

South Somerset Playing Pitch Strategy

STRATEGY AND ACTION PLAN

FINAL

See also separate documents:

- South Somerset PPS Strategy Appendices
- South Somerset PPS Site Overviews
- South Somerset PPS Database Appendix 1E
- South Somerset PPS Stage C Key Findings and Issues Report
- Part 1 South Somerset PPS Stage C Needs Assessment
- Part 2 South Somerset PPS Stage C Needs Assessment

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SECTION 1 INTRODUCTION

Scope

1.1 The new South Somerset Playing Pitch Strategy looks forward until 2028 in line with the Council's adopted Local Plan. In particular the new strategy will:

- identify a priority list of deliverable projects which will help to address current deficiencies
- provide evidence to protect and enhance existing facilities and associated infrastructure including changing provision
- provide evidence to help secure internal and external funding and help prioritise internal capital and revenue investment and maximise S106 funding and enable projects to be funded through CIL
- inform the implementation of planning policy
- identify playing pitch 'standards' that will be used to inform the assessment of planning applications by SSDC officers (required by SSDC over and above the requirements of Sport England's Strategy Guidance)
- identify potential land for new provision
- support the delivery of National Governing Body strategies for playing pitch provision
- take account of the changes in participation in pitch sports and make appropriate recommendations to address these trends through facility provision.

1.2 The Strategy has been prepared in full compliance with Sport England's 'Playing Pitch Strategy Guidance: An approach to developing and delivering a playing pitch strategy' (2013) It is accompanied by:

- Appendix 1E
- Stage C: Full Needs Assessment Report
- Stage C: Key Issues and Findings Summary Paper

1.3 The development of this Strategy has been overseen by a Steering Group comprising

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Context

- 1.4 South Somerset covers a geographical area of 370 square miles with a population of over 161,000. It has a population density of 1.7 people per hectare, less than half the national average. The study area covers the entire South Somerset district but with a focus on key areas of growth (as identified with the Council's adopted Local Plan). The gathering of information and assessment and analysis where appropriate has been undertaken according to well established sub areas within South Somerset.
- 1.5 Yeovil is a Strategically Significant Town and the prime focus for development in Area South. Below Yeovil, there are the market towns: Chard, Crewkerne & Ilminster in Area West; Somerton, and Langport/Huish Episcopi in Area North and Wincanton and Ansford/Castle Cary in Area East. Next there are smaller Rural Centres: South Petherton, Martock and Stoke Sub Hamdon in Area North and Ilchester, Bruton and Milborne Port in Area East. All other settlements are in generic terms as 'Rural Settlements'. Chard in particular has long been identified as being deficient in playing pitch facilities and is a particular focus of this study.
- 1.6 Housing growth will be a key determinant of where additional demand for playing pitches will be focussed in the coming years. The recently adopted Local Plan sets out the allocations to cover the overall time-span of the plan (2006-2028), of which a substantial amount has already been built, or else planning permissions have been granted. Using an occupancy rate of 2.2, the estimated additional population to arise from the outstanding allocations from 2016 (9698 dwellings in total) is calculated as follows: (Area totals exclude Rural Settlements): Yeovil (Area South) – 11,803 people; Area West – 4,527 people; Area North – 1,318 people; Area East – 1,617 people; remaining Rural Settlements – 2070 people. (see Map below)¹
- 1.7 Policy HW1 sets out the Council's approach to the provision of open space, outdoor playing space and sports, cultural and community facilities in new development through the development of needs assessments and local standards, in accordance with NPPF paragraph 73. Contributions for site specific mitigations will be sought where it has been proven that new development increases local needs. The provision of open space, outdoor playing space and sports, cultural and community facilities may be required on site or form part of a contribution towards off site provision of either new or improved facilities.
- 1.8 A Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) was adopted by the district Council in accordance with the adopted Charging Schedule for the provision of infrastructure in the area from 3rd April 2017. It is expected that in due course priority projects identified in this Strategy will be added to the '123 List'.
- 1.9 Analysis of the population profile provides a context for the interpretation of participation in pitch sports. According to ONS data, the population is currently

¹ The source of these figures is the 2016 Authority Monitoring Report

166,216; the forecasted population change between 2016 to 2028 (the end date for the Playing Pitch Strategy) is growth of some 10,799 or 6.5%. The main impact from the changing population on the pitch sports is a growth in the minis and junior age ranges, but minimal change in the 20-54 adult age ranges and a drop off in the younger element of the vets pitch sport age range.

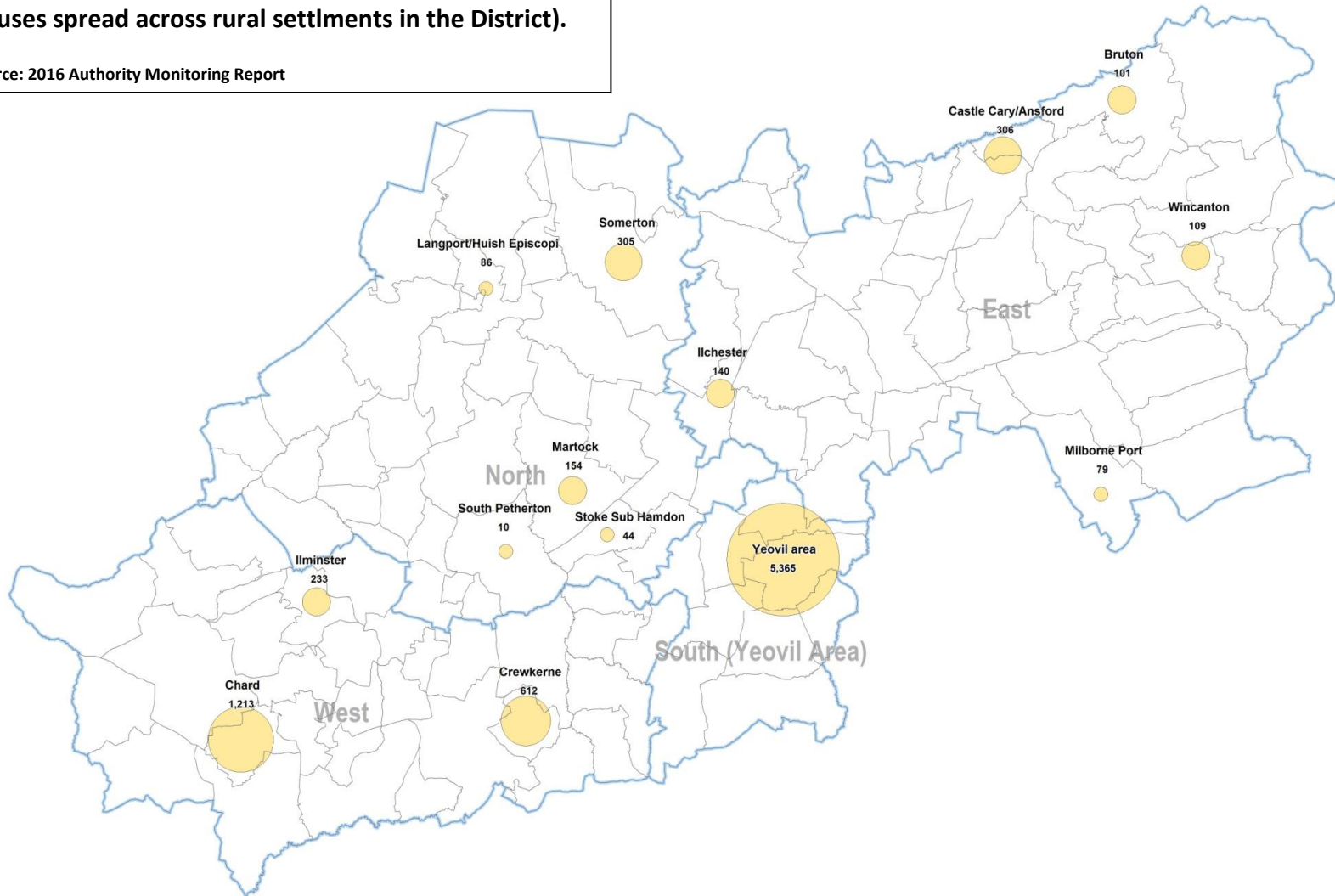
- 1.10 The data shows that since the first Active People Survey in 2005/06, carried out by Sport England, once a week sports participation in South Somerset has increased from 30.1% to 36.4% in 2015/16, but it is only in the past couple of years that overall participation rates in South Somerset have appeared above both the regional and national figures.
- 1.11 The latest 2015/16 (APS10 Q2) survey shows that for the first time since this data has been recorded, adult male sports participation rates (33.5%) in South Somerset have fallen below female (39.2%). The overall upward trend in sports participation rates in South Somerset amongst women continues, whilst those with men have suffered a sharp downturn and future rates should be monitored.
- 1.12 Sport England also presents analysis of the types of people who take part in sport in any given area, relating to market segmentation groups. The dominant market groups in South Somerset are: *Philip* (Mid-life professional, sporty males with older children); *Tim*: (Sporty male professionals, settling down with partner); *Elaine* (Empty Nest Career Ladies); *Roger & Joy* (Early Retirement Couples); *Elsie & Arnold* (Retirement Home Singles); and *Ralph & Phyllis* (Retired couples enjoying active and comfortable life styles).
- 1.13 The above 6 segments represent 52% of South Somerset's population compared to less than 43% of England's population. '*Philip*' and '*Tim*' have sports participation rates above the national average and '*Elaine*' takes part on a par with the national average. '*Roger and Joy*', '*Elsie and Arnold*' and '*Ralph*' & '*Phyllis*' are less active, to varying degrees, than the national average and the dominance of these older and retired market segments reflects the demography of South Somerset.
- 1.14 Local trends in pitch sport participation can be summarised as follows:
 - Continuing growth in youth and mini football following the FA Youth Review in 2012 and introduction of new formats in the games. Participation in adult female and youth female continuing to grow at a slow rate.
 - Declining participation in adult male football with local Sunday leagues closing (reflecting national trends) and a reduction in the number of divisions in the Saturday leagues. Informal recreation play such as veterans' football, flexi leagues, walking football and small sided provision are being introduced to combat the decline and are having some success.
 - Some recent growth in junior cricket. Adult Saturday play remains fairly stable but there has been a drop off in Sunday play and midweek play is limited apart from at the larger clubs. The ECB is focusing on introducing alternative forms of the game, including Last Man Standing and T20. Whilst there is no LMS in South Somerset there is evidence that T20 may be increasing in popularity.
 - Rugby participation in South Somerset – both adult and youth - appears fairly stable. Whilst focusing on maintaining its core market of 15v15 senior teams, the RFU is actively promoting its variants of the game for younger players – touch and

tag rugby and '7s' and also looking to develop more recreational and social rugby during the summer.

- Since 2010/11, England Hockey has seen a 36% growth in the total number of club players, with a 80% increase in u18 at club level. A long term aspiration is to double the number of club members by 2028. Hockey participation in South Somerset – in both adult and juniors - is buoyant and growth is expected in both number of league teams and informal activity such as Pay and Play.

MAP: Overall housing growth 2016-2028: Key Growth locations (excludes settlements allocation of 941 houses spread across rural settlements in the District).

Source: 2016 Authority Monitoring Report



PART 1:

SUMMARY OF NEEDS ASSESSMENTS:

MEETING CURRENT AND FUTURE DEMAND

Overview: Playing Fields

This Strategy is for playing pitches and the main sports which are played on them – football, cricket, rugby and hockey. But there are other aspects to playing pitches and the land on which they lie. Many playing fields are valuable in their own right as public open space sites for informal recreation and a wealth of informal activities – kite flying, picnics, play, environmental studies, dog walking and so on. Sustaining rural pitch sites which may not be fully used for sport, but nevertheless fulfil an important function in providing local informal opportunities for sports participation and in contributing towards people’s good health and well being, is critical.

Moreover, playing fields are not just a resource for the sports of football, rugby, cricket and hockey. There are many other pitch sports which play on grass, including: American football, archery, athletics, baseball, Gaelic football, lacrosse and rugby league. With the exception of athletics, these sports are not well represented on playing fields in South Somerset, but it is important that they are available to meet future demand for these sports and to accommodate other opportunities. In particular, playing fields offer a wonderful environment for sport for people with disabilities, being free of the restrictions of indoor facilities. Playing fields often include other facilities in addition to grass and artificial grass pitches, such as bowling greens, skateparks and tennis courts and of course changing rooms, pavilions and cafes, and these elements need to be planned for in harmony with the needs of the pitch based sports.

SECTION 2 FOOTBALL

A OVERVIEW

- 2.1 The strategy has identified 141 football pitches which are available for community use in South Somerset: 78 adult, 7 junior, 18 junior 9v9 and 38 mini pitches. It has recorded 69 football clubs, fielding 283 teams: 94 adult (10 of which are Ladies teams) 116 youth (of which 7 are girls teams) and 73 mini soccer teams.
- 2.2 The assessment demonstrates that there is not enough good quality, appropriately located and accessible football pitches with secure community use in South Somerset to meet future demand for football to the end of the Strategy (i.e. 2028). The principal challenges are meeting the demand for adult football at peak times in certain settlements and for junior matches at most settlements across the district.

See also **Appendix 1: Football Assessment** for more detail.

Current demand

- 2.3 As far as accommodating current demand is concerned, if this is assessed on a sub area basis, and all sites in use are taken into account, there would nominally be enough spare capacity within each sub area to accommodate demand for adult, junior and mini play at peak times. However, teams are not willing or able to travel for their 'home games' to the grounds where there may be 'spare' slots. Therefore there are some towns where pitches are at capacity and peak time demand can only just be accommodated (for example in Chard and Crewkerne). Table 1 below presents current spare capacity and shows that, in Area West as a whole, there are 3 match equivalent slots available to meet demand for adult football at the peak time (Saturday afternoon). This means that overall there is space for a further 6 teams to play on Saturday afternoons in Area West (based on the principal of an adult men's team playing 'at home' every other weekend).
- 2.4 There is generally spare capacity across the district for adult play outside of the peak time (Saturday afternoons), due for the most part to the decline of Sunday football. For junior football similarly, whilst across each sub area as a whole, demand could be met, there are certain areas where pitches are at capacity at peak times (particularly in Area West). Mini football is generally better served with most pitches having some spare capacity at peak time (Saturday mornings); one reason is that up to 4 mini games can be played in sequence.

Table 1: Extent of any current spare capacity for football matches during the peak period, expressed as match equivalents, by sub area

Sub Area	Time of Play		
	Adult football peak time	Junior football peak times	Mini football peak times
Area West	3	0.5	6.5
Area South	1.5	3	11
Area North	6.5	2	5
Area East	9	2.5	9

Future demand

- 2.5 The total number of new teams predicted to be generated through population growth, trends in participation, latent/unmet/displaced demand and aspirations in each of the four sub areas in the district is shown below. There are a number of houses to be built in 'Rural Settlements' but their locations have not been specifically identified and therefore cannot be included in the sub area totals. However, they will add to demand overall for provision and have been taken into account in predicting demand from trends in participation, latent/unmet/displaced demand and aspirations for new teams in each sub area.

Table 2: Number of new (additional) football teams predicted to 2028 by Sub area

Area	Men's teams	Ladies' teams	Youth male	Youth female	Minis
Area West	4.9	0.8	9.6	2.3	4.0
Area South	7.8	1.2	13.8	2.9	8.1
Area North	3.2	2.6	7.8	2.1	5
Area East	3.4	0.6	2.9	1.1	2.7
Rural Settlements	1.1	0.1	1.2	0.1	0.9
TOTAL (rounded)	20	5	35	9	21

- 2.6 Match equivalent sessions are estimated on basis of home/away fortnightly for adult and 11v11 youth and slightly less for 9v9 youth and minis. This is also dependent on the fixture times for the different leagues involved. However, this would suggest the need on a district wide basis for the following minimum number of additional pitches:

Table 3: Number of additional football pitches required to meet demand to 2028 in South Somerset

Type of Pitch	Number
Adult pitches	10 - 11
Youth pitches (of varying sizes: 11v11 & 9v9)	10 - 12
Mini pitches (7v7 & 5v5)	2 - 3

- 2.7 The following sections review the situation in each sub area. The Strategy is not only concerned with the quantity of pitches, but also the quality of the pitches and ancillary facilities (changing facilities, car parking) which influence the capacity of the site and accessibility, in terms of distance, availability and cost.
- 2.8 The assessment also takes into account local deficiencies such as overplayed grounds; grounds where there are quality issues which restrict capacity; clubs whose teams play at different sites and/or outside their home town and usage of school pitches with unsecured community use.

B AREA WEST

Table 4: Overview: Area West

	Adult pitches	Junior Pitches	Mini pitches
Area West	In practice, although there are existing spare slots at peak time in Area West they are not in the right location to meet future needs. Community use of school pitches needs to be secured. Future demand cannot be met in key locations without new provision.	Shortfall in provision for junior teams, only one team could be accommodated at present. Community use of school pitches needs to be secured. Future demand cannot be met in key locations without new provision.	Sufficient supply of mini pitches across the Area as a whole to meet projected increase in demand. Community use of school pitches needs to be secured.

