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GLOSSARY

3G	Third Generation (artificial turf)
AP	Active Partnership
AGP	Artificial Grass Pitch
ASC	All Stars Cricket
BARLA	British Amateur Rugby League Association
BC	Bowls Club
CAT	Community Asset Transfer
CASC	Community Amateur Sports Club
CC	Cricket Club
CFA	County Football Association
ECB	England and Wales Cricket Board
EH	England Hockey
FA	Football Association
FC	Football Club
FF	Football Foundation
FIFA	Fédération Internationale de Football Association
FIT	Fields in Trust
GIS	Geographical Information Systems
GMA	Grounds Management Association
HC	Hockey Club
KKP	Knight, Kavanagh and Page
LMS	Last Man Stands
LPR	Local Plan Review
LTA	Lawn Tennis Association
MUGA	Multi use games area
NGB	National Governing Body
NHS	National Health Service
NPPF	National Planning Policy Framework
PC	Parish Council
PGA	Professional Golfers Association
PPS	Playing Pitch Strategy
PQS	Performance Quality Standard
RFL	Rugby Football League
RFU	Rugby Football Union
RUFC	Rugby Union Football Club
S106	Section 106
SCCB	Shropshire Cricket Board
SE	Sport England
SFA	Shropshire FA
TBTT	Transforming British Tennis Together
TGR	Team Generation Rate
TC	Tennis Club
WR	World Rugby
U	Under

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PART 1: INTRODUCTION

This update report sets out the changes in the demand for and supply of playing pitches in Shropshire between 2020 and 2023. The baseline data is taken from the Shropshire Playing Pitch & Outdoor Sports Strategy (PPOSS) 2020.

The document includes updates to the overall supply and demand analyses for each of the sports, which were included in the original Assessment Report. It also renews relevant sections from the Strategy & Action Plan document including recommendations, housing scenarios and site by site action plan.

Information has been provided by the Council and the relevant National Governing Bodies (NGBs) for each sport regarding alterations in supply, quality (including ancillary provision) and affiliation data since the 2020 study.

Conducting annual reviews will help to keep the PPOSS live and up to date. This includes an update of the supply and demand data which is within this document (known as the Stage E process within the PPS guidance). There will come a point where the Steering Group will conclude that there have been significant changes to a sport or Study Area/Sub Area that require a full refresh of the Playing Pitch Strategy, or when the core data has aged beyond five years since its original capture. The Steering Group should scope the extent of the work (Stage A of the PPS Guidance). The refresh will involve following all stages and steps of Sport England's Playing Pitch Strategy Guidance.

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PART 2: FOOTBALL

2.1: Introduction

The organisation primarily responsible for the development of football in Shropshire is Shropshire FA (SFA). It is also responsible for the administration, in terms of discipline, rules and regulations, cup competitions and representative matches, development of clubs and facilities, volunteers, referees, coaching courses and delivering national football schemes.

Consultation

In order to update the data in this section of the report, consultation has been carried out with Shropshire FA, the Football Foundation and the Council, as well as the provision of updated affiliation data (2022/23) and PitchPower quality assessment reports.

2.2: Supply

As seen in the table below, there has been an increase in community available provision on an authority wide level, with an overall growth in provision specifically in the Central, North East and the South East analysis areas.

Based on information provided for this report it is understood that the number of pitches unavailable for community use has remained the same (40 pitches) since the original PPOSS. All unavailable pitches are either located at education, MOD/HMP sites or Shrewsbury Town FC Sundorne Castle Training Ground.

Table 2.1: Summary of grass football pitches available to the community

Analysis area	Adult	Youth 11v11	Youth 9v9	Mini 7v7	Mini 5v5	Totals	% change
2020	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Central	34	17	15	14	11	91	-
North East	12	7	7	6	4	36	-
North West	15	5	5	4	2	31	-
South	3	1	1	5	-	10	-
South East	29	7	10	7	7	60	-
South West	9	1	2	2	1	15	-
Total	102	38	40	38	25	243	-
2023	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Central	34	18	16	14	13	95	+4%
North East	12	7	8	5	5	37	+3%
North West	15	5	5	4	2	31	
South	3	1	2	4	-	10	
South East	31	7	10	8	9	65	+8%
South West	9	1	2	2	1	15	
Total	104	39	43	37	30	253	+4%
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
% change	+2%	+3%	+8%	-3%	+20%	+4%	-

Notable changes in provision have come at Yockings Park where two new adult pitches have been established. It should be noted that these are additional pitches on an existing site rather than a new playing field.

