digital tools to improve experiences
  - ▶ Progressive governance
    - ◀ Support integration of women's and girls' football
    - ◀ Support governance of the NLS
    - ◀ Support our County Football Associations (CFAs)

### ***The FA: Reaching Higher (2024-28)***<sup>56</sup>

The FA's 2020-2024 strategy, 'Inspiring Positive Change', coincided with record growth across the sport, with more women and girls playing, coaching, officiating and supporting the flourishing professional game than ever before.

This strategy aims to build on the success achieved to date and strives to continue working to unlock the full potential of the women's and girls' game. The strategy outlines four strategic priorities as seen below.

1. **Build and Protect the Uniqueness of the Women's Game:** Continue to honour the history of women's football and recognise those who have contributed towards making it so unique, whilst ensuring the distinct qualities and unique culture of the women's game are valued and protected.
2. **Win a Major Tournament:** Continue to be world-leaders both on and off the pitch, developing players and building an inclusive talent pathway system to make football more equal and accessible at every level of the game, ensuring the England pathway and teams represent society.
3. **Build Robust, High-Quality Competition:** Create compelling competition structures and support clubs to develop to the appropriate level within the game, while enabling people to grow and develop within The FA's competition structures.
4. **Deliver Equal Opportunities for Women and Girls to Play:** Sustain growth in schools whilst tackling inequalities. Continue to grow the number of female teams and deliver vibrant league offers whilst extending and enhancing the sessional football offer. The ambition is for 90% of schools to deliver equal access for girls to play football in key stages two and three.

There are five golden threads which weave through each of the four strategic priorities and across all levels of the women's and girls' game, which will be instrumental for delivering the next phase of growth by 2028:

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<sup>56</sup> [The FA Womens & Girls Football Strategy 2024-28](#)

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1. **Female Health and Wellbeing:** Develop the game to support women and girls with their health and wellbeing needs, providing them with environments in which they can thrive.
2. **Safeguarding:** Support the evolution of an ever-safer culture across the women's and girls' game.
3. **Refereeing:** Grow and nurture a new generation of referees who are representative of our society.
4. **Coaching:** Support and develop brilliant coaches capable of unleashing every player's potential in a safe and inclusive game.
5. **Diversity and Inclusion:** Ensure the game is more reflective of our society.

### ***Inspiring Generations – Cricket's Game-wide Strategy (2025 – 28)<sup>[1]</sup>***

In October 2024 the ECB released its updated strategy Inspiring Generations – Cricket's Game-wide Strategy (2025 – 28). Cricket in England and Wales has seen transformative growth since the publication of its previous strategy Inspiring Generation (2020-24). Its new strategy represents an evolution of its plans, however, many of its previous themes are still relevant. Its main purpose is to say 'Cricket is a game for me' through its vision:

- ◀ To become the most inclusive team sport
- ◀ To grow and unite the game
- ◀ Lead the game through global transformation

It aims to obtain this vision through six key objectives

- ◀ Make cricket diverse, inclusive and accessible
- ◀ Transform Women's and Girl's cricket
- ◀ Connect communities through play
- ◀ Inspire through winning England teams
- ◀ Support a thriving and sustainable men's and women's professional game
- ◀ Win the battle for attention

Underpinning these six ambitions are a series of enablers that cut-across multiple areas of the game, alongside Cricket's Core Values.

### ***The Rugby Football Union Strategy 2021 Onwards***

Through the strategy, the RFU aims to enrich lives, introduce more people to rugby union and develop the sport for future generations. The goal is to achieve this by strengthening and uniting rugby union in England and producing consistently winning England teams.

Eight key strategic priorities are identified with all investment decisions aligned to these. The strategy also outlines the RFU's core activities which form the backbone of its business operations and services to the game.

The priorities include four 'Game Objectives' and four 'Driving Objectives' as detailed below. Game Objectives:

- ◀ Enjoyment – enable positive player experiences on and off the field.
- ◀ Winning England – create the best possible high-performance system for England Rugby.
- ◀ Welfare – enhance player welfare to protect and support the wellbeing of players.

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<sup>[1]</sup><https://resources.ecb.co.uk/ecb/document/2024/10/22/19a925d7-3c92-4a36-8e7b-f49cb470377f/ECB-Inspiring-Generations-2025-2028.pdf>

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- ◀ Flourishing rugby communities – support clubs to sustain and grow themselves and to reflect society.