Table 5: Addressing the shortfall: Area West

AREA WEST: Opportunity	Commentary
<i>Grounds where football pitches have existed in the past and could be reinstated and/or where there is room to put in additional pitches</i>	Happy Valley Crewkerne could accommodate a full-size football pitch or junior rugby pitch, but does not currently have changing facilities.)
<i>Securing (greater) community use of pitches on school sites</i>	Potential at Wadham School (1 x adult pitch) and Holyrood Academy (2 x 9v9 pitches). (Youth and mini teams already very dependent on pitches at Avishayes Primary School Chard & Maiden Beech Academy, Crewkerne where community use needs to be secured)
<i>Improving the quality of key pitches to increase their capacity (does not solve problem of peak time)</i>	Improving Jocelyn Park and Ilminster Recreation Ground (both standard pitch quality) would increase capacity but not address issue of peak time. Henhayes Recreation Ground, Crewkerne is already rated 'standard' and is overplayed. Chard Town FC's 'standard' ground rating can only be addressed through the provision of pitches at a new site in a sustainable location. .
<i>Encouraging teams to play matches on 3G FTPs</i>	None in Area West. Nearest 3G FTP is Axe Valley School, Axmouth (18 mins) (FA/FIFA accredited). The provision of an accredited 3G FTP in a sustainable location within Area West is required to meet current and future demand.
<i>Encouraging new teams to play on pitches where there is currently spare capacity</i>	Spare capacity (for adult male teams) at Hinton St George, Winsham Recreation Ground, Dowlish Wake and Forton Playing Fields (but not One spare slot for another junior team at Maiden Beech Academy, Crewkerne.
<i>Improvements to changing facilities</i>	Only temporary changing at Jocelyn Park in Chard. Could either provide a permanent solution and or relocate pitches and changing to a new site in Chard. Dowlish Wake changing needs to be rebuilt (destroyed by fire).

AREA WEST: Opportunity	Commentary
	Provide appropriate changing provision at Forton Playing Fields to support existing or future pitches at this site.
<i>Changes to supply through new housing development</i>	Opportunities in Chard/Tatworth and Forton, Ilminster and Crewkerne.
<i>Summary: Chard (quantity of pitches only; for other recommendations see Action Plan)</i>	<p>Minimum projected growth of 2,669 people</p> <p>Chard Town FC's pitch requires replacement; new site required to accommodate growth of club. Jocelyn Park, Chard is overplayed (replace pitches at latter as public open space?)</p> <p>Chard teams –adult & junior and mini – are having to play outside the town because of a shortage of pitches (the nearest 9v9 pitch is at Forton)</p> <p>Avishayes Youth FC teams (Chard club) are split between 3 sites.</p> <p><i>Assessment</i></p> <p><i>Total minimum requirement is an additional 4 adult, 3 junior and 2 mini pitches. (2 x 9v9 pitches at Holyrood Academy may be available)</i></p> <p><i>New pitches should be provided in a sustainable location on a multi pitch site so that a range of pitch sizes can be accommodated, with requisite changing and ancillary facilities.</i></p>
<i>Summary: Crewkerne (quantity of pitches only; for other recommendations see Action Plan)</i>	<p>Minimum projected growth of 1,364 people</p> <p>The adult football pitch at Henhayes Recreation Ground, Crewkerne is overplayed</p> <p><i>Assessment</i></p> <p><i>Additional playing pitch provision is required to meet current and future demand - Total minimum requirement is an additional 2 adult, 1 junior and 1 mini pitch. 1 x adult pitch at Wadham School may be available (although quality may be an issue due to badger/rabbit damage); There may be potential to accommodate mini teams at Maiden Beech Academy although the site is already busy.</i></p>
<i>Summary: Ilminster (quantity of pitches only; for other recommendations see Action Plan)</i>	<p>Minimum projected growth of 513 people</p> <p>No spare capacity for expansion in numbers of adult or junior teams</p> <p><i>Assessment</i></p> <p><i>Total minimum requirement is an additional 1 adult and 1 junior pitch.</i></p>

C AREA SOUTH

Table 6: Overview: Area South

	Adult pitches	Junior Pitches	Mini pitches
Area South	There is 1 spare slot (2 teams) at Yeovil Recreation Ground and 0.5 spare slot (1 team) at Barwick & Stoford Recreation Ground. Excluding population growth through new housing, the expected increase in teams could be accommodated	Excluding population growth through new housing, 6 of the 9 predicted new junior teams could be accommodated at existing sites: at Yeovil Recreation Ground, Yew Tree Park, and Turners Barn Lane. Teams generated through	There is sufficient supply of mini pitches to accommodate all expected increases (including population growth), mainly at Yeovil Recreation Ground

	Adult pitches	Junior Pitches	Mini pitches
	through existing provision in Yeovil itself including school pitches with secured community use. Some teams generated through population growth could be accommodated by existing provision, the rest at sites identified in connection with new housing developments.	population growth could be accommodated at sites identified in connection with new housing developments.	

2.9 Essentially, the projected increase in new teams from trends in participation, latent/unmet/displaced demand and club aspirations in Yeovil could be met by a combination of existing provision, enhancing quality at selected sites, securing access to school pitches which are not being used/available at present and proposed new sites in connection with proposals for new housing at Lufton, Brimsmore, Primrose Lane and Keyford key sites. If more matches are able to be played on 3G FTPs, then the demand for grass pitches will decrease. Outside Yeovil, any growth in demand can be accommodated on existing pitches but there are some quality issues with changing facilities.

Table 7: Addressing the shortfall: Area South

AREA SOUTH: Opportunity	Commentary
<i>Grounds where football pitches have existed in the past and could be reinstated and/or where there is room to put in additional pitches</i>	Turners Barn Lane: could provide two adult pitches, subject to problems with badgers being resolved, car parking addressed and new changing provided if required by type of teams playing
<i>Securing (greater) community use of pitches on school sites</i>	Bucklers Mead Academy has accommodated community use on 2 x 9v9 pitches and 4 x mini pitches in the past and has expressed willingness to do so in the future. There is a CUA in operation at Preston Academy (2 adult football pitches) but no community use recorded There is a junior 9v9 pitch at Yeovil College (no CUA), but quality requires improvement
<i>Improving the quality of key pitches to increase their capacity (does not solve problem of peak time)</i>	Improving changing facilities at Turners Barn Lane and upgrading ground (currently rated 'poor') could provide another 2 adult pitches. Long Furlong Lane East Coker rated 'poor' could accommodate more mini teams if quality improved.
<i>Encouraging teams to play matches on 3G FTPs</i>	Limited in Yeovil at present: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bucklers Mead Academy 3G FTP is full size but not FA accredited (for matchplay). Resurfaced in 2016. • Westfield Academy 3G FTP is FA accredited but is not yet used for matchplay and the study has identified some confusion as to the age of teams which could be accommodated. • Yeovil Town FC 3G FTP is not available for community use.

AREA SOUTH: Opportunity	Commentary
	As teams move to play matches on 3G FTPs, the demand for grass pitches is likely to decrease.
<i>Encouraging new teams to play on pitches where there is currently spare capacity</i>	Spare capacity (for adult, junior & mini teams) at Yeovil Recreation Ground. Some limited spare capacity at grounds outside Yeovil:
<i>Improvements to changing facilities</i>	These are required at Long Furlong Lane Recreation Ground, East Coker
<i>Other Issues</i>	Yeovil Town FC proposals to rationalise/reorganise pitch provision
<i>Changes to supply through new housing development</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lufton Key site, Yeovil (620 dwellings). 1 x junior pitch 2500 sq m secured (equates broadly to u10); no changing provision • Brimsmore Key site, Yeovil (830 dwellings). Potential to overlay cricket pitch with 2 x junior pitches secured (equates to u10) and 1 x other junior pitch <p>Applications yet to be approved::</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Primrose Lane Key site, Yeovil (765 dwellings) generates a requirement under revised Standards of Provision for 20373sq.m. of pitches including ancillary provision (previously 23883sq.m). Current proposed mitigation is: 2 x senior and 1 x u10 pitch + changing provision. • Keyford Key site, Yeovil (800 dwellings) generates a requirement under revised Standards of Provision for 21305sq.m of pitches including ancillary provision (previously 24976sq.m). Current proposed mitigation is for 2 x senior pitches, plus overlay of cricket pitch marked out plus changing provision.
<i>Summary: Yeovil: quantity of pitches only; for other recommendations see Action Plan</i>	<p>Minimum projected growth of 11,803 people</p> <p>Overplayment of Yeovil Sports & Social Club pitches</p> <p>Teams from Yeovil playing outside the town:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Westland Sports u16 at Sherborne • Lyde utd u15s at Odcombe Recreation Ground • AFC Huish 3 adult teams at Ilchester Sports Field <p><i>Assessment</i></p> <p><i>Total minimum requirement is an additional 4 adult, 5 junior and 2 mini pitches. Excluding pitches which could accommodate teams at Yeovil Recreation Ground, Yew Tree Park and Turners Barn Lane and at Bucklers Mead and Preston Academies, the outstanding requirement is for 1 adult pitch and 3-4 junior pitches.</i></p> <p><i>These requirements could be met through the opportunities provided in mitigation of housing development at Lufton, Brimsmore, Primrose Lane and Keyford key sites.</i></p>

D AREA NORTH

Table 8: Overview: Area North

	Adult pitches	Junior Pitches	Mini pitches
Area North	Across the sub area as a whole there is sufficient capacity to accommodate all the demand to 2028 including that from population growth through new housing without using school pitches	There is a slight shortfall in provision for junior teams, with 6 teams not able to be accommodated from existing spare slots. New youth pitches required, depending on size and age ranges, could be provided at school sites.	There is sufficient supply of mini pitches across the Area to meet projected demand.

2.10 Across Area North, many grounds have spare capacity at peak times; this analysis focuses on those settlements where the pitches and/or sites have little or no capacity to cater for increased demand in one or more age groups (which are also the towns predicting growth); namely Somerton, Martock and Langport/Huish Episcopi.

Table 9: Addressing the shortfall: Area North

AREA NORTH: Opportunity	Commentary
<i>Grounds where football pitches have existed in the past and could be reinstated and/or where there is room to put in additional pitches</i>	South Petherton (Lightgate Recreation Ground) and Long Sutton Playing Field both have room for a junior pitch each. Ash Recreation Ground and High Ham Playing Field have recorded adult football pitches in the past. Curry Rivel Recreation Ground has been marked out for 1 adult and 1 mini pitches but the field is now only used occasionally for training.
<i>Securing (greater) community use of pitches on school sites</i>	Potential at Huish Episcopi Academy for one adult and one junior pitch, but no CUA in place and no community use recorded. Pitch Inspection Visit arranged. Stanchester Academy (Stoke Sub Hamdon) has 2 adult and 2 junior pitches, but no CUA in place and no community use recorded.
<i>Improving the quality of key pitches to increase their capacity (does not solve problem of peak time)</i>	Martock, Somerton and South Petherton Recreation Grounds are all rated as 'standard', but improving the quality here will not address the peak time issue. Montacute Recreation Ground has spare peak time capacity but is 'poor' quality and has no changing facilities (which cannot be addressed due to covenants on the ground).
<i>Encouraging teams to play matches on 3G FTPs</i>	Huish Episcopi Academy is FA accredited but is undersize and can only accommodate up to u14 match play. There are limited spare slots for training, but plenty of spare capacity for weekend matchplay for up to u14s.

AREA NORTH: Opportunity	Commentary
<i>Encouraging new teams to play on pitches where there is currently spare capacity</i>	There is spare capacity for adults and juniors at several sites but clubs would prefer to play all their teams on one site. Stoke Sub Hamdon FC is negotiating to play at Norton Sub Hamdon's playing field which is not used at present.
<i>Improvements to changing facilities</i>	Changing rooms at Somerton Recreation Ground inadequate and also very poor at Langport and Huish Memorial Ground; both require upgrading. Proposed new changing rooms at Martock Recreation Ground which will add capacity to the site Lack of changing room facilities also restrict capacity at Montacute Recreation Ground (lower priority)
<i>Changes to supply through new housing development</i>	One site: 1 senior football pitch secured on land adjacent to Gassons Lane, Somerton as part of planning application for 150 dwellings. Application approved for new recreation ground (6 ha) adjacent to cricket pitch at Ilton (approved application for 47 dwellings). There is no other usable space within the parish for football provision and this land might also improve the offer for cricket.
<i>Summary: Somerton (Quantity of pitches only; for other recommendations see Action Plan)</i>	Minimum projected growth of 671 people Little spare capacity for future growth at Somerton Recreation Ground. Proposals to remodel site and upgrade MUGA Changing facilities require upgrading and enlarging <i>Assessment</i> <i>Total minimum requirement is an additional 1 adult, 1 junior and 1 mini pitch. This could be met by the 1 senior football pitch secured on land adjacent to Gassons Lane at Somerton Recreation Ground.</i> <i>Huish Episcopi Academy 3G FTP is used for training by youth teams despite the present of a MUGA on Somerton Recreation Ground. There is no anticipated shortfall in artificial turf pitch provision in the area during the plan period.</i>
<i>Summary: Martock (Quantity of pitches only; for other recommendations see Action Plan)</i>	Minimum projected growth of 339 people No spare capacity for growth in adult play at Martock Recreation Ground. Land secured for new changing rooms/community building adjacent to existing recreation ground as part of planning application for 35 dwellings; will add to capacity of site <i>Assessment</i> <i>Total minimum requirement: ideally additional 1 adult pitch.</i>
<i>Other Issues: Langport/Huish Episcopi (Quantity of pitches only; for other recommendations see Action Plan)</i>	Minimum projected growth of 189 people No spare capacity for growth at peak times in adult play at Langport Recreation Ground. <i>Assessment</i> <i>The amount of new housing here is not projected to generate a whole new adult or junior team but there will be an increase in the number of players.</i>

E AREA EAST

Table 10: Overview: Area East

	Adult pitches	Junior Pitches	Mini pitches
Area East	Across the Area as a whole there is sufficient capacity to accommodate all the demand to 2028 including that from population growth through new housing without using school pitches	Across the Area as a whole, there is also just enough capacity to accommodate growth in demand to 2028.	There is sufficient supply of mini pitches across the Area to meet projected demand.

- 2.11 Across Area East, many grounds have spare capacity at peak times; this analysis focuses on those settlements where the pitches and/or sites have little or no capacity to cater for increased demand in one or more age groups (which are also the towns predicting growth); namely Castle Cary, Ilchester and Bruton. Whilst Wincanton and Milborne Port’s populations are also projected to increase there is sufficient provision here to accommodate the predicted increase in demand.

Table 11: Addressing the shortfall: Area East

AREA EAST: Opportunity	Commentary
<i>Grounds where football pitches have existed in the past and could be reinstated and/or where there is room to put in additional pitches</i>	Ash Walk Recreation Ground, Henstridge still has an adult and a junior 9v9 pitch marked out, but no recorded use. Wincanton Sports Ground accommodates 5 adult, 2 x 9v9 and 1 mini pitch, but 3 adult pitches are no longer marked out (only posts)
<i>Securing (greater) community use of pitches on school sites</i>	Ansford Academy in Castle Cary has one adult football pitch. It has apparently been used by community teams for football during the autumn term but does not accommodate regular teams as pitch is not available all season. King Arthurs Secondary School, Wincanton: has been irregular community use of football pitch in the past. Sexey’s school, Bruton – two football pitches also occasionally used for community football (overspill from Jubilee Park)
<i>Improving the quality of key pitches to increase their capacity (does not solve problem of peak time)</i>	Donald Pither Memorial Ground, Castle Cary and Ilchester Sports Field are both rated as ‘standard’ but improving quality will not address the peak time issue. Castle Street, Keinton Mandeville was not assessed; it too has no spare peak time capacity. Improving the quality of the junior pitch at Maggs Lane in Castle Cary would help meet demand in the town.
<i>Encouraging teams to play matches on 3G FTPs</i>	There is no easily accessible 3G FTP to serve this sub area (the nearest lie outside a 20 minute drive time).