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Informal pitches

There are some sites identified that do not have formal football pitches marked out but could have the capacity to provide pitches if required. Many of these contain a solitary goalpost or goalposts of an unofficial size and are often not marked out or maintained for football use and are as follows:

- ◀ Brompton Playing Field: Berrington PC (Shrewsbury)
- ◀ Clockmills (Albrighton)
- ◀ Clun Memorial Hall and Playing Fields (Bishop's Castle)
- ◀ Daffodil Lane Recreation Ground (Bishops' Castle)
- ◀ Ditton Priors Parish Football Pitch (Bridgnorth)
- ◀ Doctors Meadow (Oswestry)
- ◀ Kinnerley Football Pitch (Oswestry)
- ◀ Linney Park (Ludlow)
- ◀ Wheeler Road (Ludlow)
- ◀ Norton Play Area (Bridgnorth)
- ◀ Porthywaen Playing Fields (Oswestry)
- ◀ Rushbury Village Hall (Church Stretton)
- ◀ Tedsmore Road Football Pitch (West Felton)
- ◀ The Leasowes Ford (Shrewsbury)

These sites are used/maintained as public open spaces for recreational use and function in some capacity as a playing field.

Future provision

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

The site is due to be reinstated as a sports facility for the area, with a grass cricket square and football pitches being a part of this development. At present, the SCB, ECB, SFA and FF are in conversation with the Council regarding the facility mix and ancillary provision development onsite. The area of land to be reinstated is a disused sports field that previously accommodated two adult football pitches and a five wicket grass cricket square, in addition to a poor quality clubhouse.

It should be noted that at present, there are some issues around the funding secured for the facilities onsite. A new clubhouse development is planned, whilst reinstating both the cricket and football facilities onsite require significant investment. Evidence indicates that the finances were secured outside of the S106 mechanism and as a result were not linked to inflation meaning there is not sufficient monies to deliver the project.

The FF reports that two new adult pitches, pavilion and carpark have been secured through planning for the development of Land West of Tilstock Road (22/04360/FUL) which is linked to the new housing development. The site is intended to be offered to Whitchurch Alport FC. With this being said, anecdotal evidence from the Council indicates the Club has aspirations for a 11v11 size 3G pitch instead of two grass pitches and wants to arrange a consultation with the developer to potential discuss options. The Council reports that if a 3G pitch could be agreed upon, it should include consultation with the nearby secondary school in order to secure the best suited location for the provision to benefit both club and school.

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Greenfields Sports Ground

As identified in the 2020 PPS, Greenfields Sports Ground has been identified in the Neighbourhood Local Plan for potential housing development. The site is leased from Market Drayton Town Council to the Market Drayton Sports Association (MDSA) which consists of Market Drayton TC, Market Drayton Town FC, Market Drayton Tigers FC and Market Drayton RFC. Each club has its own clubhouse and pitch provision to accommodate demand.

According to a recent feasibility study, MDSA faces major sustainability challenges; the cost of operating has increased, facilities are old and disparate, demand is growing particularly from junior football and youth rugby, and there is no capacity available on existing facilities. Disability access is very limited, and safeguarding guidance cannot be followed.

Building on the previous PPS, the feasibility study identifies that Market Drayton needs a re-developed and future-proofed Greenfields Sports Ground (existing facilities as a minimum and appropriate ancillary provision - car parking, social facilities, changing accommodation and storage), one 3G pitch, one sand-based AGP) and at least one indoor tennis court.