### Driving Objectives:

- ◀ Diversity & Inclusion – drive rugby union in England to reflect the diversity of society
- ◀ Understand – build a deep understanding of players, volunteers and fans to shape the future of the game.
- ◀ Connect – connect with and grow the rugby community and create exceptional experiences.
- ◀ Commercial and operational excellence – ensure a sustainable and efficient business model delivered by an inspired workforce.

### **England Hockey Strategy (2023 – 2028)**

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

Aiming to make hockey more noticeable, relevant, and accessible to all, England Hockey have launched their new strategy 'Creating a Future for Our Game Together' on 3<sup>rd</sup> October. The new strategy is a continued effort to re-engage with the current hockey community and to reach out to potential newcomers to introduce them to hockey.

Underpinning the strategy and of importance to the hockey community are four values, "collaborate inclusively, care for people and places, play with spirit win with grace and resilient in everything we do".

The strategy is the culmination of two years consultation with various stakeholders across the sport and larger sporting sector. Hockey will be guided by five key objectives over the next five years.

1. **Lead Positive Change:** to create and champion positive change within the community by broadening and widening the engagement of the sport and making it more ethnically and culturally diverse.
2. **Meaningful Growth:** to make sure that our sport thrives and grows into the future, we want to nurture a love of hockey within a more diverse group of young players and communities to reflect society.
3. **Drive Visible Impact:** to produce and release high-quality, engaging content that shares the love of the game, captures the passion, builds a deep connection and amplifies the voices of the hockey community with new and existing participants.
4. **Responsible Leadership:** to provide forward thinking, compassionate and inclusive leadership. Leadership that fosters trust within physically and psychologically safe environments and which puts players, the community and sustainability at heart of every decision.
5. **Inspirational International Success:** inspirational club and national teams delivering podium success in Europe and on the world stage, underpinned by a thriving talent system and domestic game.

The strategy aligns with Sport England's 'Uniting the movement' strategy and UK Sport's 'Powering Success, Inspiring Impact' strategic plan.

### **Rugby Football League – National Community Facilities Strategy (2024 – 2030)**

The RFL has developed a new National Facilities Strategy which will guide investment into the game from 2024 through to 2030. The proposed investment package aligned to the Strategy will not only transform facilities, but also bolster the sport's social impact, reinforcing its position as a vital part of the nation's sporting and social fabric.

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The four focus areas of the Strategy are:

- ◀ **Security of Tenure** – allowing clubs to plan for the long-term
- ◀ **Accessible and Inclusive Facilities** – providing suitable facilities for all and creating safe spaces for the wider community
- ◀ **Adequate and Appropriate Pitch Provision**– investment both in playing surfaces, and in upskilling a volunteer workforce to maintain them
- ◀ **Sustainability**– both environmental and financial

The Strategy will deliver on the four focus areas by delivering against a set of five recommendations which are set within the Strategy and are detailed below. These recommendations reflect the wider strategic aspirations across the sport and are for the RFL to work to deliver.

### ◀ **Focus Community Clubs**

- ◀ Ensure the RFL has sufficient capacity and resource to deliver the recommendations identified within this Strategy to support its community clubs.
- ◀ Ensure all community clubs have the knowledge and resource to provide good quality grass pitches.
- ◀ Supporting clubs to have good quality changing and social facilities which can support the scale of need at each club. These must be inclusive for all participants and benefit target user groups such as women and girls' participants.
- ◀ Ensure clubs can accommodate a sustainable operational programme for clubhouses to ensure the longevity of provision.
- ◀ Work with clubs and key partners to increase the number of clubs with secured tenure of their club facilities.
- ◀ Develop a dedicated funding programme which is specifically aimed at supporting clubs to gain security of tenure at their respective site.
- ◀ Highlight success stories and best practices from community clubs to inspire others and showcase the positive impact of these efforts.

### ◀ **Deliver positive social and environmental impact**

- ◀ Support clubs through training and advice on how to promote facilities for non-rugby league purposes.
- ◀ Work with Active Partnerships across England to enable higher usage and activation of rugby league assets for non-rugby league activity.
- ◀ Prioritise clubs for wellbeing hubs which may offer the widest social benefit (relative to local need) – particularly those in high deprivation areas.
- ◀ Use the activation of club facilities as a prerequisite to capital funding for club house improvements / new development.

### ◀ **Collaborative working with sports partners and key agencies**

- ◀ Ensure continued working with Sport England and National Governing Bodies of other sports to capitalise on shared investment opportunities.
- ◀ Work with the Football Foundation to maximise Multi-Sport funding opportunities – utilising the framework provided in this Strategy as the baseline of shared investment.
- ◀ Work closely with Active Partnerships in areas with high club densities to establish opportunities for pitch access via the Open School Facilities programme.