AREA EAST: Opportunity	Commentary
	Aspiration to provide a new AGP at Moor Lane but not enough current and future demand identified for full size AGP.
<i>Encouraging new teams to play on pitches where there is currently spare capacity</i>	There is spare capacity across different age groups at many village grounds. However, clubs wish to play all their teams at the same, or nearby sites, and there are several well used grounds with limited spare capacity and no real alternatives for support provision (except possibly at schools) e.g. Ilchester Sports Field, Jubilee Park in Bruton, Donald Pither Memorial Ground in Castle Cary and Milborne Port Memorial Ground.
<i>Improvements to changing facilities</i>	Inadequate changing room facilities restricting growth at Jubilee Park (Bruton United FC). Improvements being discussed at Donald Pither Memorial Ground, Castle Cary. Providing changing rooms at Maggs Lane in Castle Cary would increase usage of the pitch.
<i>Changes to supply through new housing development</i>	Change of use approved at Keinton Mandeville to recreation use for land to rear of existing recreation ground.
<i>Other Issues</i>	Problems with drainage at e.g. Ilchester Sports ground and No.1 Pitch at Wincanton Sports Ground (Moor Lane) New pitch being developed at Milborne Port on land previously used as a rugby pitch and which is no longer required
<i>Summary: Castle Cary: (Quantity of pitches only; for other recommendations see Action Plan)</i>	Minimum projected growth of 673 people in Ansford/Castle Cary The Donald Pither Memorial Ground has no spare capacity for Saturday adult play; it has 2 mini pitches which are sufficient for that age group. Problem e.g. in securing additional land for pitches in Castel Cary due to piecemeal applications. <i>Assessment</i> <i>Projected housing may generate up to 1 adult, 1 junior and 1 mini team. Improved quality and changing facilities at Maggs Lane junior pitch could assist .</i>
<i>Summary: Ilchester (Quantity of pitches only; for other recommendations see Action Plan)</i>	Minimum projected growth of 308 people Ilchester Sports Field has little spare capacity for any growth in adult play. <i>Assessment</i> <i>Whilst the new housing is unlikely to generate whole new teams there may be an increase in activity which would be difficult to accommodate</i>
<i>Summary: Bruton (Quantity of pitches only; for other recommendations see Action Plan)</i>	Minimum projected growth of 222 people <i>Jubilee Park Bruton is almost at capacity and the changing facilities appear to be a constraint to further growth.</i> <i>Assessment</i> <i>Whilst the new housing is unlikely to generate whole new teams there may be an increase in activity which would be difficult to accommodate</i>

F ARTIFICIAL TURF PITCHES FOR FOOTBALL (3G FTPs)

- 2.12 There are 5 'full size' floodlit AGPs in South Somerset; these facilities are suitable for both football training and matchplay and are known as 3G Football Turf Pitches (FTP). Two – at Yeovil Town FC and RNAS Yeovilton – are not available for community use and can be discounted from the analysis. The remaining 3 are as follows:
- Westfield Academy, Yeovil 3G FTP is FA accredited for matchplay. The pitch has minimum dimensions for adult football and clarification is required as to whether it is appropriate for adult league matches.
 - Bucklers Mead Academy, Yeovil is full size (100m x 60m) but is not yet FA accredited for matchplay (proposals are being made to the Academy to encourage it to become FA/FIFA registered)
 - Huish Episcopi Academy FTP is undersize and can only accommodate mini and junior matches up to u14 years. It is FA accredited.
- 2.13 There is thus currently no full size 3G FTP in South Somerset which is agreed and sanctioned by all parties as being appropriate to accommodate adult matches.
- 2.14 There are also two floodlit full size sand-based AGPs in South Somerset which are currently well used for football training (see also Hockey sections below).
- 2.15 Analysis of the demand for football training has been carried out according to the methodology provided by the FA, which is based on the number of teams in the area and assumes that all existing training (either on grass or sand based AGPs) will move to a 3G Football Turf Pitch.. It has taken into account smaller size 3Gs which are used for training (such as at Wincanton Sports Ground) but does not include the FA accredited 3G FTP at Axe Valley Community School, some 18 minutes' drive from Chard.
- 2.16 This suggests that there is a shortfall equivalent to around 3 full size such pitches. Even taking the Axe Valley Community school FTP into account there is a shortfall of 1 3G FTP in Area West. No further provision is currently required within Area South. There is a less than 1 full size AGP shortfall in Area North (due to the location there of Huish Episcopi AGP). There is a requirement for approximately 0.85 FTP's s within Area East.
- 2.17 Using the FA methodology provides a baseline to which has been triangulated by the views of the clubs themselves, the analysis of demand and the views of the NGBs. For the duration of this Strategy the need has been identified for a 3G FTP to serve Area West. The challenge is to provide this facility in a sustainable location where it will not displace users from existing AGPs (both sand based and 3G) which may affect their viability.
- 2.18 All three 3G FTPs on school sites listed above have considerable spare capacity for matchplay at the weekends; there are no block bookings. If more matchplay can be attracted, this will help to lessen the pressure on grass pitches in Yeovil particularly.

SECTION 3 CRICKET

A OVERVIEW

- 3.1 The strategy has identified 41 sites which currently have a cricket pitch, or there is evidence that cricket has been played; 12 are recorded as either being disused or not having teams at present. There are 31 grass pitches and 9 non turf wickets. The study records 121 cricket teams: 59 adult, 58 youth, 3 ladies and 1 girls.
- 3.2 The assessment demonstrates that there is not enough good quality, appropriate and accessible cricket pitches with secure community use in South Somerset to meet future demand for cricket to the end of the plan period (2028).

Current demand

- 3.3 There is enough accessible community use provision to meet current demand, although due to peaking of demand on Saturdays, some clubs play their 3rd XI Saturday teams at another site. The following table summarises the situation regarding spare capacity according to the quality of the grounds by sub area. Where appropriate, the 2nd column presents the estimated number of match equivalent sessions undertaken per season with the theoretical capacity of the grounds given in brackets.

Table 12: Spare capacity at cricket grounds according to quality of ground, by sub area

Area/Rating of ground	Number of grounds and wickets and assessment of capacity	Assessment of spare capacity across Sub Area
AREA WEST		
Good rated pitches	5 grounds (78 wickets): 238 sessions undertaken (theoretical capacity 390)	Limited spare capacity throughout the week. Chard CC, Crewkerne CC (Henhayes Recreation Ground) and North Perrott CC virtually at capacity.
Standard rated pitches	5 grounds (22 wickets): 89 sessions undertaken (theoretical capacity 120)	Spare capacity at peak time and during the week. Holyrood Academy and West & Middle Chinnock Sports Club grounds virtually at capacity.
Poor rated pitches	None	
Non turf wickets	3 on school sites plus 1 public site	No spare capacity at school sites. Non turf wicket at Henhayes Recreation Ground, Crewkerne used for practice.
AREA SOUTH		
Good rated pitches	1 ground () (12 wickets): 60 sessions undertaken (theoretical capacity 60)	Westlands Leisure Complex in Yeovil (Yeovil CC): very limited spare capacity; no room for growth
Standard rated	1 ground (West Coker Recreation	West Coker Recreation Ground (Hardington & West

Area/Rating of ground	Number of grounds and wickets and assessment of capacity	Assessment of spare capacity across Sub Area
pitches	Ground)(7 wickets): 25 sessions undertaken (theoretical capacity 35)	Coker CC): Spare capacity at at peak time and during the week.
Poor rated pitches	1 ground (9 wickets): (Theoretical capacity 27)	Not used at present (Long Furlong Lane East Coker)
Non turf wickets	None	
AREA NORTH		
Good rated pitches	7 grounds (59 wickets): 227 sessions undertaken (theoretical capacity 295)	Little spare capacity at peak time although some spare during the week. Ilton CC and Long Sutton CC virtually at capacity
Standard rated pitches	1 ground: (6 wickets): 18 sessions undertaken (theoretical capacity 30)	Compton Dundon CC: Spare capacity at peak time and during the week.
Poor rated pitches	None	
Non turf wickets	1	Martock Recreation Ground: Spare capacity at peak time and during the week.
AREA EAST		
Good rated pitches	1 ground: (7 wickets): 10 sessions undertaken (theoretical capacity 35)	Kingsdon CC: Spare capacity at peak time and during the week.
Standard rated pitches	6 grounds (37 wickets): 117 sessions undertaken (theoretical capacity 185)	Spare capacity at peak times and during the week. Queen Camel CC approaching capacity; Sparkford CC over-played.
Poor rated pitches	1 ground: (1 wicket): 2 sessions undertaken (theoretical capacity 3)	Barton St David – barely used
Non turf wickets	2 sites – Ilchester Sports ground + school site	Spare capacity. Ilchester Sports Ground no longer used. Use of school wicket not known.

Future demand

- 3.4 The total number of new teams predicted to be generated through population growth, trends in participation, latent/unmet/displaced demand and aspirations in each of the four sub areas is shown below:

Table 13: Number of new (additional) cricket teams predicted to 2028

Reason for more teams	Men's teams	Ladies' teams	Youth teams
Population growth through new housing	6.9	0.4	7.5
Trends in participation	2	1	2
Latent/unmet/displaced demand	2		
Aspirations	3	2	12
TOTAL Number of new teams (rounded)	14	3	22

3.5 Match equivalent sessions for cricket will depend on the type of team and whether they play on Saturdays, Sundays and/or midweek and recognizing that adult and junior cricket is played on the same pitch. However, the above numbers of new teams would suggest the need for up to 3 new cricket pitches.

3.6 The Strategy concludes that there is strong demand for an additional cricket pitch in Yeovil. Pressure for the provision of additional pitches in Area North and Area West is likely to grow over the Plan Period. It is unlikely that enough demand for a new pitch will be generated in Area East.

3.7 The following tables set out options for addressing deficiencies and issues identified.

B AREA WEST

Table 14: Addressing the shortfall: Area West

AREA WEST/Opportunity	
<i>Estimated growth in numbers of teams generated by new housing</i>	1.5 Men's teams; 0.1 Women's teams; 1.6 youth teams
<i>Grounds under pressure to absorb new growth</i>	North Perrott CC , Crewkerne CC (Henhayes Recreation Ground) and Chard CC have no/very limited spare capacity. Latter two using overflow facilities at schools.
<i>Grounds where cricket pitches have existed in the past and could be reinstated and/or where there is room to put in additional pitches</i>	Grass cricket wicket no longer used at Lawrence Kellett Ground, Dowlish Wake
<i>Securing (greater) community use of pitches on school sites</i>	Community use of non-turf wickets at Holyrood Academy, Chard and Wadham School, Crewkerne needs to be secured.
<i>Improving the quality of key pitches to increase their capacity (includes moving training on to non-turf</i>	Improving the quality of the 'standard' pitch at West & Middle Chinnock would help to increase its capacity (as would the provision of more wickets).

AREA WEST/Opportunity	
<i>practice areas)</i>	
<i>Improvements to changing facilities</i>	Need to improve changing at Ilminster CC at Ilminster Recreation Ground – accessibility and quality issues at current building
<i>Through new housing development</i>	No sites identified.
<i>Forthcoming changes to supply</i>	None identified

3.8 Over the duration of the Strategy in Area West there will be a small growth in the number of teams. If teams are willing to play at sites away from the main home ground this demand can be accommodated, but otherwise pressure for a new pitch is likely to build. North Perrott CC have stated that they require a second pitch.

C AREA SOUTH

Table 15: Addressing the shortfall: Area South

AREA SOUTH/Opportunity	
<i>Estimated growth in numbers of teams generated by new housing</i>	3.8 Men’s teams; 0.2 Women’s teams; 4.2 youth teams
<i>Grounds under pressure to absorb new growth</i>	Westlands Leisure Complex (Westland Sports CC) is the only cricket pitch in Yeovil and the only one of 3 grounds in Area South rated as ‘good’. It has no spare capacity; its 3 rd team play at West and Middle Chinnock.
<i>Grounds where cricket pitches have existed in the past and and/or where there is room to put in additional pitches</i>	Cricket pitch at Brympton D’Evercey – very ad hoc community use.
<i>Securing (greater) community use of pitches on school sites</i>	There is a non-turf wicket at Westfield Academy, Yeovil, but due to its position on the ground it is not capable of community use.
<i>Improving the quality of key pitches to increase their capacity (includes moving training on to non-turf practice areas)</i>	Improving the quality of the ‘standard’ pitch at Hardington & West Coker CC’s pitch at West Coker Recreation Ground.
<i>Improvements to changing facilities</i>	These are required at West Coker Recreation Ground (Hardington & West Coker CC)
<i>Through new housing development</i>	See below
<i>Forthcoming changes to supply</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Land capable of encompassing a new cricket pitch (plus potential overlay of up to 3 junior pitches) has been secured at Brimsmore Key site, Yeovil as part of a development to the north west of Yeovil for 830 dwellings. There is an application yet to be approved at Keyford key site, Yeovil –site to the south of Yeovil. 800 dwellings generating a requirement under the revised Standard of Provision of 21305 sq m including ancillary provision (previously 24976 sq m). Current proposed mitigation is for 2 x senior pitches, plus overlay of cricket pitch marked out plus changing provision. May also be off site contribution if site does not provide

AREA SOUTH/Opportunity	
	enough space.

3.9 New housing in Yeovil is expected to generate a significant number of new teams (up to 4 adult and 4 youth teams). A new cricket pitch is required in Yeovil to meet demand from new teams generated through new housing

D AREA NORTH

Table 16: Addressing the shortfall: Area North

AREA NORTH/Opportunity	
<i>Estimated growth in numbers of teams generated by new housing</i>	0.4 men's teams; 0.5 youth teams
<i>Grounds under pressure to absorb new growth</i>	Ilton Cricket Club has no spare capacity; capacity at Huish and Langport CC and Long Sutton CC is limited.
<i>Grounds where cricket pitches have existed in the past and and/or where there is room to put in additional pitches</i>	Fivehead Playing Field; Pitney Playing Field, Somerton Recreation Ground and Stoke sub Hamdon Playing Field.
<i>Securing (greater) community use of pitches on school sites</i>	There are non-turf wickets at Huish Episcopi Academy, Langport and Stanchester Academy (Stoke sub Hamdon), neither with any known community use.
<i>Improving the quality of key pitches to increase their capacity (includes moving training on to non-turf practice areas)</i>	6 of the 7 functioning grounds here are rated as 'good'. There is little scope to improve quality to meet demand from growth in teams.
<i>Forthcoming changes to supply</i>	An application has been approved in Ilton, for a new recreation ground (3.84 ha) adjacent to existing cricket pitch, donated to the community as part of approved application for 47 dwellings. This may improve the offer for cricket and will also be appropriate for football use.

3.10 New housing in Area North will generate new players but probably not enough for whole teams. However, across this area, grounds are good and operating close to capacity, with no spare capacity for Saturday sides, only Sundays and midweek. Any increase in demand is likely to build support for a new pitch.

E AREA EAST

Table 17: Addressing the shortfall: Area East

AREA EAST/Opportunity	
<i>Estimated growth in numbers of teams generated by new housing</i>	0.5 men's teams; 0.6 youth teams
<i>Grounds under pressure to absorb</i>	Sparkford CC is being overplayed. Possibly Donald Pither

AREA EAST/Opportunity	
<i>new growth</i>	Memorial Ground, Castle Cary, to accommodate adult teams.
<i>Grounds where cricket pitches have existed in the past and and/or where there is room to put in additional pitches</i>	Babcary Cricket Ground.
<i>Securing (greater) community use of pitches on school sites</i>	Non-turf wickets at King Arthur's Community School, Wincanton and Ansford Academy in Castle Cary, but not known if any community use.
<i>Improving the quality of key pitches to increase their capacity (includes moving training on to non-turf practice areas)</i>	A priority site to improve quality to enhance capacity is Sparkford CC, where there are 10 wickets. The club however runs 2 Saturday sides, so a 3 rd Saturday team would have to play elsewhere.
<i>Other Issues</i>	Ilchester CC (playing on non-turf wicket at Ilchester Sports Ground) dropped out of Mid Wessex league in 2015 & did not play in 2016. Wincanton CC withdrew from league cricket half way through 2016 but returned in 2017 playing at the Recreation Ground, Station Road, Wincanton with only one side rather than two.

3.11 New housing in Area East will generate new players but probably not enough for whole teams. Across this area there is considerable spare capacity, although most grounds are rated as 'standard'. With the notable exception of Sparkford, provision is sufficient to meet growth in demand until 2028.

SECTION 4 RUGBY

A OVERVIEW

- 4.1 The strategy has identified 12 rugby pitches and 2 training pitches on club sites and public recreation grounds. There are a further 8 rugby pitches recorded on school sites 4 of which have community use. There is a pitch which is no longer used at Milborne Port Recreation Ground. There are 7 rugby clubs – Chard, Crewkerne, Yeovil, Somerton, Martock, Castle Cary and Wincanton. Between them they field 52 teams: 12 adult, 17 youth and 23 mini teams.
- 4.2 The study has concluded that there is just enough accessible community use provision to meet current demand for rugby, but demand is very localized to each club and needs to be assessed on this basis.