Two facility mix options are presented as a replacement for Greenfields Sports Ground with Option 1 delivering future-proofed facilities for clubs and their current and future membership and Option 2 extending this provision to address other identified gaps in Market Drayton.

Although one site option is the most sustainable moving forward, because this delivers a critical mass of facilities under one operational structure, it does have to be recognised that individual clubs could decide to move to an alternative site, either as part of MDSA, or as a stand-alone entity. The former option may be a preference because a club needs to expand and grow immediately to remain sustainable.

2.3: Quality

The quality of football pitches across Shropshire in 2020 was assessed via a combination of site visits (using non-technical assessments as determined by the FA¹) and user consultation to reach and apply an agreed rating as follows:

- ◀ Good
- ◀ Standard
- ◀ Poor

The percentage parameters used for the non-technical assessments were as follows: Good (>80%), Standard (50-80%), Poor (<50%). The final quality ratings assigned to the sites also take into account the user quality ratings gathered from consultation.

Pitch quality was originally determined in 2020, with quality ratings reviewed as part of the 2023 update via consultation and through utilising more recent PitchPower reports.

Pitch quality primarily influences the carrying capacity of a site; often pitches lack the drainage and maintenance necessary to sustain levels of use. Pitches that receive little to no ongoing repair or post-season remedial work are likely to be assessed as poor, therefore limiting the number of games they are able to accommodate each week without it having a detrimental effect on quality. Conversely, well maintained pitches that are tended to regularly are likely to be of a higher standard and capable of taking a number of matches without a significant reduction in surface quality.

¹ See Appendix 3 for the non-technical assessment for football pitches

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The table below compares the quality of pitches that are available for community use in Shropshire from the prior PPOSS and the update (2023).

Table 2.2: Pitch quality assessments (community use pitches)

Analysis area	Adult pitches			Youth pitches			Mini pitches		
	Good	Standard	Poor	Good	Standard	Poor	Good	Standard	Poor
2020	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Central	7	18	9	7	19	6	6	10	9
North East	2	5	5	2	8	4	1	5	4
North West	7	2	6	2	5	3	1	5	-
South	2	-	1	1	-	1	3	-	2
South East	10	7	12	-	4	13	-	1	13
South West	1	2	6	-	-	3	-	2	1
Total	29	34	39	12	36	30	11	23	29
2023	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Central	8	9	17	9	22	3	6	8	13
North East	2	4	6	4	6	5	4	2	4
North West	9	1	5	3	-	7	3	1	2
South	-	2	1	-	-	3	3	-	1
South East	10	6	15	-	5	12	-	2	15
South West	1	2	6	-	-	3	-	2	1
Total	30	24	50	16	33	33	16	15	36
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
% change	+3%	-29%	+28%	+33%	-8%	+10%	+45%	-52%	+24%

Since the previous study, the number of good quality pitches has increased by 10 pitches. However, the number of poor quality pitches has also increased by 21 pitches. The improvements in pitch quality have broadly come as a result as of Grass Pitch Maintenance Fund (GPMF) linked to PitchPower reports. Conversely, the decrease in quality is generally linked to sites which are managed by educational/council which carry out reduce levels of maintenance.

Most pitches (47%) are still assessed as poor quality and are generally located at education, parish or town council sites. These sites often receive limited amounts of dedicated maintenance due to budgetary restraints with often pitches only receiving grass cutting and line marking.

Quality changes have solely been based upon information provided through the Pitch Power Reports (Shropshire FA / Football Foundation) as non-technical assessments have not been carried out as part of this update report. Quality scores that have not been changed were checked and challenged with relevant stakeholders to ensure their accuracy. The summary of these changes can be found in Table 2.4. The Council did not indicate any other pitch quality alterations above those provided in the Pitch Power Reports.

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Pitch improvement

The FA has a Pitch Improvement Programme aimed at improving the standard of grass pitches across the Country. For provision included in the programme, clubs can utilise the services of the FF's PitchPower web app to carry out an on-site assessment of their pitches. This then provides the Grounds Management Association (GMA) with the detail needed to create a personalised, informative report to advise on how improvements can be made. Clubs then receive bespoke advice and support to help with any future actions, funding applications and equipment, with clubs getting access to discounted rates for machinery and consumables through local partnerships.