### ◀ **Technological solutions**

- ◀ Ensure the RFL gathers greater levels of information from clubs via affiliation. To include (e.g.) security of tenure information and an integrated self-assessment audit of community facilities.
- ◀ Continue expanding the use and application of PitchPower so all clubs can self-assess provision and support clubs to make positive contributions to improving the quality of grass pitches.
- ◀ Promote technological solutions which progress clubs into being more sustainable, energy efficient and ensure their long-term viability as community assets.

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- ◀ Create a platform or resource hub where clubs can access information on funding opportunities, facility management, and sustainable operational practices.
- ◀ **Working with Charitable Community Organisations and Wheelchair Rugby League**
  - ◀ Develop an investment package to support the operational delivery of professional club foundation led wheelchair activity focusing on storage and logistical solutions.
  - ◀ Prioritise capital investment into community club sites which also accommodate professional club foundations as tenants for community Rugby League activity.
  - ◀ Begin work on the feasibility of developing a national wheelchair centre which includes exploring partnership opportunities with other sports to maximise multisport value and return on investment.
  - ◀ Consult with professional club foundations, where possible, to understand the need for 3G access and work to ascertain sufficient access hours during peak times of need.

### Tennis in Britain - LTA Strategy

The LTA's vision for 2019 – 2023, Tennis Opened Up includes seven strategies relating to three objectives which are built around its mission 'to grow tennis by making it relevant, accessible, welcoming and enjoyable'.

#### Objectives:

- ◀ Increase the number of fans on our database from [623,602] to [1,000,000] by 2023.
- ◀ More people playing more often;
  - ◀ Increase the number of adults playing tennis each year from [7.7% (4,018,600)] of the population to [8.5% (4,420,460)], and the frequency of adults playing tennis twice a month 2.5% 1,311,800 to 1.9% 1,500,000 by 2023.
  - ◀ The number of children playing tennis once a week from 550,000 to 700,000 (7.9% to 10% of the population) by 2023.
- ◀ Enable 5 new players to break into the top 100 by 2023 and inspire the tennis audience.

#### Strategies:

1. Visibility -Broaden relevance and increase visibility of tennis all year round to build engagement and participation with fans and players.
2. Innovation - Innovate in the delivery of tennis to widen its appeal.
3. Investment - Support community facilities and schools to increase the opportunities to play.
4. Accessibility - Make the customer journey to playing tennis easier and more accessible for anyone.
5. Engagement - Engage and collaborate with everyone involved in delivering tennis in Britain, particularly coaches and volunteers to attract and maintain more people in the game.
6. Performance - Create a pathway for British champions that nurtures a diverse team of players, people and leaders.
7. Leadership - Lead tennis in Britain to the highest standard so it is a safe, welcoming, well-run sport.

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

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

The development, protection and enhancement of facilities will support our strategic plan and help England Athletics contribute to the delivery of the Department for Culture, Media and Sport Get Active: A Strategy for the Future of Sport and Physical Activity (2023) and Sport England Uniting the Movement: Our 10-year vision to transform lives and communities through sport (2021-2031). Appropriate facilities help to attract and inspire new participants and provide the foundation and focus for a significant proportion of the England Athletics family.

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

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

## ***England athletics strategy plan 2021 – 2032: Athletics and runners at the heart – creating opportunities, enhancing experiences and powering potential***

This strategy ensures a robust and clearly defined future direction for the sport which places athletics and runners at the heart of everything we will do over the 12 year period to 2032.

England Athletics overarching purpose and visions are:

**Purpose:** ‘To inspire more athletics and runners of all abilities and backgrounds to fulfil their potential and to have a lifelong love for the sport.’

**Vision:** ‘For athletics to become an inclusive sport where everyone belongs and can flourish.’

At the heart of this plan, and the focal point for everything England Athletics do, are the people and communities involved in athletics across the following five areas:

1. Clubs, Club Leaders and facilities
2. Competition
3. Coaches and officials
4. Participation: young people and running
5. Talented athletes

Each has its own unique challenges and opportunities, yet also the opportunity to positively influence the success and growth of the other areas.

There are four key supporting activities that will be essential in enabling us to deliver the strategic priorities and ultimately achieve goals:

- ◀ Provide strong leadership that builds trust and respect by creating an open and positive culture.
- ◀ Embrace technology and reduce our environmental impact by putting digital first and encouraging innovation and creativity.

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- ◀ Ensure greater engagement through sharing of high-quality insight, information and content.
- ◀ Develop commercial minds to maximise funding opportunities and diversify income.