Current demand

- 4.3 Taking into account the club questionnaire returns, RFU assessments and an analysis of capacity according to the assessment (based on the drainage and maintenance of each ground), the following is concluded:

Table 18: Assessment of capacity at rugby pitches by sub area

Area West	No peak time spare capacity for adults (Saturday pm) at Chard RFC's two home grounds or for the club's midi/minis at Holyrood Academy on Sunday mornings. No peak time spare capacity for Crewkerne RFC at Henhayes Recreation Ground; pitch is overplayed
Area South	Little spare capacity at peak times for Yeovil RFC
Area North	Spare capacity for additional Saturday teams at Martock Recreation Ground (Martock RFC) and Somerton Recreation Ground (Somerton RFC)
Area East	Little spare peak time capacity at King Arthur's School, Wincanton (Wincanton RFC) or at Castle Cary RFC

Future Demand

- 4.4 The following table estimates the number of rugby teams which will be created between 2016 and 2028:

Table 19: Number of new (additional) rugby teams predicted to 2028

Reason for more teams	Men's teams	Women's teams	Youth teams	Mini teams
Population growth through new housing	1.5	0.1	1.6	2.8
Trends in participation	1	1	2	2
Latent/unmet demand/displaced demand				
Aspirations		1	10	2
TOTAL (rounded)	3	2	14	7

- 4.5 Match equivalent sessions are estimated on basis of home/away fortnightly for adult teams and colts and slightly less for youth teams; several mini/midi matches can be played consecutively on Sunday mornings.
- 4.6 In all instances clubs said additional teams will be playing on existing home pitch(es), and, as the network of current pitch provision for rugby shows, new teams are generated within existing clubs and play wherever possible on their home grounds. However, the above would suggest the need for a further 3-4 rugby pitches.

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Table 20: Options for addressing deficiencies and issues identified

Area	New pitches required	Increasing capacity	Securing access to other sites
Area West			
Crewkerne RFC	Crewkerne RFC requires an additional pitch(es) (SSDC funding received; possible 2 nd pitch & youth training area identified at Happy Valley, Crewkerne)		Community use Agreement required for rugby pitch at Wadham School, Crewkerne
Chard RFC		Provision of changing facilities and floodlighting at Crewkerne Road site for Chard RFC	Community use Agreement required for 2 x rugby pitches at Holyrood Academy, Chard
Area South			
Yeovil RFC	Requirements for pitch from new teams at Yeovil RFC to be kept under review		Investigate use of rugby pitch at Bucklers Mead Academy with CUA
Area North			
Somerton RFC		Enlarging/upgrading of	Rugby pitch at Pitney Playing Field could be

Area	New pitches required	Increasing capacity	Securing access to other sites
		changing facilities at Somerton Recreation Ground as a priority	reinstated (currently used for training)
Martock RFC		Support enlarging/upgrading of changing facilities at Martock Recreation Ground. Drainage work required on Pitch 2 at Martock Recreation Ground	
Area East			
Wincanton RFC			Community Use Agreement required for King Arthur's Community School (Wincanton RFC) Opportunity to develop rugby at Moor Lane Wincanton.
Castle Cary RFC	No action identified		

SECTION 5 HOCKEY

A OVERVIEW

Current demand

- 5.1 There are four floodlit sand based AGPs in South Somerset: Yeovil Recreation Centre (Area South, home to Yeovil and Sherborne Hockey Club), Holyrood Academy (Area West, home to Chard Hockey Club) and Bruton School for Girls (Area East, home to Bruton Hockey Club). A fourth pitch – at The King’s School, Bruton – has no community use. Wincanton Hockey Club is a social club that plays ad hoc friendly fixtures on an away games basis. It does not have access to an AGP for training or matches.
- 5.2 The Strategy has identified that there is currently sufficient provision to meet demand. However, Yeovil Recreation Centre AGP is virtually at capacity, with minimal spare capacity on Sundays for some growth in its junior teams. Holyrood Academy’s AGP has some spare capacity in the week and on Sundays is capable of accommodating some growth. Some spare capacity identified at Bruton School for Girls depending on the needs of the school.
- 5.3 The capacity issue for hockey centres around training needs just as much, if not more so, than for matches. Both Yeovil Recreation Centre and Holyrood Academy AGPs are catering for football training and five-a-side which, whilst contributing to the sustainability of the pitches, reduces the time available for hockey training. When new hockey teams are formed, it can often be harder for them to find time to train, than to find slots to play matches (especially as youth games can be played on Sundays).

Future Demand

- 5.4 The following table estimates the number of hockey teams which will be created between 2016 and 2028:

Table 21: Number of new (additional) hockey teams predicted to 2028

Reason for more teams	Men’s teams	Ladies’ Teams	Boys’ Teams	Girls’ Teams
Population growth through new housing	1.0	0.8	0.9	0.9
Trends in participation	1	1	1	1
Latent/unmet demand/displaced demand				
Aspirations	2	2	2	2
TOTAL (rounded up)	4	4	4	4
Total projected numbers of club members by 2028	862		266	

- 5.5 Using TGRs to predict future growth is not very accurate for hockey as the participation rate is low to begin with. Based on growth since 2010/11, England Hockey aspires to a doubling of club membership to 2028 which would increase the number of club members to 862 seniors and 266 juniors. These will not just be league teams but will include all informal hockey including Back to Hockey and Pay & Play activities.
- 5.6 Whether or not this increase in players and activity may require new provision (one new sand based AGP) depends heavily on whether or not it can be accommodated on the existing sand based AGPs.

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- 5.7 Capacity to meet growth in demand for hockey at the existing sand AGPs in South Somerset is as follows:

Table 22: Assessment of spare capacity to meet demand for hockey

Club	Current pitches and assessment of capacity	Increasing capacity for training	Increasing capacity for matches	Securing access to other sites
Chard Hockey Club	Holyrood Academy – limited capacity in week; some spare capacity at weekends	Movement of football teams training from weekday evenings	Some spare capacity at weekends	
Yeovil and Sherborne Hockey Club	Yeovil Recreation Centre – very limited spare capacity in week; limited spare capacity on Sundays	Movement of football teams training from weekday evenings	Limited spare capacity on Sundays	
Bruton Hockey Club	Bruton School for Girls – some spare capacity	Spare capacity depends on use by school	Spare capacity depends on use by school	King’s School Bruton
Wincanton Hockey Club	No access to AGP; all matches played ‘away’			King’s School Bruton

- 5.8 It is training needs for hockey which is likely to be the main driver in terms of demand for additional sand based AGPs. The future requirement is closely related to what happens in terms of football and the provision of 3G FTPs, as the latter can potentially attract football teams away from sand based AGPs for weekday evening training, thus freeing up room for hockey training and other ways to play hockey such as play and play
- 5.9 At Yeovil Recreation Centre, there is spare capacity on Friday evenings and if football training was removed from the AGP on Mon-Thurs evenings, approximately 3.5 hours’

peak time would become available for hockey training. There is a small amount of spare capacity on Sunday for matches.

- 5.10 However, the two 3G FTPs in Yeovil (Westfield Academy and Bucklers Mead Academy) have no spare capacity for additional (football) use on peak time weekday evenings, other than on Fridays so it is not practicable to talk about moving football training away from Yeovil Recreation Centre to these sites.
- 5.11 Holyrood Academy currently has a little spare capacity in the week; the ratio of hockey to football use is already 2/3 to 1/3. If football training was moved off this pitch, there would be a few hours' additional time on weekday evenings to accommodate more hockey training, and there is some room at weekends to play more matches.
- 5.12 However, there is currently no alternative 3G FTP provision to serve Chard; the pitch in Axminster is already very heavily used during the week. The provision of a 3G FTP in Area West in South Somerset would potentially attract football teams away from Holyrood Academy (and possibly Yeovil Recreation Centre) thus freeing up more time for the hockey clubs to train.
- 5.13 Nevertheless, it is concluded that as participation increases, the provision of/access to an additional sand based AGP to serve hockey – especially training needs – in South Somerset will be required. There is potentially an opportunity to negotiate community access to the sand based AGP at King's School Bruton; its location is not ideal although it could serve parts of the north and east of the district. However, most demand is likely to emanate from Areas West and South and will eventually require a new pitch.

PART 2 STRATEGY THEMES, PRIORITIES AND ACTION PLANS

SECTION 6 STRATEGY THEMES AND PRIORITIES

THEMES

6.1 South Somerset's Vision for the Strategy is:

'To be a district that provides and supports the supply of accessible, well managed and well maintained playing pitches and ancillary facilities, which are fit for purpose, meet identified needs and encourage residents to maintain and increase their participation in sport and active recreation'.

6.2 Based on the Needs Assessments and identification of key issues and findings, this framework for future delivery is supported by six strategic themes. These are presented in more detail within the Action Plan by Theme section and also underpin the Site Specific Recommendations in the Action Plan

ST1 Protecting existing playing field sites and ensuring all playing field land is used effectively and sustainably, whilst recognizing the value of playing fields for public informal open space.

6.3 There is a need to protect land currently used and/or allocated and/or previously used as playing pitches in South Somerset and to provide long term security on playing pitch sites to maintain the pitch supply, to ensure that investment in new facilities and improvements can be obtained and be effective and support the development of sustainable clubs.

6.4 The strategy seeks to ensure that South Somerset contains the right amount of facilities, of the right quality and in the right place and recognises the priority need to improve the quality of existing facilities and the impact that qualitative improvements can have on capacity. Once that is achieved, there will be areas where new pitches are required, but we need to make the best use of what we have already in the first instance.

6.5 Particularly in an era of changing demand and constrained financial resources, it is imperative that all existing facilities are used as effectively as possible and are viable, before considering new sites.

6.6 Many pitches form part of playing fields which have intrinsic value as important public open space sites and fulfil an important function in providing local informal opportunities for sports participation and in contributing towards people's good health and well being. Some pitch sites are currently underutilised for formal sport; these have been highlighted within the Action Plan in order to address their long term sustainability and viability as pitch sport sites and to protect them as resources for informal recreation and other outdoor pursuits.

ST2 Ensuring that enhanced and new facilities are provided to meet existing demand and projected demand from increases in population and participation

- 6.7 Even with more effective use of existing facilities, new pitches and ancillary facilities will be required to address inadequacies in the current level of provision, meet changing participation trends and patterns and to meet demand from rising population and new development. These are set out in the Action Plans by site.
- 6.8 Across all playing pitch sites – new and existing and grass and artificial – it is critical for sustainability that: high quality standards, ancillary facilities and intensification of use such as floodlighting can be easily achieved; the management infrastructure is in place to develop maximise usage; outdoor and indoor facilities are co-located to encourage cross-participation; winter pitches are used in the summer and vice versa wherever possible, and new facilities are energy efficient, can be maintained effectively and have adequate sinking funds for replacement.

ST3 Providing a range of appropriate facilities for both competition and training which enable pitch sport participants to improve and progress

- 6.9 In order to improve and progress within, pitch sports participants require appropriate competitive, training and coaching facilities. These should reach high quality standards, be fully available for community use and be as sustainable and viable as possible.
- 6.10 Whilst sand based and, at a higher performance level, water based Artificial Grass Pitches have been used for hockey training and matches for many years (and for football training), other artificial grass surfaces are becoming more prevalent. In cricket, non-turf practice facilities and wickets are regarded as valuable facilities for training, T20 and junior cricket. The number of World Rugby AGPs is steadily increasing across the country.
- 6.11 The FA wishes to deliver more 3G Football Turf compliant Pitches (FTP) to provide training surfaces for junior and adult football, a venue for small sided football games and, increasingly, matchplay surfaces for football (the FA aspires to 50% of all mini and junior games being played on such surfaces by 2020). However, the increasing use of AGPs for football particularly, whilst enabling more matches to be played, and avoiding the cancellations due to bad weather which are a feature of many grass pitches, can also affect the sustainability of other pitch facilities such as grass playing fields and sand based AGPs (which are often used for football training) and need to be carefully planned.
- 6.12 Floodlit training areas alongside grass pitches and non-turf cricket practice facilities and nets can also help to take the pressure off matchplay facilities.

ST4 Ensuring that existing facilities are fit for purpose and of high quality in order to retain existing levels of participation, improve the playing experience and encourage growth in participation.

- 6.13 In order to maintain and increase participation rates, a high standard of facilities is required. Priority should be given to improving and enhancing existing facilities to meet high standards wherever possible. This applies particularly to the maintenance of the pitch surface itself, as often poor maintenance is the real issue in the quality of the pitch. Where pitches are located on open space sites, the dropping of litter and fouling by dogs are constant problems and serious problems.

6.14 Ancillary facilities such as changing rooms and car parking are also very important. Many changing facilities would benefit from updating or replacement to meet the needs of the modern game and use by all members of the community. Where possible and feasible, opportunities for multi-use of changing rooms and pavilions (such as workshops, small offices or playgroups) should be explored. Facilities should be developed in line with appropriate national governing body and Sport England standards relating to ancillary facilities, natural and artificial grass pitches etc

6.15 The strategy should eventually prioritise investment into sites where the highest impact will be felt and where high numbers of users will benefit. Where can the greatest gains in participation be made? In particular, addressing the needs of junior players and women and girls may be areas where investment and effort should be targeted.

ST5 Improving access and accessibility to pitch sport sites, in order to encourage greater participation by all sectors of the community

6.16 Sites should be accessibility to youth, adults, veterans, women, people with disabilities and those with health issues, as far as possible. Apart from hockey, where the gender balance is equal, the pitch sports remain overwhelmingly male. In South Somerset, out of 348 football, cricket and rugby teams, 24 (7%) are made up of girls and women. The NGBs, Sport England and SSDC are running a number of initiatives to attract more women and girls. Other factors can assist, such as better quality and more appropriately designed changing rooms and other ancillary facilities, which will also benefit junior sport generally and cater more appropriately for people with disabilities.

6.17 As well as physical access to sites, the concept of accessibility embraces affordability. Ensuring that existing and new facilities are affordable for all groups wishing to play sport is vital, as even if facilities are of high quality, they will not be well used if they are priced too highly for the local market.

6.18 21% of grass pitches in use by the community and 75% of full size floodlit artificial grass pitches (excluding MoD sites) in South Somerset are on school sites. Most secondary schools in South Somerset have community use of their pitches and make a vital contribution, particularly in Chard, Crewkerne, Yeovil and Huish Episcopi across all four pitch sports. However, not all these schools have secured Community Use Agreements and there are schools with playing pitches which could contribute more to meeting the community's needs, including a number of independent schools.

ST6 Working in partnership to enable effective and greater use of existing playing field sites and the sharing of skills, expertise, resources and facilities

6.19 The strategy seeks to bring together key partners in the delivery of playing fields and to ensure that roles and responsibilities are clearly defined and effectively aligned to maximise the value of assets to the community. This includes the voluntary, educational, public and commercial sectors.

6.20 Budgetary and financial constraints for local authorities including parish councils, mean that there is now less funding available for managing and maintaining grass pitches and to support sinking funds for the replacement of artificial grass pitches. Support for the voluntary sector in relation to the management and maintenance of facilities and membership activity is important to ensure a thriving club sector and good quality facilities. New funding streams may be available through partnerships

with health agencies and the role of the pitch sports and playing fields should be considered within Health and Wellbeing Strategies.

- 6.18 The playing pitch resource needs to be managed flexibly in order to respond to changing patterns of participation. There may be scope for local clubs, teams and leagues to work together to review and reschedule football kick-off times to avoid the Saturday afternoon peak-time capacity problem.
- 6.18 These and other examples will be considered further in the forthcoming reviews of this Strategy.

PRIORITIES

- 6.19 The following priorities for each sport have been identified through this strategy.

KEY PRIORITIES FOR FOOTBALL

The following priorities are identified and are reflected in the Action Plans:

- 1 The provision of new appropriately sized football pitches in a sustainable location to address long standing and well documented deficiencies and sub standard facilities in Chard and to meet demand generated by new housing growth.
- 2 To make more effective use of existing pitch provision to meet demand in Yeovil in particular: to review the future of Turners Barn Lane as a site for adult football pitches; to increase use of pitches at Yeovil Recreation Centre; to secure community access to grass pitches at schools in the town and to further develop use of 3G FTPs (see below)
- 3 Developing the use of 3G FTPs in Yeovil, in particular for junior and mini matchplay by clarifying the type of matches which can be played on the 3G FTP at Westfield Academy and supporting FA Accreditation for the 3G FTP at Bucklers Mead Academy
- 4 The provision of appropriately enlarged and enhanced changing facilities at Somerton Recreation Ground (Priority 1), and also: Langport Recreation Ground; Forton Playing Fields; Jubilee Park, Bruton, Martock Recreation Ground and Long Furlong Lane, East Coker.
- 5 The provision of/access to appropriately sized football pitches in a sustainable location to support football in Crewkerne, meet demand generated from new housing and to address the overplaying of Henhayes Recreation Ground
- 6 The provision of a new 3G FTP in Area West in a sustainable location to support increasing training and matchplay activity generated by new housing growth.
- 7 The provision of new appropriately sized football pitches in a sustainable location to support football, meet demand generated from new housing in Ilminster
- 8 The provision of additional single football pitches to support growth in demand, notably in Somerton

- 9 To encourage use of Huish Episcopi 3G FTP for junior and mini matchplay (up to u14)
- 10 Revisit the viability of delivering a new or larger 3G FTP in Area East over the life of the strategy period, although as of 2017 there was insufficient evidence that a new 3G FT would be required.