The web app is open to access by all providers, including clubs, schools and local authorities. Following a PitchPower report, organisations can work towards the recommended dedicated maintenance regime identified to improve the quality of their pitches. Applicants are also required to submit a PitchPower assessment for each of their pitches as a condition of any grant funding application for FF grass pitch investment, such as the Grass Pitch Maintenance Fund.

PitchPower is less restricted by the seasonal window of in-season play than the non-technical assessments within the PPS guidance, instead being able to be undertaken within a 10-month period, with assessments completed and submitted within one of three windows: September - October, November – March or April – June. Organisations receiving FF funding to improve their grass pitches must carry out two assessments a year, with at least one in the mandatory November – March window.

As well as the completion of other supporting information such as detail of volunteer training and what maintenance equipment is available, the assessment requires the taking of images and a single soil sample at each assessment site. There are three assessment sites for adult and youth pitches at each goal area and the centre circle, whilst for mini pitches there are two sites at the centre circle and one goal area.

The PitchPower assessments use a new five step Performance Quality Standard (PQS) rating system developed by the GMA, with the FF and Sport England agreeing alignment with the capacity guidance within the existing PPS Guidance. This alignment is shown in the table below.

Table 2.3: Agreed equivalent PPOSS quality rating for PQS ratings.

PQS Rating	PPS Quality Rating
Poor	Poor
Basic	Standard
Good	Good
Advanced	Good
High	Good

In Shropshire, 13 sites have received Pitch Power reports. The findings of these assessments have resulted in the following overall quality changes.

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Table 2.4: Summary of quality changes based on recent Pitch Power reports and FF consultation

Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	Comments
22	Baschurch Village Hall Pitches	Central	A youth 9v9 pitch improved from poor to good quality.
25	Beech Grove Playing Fields	North West	Two adult and one youth 9v9 (overmarked by a mini 7v7 and mini 5v5) improved from poor to good quality.
27	Belvidere School	Central	Replacement playing fields and quality improvements.
123	Greenfields Sports Ground	North East	A mini 5v5, mini 7v7, youth 11v11 and youth 9v9 improved from standard to good quality.
126	Hanwood Recreation Ground	Central	An adult pitch deteriorating from standard to poor quality. Recent report (Oct 2023) indicates this has improved to good quality.
152	Lea Cross Pitches	Central	Two youth 11v11, one youth 9v9, one mini 7v7 and one mini 5v5 improved from poor to standard quality.
157	Loak Road (Albrighton Football Club)	South East	An adult pitch improved from poor to good quality.
189	Morton Playing Field	North West	An adult pitch overmarked by a youth 9v9 from poor to standard quality.
208	Oswestry Boys & Girls Football Club	North West	A mini 5v5, mini 7v7, three youth 11v11 and a youth 9v9 pitch deteriorating from standard to poor quality.
229	RAF Cosford School Physical Training	South East	An adult and youth 9v9 deteriorating from standard to poor quality.
225	Shrewsbury Sports Village	Central	One adult and one youth 11v11 improved from standard to good quality. Seven adult, one youth 11v11, one youth 9v9, two mini 7v7 and two mini 5v5 pitches deteriorating from standard to poor quality.
289	The Ludlow Stadium	South	A youth 11v11 pitch deteriorating from good to poor quality.
331	Woodlands School	North East	A basic mini 5v5 pitch assessed July 2023.

In addition to PitchPower, the FA has a general pitch improvement strategy, in partnership with the GMA. As part of this, it has a Pitch Advisory Service that can be utilised by clubs with the aim of improving knowledge, skills and therefore the quality of pitches. The key principles behind the service are to provide clubs with advice and practical solutions in a range of areas, with the simple aim of improving playing surfaces. This is designed to help clubs on sites that they themselves manage and maintain but can also be used to advise local authority-maintained sites.