### ***England Netball***

In November 2021 England Netball launched a 10-year 'Adventure Strategy' for the game with a new brand identity for the organisation.

England Netball's 'Adventure Strategy' shares a purpose-led ambition for the game, to build on the momentum the sport has seen in recent years and take it to new heights for the decade ahead.

The 'Adventure Strategy' outlines the intention to:-

- ◀ accelerate the development and growth of the game at every level, from grassroots to the elite,
- ◀ elevate the visibility of the sport, and
- ◀ lead a movement to impact lives on and beyond the court.

At the heart of its purpose, England Netball, with its proud and unique female foundations, will remain dedicated to increasing opportunities for women and girls to play the game as a priority, working tirelessly to address the gender participation gap in sport that has widened since the global pandemic.

Underpinned by years of engaging with and delivering netball for female communities, the organisation pledges to understand, support and nurture women and girls more deeply at every life stage, at every age.

The organisation is also committed to opening the sport to new audiences in every community, so netball better represents the rich diversity of the country it proudly represents, and ensures the sport continues to evolve and adapt to thrive in the future, helping to create a truly inclusive sport for all where everyone can belong, flourish and soar. A recent partnership announcement with England Men's and Mixed Netball Association (EMMNA) to help develop and grow male participation in the game, supports this commitment as England Netball pledges to promote difference and embrace the opportunity to make the sport a possibility within everyone's reach.

Transforming netball for children and young people is a strategic priority to protect the future of the sport. Working with schools and policy makers to extend physical literacy within, and after the school day with a focus on netball specific provision will pave the way for greater community participation. The organisation will accelerate the expansion of its Bee Netball programme for young children, whilst supporting teens and young women to stay in the game to keep them physically active and in the game for life.

The elite game is in focus too, with the ambition for the Vitality Roses to be the best female sports team in the world, supporting the national team to consistently win on the world stage, with an outstanding talent pathway in place to fuel sustainable successes on court, and setting new standards for netball. The professionalisation of the game over the next decade is a priority, focusing on growing world-leading international and domestic competitions and events, and creating more careers in the sport.

Grounded in feedback from the Netball Family, with over 3,000 members and stakeholders consulted as part of the strategic process to understand what they wanted netball to 'look like' in 2031, the plan is aspirational and ambitious and sees the organisation pledge to continue to be a trailblazer for women's sport as it embarks on its new adventure.

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## *Facility Development*

The facility development aspirations stated within the Strategy are to:-

- ◀ Take a fresh look at the spaces required to support the sport, creating accessible places in every community to allow netball to be incorporated into how and where women and girls live their lives;
- ◀ Protect, enhance, and extend the network of homes that house the sport at a local and regional level;
- ◀ Develop an elite domestic professional competition that supports full time athletes underpinned by a world class infrastructure and environments.
- ◀ For England Netball to achieve its ambitions to make the game accessible to wider audiences and in every community, it encourages Local Authorities to adopt policies within Playing Pitch Strategies and Built Facilities Strategies that:-
- ◀ Facilitates informal netball activity within neighbourhood multi use games areas for example by installing combined outdoor basketball and netball goals and art courts in Neighbourhood Equipped Areas for Play (NEAPs).
- ◀ Incorporates the cultural and health needs of women and girls within any designs for improved or new facilities.
- ◀ Protects and enhances netball facilities within all Primary and Secondary School environments so they offer a positive first experience of the sport for students and the wider community during out of school hours.
- ◀ Supports the installation of floodlights on outdoor courts to increase all year-round use.
- ◀ Facilitates the development of netball growth programmes, club training and competition within public leisure centres.
- ◀ Where appropriate, supports the development of netball homes and performance environments that enable local women and girls to pursue a career in netball as an elite athlete, official, coach or administrator.

## ***British Crown Green Bowling Association***

Please note there is no current facility guidance provided by British Crown Green Bowling Association responsible for crown green bowls in England.

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

## ***England Golf Course Planner – Strategic Direction (2021-2025)***

England Golf has always had a mission to lead, support, inspire and deliver for its community of golfers, golf clubs and counties. To help enable this, its Course Planner forms the core of its strategy, with 18 guiding principles established that are designed to best position growth in the game:

- ◀ Strengthen governance in all aspects of the sport
- ◀ Deliver safeguarding throughout the golfing community
- ◀ Utilise data and technology to enhance decision making
- ◀ Drive equality and equity in everything it does
- ◀ Support golf clubs with member recruitment and retention
- ◀ Connect and engage with all golfers
- ◀ Inspire and educate golf's network of volunteers
- ◀ Increase golf's influence
- ◀ Advocate and inform on all elements of sustainability
- ◀ Drive diversity at all levels of golf
- ◀ Create more opportunities for junior and young adults
- ◀ Promote the health and wellbeing of golf
- ◀ Inspire more women and girls to play golf
- ◀ Develop greater access for disabled people