KEY PRIORITIES FOR CRICKET

The following priorities are identified and are reflected in the Action Plan

- 1 To provide a new cricket pitch in Yeovil
- 2 To address the overcrowding at Henhayes Recreation Ground where cricket shares the ground with rugby and football.
- 3 To secure community use of school non-turf wickets particularly at Holyrood Academy, Chard and Wadham School, Crewkerne
- 4 To secure the use of 'second grounds' for 3rd Saturday XI teams (to assist peaking of demand on Saturday afternoons)
- 5 To improve and upgrade changing/pavilion facilities at: Ilminster Recreation Ground (for Ilminster CC); West Coker Recreation Ground (Hardington & West Coker CC); Donald Pither Memorial Ground (Castle Cary CC and FC); Sparkford CC and Martock Recreation Ground (Martock CC).
- 6 To support the provision of non-turf practice facilities for cricket clubs to take pressure off grass pitches and, where appropriate, non turf wickets to encourage junior play
- 7 To improve the quality of some standard rated pitches e.g, at West & Middle Chinnock Sports Club
- 8 To keep a watching brief on grounds no longer in use for cricket e.g. Ilchester Sports Ground

KEY PRIORITIES FOR RUGBY

The following priorities are identified and are reflected in the Action Plan

- 1 The provision of changing facilities and floodlighting for Chard RFC at the club's Crewkerne Road site.
- 2 To provide an additional pitch for Crewkerne RFC to alleviate pressure on pitch at Henhayes Recreation Ground (shared with football and cricket)
- 3 Upgrading/enhancement of changing facilities at Somerton Recreation Ground (Somerton RFC) and Martock Recreation Ground (Martock RFC).
- 4 To secure community use agreements for rugby pitches used by Chard, Crewkerne and Wincanton RFCs at Holyrood Academy, Chard, Wadham School, Crewkerne and King Arthur's Community School, Wincanton respectively
- 5 To investigate the possibilities of reinstating rugby at Moor Lane, Wincanton (previously home to Wincanton RFC)
- 6 To investigate possibilities of obtaining appropriate security of tenure at Pitney Playing Fields and reinstatement of pitch (to support Somerton RFC) or increase rugby pitch provision at Somerton Recreation Ground (preferred option of Somerton RFC).
- 7 To investigate in the longer term the viability of developing a world rugby compliant hub site (including a World Rugby AGP) to serve South Somerset, particularly Area West.

KEY PRIORITIES FOR HOCKEY

The following priorities are identified and are reflected in the Action Plan

- 1 To ensure that there is sufficient capacity to absorb training requirements for hockey provision in South Somerset.
- 3 To try and secure access to sand based AGPs for hockey in Area East (at Independent schools)
- 4 To protect the stock of sand based AGPs capable of accommodating hockey and to ensure that hockey use is prioritised on these pitches.

6.20 The following is a list of priority deliverable projects identified through alignment with the strategic themes. They are not in priority order.

PRIORITY DELIVERABLE PROJECTS

- A Provision of additional football pitches in Chard to address long standing shortfalls (involves several sites and new provision)
- B Provision of floodlights and appropriate, high quality changing provision at Crewkerne Road site for Chard RFC
- C Addressing over use of Henhayes Recreation Ground, Crewkerne (currently shared by cricket, football and rugby) by securing access to additional football, rugby and cricket pitches in the town (either existing on school sites or new provision)
- D Provision of 3G FTP for training and matchplay in Area West to serve Ilminster, Crewkerne and Chard in a sustainable location where it will not displace users from existing AGPs which may affect their viability
- E Developing the use of 3G FTPs at: Westfield Academy, Yeovil; Bucklers Mead Academy, Yeovil, and Huish Episcopi Academy for matchplay, particularly for junior and mini football teams
- F To review the most effective use of existing football pitch provision to meet demand in Yeovil (involves several sites, including Turners Barn Lane and Yeovil Recreation Centre)
- G To provide a new cricket pitch in Yeovil
- H To support achieving access to another sand based AGP capable of meeting the growth in demand for hockey in Area West and Area South
- I Wincanton Sports Ground: Important site for rethinking as to how to increase usage for football and rugby. It requires investment to improve facilities and general ground conditions. Support Trust to review governance arrangements in order to improve site viability.
- J To secure community use of facilities currently used by pitch sport clubs at Wadham School, Crewkerne; Holyrood Academy Chard; Westfield Academy, Yeovil; Bucklers Mead Academy, Yeovil; King Arthur's Community School, Wincanton; Maiden Beech School, Crewkerne; Avishayes Primary School, Chard; Huish Episcopi School and Ash Primary School.
- K The provision of appropriately enlarged and enhanced changing facilities (which are capable of accommodating, wherever feasible, other uses such as workshops, playgroups and small offices, when not required for sport) at:
 - i Somerton Recreation Ground (football, rugby, cricket)
 - ii Ilminster CC, Ilminster Recreation Ground
 - iii Langport Recreation Ground (football)

- iv Jubilee Park, Bruton (football)
- v Long Furlong Lane, East Coker (football)
- vi West Coker Recreation Ground (Hardington & West Coker CC)
- vii Forton Playing Fields
- vii Martock Recreation Ground

- L To ensure appropriate formal pitch provision is secured on key sites within Yeovil.
- M Discussions with football leagues and clubs to explore alternative kick-off times for Saturday adult matchplay to cope with peaking of demand on Saturday afternoons.

SECTION 7 STANDARDS OF PROVISION

- 7.1 The calculation of standards of provision does not form part of the Sport England Playing Pitch Methodology.
- 7.2 It is suggested that an appropriate grass pitch standard is as follow:
- **Quantity:** 1.2 ha per 1000 persons.
 - **Quality:** National Governing Body and Sport England Guidance should be followed in respect of pitch construction and ancillary provision (such as pavilions). A key design factor should be in respect of overall site size: *in urban areas* a small number of large multi-pitch sites generally will have far greater utility than large numbers of small single-pitch sites, and will offer greater prospect of long-term financial sustainability. They will also offer innate flexibility to meet evolving needs.
 - **Availability:** Pitches should be provided and managed on a secured community use basis, which will offer availability to clubs and other organised groups at times of peak demand.
 - **Accessibility:** The location of pitches and venues should account for the geographical relationship between venues and projected users. In rural areas it is accepted that there will be a considerable reliance on car-borne journeys. In urban areas, safe and convenient journeys by foot, should be taken into account. A 10-minute drive time would be appropriate for local access to community sports pitches, with adjustments where appropriate relating to access to higher standard facilities.

Ancillary buildings

- 7.3 Changing rooms/pavilions will be necessary to fully exploit the sports potential of new playing fields. The quantity standard of 1.2 ha per 1000 people is likely to support a small changing room facility with a match officials' room, club room and other (x2) changing rooms, showers, toilets. The equivalent standard for ancillary buildings to support pitch space can therefore be expressed as 105 sq.m per 1000 people.
- 7.4 Expressed as provision per person the two standards would be:
- Pitch and ancillary space = 12 sq.m per person
 - Changing/pavilion space = 0.105 sq.m per person

SECTION 8A: ACTION PLANS BY SITE

AREA WEST

Site ref	Site Name	Site –sport; pitches; quality rating	Management	Sport/Issue	Options/Action	Priority	Timescale	Partners to deliver action	Cost Band
W. Chard	Various			1 Identified deficiency in football provision in Chard	1. Provision of additional pitches to serve Chard as per assessment 2. Secure new playing pitch provision from new housing development in Chard to ensure longstanding shortfall is not increased.	1 Priority Project A	S	SSDC, FA, FF, Clubs, TC	H
W.17	JOCELYN PARK, CHARD	2 x adult football, standard	Town Council	1 Key site for football provision in Chard. 2 Principal public open space site in town, heavy casual, informal use which impacts on pitch quality. 3 Slight gradient to pitches and lack of changing facilities and parking	1. Priority site for rethinking purpose & sports served 2. Provision of changing facilities 3. Review car parking arrangements on match days	1 Priority Project A	M	SSDC, FA, FF, Clubs, TC	H
W.06	CHARD TOWN FC	Football: 1 x adult; standard	Sports Club	1. Pitch being played to the level it can sustain due to severe slope which restricts development 2. Club consistently identified as priority for new provision to enable growth and development..	1. Identify site for provision of new facilities for Chard FC incl. new ground with stadium pitch + at least one other pitch, with appropriate ancillary facilities 2. Support for Project board and negotiations with SSDC, the FA, & Holyrood Academy.	1 Priority Project A	S	Club, FA, FF SSDC,	H

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W.08	HOLYROOD ACADEMY (CRESTA LEISURE) CHARD	Shared: AGP, football, cricket, rugby Cricket grass/6 wickets; 1 x NTF; standard 1 x rugby; standard	School/ Contractor	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Important site for Chard incorporating sand AGP and providing essential facilities for Chard CC's 3rd XI & Chard RFC juniors and minis. 2. Community use of cricket and rugby pitches is not secure 3. School says it needs significantly more provision to meet its students' needs; no further details. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Clarify/confirm security of tenure and CUA for football, cricket & rugby pitches 	1 Priority Project J	S	SSDC, School, NGBs	
		Full size floodlit sand based AGP		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. AGP recently resurfaced. Used by Chard Hockey Club and football teams; limited spare weekday capacity 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Protect sand based AGP for Chard Hockey Club 2. Support development of Chard Hockey Club 	2	M	SSDC, School, EH	
		Football 1 x 9v9 pitche 1 adult pitch		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. No current community use but school would allow if changing provision were to be improved. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Explore potential for use of grass pitches with secure CUA (as above) 	1	S	SSDC, School, FA	
W.01	AVISHAYES PRIMARY SCHOOL, CHARD	Football: 2 x mini; standard	Primary School	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Well used school site 2 No spare capacity at peak time 3 Status of community use agreement not known 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Clarify security of tenure as essential site for mini football 2. Draw up community use agreement 	1 Priority Project J	S	SSDC, FA, School	
W.02	BROADWAY & HORTON CRICKET CLUB	Cricket: grass/10 wickets; good		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. No spare capacity peak time; spare capacity midweek & Sundays 2. Non-turf practice nets required 3. Club would like site in village centre 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Installation of non turf practice nets 2. Keep watching brief on alternative site within village 	2	M	SSDC, ECB, club	L

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W.03	CHARD CRICKET CLUB	Cricket: grass/21 wickets; good	Club	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Site being played to level it can sustain 2. 3rd Saturday XI plays at Holyrood Academy 3. Non-turf nets and sight screen required 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Installation of non-turf cricket nets and sight screen 	2	M	SSDC, ECB, School, club, SE	L
W.05	CHARD RUGBY CLUB (MAIN SITE)	Rugby; standard	Club	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pitch being played to the level it can sustain 2. Changing facilities not appropriate for women and girls 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Upgrading of changing facilities for women and girls 	2	M	SSDC, RFU	M
W.04	CHARD RUGBY CLUB (CREWKERNE ROAD SITE)	Rugby; standard	Club	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pitches being played to the level they can sustain 2. Site requires further development to realise potential and cater for all club demand 	<p>‘Crewkerne Road development’ is No 1 facility priority for RFU in South Somerset. Two requirements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provision of pavilion/changing facilities 2. Provision of floodlighting 	1 Priority Project B	S	SSDC, RFU	M
W.07	COMBE ST. NICHOLAS FOOTBALL CLUB	Football: 2 x adult, 1 x jnr: standard	Club	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. No spare capacity at peak time on adult pitches; minimal spare capacity at other times 2. Junior pitch is being played to the level it can sustain 3. Some evidence of poor drainage. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rebuild of pavilion which together with access improvements, will increase use of the site. 2. Ensure facilities appropriate for women & girls 	3	M	SSDC, FA, FF, club	M

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W.10	FORTON PLAYING FIELDS	Football: 2 x adult, 1 x junior 9 v 9	Forton Community Association	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Adult pitches potentially able to accommodate some additional play, junior pitch being overplayed. Club would welcome floodlit training facilities. New clubhouse to be completed during 2017 to support current use. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Explore the potential to provide additional pitches in this location to offset longstanding shortfalls of pitches in Chard 	1 Priority Project A & K.vii	S	SSDC, NGB's, TC, PC, Clubs/Community Association	M
W.13	Crewkerne - HENHAYES RECREATION GROUND	Shared: football, cricket, rugby	Town Council	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Busy public open space site accommodating growing & buoyant football, rugby & cricket clubs 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Set up Crewkerne Playing Pitch Working Group to investigate potential pitch sites and secure use of school pitches 	1 Priority Project C	S	SSDC, Schools, TC, clubs, NGBs	
		1 x adult football; standard		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> No spare capacity; pitch being overplayed for football. Lack of pitch space is constraining growth 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Investigate potential for community use of Wadham School football pitch with secure CUA 	1 Priority Project J	S	SSDC, Schools, TC clubs, NGBs	
		1 x cricket grass/8 wickets; good + NTP/good		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Site is operating at capacity for cricket. Theoretical over use is mitigated by 'good' quality artificial strip which is used for practice and matches 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> The artificial wicket will require replacement in the next 5 years. 	2	M	SSDC, Schools, TC clubs, NGBs	L
		1 x rugby pitch		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Rugby pitch being overplayed for rugby; pitch has recently been floodlit. Need for 2nd team pitch and playing/training area for youth section. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Clarify/secure CUA facilities at Wadham School for rugby Support negotiations with Crewkerne TC for provision of 2nd playing area in the town – possible sites Happy Valley or adjacent to Henhayes 	1 Priority Project C & J	S	SSDC, Schools, Town Council, clubs, NGBs	

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W.14	HINTON ST GEORGE RECREATION GROUND (TOWNSEND R.GROUND)	Shared: football, cricket	Trust	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Shared village recreation ground with considerable spare capacity for both football and cricket 2. Long term aspiration for improvement in changing facilities 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Protect provision as village playing pitch site and encourage greater use 	3	0	SSDC, FA, ECB	
		1 x adult football; standard		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Spare capacity at peak time; used by 1 youth team on Sunday afternoons 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Attract more activity to the ground 	2	M	SSDC, FA	
		1 x grass cricket/4 wickets; standard		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Not used at weekends; one team playing midweek friendlies 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Attract more activity to the ground 	2	M	SSDC, ECB	
W.16	ILMINSTER RECREATION GROUND	Shared: football & cricket	Town Council	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. This is a well used site by Ilminster Town FC and CC. 2. Dog fouling is an issue on public open space. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Intensive Anti Dog Fouling Campaign; action by Dog Wardens 2. Explore potential to expand pitch provision at the site. 	1	S	SSDC, FA, FF, ECB, TC	M
		3 x adult football; standard; 1 x junior 9v9; standard; 2 x mini, standard		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Marginal spare capacity for minis but otherwise site is playing to the level it can sustain with little room for increase in teams. No peak time spare capacity 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Consider options for moving training from pitches 2. Improve pitch drainage 3. Issue of lack of peak time spare capacity can only be improved by new pitch provision 	1	S	SSDC, FA, FF, TC	M

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		2 x grass cricket – 14 wickets * 8 wickets, good		1. Cricket: Well used site...usage of second, new pitch, is gradually increasing. Some spare capacity.	1. Upgrade changing facilities The quality of the cricket pavilion needs to be improved in the next couple of years before S106 times out. Improvements to ancillary facilities (machinery storage) are also required.	1 Priority Project K.ii	S	SSDC, ECB, TC	M
W.18	LAWRENCE KELLETT PLAYING FIELD (DOWLISH WAKE)	Shared: football & cricket	Trust	1. Pavilion destroyed by fire. Plans to replace with potentially larger building.	1. Support for rebuilding of larger pavilion if greater use of site can be encouraged and demand warrants.	2	S	SSDC, FA, Club, PC, FF	M
		1 x adult football, standard		1. Potentially able to accommodate more teams, currently hosting one football team at peak time	1. Encourage greater use	2	S	SSDC, FA,	
		Formerly cricket		1. Previously cricket on site – currently no trace; no square in evidence		2	M	SSDC, ECB, SE	
W.20	MAIDEN BEECH ACADEMY, CREWKERNE	Football : 1 x 9v9 junior& 2 x mini pitches, good	Academy	1. Large, attractive grass pitch site, in front of school, with community use by 14 youth football teams. 2. Minimal spare capacity for growth 3. Also evidence of cricket NTW but no use recorded	1. Support for this school and role played in meeting demand for junior football in Crewkerne 2. Secure CUA on pitches	1 Priority Project J	M	SSDC, FA, Clubs	
W.21	MERRIOTT RECREATION	Shared: football & cricket	Parish Council	1. Limited parking					