The FF and the FA have also recently developed a new Grass Pitch Maintenance Fund (GPMF) that allows eligible organisations to apply for funding for maintenance assistance, consumables and/or equipment. Whilst local authorities are currently ineligible applicants through this fund, eligible organisations using local authority sites, typically clubs and leagues can apply provided they have evidenced landlord permission.

Funding is awarded over a six-year period, with this including up to 100% of the total cost for years one and two and 66% of the cost from year three, which further tapers down to 33% for years five and six. Although a six-year fund, the grant terms and conditions cover a 10-year period to instil commitment from the recipient clubs.

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Ancillary facilities

Broadly speaking the quality of ancillary facilities accompanying grass football pitches has not altered since 2020. However, Stanley Park Playing Fields has an approved application for S106 monies which will go towards clubhouse refurbishment and Yockings Park has had a new changing block and upgraded car parking facilities. Planning permission was also granted for a new modular building with changing to service the 3G pitches at Shrewsbury Town FC.

2.4: Demand

As seen in the table below there has been an overall increase in demand for football in Shropshire with growth in adult, youth 9v9 and mini 5v5 teams. In comparison, there have been decreases in youth 11v11 and mini 7v7 teams.

Table 2.5: Summary of competitive teams currently playing in Shropshire

Analysis area	No. of teams					Total
	Adult	Youth 11v11	Youth 9v9	Mini 7v7	Mini 5v5	
2020	-	-	-	-	-	-
Central	40	60	37	35	16	188
North East	12	23	13	13	9	70
North West	12	20	7	10	5	54
South	6	5	5	3	2	21
South East	13	44	20	23	23	123
South West	7	6	4	2	1	20
Total	90	158	86	86	56	476
2023	-	-	-	-	-	-
Central	40	60	44	36	32	212
North East	16	27	19	13	11	86
North West	14	13	9	5	4	45
South	5	6	4	5	4	24
South East	15	30	26	21	23	115
South West	5	4	3	2	1	15
Total	95	140	105	82	75	497
-	-	-	-	-	-	-
% change	+6%	-11%	+22%	-5%	+34%	+4%

Future demand from population increases

Based on the previous study, team generation rates used to calculate the future number of teams likely were based on population growth to 2038 (in line with the Local Plan Review) Using this, it was predicted that there will be a possible increase of four youth 11v11 boys' teams across Shropshire as a whole. These figures will also be used in the supply and demand analysis below.

When this future growth is dissipated to individual analysis areas rather than Shropshire as a whole the potential future growth is anticipated to be two youth 11v11 teams in the Central Analysis Area, one team each in the South East and North East analysis areas.

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It should be stated that each team equates to 0.5 match equivalent sessions as two teams require one pitch to account for playing on a home and away basis. Therefore, the total demand from population growth of four teams equates to two match equivalent sessions per week. This is one match equivalent sessions in the Central Analysis Area and 0.5 match equivalent sessions in the South East and North East analysis areas.

With the above being said, the FF and SFA indicate future growth across Shropshire is realistically going to be much higher than the four teams indicated by anticipated population growth alone. In fact, to collaborate this, the growth in Table 2.5 already identifies growth of 21 teams since the collation of the demand data in 2020. This will be considered in the overall supply and demand analysis below as it is not possible at this time to accurately attribute this anticipated future growth to specific analysis areas.

2.5: Supply and demand analysis

It should be noted that although not presented below a full review of site capacity has been carried out using the updated levels of supply and demand. This has been done as broadly speaking there have been marginally alterations on a site by site basis with most capacity remaining the same.

Spare capacity summary

In 2020 actual spare capacity totalled 26.5 match equivalent sessions. Upon the refresh of the supply and demand the levels of spare capacity has generally remained the same with a total of 25.5 match equivalent sessions.