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- ◀ Enthuse all golfers through relatable role models
- ◀ Communicate a positive perception change for golf
- ◀ Deliver an excellent talent development pathway
- ◀ Host best-in-class competitions for all golfers

<https://www.englandgolf.org/englandgolfstrategy/>

### ***Archery GB's Strategic Plan (2021-2026)***

This Strategic Plan aims to enrich lives through archery and rebuild, reimagine and re-present archery in the next five years. To do this, it has six strategic ambitions:

- ◀ Membership structure – an effective and efficient governance and delivery structure for the whole sport, with a member-centric membership offer.
- ◀ Empowering workforce – connections that engage, recruit and support the thousands of people who create opportunities for archery to happen.
- ◀ Diversity throughout – a diverse and inclusive organisation that enables everyone to be themselves and develop in a way that suits them.
- ◀ Archer recruitment – a revitalised club network, rebuilding from the damage of Covid-19, new groups, partnerships, places that increase the breadth of our archery communities.
- ◀ Digital first – putting digital transformation at the heart of the organisation, leveraging technology to modernise systems and resources.
- ◀ Pathway & podium – redefine GB performance archery and be the pioneers on the world archery stage.

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## APPENDIX THREE: TAILORED APPROACH FOR CENTRAL LANCASHIRE STAGE E

| What?   | Who?  | When?  |
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| <p><b>1. Internal Steering Group Meeting</b></p> <p>Meeting between council officers internal Steering Group members to discuss and log key changes in provision, covering:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ New pitch provision.</li> <li>◀ Pitch improvements.</li> <li>◀ Pitch re-configuration.</li> <li>◀ Pitch loss/threat.</li> <li>◀ Community access agreements (e.g. education/private sites).</li> <li>◀ Plans for future provision.</li> </ul> <p>The outcomes from the meeting and updates to documents should be recorded.</p>                          | <p>Chorley Council<br/>Preston City Council<br/>South Ribble Borough Council</p>                            | <p>Bi-Annually</p>   |
| <p><b>2. Sport England and NGB Update Meetings</b></p> <p>The Councils to hold series of update meetings with individual sports NGBs to discuss and log:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Any changes in club and team details.</li> <li>◀ Any changes in sport format.</li> <li>◀ Any site specific updates.</li> <li>◀ Changes to supply and demand data.</li> <li>◀ The application and use of the PPOSS e.g. in delivery of new or improved provision, funding opportunities, programmes and initiatives.</li> <li>◀ Any new issues and opportunities.</li> </ul> | <p>Chorley Council<br/>Preston City Council<br/>South Ribble Borough Council<br/>NGBs<br/>Sport England</p> | <p>Annually for each sport, to fit with affiliation process (generally October for winter sports and June for summer sports)</p> |

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| <p><b>3. Prepare Annual PPS Progress Paper</b></p> <p>Based on the outcome of actions above, a short Annual PPOSS Progress and Update paper should be produced, highlighting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ The delivery of PPOSS recommendations and any changes in priority;</li> <li>◀ Changes to particularly important sites and/or clubs in the area and other supply and demand information with implications for PPOSS's key findings;</li> <li>◀ Details of any developments of a specific sport or particular format;</li> <li>◀ Details of any new or emerging issues and opportunities;</li> <li>◀ Any issues with the application of the PPOSS and lessons learnt;</li> <li>◀ Actions needed to keep the PPOSS 'live' and up to date.</li> </ul> <p>Based on the above, the Annual Progress Paper will also consider if a partial or full update of the PPS is required.</p> <p>Alternatively, both the Assessment Report and the Strategy can be updated to take into account and referencing all of the above.</p> | <p>PPOSS Steering Group</p>  | <p>Annually</p>  |
| <p><b>4. Circulation and Agreement</b></p> <p>Circulate the Annual Progress Paper or updated PPOSS document to the Steering Group for comment and agreement with opportunity to hold a further meeting to discuss findings and issues.</p>   | <p>PPOSS Steering Group</p>  | <p>Annually</p>  |
| <p><b>5. Publish Paper</b></p> <p>Make Annual Progress paper or updated documents available online; report any significant findings to appropriate committee if considered necessary.</p>  | <p>Chorley Council<br/>Preston City Council<br/>South Ribble Borough Council</p> | <p>Annually – following completion of all of the above</p> |