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	GROUND	1 x adult football & 1 x mini football; good		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> No spare capacity on adult pitch; mini pitch appears unused so all teams playing on adult pitch Club rates pitch as poor 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Carry out further pitch quality assessment 	2	M	SSDC, FA	L
		1 x grass/6 wickets; standard		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Standard' rated cricket pitch has spare capacity as used only for occasional mid week friendlies. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Attract more cricket activity 	2	M	SSDC, ECB	
W.22	NORTH PERROTT CRICKET CLUB	Cricket: 1 x grass/17 wickets; good	Club	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Busy village cricket ground, effectively being played to level site can sustain. 3rd XI play elsewhere & club would like to run more juniors. Club would like an additional pitch. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Demand growing to support additional cricket pitch in Area West 	2	M	SSDC, ECB, club	M
W.23	PERROTT HILL SCHOOL	Shared: range of grass pitches & small sand AGP	Independent school	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Independent school with large playing fields and small sand AGP, not floodlit No community use 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> No issues or further action identified 				
W.25	SWANMEAD COMMUNITY SCHOOL, ILMINSTER	Shared: football, rugby and MUGA	School	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> The school uses Ilminster Recreation Ground regularly as it cannot meet its own needs on site. It would like an AGP so that its PE & sport is not dependent on weather. One junior football and one rugby pitch. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Investigate potential for community use of grass football and rugby pitches to relieve some of the pressure on Ilminster Recreation Ground Explore potential of site to provide a 3G FTP for Area West. 	2	M	SSDC, FA	M
W.26	TATWORTH PLAYING	Shared: football & cricket	Comm. Org.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Busy football site catering for range of adult, junior and mini teams 					

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	FIELDS	1 x adult football, standard; 1 x mini, good		1. Adult pitch has no peak time capacity and technically overplayed; mini has some spare capacity	1. Additional pitches recommended for Chard will help to address shortfalls 2. Additional 3G FTP provision in Area West will help to address training needs	2	M	SSDC, FA, FF, Clubs, TC	M
		1 x grass cricket/5 wickets/ standard		1. Cricket – no record of any community use.	No action identified				
W.27	WADHAM COMMUNITY SCHOOL, CREWKERNE	Shared: football, cricket, rugby & small sand based AGP	School	1. School has a range of grass and artificial grass pitches 2. Currently accommodates some community use as an overflow facility for cricket & rugby	1. Clarify/secure community use and secure CUA 2. What role can the school play in meeting growing demand for pitch sports in Crewkerne which Henhayes Recreation Ground cannot accommodate.	1 Priority Projects C & J	S	SSDC, FA, RFU, School	
		Small sand based AGP		1. Usage not known 2. Large old redgra area on top field; no markings	1. Explore potential of site to provide a 3G FTP for Area West.	1	S	SSDC, FA, School	H
		1 x adult football		1. May be scope to secure more use of adult pitch 2. Top playing field used in past by ex-local football team but no community use at present	1. Investigate potential for use by community teams 2. Clarify use of top playing field	1	S	SSDC, FA, School	
		1 x NT cricket wicket; standard		1. Condition requires improvement	1. Secure CUA of cricket pitch and explore potential of developing new facilities with Crewkerne Cricket Club	1	S	SSDC, ECB, School, Cricket Club	

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		1 x adult rugby		1. Used by Crewkerne RFC occasionally for juniors, rugby use limited to autumn term.	1. Secure CUA of rugby pitch	1	S	SSDC, RFU, School	
W.28	WEST & MIDDLE CHINNOCK SPORTS CLUB	Shared: football & cricket		1. Well used village ground for football & cricket					
		1 x adult football, standard		1. One Saturday team but club say pitch could not support a 2 nd adult team	1. Carry out further pitch quality assessment	2	M	SSDC, PC, FA	L
		1 x grass/6 wickets; standard		1. Cricket pitch supports teams from 3 clubs – 4 adults and 5 juniors. Very little spare capacity 2. Club would like mobile nets.	1. Improve quality of the cricket pitch– support for parish councils 2. Support for provision of mobile nets	2	M	SSDC, PC, ECB	L
W.29	WINSHAM RECREATION GROUND (BAKERS FIELD)	Football: 2 x adult pitches, standard	Club	1. Viability of site 2. Spare capacity for more teams at peak times. 3. Better facilities required for training 4. Long term aspiration for improvement of changing facilities	1. Looking to extend clubhouse so it can accommodate functions to generate finance at the site 2. Support for portable floodlights	2	M	SSDC, FA, FF	M
W.30	MISTERTON RECREATION FIELD	Football : 1 x adult, standard; recent MUGA	Parish Council	1. No peak time spare capacity; could accommodate additional teams on Sundays. 2. Friction between PC & the club on lack of SLA	1. Potential to increase usage. 2. No SLA in place – investigate	2	M	FA, club, SASP	
	AREA WEST	3G FTP		1. Need identified for 3G FTP to meet training and matchplay needs for football	3. Sustainable site in Area West which will not affect viability of existing artificial grass pitches	1 Priority Project D	M	FA, FF, SSDC, SASP	

AREA SOUTH

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S.01	ALVINGTON PLAYING FIELDS	Football: 3 x adult pitches	Commercial	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2 pitches used for training and matches by Yeovil Town FC Academy 3rd pitch used by community clubs Area of site used for training suffers from flooding and being on flight path prevents floodlighting. 	No action identified				
S.02	BUCKLERS MEAD ACADEMY	Shared: football, rugby & full size floodlit 3G FTP	Academy	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> School site with range of grass and artificial grass pitches . No community use of football & rugby pitches but school state that they would be happy to mark out pitches as in the past if there is the demand. Is there still a non-turf wicket for cricket? 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Investigate further use of grass pitches and secure CUA Secure additional use Clarify position of cricket pitch 	1 Priority Project J	S	SSDC, Academy, FA, clubs	
		3G FTP		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> At capacity weekday evenings local football club training; spare capacity at w/ends. Full size 3G FTP but not FA accredited so unable to accommodate matchplay. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Support accreditation of 3G FTP for competitive use. 	1 Priority Project E	S	Academy, FA	L
S.05	WEST COKER RECREATION GROUND	Cricket: 1 x grass/7 wickets, standard	Parish Council	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Long standing aspiration to enhance changing facilities. Spare capacity at weekends and weekdays for cricket. Cricket Club keen to develop junior' skills and would like non turf practice 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Support for parish plans to improve changing as part of overall improvements to ancillary facilities. Support for improvements to ancillary facilities (non-turf nets) To consider drainage improvement 	1 Priority Project K.vi	S	SSDC, ECB, Club	M

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				nets.	and be aware of potential flooding issues.				
S.06	YEOVIL RFC (IVEL BARBARIANS RFC)	Rugby: 2 x rugby pitches + training area	Club	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dedicated rugby ground for Yeovil RFC (formerly Ivel Barbarians); full range of adult, colts & mini/midis 2. Ground being well used and played to level it can sustain; very little spare capacity. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Keep need for additional rugby pitches under review 2. Extend floodlighting of pitches if required to increase capacity. 3. Explore potential to purchase site 	2	S	Club, SSDC, Club, RFU	L
S.07	LONG FURLONG LANE RECREATION FIELD (EAST COKER RECREATION GROUND)	Shared : football & cricket	Parish Council	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Upgrading of changing facilities plus clubhouse would enhance viability of site. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support for upgrading of changing facilities or provision of new 2. Consider whether to develop pitch sport capacity here (Parish Council preference), or at the new Keyford Key site. 	1 Priority Project K.v	M	PC, SSDC, FA, FF	M
		Football: 1 x adult pitch (o/m 9v9) & 2 x mini, poor		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Adult pitch is overplayed; some spare capacity for minis 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Improve pitch quality: Pitch Improvement Visit. 2. Explore potential to purchase additional land adjoining recreation ground to accommodate demand for football. 	1	S	PC SSDC, FA,	L
		Cricket: 1 x grass cricket/9 wickets; poor		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Loss of cricket club recently; cricket wicket 'poor' 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Upgrade cricket wicket 	3	L	PC SSDC, ECB,	L

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S.09	ODCOMBE RECREATION GROUND	Football : 1 x adult, standard	Parish Council/FC	1. Spare capacity, but not at peak time.	No action identified				
S.11	PRESTON SPORTS CENTRE, PRESTON SCHOOL YEOVIL	Shared: range of grass pitches	School/Contractor	1. Community use secured via CUA, but no current use 2. School uses Yeovil Recreation Centre AGP weekly for hockey. School would like its own AGP.	1. Increase/realise community use of grass pitches.	2	M	SSDC, contractor, School	
S.13	TURNERS BARN LANE RECREATION GROUND	Football: 1 x adult & 1 x 9v9;	SSDC	1. Facility status – temporarily closed, although 9v9 pitch could be used. 2. Site under threat, through damage from badgers 3. Site is constrained due to a lack of car parking and poor changing facilities.	1. Potential for meeting growth in demand for teams from new housing in Yeovil. 2. Agree way forward for this site, which could accommodate 2 adult pitches. 3. Decide whether to commit investment in this site as a pitch sport venue.	1 Priority Project F	S	SSDC, FA, SE	
S.14	WESTFIELD ACADEMY	Shared: range of grass and artificial grass pitches	Academy	1. Academy priority is to improve changing facilities for school & community use for the 3G FTP, grass pitch and sports hall 2. Academy would like floodlighting permission to be extended from 9.15 to 9.45 (facility close at 9.30) to increase community access.	1. Support Academy in improving changing facilities for community use. 2. Investigate potential to extend floodlighting hours 3. To secure community use agreement	3 2 1 Priority Project J	L M S	SSDC, FA, school	M
		3G FTP		1. 3G FTP is FA accredited for matches but size is not full size. 2. Little spare capacity on weekday	1. Clarify age groups for which FTP is accredited 2. Support development of use at	1 Priority Project E	S	SSDC, FA, school	

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		Grass pitches: 1 x adult football , standard 1 x rugby		<p>evenings for 3G FTP</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Grass adult football appears fully used (Lyde Utd youth teams), no spare capacity although drainage on Lower School field is problematic. No recorded community use for rugby; Usage of cricket strip not known, but poorly positioned 	<p>weekends for matchplay.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Support Academy in improving pitch drainage if this becomes necessary.. 	3	L		
S.15	WESTLANDS LEISURE COMPLEX	Cricket: 1 x grass pitch/12 wickets, good	Commer cial	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Only grass cricket pitch in Yeovil. Ground operating at full capacity. New changing rooms to open in April 2017, funded by SSDC, SE & ECB 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Additional cricket pitch required in Yeovil – site identified at Brimsmore. 	1 Priority Project G	S	SSDC, SE, ECB	M
S.16	YEOVIL COLLEGE SPORTS CENTRE	Football: 1 x junior pitch, not assessed	College	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Poor drainage. College would consider opening this up to the Community if the pitch improved College have expressed desire for AGP. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Support for improvements to drainage 	2	L	FA, college	M
S.17	YEOVIL RECREATION CENTRE	Shared: football & sand based AGP	SSDC	Major outdoor recreation site in Yeovil with ‘good’ quality facilities across the board		1 Priority Project F	S	SSDC, FA, EH	
		Full size sand based AGP/good		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Excellent quality sand based AGP with very little spare capacity in week, catering for Yeovil & Sherborne Hockey Club and local football teams. No spare capacity on Saturdays; well used for hockey. Hockey club would like social clubhouse facilities. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Clubhouse for Yeovil and Sherborne Hockey Club Protect sand based AGP 	1	M		M

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		Football: 3 x adult; 1 x junior; 2 x mini; good		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Spare capacity at peak times for 2 adult teams 2. No demand for 1 junior and 2 mini football pitches ; was used by Lyde Utd but left in 2014 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Addressing spare capacity here – role as overflow facility for Yeovil Sports & Social Club. 2. Monitor situation especially as new housing is developed 	2			
S.18	YEOVIL SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB (JOHNSON PARK)	Football: 3 x adult pitches, 1 x 9v9 junior and 2 x mini, standard	Comm. Org.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Major pitch site - range of pitch sizes and teams from one club – Pen Mill FC. 2. Ground appears at capacity for adult play and older youth. 9v9 pitch has a little spare capacity; more mini teams could be accommodated. 3. Growing rapidly; FA identify as club with potential for development for girls provision, which will put additional pressure on the site. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support for improvements to accommodate girls football 2. Encourage teams to use Yeovil Recreation Centre 3. Improve quality of pitches 	2	S	SSDC, FA, FF, club	M
S.19	YEOVIL TOWN FC	Football: 1 x adult & 1 x junior grass pitch & full size 3G FTP	Commercial	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Quality & Capacity not assessed, no community use. 2. Community use of 3G FTP not known. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Plans for sell off of two pitches, with replacement facilities at land off Thorne Lane, But only if suitable alternative (with guaranteed/secured community use) provision serving the Brympton Parish can be identified. 2. Identify potential to secure community use of the 3G FTP 	2	S	SSDC, FA, clubs, ,	
S.20	YEW TREE PARK	Football: 1 x adult pitch standard	SSDC	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Site, managed by SSDC. 2. 	No action identified			FA, SSDC, clubs	

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S.21	BARWICK RECREATION GROUND	Football: 1 x adult, standard	Parish Council	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. One Saturday football team based here; spare capacity for more teams. 2. Parish Council aspire to replace the existing changing provision with new purpose built facility. 	Support the Parish to develop their plans for new changing provision.	3	L		
	AREA SOUTH	Key site pitch provision		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. To ensure appropriate formal pitch provision is secured on key sites within Yeovil. 	Negotiate appropriate levels of provision with developers and secure via S106 agreements.	1 Priority Project L			
	AREAS WEST AND SOUTH	Sand based Artificial Grass Pitch		Shortage of facilities for training in particular and matchplay in hockey	Support access to existing or provision of new sand based AGP capable of meeting growth in demand for hockey in Areas West and South	1 Priority Project H			

AREA NORTH

Site ref	Site Name	Site –sport; pitches; quality rating	Management	Sport/Issue	Options/Action	Priority	Timescale	Partners to deliver action	Cost Band
N.01	ASH C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL	Football: 1 x mini pitch, good	School	1. Used by local junior FC; no spare capacity	1. Secure CUA for school pitches	1 Priority Project J	S	SSDC, FA	
N.02	ASH RECREATION GROUND	Football	Parish Council	1. Adult football pitch in recent past but apparently no longer used	1. Encourage football activity	2	O	SSDC, PC, FA	
N.03	BARRINGTON CRICKET CLUB	Cricket: 1 x grass cricket/8 wickets, good	Club	1. Spare capacity for cricket teams on Sundays & midweek 2. 'Poor' nets – desirable to upgrade.	1. Support for upgrade of cricket nets	3	L	SSDC, ECB, club	L
N.04	BARRINGTON FC	Football: 1 x adult, good	Club	1. Spare capacity outside of peak time.	No action identified				
N.06	CURRY RIVEL CRICKET CLUB	Cricket: 1 x grass/10 wickets, good	Club	1. Some spare capacity for Sunday play & mid week but not Saturdays 2. Poor changing facilities 3. Improve nets.	1. Support for upgraded changing facilities 2. Support for improved nets	2	M	SSDC, ECB, club	M
N.07	CURRY RIVEL RECREATION GROUND	Football	Parish Council	1. No pitches marked out at present but has had adult and mini in past. Appears unused as formal football pitch at present.	1. Protect as playing field and encourage use for football 2. Explore potential to improve changing provision at the site.	1	O	SSDC, SE, FA, PC	
N.08	FIVEHEAD PLAYING FIELD	Football: 1 x adult, standard	Parish Council	1. Football pitch supports one Saturday team and could accommodate more play. 2. Space for additional mini pitch.	No action identified				

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N.09	HIGH HAM PLAYING FIELD	Football	Parish Council	1. 1 football team but no changing provision.	1. Support for new changing provision.?	1	O	SSDC, SE, FA, PC	
N.10	HUISH & LANGPORT CRICKET CLUB	Cricket: 1 x grass pitch/15 wickets, good	Club	1. Minimal spare capacity but 3 rd XI has to play away at Curry Rivel CC	No action identified				
N.12	HUISH LEISURE LIMITED (Huish Episcopi Academy)	Range of grass & artificial grass pitches	Academy / contract or	1. Agreement to use grass pitches for community use although none recorded at present (1 adult & 1 junior football, 2 rugby and 1 non-turf cricket). 2. The school is looking to improve surrounding grass pitches to then offer to the local community	1. Undertake Pitch Improvement visit. 2. Attract more community activity to grass pitches, possibly to meet overflow from Langport Recreation Ground 3. Secure Community Use Agreement	1 Priority Project J	S	SSDC, School, FA, Sport England	L
		3G FTP, good		1. FA accredited 3G FTP but size restriction to U14 2. New pitch & bookings still developing – still limited spare capacity in week and much at weekends.	1. Encourage greater use as training facility and matchplay venue for youth and mini teams	1 Priority Project E	S	SSDC, School, FA, Sport England	
N.13	ILTON CRICKET CLUB	Cricket: 1 x grass cricket/8 wickets, good	Club	1. Operating to the level the site can sustain. Minimal spare capacity. 2. Club would like mobile net cage.	1. Support for provision of ancillary facilities (mobile net cage)	2	S	SSDC, ECB, club	L
New site under development	ILTON RECREATION GROUND		Parish Council	1. New recreation ground (6ha) adjacent to existing cricket pitch as part of approved application for 47 dwellings.	1. Support master planning for this site during 2017 to ascertain whether new playing pitches for football can be created + ancillary facilities.	1	S	SSDC, FA, FF, PC	H