Table 2.6: Summary of actual spare capacity

Analysis area	Actual spare capacity (match equivalent sessions per week)					Total
	Adult	Youth 11v11	Youth 9v9	Mini 7v7	Mini 5v5	
2020	-	-	-	-	-	-
Central	6	3	2	1	3	15
North East	2	-	2	-	1	5
North West	0.5	0.5	0.5	-	0.5	2
South	0.5	-	-	-	-	0.5
South East	1	1.5	-	-	-	2.5
South West	1.5	-	-	-	-	1.5
Total	11.5	5	4.5	1	4.5	26.5
2023	-	-	-	-	-	-
Central	10	4	0.5	-	1.5	16
North East	1.5	1	-	-	1	3.5
North West	1.5	-	-	-	-	1.5
South	1	-	-	-	-	1
South East	2.5	-	-	-	-	2.5
South West	1	-	-	-	-	1
Total	17.5	5	0.5	-	2.5	25.5

Most actual spare capacity is identified on adult pitches, although some is also identified on the remaining pitch types apart from mini 7v7 pitch types. Most of this spare capacity is in Central Analysis Area which correlates with it also accommodating the most amount of community available pitches. In comparison spare capacity in the South and South West analysis areas is minimal with only one match equivalent session each.

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Overlay

Overlay occurs when there is more play accommodated on a site than it is able to sustain, which can often be due to the low carrying capacity of pitches. In Shropshire, in the previous PPOSS, overlay totalled 18 match equivalent sessions per week.

Table 2.7: Summary of overlay

Analysis area	Actual spare capacity (match equivalent sessions per week)					Total
	Adult	Youth 11v11	Youth 9v9	Mini 7v7	Mini 5v5	
2020	-	-	-	-	-	-
Central	0.5	1.5	2	-	-	4
North East	1.5	2.5	-	-	-	4
North West	-	1	-	-	-	1
South	-	-	-	-	-	-
South East	4.5	0.5	-	0.5	3	8.5
South West	-	-	0.5	-	-	0.5
Total	6.5	5.5	2.5	0.5	3	18
2023	-	-	-	-	-	-
Central	0.5	1	1	0.5	-	3
North East	2.5	2	0.5	-	-	5
North West	0.5	1	1.5	-	-	3
South	-	1	-	-	-	1
South East	2.5	0.5	5	1.5	1	10.5
South West	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	6	5.5	8	2	1	22.5

As can be seen, Shropshire wide overlay has marginally increased from 18 to 22.5 match equivalent sessions per week. It should be noted that shortfalls specifically on youth 9v9 pitches has increased. This is based on an increase in demand in conjunction with a decline in pitch quality. The sites listed below have at least one, or more, pitches that are overplayed:

- ◀ Albrighton Primary School
- ◀ Boiler House Pitch
- ◀ Childs Ercall Playing Field
- ◀ Crown Meadow
- ◀ Friars Playing Fields
- ◀ Idsall Sports Centre
- ◀ Lea Cross Pitches
- ◀ Llanymynech Village Hall
- ◀ Much Wenlock Leisure Centre
- ◀ Oldbury Wells School
- ◀ Oswestry Boys & Girls Football Club
- ◀ Prees Cricket and Recreation Club
- ◀ Raby Crescent Recreation Ground
- ◀ Radbrook Recreation Ground
- ◀ Roman Road Sports Centre
- ◀ St Martins Playing Field
- ◀ The Ludlow Stadium
- ◀ Whitchurch Sports & Leisure Centre
- ◀ Yockings Park
- ◀ Shawbury Junior Football Club

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Having considered supply and demand, the tables below identify current demand (i.e. spare capacity taking away overplay and any exported demand) in each of the analysis areas for each pitch type, based on match equivalent sessions. At this stage, future demand is based solely on population growth increases.