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N.15	KINGSBURY EPISCOPI RECREATION GROUND	Football: 1 x adult, standard		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Single pitch sport site; spare capacity 2. Room for additional junior pitch on site. 3. New changing rooms being provided as part of community hall (March/April 2017) 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Attract additional football activity 	2	O	SSDC, FA club	
N.18	LONG SUTTON	Cricket: 1 x grass cricket/10 wickets, good	Charitable Comm. Org.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Operating close to capacity with minimal spare capacity. 2. Club would like practise nets and mobile net cage 3. Site has accommodated 9v9 football pitch in past, could accommodate a full size pitch. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support for ground improvements 2. Support for ancillary provision i.e. net cages 	2	M	SSDC, ECB, club	L
N.19	MARTOCK RECREATION GROUND	Shared: football, cricket & rugby	Town Council	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Scope for rationalization and improvement of pitches. 2. Martock – land secured for new changing rooms/community building adjacent to existing recreation ground as part of planning application for 35 dwellings 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support for new changing facilities may provide impetus to increase usage of the ground, which has considerable spare capacity for cricket, rugby although limited spare capacity for football 2. The Parish have expressed a desire to increase the size of the recreation ground to accommodate more football 	1Priority Project K Vii	S	SSDC, ECB, RFU, FA	M
		Football: 1 x adult, 1 x 11v11 junior; 1 x 9v9 junior; 1 x mini, standard		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Adult football pitch is well used and no spare capacity but some spare capacity for juniors (2 pitches) and minis (1 pitch) 	No action identified				

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		Cricket: 1 x NTW, standard		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Cricket is non-turf wicket only, unusual on a large recreation ground Home to Martock CC adult & junior team 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Enhance NTW, perhaps reposition to improve playing experience 	2	M	ECB, club, TC	L
		Rugby: 2 x		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Home to Martock RFC 	Consider quality improvements to drainage on pitches	2	M	RFU, club, TC	L
N.20	MONTACUTE RECREATION GROUND	Football: 1 x adult, 1 x mini, poor	Parish Council	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Used by two youth/mini teams and occasional training No changing facilities – needed if to sustain a club. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> This ground is needed but is restricted by absence of changing facilities. Dialogue required with the Duchy (landowners) 	2	M	SSDC, PC/Duchy	M
N.21	NORTON SUB HAMDON PLAYING FIELDS	Football:1 x adult, good	Parish Council	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Not currently used for football, although discussions have taken place with club playing at Stoke sub Hamdon (for overflow facility) 	No action identified				
N.23	PITNEY PLAYING FIELD	Shared: rugby & cricket:	Trust	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Underused village ground. Has previously hosted football but no use and not recorded as a pitch. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Protect as village playing field and enhance use 	1	O	RFU, SSDC, Trust	
		Rugby		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Back up site for training for Somerton Rugby Club, but only posts marked out. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Could reinstate rugby pitch if demand from Somerton FC 	3	L	RFU, club, Trust	L
		1 x grass cricket/3		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Cricket pitch apparent (3 wickets) but no community use; some spare capacity 	No action identified				
N.24	SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP PLAYING FIELD	Football: 1 x adult, poor	Parish Council	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> No spare capacity for additional teams as poor quality 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Improve quality of ground 	2	M	SSDC, FA, FF, club, PC	L

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N.25	SOMERTON RECREATION GROUND (SPORTS FIELD)	Shared: football, rugby, MUGA	Town Council	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Very busy town recreation ground, with range of facilities. Generally pitches are regarded as very good 2. Changing facilities recently replaced with modular units. There is an aspiration to develop additional traditionally constructed changing provision in the future. 3. ‘Poor’ quality MUGA 4. All being discussed as part of site redevelopment. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Preferred option is to retain recreation ground at this central site 2. Provision of large changing rooms suitable for males and females 3. Support for improvement to MUGA to remove training pressure off grass pitches but need to be aware of revenue implications for Huish FTP if teams transfer back to MUGA. 4. Insufficient demand for full size AGP 	1 Priority Policy K.i	S	SSDC, TC, FA, FF, ECB, RFU	H
		Football: 4 x adult, 1 x mini, standard		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pitches being played to the level the site can sustain, little spare capacity 2. 1 senior football pitch secured on land adjacent to Gassons Lane as part of planning application 150 dwellings 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Site redevelopment – integrate adjacent new football pitch off Gassons Lane 	2	M	SSDC, TC, FA, FF	
		Rugby: 1 x adult		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rugby pitch has limited spare capacity for more teams (currently running 1 adult & 2 girls n junior). Club aspires to increase no. of teams and rugby pitch provision at the ground. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support Somerton RFC’s aspirations to develop as a club and ensure appropriate facilities available to support. 				
		Cricket		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Only faint trace of cricket square now 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Consider reinstatement of cricket pitch if demand increases 	3	L		
N.26	STANCHESTER ACADEMY, Stoke sub	Shared: grass football & rugby pitches	Academy	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Large flat site with range of football pitches & possibly rugby for part of year 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Clarify/confirm community use and investigate potential to accommodate overflow from Stoke sub Hamdon 	1	S	SSDC, School	

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	Hamdon			2. No apparent community use	recreation ground				
N.27	STOKE SUB HAMDON RECREATION GROUND	Football (cricket now disused). 2 x adult, standard	Trust	1. Limited peak time spare capacity 2. Club wish to train at their home ground but cannot accommodate this on dark evenings. 3. No longer a cricket ground; no cut square	1. Support for floodlit grass training facility	2	M	SSDC, FA, FF, PC	L
N.28	TINTINHULL SPORTS GROUND	Football: 2 x adult, standard	Parish Council	1. Spare capacity at peak times 2. Current training floodlights have been condemned.	1. Support for new floodlights for training	2	M	SSDC, FA, FF, PC	L
N.30	CHILTHORNE DOMER RECREATION GROUND	Football: 1 x adult, standard	Trust	1. Possibly spare capacity for little more use 2. Pavilion and car parking undergoing various improvements and upgrades to increase use.	No action identified				
N.31	LANGPORT RECREATION GROUND (HUISH & LANGPORT RE.GROUND)	Football: 1 x adult, standard	Comm. Org.	1. No peak time spare capacity, but some spare capacity for youth teams on Saturday mornings and Sundays 2. 'Poor' rated changing facilities restricting use of site	1. Support for upgrading of changing facilities. Feasibility currently underway .	1 Priority Project K.iii	M	FF, SSDC, FA	M
N.32	LIGHTGATE RECREATION GROUND (SOUTH PETHERTON PF)	Shared: football & cricket	Comm. Org.	1. Pleasant well used village recreation ground with range of facilities	1. Attract more activity to the site 2. Support for master plan for the recreation ground to plan for future cricket and football needs for the site.	1	O	SSDC, ECB, FA	
		Football: 1 x adult, standard		1. Spare capacity but not at peak times. 2. Room for junior pitch					

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		Cricket: 1 x grass/8 wickets, good		1. Spare capacity for cricket Sundays & midweek	1. New practice nets required to replace existing.				
N.33	SEAVINGTON PLAYING FIELD	Football: 1 x adult pitch, standard	Comm. Org.	1. Underused village playing field. No recorded use of football pitch 2. Cricket square no longer apparent.	1. Protect as playing field and encourage use	1	O	SSDC, FA	
N.34	COMPTON DUNDON CRICKET CLUB	Cricket: 1 x cricket pitch/6 wickets, standard	Sports Club	1. Spare capacity at weekends and in week 2. Pitch is on the moor and is peat based; suffers from cracks & subsidence.	1. Attract more cricket activity to the site 2. Address quality issues	3	L	SSDC, ECB, club	L

AREA EAST

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E.01	ANSFORD ACADEMY TRUST, CASTLE CARY	Shared: range of grass pitches	Academy	1. 1x adult football, 1x cricket, 1x rugby pitches have occasionally been used by the community in the past.	1. Investigate for further community use 2. Confirm secure CUA.	2	O	NGBs, SSDC,	
E.02	ASH WALK RECREATION GROUND, HENSTRIDGE	Shared: football & cricket	Parish Council	1. Village recreation ground with range of underused pitch facilities. 2. Unused ground for football, although adult & jnr 9v9 pitches in place.	1. Attract more activity to the site	1	O	SSDC, SE, ECB, FA, PC	
		Cricket 1 x grass/3 wickets, standard		1. Underused for cricket – just a few friendly matches on Sundays	Support for cricket club	2		ECB, PC, SSSDC	
E.03	BABCARY CRICKET CLUB	Cricket	Parish Council	1. Village recreation field with changing facilities and tennis court. 2. No cricket activity recorded. Check if cricket pitch still here or any evidence.	1. Maintain/protect as village recreation ground	1	O	SSDC, PC	
E.04	BARTON ST. DAVID	Shared: football & cricket	Comm. Org.	1. Pleasant village recreation ground, shared football and cricket. Unused facilities.	1. Maintain/protect as playing field	1	O	PC, SSDC, ECB, FA	
		Football: 1 x adult, standard		1. Adult football pitch last used by team in 2014.					
		Cricket: 1 x grass/1 wicket, poor		1. Cricket team disbanded in 2013, only very occasional use since then. 'Poor' rated cricket wicket.					

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E.05	BRUTON SCHOOL FOR GIRLS	Full size floodlit sand based AGP	Private School	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Home for Bruton Junior Hockey Club. Limited spare capacity for training and weekend play, depending on school use. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Protect as site for hockey Support increased use for hockey, particularly by adult teams 	2		SSDC, EH, school	
E.12	HENSTRIDGE SPORTS AND LEISURE	Football: 1 x adult, good	Private	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Currently home to just one team; owner keen to develop more use and improve changing. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Support for improved changing facilities 	3	M	SSDC, FA, FF, owner	M
E.13	HORSINGTON RECREATION GROUND (VERNALLS FIELD)	Football: 1 x adult, 1 x 9v9 junior; standard + 2 x mini, good	Parish Council	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Large rural site . Underused ground – with considerable spare capacity at peak time and throughout week. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Attract more activity to the ground 	1	O	SSDC, PC, FA	
E.14	ILCHESTER SPORTS FIELD	Shared ground: football & cricket	Trust	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Good signage on this site against dog fouling 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Replicate approach on other public playing field sites 	1	O	FA, SSDC	L
		Football: 2 x adult, 1 x 9v9 junior and 2 x mini, standard		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Adult pitch no spare capacity; some spare capacity for juniors and minis at peak time. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Trust looking to improve storage facilities within the pavilion 	3	L	Trust	
		Cricket: 1 x NTW, standard		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Loss of cricket team – Ilchester CC have disbanded. NTW not used. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Protect as cricket site and maintain non-turf wicket . 	1	S	SSDC, ECB	
E.06	DONALD PITHER MEMORIAL GROUND (CASTLE	Shared: football & cricket	Town Council	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Main public sports ground in Castle Cary Early stage of developing pavilion 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Support for new changing facilities as joint facility for football and cricket 	1	S	SSDC, ECB, FA, FF	M

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	CARY CC)			jointly between football and cricket club and council - unsure of costs at present.					
		Football: 1 x adult, standard		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A little spare capacity for adult & youth teams but not at peak time. 2. Ground restrictions would render club ineligible for promotion in future (gradient, crossfall and evenness are issues) 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Keep under review for ground improvements and increased demand from projected housing growth if and when required 	1	O	SSDC, FA, FF	
		Cricket: 1 x grass/8 wickets, standard		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Spare capacity Sundays & midweek but not at peak time 2. Artificial nets have recently been refurbished to help in re-establishing links with schools. 	No action identified				
E.07	CASTLE STREET PLAYING FIELD (KEINTON MANDEVILLE PLAYING FIELD)	Football: 1 x adult, standard	Parish Council	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Spare capacity for teams outside of peak time. 2. Possibly room for mini pitch alongside. 3. Field to rear of site has planning permission for change of use to recreation 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Develop sporting use for adjacent field. 	2	M	SSDC, PC, SASP	
E.08	CHARLTONS MEMORIAL PLAYING FIELD	Football: 2 x adult, standard	Parish Council	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Considerable spare capacity at peak time and throughout week for adults & juniors. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Attract more activity to the site 	1	O	SSDC, FA, PC	
E.09	CHILTON CANTELO SCHOOL	Recently purchased by the Park School,	School	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pitches may become available for community use in the future. 	Investigate potential for community access to playing pitch facilities.	2	M	SSDC	

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		Yeovil							
E.11	HAZLEGROVE SCHOOL	Shared: range of grass and artificial grass pitches	Private School	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Independent school with extensive playing fields 2. 2 sand filled AGPs (1 full size, one smaller) but no record of community use 	No action identified				
E.15	JUBILEE PARK, BRUTON	Football: 1 x adult, 1 x 9v9 junior and 2 x mini, standard	Trust, leased to Town Council	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Changing facilities appear inadequate and ‘poor’ quality and are inhibiting development of club. 2. Peak time spare capacity for 1 adult team & spare capacity for mini teams, but junior pitch at capacity.. 3. Cricket ground with non-turf strip in past but no evidence now 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Town council to conclude master planning for improvement of pitches and facilities at the site. 2. Support for upgrading of changing facilities to improve facilities for adult and youth teams 	1 Priority Policy K.iv	S	SSDC, FA, FF, TC/Trust	M
E.16	KING ARTHURS COMMUNITY SCHOOL & SPORTS COLLEGE	Shared: range of football and rugby pitches’	School	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rugby pitch used by Wincanton RFC - 1st XV); at capacity. 2. Apparently some evidence of use by local football teams at weekends. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Confirm/clarify community use and secure CUA 	1 Priority Policy J	S	SSDC, FA, RFU, clubs,	
E.18	KINGS SCHOOL BRUTON	2 full size sand based AGSPs (one floodlit) + extensive grass playing fields	Private School	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. No community use recorded 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Could help address future hockey AGP shortfall – investigate opportunities for community use. 	1	S	SSDC, EH, School	

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E.20	MAGGS LANE PLAYING FIELD	Football: 1 x junior 9v9, poor	Owned by SSDC managed by Castle Cary FC	1. No changing – which would be needed if more permanent use made of site. (used as overflow for Castle Cary AFC)	1. Support for long term plans to extend Caryford Community Hall which could provide changing facilities -	3	L	SSDC, TC, FA, FF	M
E.21	MILBORNE PORT MEMORIAL GROUND	Football: 2 x adult, standard	Comm. Org.	1. Limited spare capacity for 1 team at peak time 2. Pitches and facilities do not meet grading criteria of Dorset Senior Football League. A separate and new pitch will enable the club to fulfil these requirements and a project is being developed with SSDC CHL. 3. Rugby pitch no longer used or marked out so space for additional football pitch(es)	1. Additional football pitch supported in place of disused rugby pitch. 2. Explore potential to purchase additional land for pitches/parking to meet longer term community needs. 3. Support for upgrading of ground to meet DSFL requirements. 4. Include review of changing within upgrading of site.	1 3 1	S L M	SSDC, club, FA, FF	M
		Cricket: 1 x grass/5 wickets, standard		1. Cricket ground supporting 1 Sunday friendly team. Plenty of spare capacity for additional weekend and midweek play	1. Attract more cricket activity to site	2	O	SSDC, ECB, SE	
E.22	QUEEN CAMEL PLAYING FIELD	Shared: cricket & football	Parish Council	1. Village recreation ground, Cricket Club (1 adult; 3 junior teams) is expanding its junior teams	1. Attract more football activity to site	2	O	SSDC, FA, SE	
		Football: 2 x adult, standard		1. Considerable spare capacity for additional junior and senior teams.					

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		Cricket: 1 x grass/6 wickets, standard		1. Figures suggest site could be operating close to capacity (6 strips), but potentially able to accommodate some additional play.	1. Attract more cricket activity to site	2	O	SSDC, ECB, SE	
E.23	RNAS YEOVILTON SPORTS FIELD	AGPs		1. Full size sand filled pitch could be used by the community if not required by the Base, but is not floodlit. 2. New full size 3g floodlit pitch, currently marked for rugby. Again, could be used IF not required, but is 'under the wire' which creates a security issue and therefore to all intents and purposes, unavailable for community use.	1. No action identified; suggest remove pitches from database.				
E.24	SEXEY'S SCHOOL BRUTON	Shared: rugby, football & cricket		1. High quality school facilities for rugby, football and cricket; beautiful ground and cricket pavilion at Elm Field 2. Football pitches have been used briefly in the past by community teams	1. Confirm/clarify/support community use	2	M	SSDC, SE, School	
E.25	SPARKFORD CRICKET CLUB	Cricket: 1 x grass/10 wickets, standard	Club	1. Site probably operating at level it can sustain/being overplayed. 2. Club would like indoor net facilities and non-turf practice facilities at ground. 3. There are plans to improve changing and pavilion facilities at the site which are currently inadequate.	1. 'Good ground' – support upgrading or replacement of changing facilities and provision of non-turf practice facilities	1	S	SSDC, ECB, PC	M

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E.26	TEMPLE COMBE RECREATION GROUND	Football: 2 x adult, standard	Parish Council	1. 1 team only so spare capacity for additional adult and junior play.	1. Attract more activity to the ground	2	M	SSDC, FA, PC	
E.27	RICKHAYES RECREATION GROUND, WINCANTON	Cricket: 1 x grass/7 wickets, standard	Club	1. Club ceased playing here in July 2016 but hope to run teams again next year.	1. Keep a watching brief on cricket use	2	M	SSDC; ECB	
E.28	WINCANTON SPORTS GROUND	Shared: rugby, football & MUGA	Comm. Org.	1. Large site with range of pitch sizes – 5 grass (adult, junior & mini), training pitch, small floodlit 3G FTP in use 2. Several pitches not used and some areas in poor condition. Bowling green has gone.	1. Important site for rethinking as to how to improve facilities and maintain usage. Support Trust to review governance arrangements in order to improve site viability. 2. Site needs some investment to improve facilities and general ground conditions	1 Priority Policy I	S	TC, Trust, FA, FF, SSDC	M
		Football, good		1. Some spare capacity for adult and mini teams, and for juniors (but not at peak time for latter) 2. Think unlikely that 3 disused pitches will ever have demand	1. Future use of 3 disused pitches to be discussed further.				
		Rugby (removed)		1. Rugby no longer played here – Wincanton RFC now play at King Arthur’s Community School	1. Review feasibility of returning rugby to this site to improve its viability	1	S	RFU, club	
		MUGA floodlit		1. Football Club would like enlarged 3G training area	1. Insufficient demand to support provision of full size 3G FTP at this site	3	M	SSDC, Trust, FA, FF	

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E.29	KINGSDON CRICKET CLUB	Cricket: 1 x grass/ 7 wickets, good	Parish Council	1. Considerable spare capacity at weekends and weekdays	1. Attract more cricket activity to the site	2	O	SSDC, ECB, club, PC	
E.30	MUDFORD RECREATION GROUND	Football	Parish Council	1. Disused football ground; issues with overhead power lines	1. Protect as playing field	1	O	SSDC, FA, FF	
E.31	CASTLE CARY RFC	Rugby	Club	1. Site is appears to be operating close to capacity for rugby. 2. Club runs full range of youth and midi/mini teams and 1 adult team. 3. Has recently installed high quality floodlights on its main pitch. 4. 3 rd pitch is on farmer’s field and may not be sustaining much play	No action identified				
	Area East	3G FTP		Some football clubs would like additional AGP provision in Area East.	Revisit the viability of additional 3G FTP provision in Area East at a sustainable site during the life of the strategy. Upon completion of the strategy there insufficient evidence to support a new strategy.	3	L	FA SSDC	H
	Sparkford	New pitches		Parish Council would like to acquire additional land to secure greater pitch provision for football in the future	1. Eplore options to secure additional land for future growth of the settlement	3	L	PC	

SECTION 8B: ACTION PLANS BY THEMES

- ST1 PROTECTING EXISTING PLAYING FIELD SITES AND ENSURING PLAYING FIELD LAND IS USED EFFECTIVELY AND SUSTAINABLY
- ST2 ENSURING THAT ENHANCED AND NEW FACILITIES ARE PROVIDED TO MEET EXISTING DEMAND AND PROJECTED DEMAND FROM INCREASES IN POPULATION AND PARTICIPATION – dealt with under Site Specific Action Plans
- ST3 PROVIDING A RANGE OF APPROPRIATE FACILITIES FOR BOTH COMPETITION AND TRAINING WHICH ENABLE PITCH SPORT PARTICIPANTS TO IMPROVE AND PROGRESS
- ST4 ENSURING THAT EXISTING FACILITIES ARE FIT FOR PURPOSE AND OF HIGH QUALITY IN ORDER TO RETAIN EXISTING LEVELS OF PARTICIPATION, IMPROVE THE PLAYING EXPERIENCE AND ENCOURAGE GROWTH IN PARTICIPATION.
- ST5 IMPROVING ACCESS AND ACCESSIBILITY TO PITCH SPORT SITES, IN ORDER TO ENCOURAGE GREATER PARTICIPATION BY ALL SECTORS OF THE COMMUNITY
- ST6 WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP TO ENABLE EFFECTIVE AND GREATER USE OF EXISTING PLAYING FIELD SITES AND THE SHARING OF SKILLS, EXPERTISE, RESOURCES AND FACILITIES

General Theme	Ref No.	Issue	Options/Action	Partners to deliver action
ST1	1	Protection and Effective, Sustainable Use	Ensure all development proposals comply with the requirements of the relevant policy on protection of playing fields in the South Somerset Local Plan	SSDC
ST1	2	Protection and Effective, Sustainable Use	Ensure that all existing and any new sites identified are able to accommodate intensification of use e.g.. provision and/or upgrading to artificial grass surfaces, car parking and requisite changing and pavilion facilities	SSDC, SE, NGBs

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ST1	3	Protection and Effective, Sustainable Use	Wherever possible, consider opportunities for appropriate and good quality floodlighting, that may increase the capacity of existing sites and new sites. Proposals should fully comply with relevant policies within South Somerset Local Plan	SSDC, NGBs
ST1	4	Protection and Effective, Sustainable Use	Any new winter pitch site should include at least one pitch and a training pitch (preferably two pitches to allow for development) and match with RFU and FA model venues as set out in the national strategy. Targets should be set for the development of participation in football and rugby following new provision.	NGBs, SE, SSDC
ST1	5	Protection and Effective, Sustainable Use	When planning new facilities, the existing sporting infrastructure should be taken into account. For example: existing club bases should be retained and wherever possible floodlit artificial grass pitches should be located near to grass playing pitches	SSDC, SE, NGBs
ST1	6	Protection and Effective, Sustainable Use	Review the alignment of pitches at key sites to ensure that optimum use is being made of space available, including remarking of pitches to meet with FA guidelines ensuring that juniors play on suitable pitches and marking out more pitches to ensure improved rotation for rest and recovery	SSDC, NGBs, clubs,
ST1	7	Protection and Effective, Sustainable Use	All new facilities to be subject to full community use and appropriate business, management and usage plans, to include provision for maintenance and a robust sinking fund for future refurbishment and/or replacement.	Clubs, NGBs, SSDC, Schools, SE
ST3	8	Appropriate facilities for training and competition	Provide appropriately sized, strategically placed and well maintained 3G FTP pitches to improve opportunities for training (as a priority) and matchplay. Matches for mini soccer and 9v9 games should be particularly encouraged.	Clubs, FA, SSDC, Schools, SE
ST3	9	Appropriate facilities for training and competition	Ensure 3G FTPs meet the Performance Test and are listed on the FA register of approved sites for match play (particular Bucklers Mead Academy 3G FTP)	Clubs, FA
ST3	10	Appropriate facilities for training and competition	Protect AGP provision for hockey and keep need for additional sand based AGPs for hockey under review, in accordance with this strategy,	Clubs, SSDC, EH
ST3	11	Appropriate facilities for training and competition	Improve artificial cricket wickets where identified to increase capacity and maintain play	Clubs, ECB, SE, SSDC
ST3	12	Appropriate facilities for training and competition	Support cricket clubs in the development of good quality training nets at grounds to enhance sustainability & improve overall performance.	Clubs, ECB, SE, SSDC,
ST3	13	Appropriate facilities for training and competition	Promote provision of indoor training for cricket at sports halls in South Somerset	SSDC, ECB
ST4	14	Appropriate, high quality	At sites which also function as open space, direct casual use to other areas of the site to help reduce	SSDC,

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		facilities	wear and tear (e.g. removing / repositioning goal posts, protecting the cricket square).	
ST4	15	Appropriate, high quality facilities	Addressing issue of dog fouling by a targeted marketing campaign, enforcement officers and animal wardens patrolling sites to issue fixed penalty notices to offenders. Provide improved signage and bins and delineated 'dog walking' areas.	SSDC,
ST4	16	Appropriate, high quality facilities	Ensure an appropriate amount of age specific size pitches are provided to meet the needs of youth football – this needs to be flexible for the expected change in team numbers season to season.	FA, clubs, SSDC, SE
ST4	17	Appropriate, high quality facilities	Support the provision of dedicated storage facilities and appropriate facilities for supporters and parents where identified	NGBs, clubs, SSDC
ST4	18	Appropriate, high quality facilities	Ensure the facilities through the S106 agreement/CIL meet the relevant and quality standards guidance provided by Sport England and/or the relevant NGB, fully comply with the provisions of the Disability Discrimination Act and are made available for community use at an affordable level.	SSDC, NGBs, SE
ST4	19	Appropriate, high quality facilities	Ensure pitches at priority sites are well maintained to ensure capacity levels are maintained and increased.	NGBs, clubs, SE
ST4	20	Appropriate, high quality facilities	Address identified drainage issues at existing pitches focusing firstly on sites where improvements will have maximum impact and where cancellations occur due to drainage issues.	Working Party to progress
ST4	21	Appropriate, high quality facilities	Adopt a minimum standard of toilets and wash facilities at sites for junior and mini football.	FA, clubs
ST4	22	Appropriate, high quality facilities	Ensure associated ancillary facilities at priority sites are enhanced to improve the user experience	NGBs, clubs, SSDC
ST4	23	Appropriate, high quality facilities	Support clubs with management responsibilities to improve the pitches under their control by, for example, engaging with the IOG Regional Pitch Advisor Programme.	Clubs, FA
ST4	24	Appropriate, high quality facilities	Enhancement/provision of facilities at football pitch sites which will meet requirements for progression to higher leagues within the FA pyramid	Clubs, FA, SE, SSDC
ST5	25	Improving access and accessibility	Pricing policies should be affordable for grassroots clubs. For example, match rates at weekends for 3G FTPs should be equivalent to LA natural turf pitch prices to encourage full take up of 3G FTPs at weekend.	SSDC, FA, facility operators
ST5	26	Improving access and accessibility	Upgrade/Provide changing accommodation to better meet the needs of women and girls, juniors players and people with disabilities	NGBs, clubs, SE, SSDC
ST5	27	Improving access and accessibility	Support improvements and developments which enhance opportunities for participation by people with disabilities, young people and women	SSDC, clubs, NGBs, SE

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ST5	28	Improving access and accessibility	Ensure all changing facilities are DDA compliant and there are disability car parking spaces	SSDC, clubs, NGBs, SE
ST5	29	Improving access and accessibility	Ensure all playing field sites linked and served by cycleways, with adequate, safe and secure bike storage options	SSDC, schools
ST5	30	Improving access and accessibility	Encourage car sharing. Review car parking charges at local authority operated sites. Ensure sufficient car and coach parking	SSDC
ST5	31	Improving access and accessibility	Ensure all main playing field sites are easily accessible by public transport and/or establish how sites can be accessed by public transport	SSDC
ST5	32	Improving access and accessibility	Address the issue of pricing of schools' use, to see if any more concessionary rates can be applied	SSDC, pitch operators, schools, SASP
ST5	33	Improving access and accessibility	Secure community use agreements at all primary and secondary school sites using model templates provided by Sport England, in discussion with school business managers, Heads of PE. The challenges in achieving this are recognised; however guidance provided by Sport England will help to maximise opportunities	SSDC, schools, SE, SASP
ST5	34	Improving access and accessibility	Explore further possible access to primary school pitches and AGPs which do not currently have community use and/or opportunities for developing use to increase participation and alleviate any lack of spare capacity.	SSDC, schools, SE, NGBs, SASP
ST5	35	Improving access and accessibility	Support improvements at school sites to increase community access and make more use of school playing pitches (e.g. improve pitches; enhance/provide changing)	SSDC, schools, SE, NGBs,
ST5	36	Improving access and accessibility	Further develop school club links and the establishment of a relationship between schools and pitch sport clubs. Facilities at school sites can then be used as the club expands. Note improvements to the quality of facilities are likely to also be required	Clubs, NGBs, schools, SASP
ST6	37	Working in partnership	Active Design: Develop pitch sports facilities in association with health agencies/agendas to create environments which provide opportunities for sport and fitness activities to take place easily within people's daily lives.	SSDC, health agencies, NGBs, SE
ST6	38	Working in partnership	Encourage football leagues to introduce alternative and staggered kick-off times, to make use of off-peak periods and increase usage PRIORITY PROJECT M	FA, football leagues
ST6	39	Working in partnership	Ensure that this strategy is monitored and reviewed on a regular basis. Review meeting to be held three	Working Group

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			months after adoption and then at six monthly intervals.	

SECTION 9 DELIVERING THE STRATEGY AND KEEP IT UP TO DATE

Delivery

- 9.1 The principles and findings of the Playing Pitch Strategy can be applied to support a variety of different outcomes, including;
- Sports development planning
 - Informing planning policy and planning applications
 - Supporting funding bids
 - Facilitating decision making relating to facility and asset management
 - Informing capital programmes and related investment
 - Informing the role of playing pitch provision and participation in pitch sports on public health and contributing towards the achievement of wider aims and objectives.
- 9.2 The Strategy will be delivered after its adoption following a period of public consultation (tbc)

Monitoring

- 9.2 The evolving context of participation in sport and active recreation means that monitoring and review of the strategy is as important as the initial preparation of the document to ensure it remains sufficiently robust to fulfil the above roles.
- 9.3 Reflecting the importance of this phase of work, monitoring of the strategy represents Step 10 of the approach to the production of a playing pitch strategy set out in the guidance for the delivery of a playing pitch Strategy (Sport England 2013).
- 9.4 The ongoing monitoring of the strategy will be led by South Somerset District Council and it is anticipated that it will constitute;
- establishment of a working group that meets annually to review progress by all key partners on the strategy delivery and to discuss any issues arising; and
 - support for the creation of sport specific forums to discuss issues arising and to lead the delivery of the strategy in conjunction with key partners;
 - a full annual steering group meeting, or individual annual meetings with National Governing Bodies of Sport to inform and discuss the annual progress summary and agree next steps.
- 9.5 The Working Group will therefore be committed to keeping the strategy alive through:
- Monitoring the delivery of the recommendations and actions and identifying any changes that are required to the priority afforded to each action
 - Recording changes to the pitch stock in the area and evaluating the impact of this on the supply and demand information

- Assessing the impact of changes to participation, including changing trends and the development of new formats of the game as well as affiliation data for each of the National Governing Bodies of Sport
 - Assessing the impact of demographic changes and new population estimates / housing growth
 - Ongoing consultation to understand the evolving needs of clubs and governing bodies, and any requirements for major facilities in the area
 - Analysis of funding sources and new funding opportunities for the provision/improvement of sports facilities
 - Reviewing growth of emerging sports, their participation rates, facilities available for them and likely facilities necessary for their support and development.
- 9.6 The Working Group should initially (within three months) meet to agree which of the actions should be taken forward in the short term (1-2 years); medium term (3-5 years) and longer term (5-10 years), and also agree who the main partners should be in taking the relevant actions forward. It is recommended that the Group should meet annually thereafter to review progress by all key partners on the strategy delivery and to discuss any issues arising.

Funding

- 9.7 The expectation is that some of the potential initiatives identified in this strategy and action plan will be funded wholly or partly by ‘developer contributions’ in the form of Section 106 agreements and/or the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL). Projects involving education sites might also be funded through separate national capital funds. Other potential funding sources are identified briefly below.
- 9.8 Sport England and National Governing Bodies (NGBs) capital funds. These can make a major contribution to key local capital projects. Resulting from changing national Government and Sport England priorities, the objectives of these funding schemes are changing. The identification of projects through the playing pitch strategy process (in collaboration with Sport England and the NGBs) should help increase prospects for the funding of some key projects.
- 9.9 Somerset Active Sports Partnership, Sport England and various NGB county and regional offices can advise on specific funding opportunities available specifically for pitch sports locally.
- 9.10 The National Lottery has a website allowing potential applicants to search for sources of external funding based on the nature of the project. <http://www.lotterygoodcauses.org.uk/funding-finder>
- 9.11 There may also be an opportunity to exploit other funding sources depending on a given project’s nature and size. The most important of these are listed below. Some of these will be more sport-related than others, but they are all listed to reflect the links between sport and improvements in health and general life quality.
- **Aviva Community Fund Competition** – open for wide variety of projects
<http://www.aviva.co.uk/static/library/pdfs/communityfund/submission-guide-2016.pdf>

- **Lloyds Bank Foundation for England and Wales:** Invest Programme – this funding is intended for longer-term core or direct delivery funding for charities supporting people experiencing multiple disadvantage at a critical point in their lives
<http://www.lloydsbankfoundation.org.uk/our-programmes/invest/>
- **People’s Postcode Trust** – Small Grants Programme – includes supporting groups helping to prevent poverty; healthy living initiatives; and upholding human rights for some of society's most vulnerable groups
<http://www.postcodetrust.org.uk/applying-for-a-grant>
- **Sport England Small Grants** - £300 to £10,000 focussed on increasing participation, and especially within younger age groups or those with disabilities.
<http://www.sportengland.org/funding/our-different-funds/small-grants/>
- **South Somerset District Council - Other Sports Grants Scheme** – tbc