Adult pitch analysis

Table 2.8: Supply and demand balance of adult pitches

Analysis area	Actual spare capacity ²	Demand (match equivalent sessions)			
		Overplay	Current total	Future demand ³	Total
2020	-	-	-	-	-
Central	6	0.5	5.5	-	5.5
North East	2	1.5	0.5	-	0.5
North West	0.5	-	0.5	-	0.5
South	0.5	-	0.5	-	0.5
South East	1	4.5	3.5	-	3.5
South West	1.5	-	1.5	-	1.5
Total	11.5	6.5	5	-	5
2023	-	-	-	-	-
Central	10	0.5	9.5	-	9.5
North East	1.5	2.5	1	-	1
North West	1.5	0.5	1	-	1
South	1	-	1	-	1
South East	2.5	2.5		-	
South West	1	-	1	-	1
Total	17.5	6	11.5	-	11.5

Since the original collation of data spare capacity on adult pitches has increased from five to 11.5 match equivalent sessions per week, particularly within the Central Analysis Area. Also, shortfalls in the South East Analysis Area have been eliminated, whereas minor shortfalls have been established in the North East Analysis Area.

Youth 11v11 pitch analysis

Table 2.9: Supply and demand balance of youth 11v11 pitches

Analysis area	Actual spare capacity ⁴	Demand (match equivalent sessions)			
		Overplay	Current total	Future demand ⁵	Total
2020	-	-	-	-	-
Central	3	1.5	1.5	1	0.5
North East	-	2.5	2.5	-	2.5
North West	0.5	1	0.5	-	0.5
South	-	-		-	
South East	1.5	0.5	1	0.5	0.5
South West	-	-		-	
Total	5	5.5	0.5	1.5	2

² In match equivalent sessions

³ Overall a total of two match equivalent sessions of future demand is from population growth with the remaining generated from club aspirational demand

⁴ In match equivalent sessions

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

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Analysis area	Actual spare capacity ⁴	Demand (match equivalent sessions)			
		Overplay	Current total	Future demand ⁵	Total
2023	-	-	-	-	-
Central	4	1	3	1	2
North East	1	2	1	-	1
North West	-	1	1	-	1
South	-	1	1	-	1
South East	-	0.5	0.5	0.5	1
South West	-	-		-	
Total	5	5.5	0.5	1.5	2

Current and future shortfalls on youth 11v11 remains static at two match equivalent sessions per week despite minor alterations in individual analysis areas. It must also be noted that several youth 11v11 teams are playing on adult pitches, meaning shortfalls would greatly increase should these sides transfer to the correct pitch type.

Youth 9v9 pitch analysis

Table 2.10: Supply and demand balance of youth 9v9 pitches

Analysis area	Actual spare capacity ⁶	Demand (match equivalent sessions)			
		Overplay	Current total	Future demand ⁷	Total
2020	-	-	-	-	-
Central	2	2		-	
North East	2	-	2	-	2
North West	0.5	-	0.5	-	0.5
South	-	-		-	
South East	-	1	1	-	1
South West	-	-		-	
Total	4.5	3	1.5	-	1.5
2023	-	-	-	-	-
Central	0.5	1	0.5	-	0.5
North East	-	0.5	0.5	-	0.5
North West	-	1.5	1.5	-	1.5
South	-	-		-	
South East	-	5	5	-	5
South West	-	-		-	
Total	0.5	8	7.5	-	7.5

As mentioned earlier, the most significant change in supply and demand is on youth 9v9 pitches. This pitch type has seen spare capacity of 1.5 match equivalent sessions per week in 2020 reduce to an overall shortfall of 7.5 match equivalent sessions per week. This is due to larger amounts of demand accessing poorer quality pitches.

⁶ In match equivalent sessions

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

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Mini 7v7 pitch analysis

Table 2.11: Supply and demand balance of mini 7v7 pitches

Analysis area	Actual spare capacity ⁸	Demand (match equivalent sessions)			
		Overplay	Current total	Future demand ⁹	Total
2020	-	-	-	-	-
Central	1	-	1	-	1
North East	-	-		-	
North West	-	-		-	
South	-	-		-	
South East	-	0.5	0.5	-	0.5
South West	-	-		-	
Total	1	0.5	0.5	-	0.5
2023	-	-	-	-	-
Central	-	0.5	0.5	-	0.5
North East	-	-		-	
North West	-	-		-	
South	-	-		-	
South East	-	1.5	1.5	-	1.5
South West	-	-		-	
Total	-	2	2	-	2

There has been a marginal decrease in capacity on mini 7v7 pitch types since the original collation of data which sees spare capacity of 0.5 match equivalent sessions per week turned into a shortfall of two match equivalent sessions per week. As future demand from clubs is non-existent for mini 7v7 pitches, with clubs instead planning to add mini teams at the lowest age group each year (mini 5v5 teams), the level of overplay remains at two match equivalents sessions per week.

Mini 5v5 pitch analysis

Table 2.12: Supply and demand balance of mini 5v5 pitches

Analysis area	Actual spare capacity ¹⁰	Demand (match equivalent sessions)			
		Overplay	Current total	Future demand ¹¹	Total
2020	-	-	-	-	-
Central	3	-	3	-	3
North East	1	-	1	-	1
North West	0.5	-	0.5	-	0.5
South	-	-		-	
South East	-	3	3	-	3
South West	-	-		-	
Total	4.5	3	1.5	-	1.5
2023	-	-	-	-	-
Central	1.5	-	1.5	-	1.5

⁸ In match equivalent sessions

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

¹⁰ In match equivalent sessions

¹¹ Overall a total of two match equivalent sessions per week of future demand is from population growth with the remaining generated from club aspirational demand

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Analysis area	Actual spare capacity ¹⁰	Demand (match equivalent sessions)			
		Overplay	Current total	Future demand ¹¹	Total
North East	1	-	1	-	1
North West	-	-		-	
South	-	-		-	
South East	-	1	1	-	1
South West	-	-		-	
Total	2.5	1	1.5	-	1.5

Currently, mini 5v5 pitches have minimal spare capacity of 1.5 match equivalent sessions. Similarly, due to no expected increase for population growth, this remains the same when including future demand. This has remained the same between the previous study.

2.6: Conclusion

Using the supply and demand analysis tables, it is determined that there is current spare capacity across adult and mini 5v5 pitches, with shortfalls on all remaining pitch types. After factoring in future demand from population increases the shortfalls on youth 11v11 pitches increases.

Table 2.13: Summary of supply and demand

Pitch type	Demand (match equivalent sessions per week)				
	Actual spare capacity	Overplay	Current total	Future demand	Total
2020	-	-	-	-	-
Adult	11.5	6.5	5	-	5
Youth 11v11	5	5.5	0.5	1.5	2
Youth 9v9	4.5	3	1.5	-	1.5
Mini 7v7	1	0.5	0.5	-	0.5
Mini 5v5	4.5	3	1.5	-	1.5
2023	-	-	-	-	-
Adult	17.5	6	11.5	-	11.5
Youth 11v11	5	5.5	0.5	1.5	2
Youth 9v9	0.5	8	7.5	-	7.5
Mini 7v7	-	2	2	-	2
Mini 5v5	2.5	1	1.5	-	1.5

When compared to 2020, the overall supply and demand has worsened in Shropshire, as shortfalls are now evident on youth 9v9 and mini 7v7 pitch types. This is primarily due to the fact that there is an increase in demand accessing poorer quality pitches.

As mentioned above the future demand referenced in the table, which is based solely on anticipated population projections, is believed to be insufficient based on growth already seen since 2020. Therefore, it is judged that the future shortfalls on youth 11v11, youth 9v9 and mini 7v7 will be greater than those shown, however, an exact deficit is unknown at this time.

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Football – grass pitch summary

- ◀ **Using the supply and demand analysis tables, it is determined that there is current spare capacity across adult and mini 5v5 pitches in Shropshire.**
- ◀ **In comparison to 2020, the overall supply and demand position has worsened in Shropshire, as shortfalls are now evident on youth 9v9 and mini 7v7 pitch types.**
- ◀ The audit identifies a total of 253 community available grass football pitches within Shropshire. An increase of 4% since the 2020 study from 243 pitches.
- ◀ There is secured new pitch provision to be developed in conjunction with the housing development at Land West of Tilstock Road linked to Whitchurch Alport FC.
- ◀ Stanley Park Playing Fields has an approved application for S106 monies which will go towards clubhouse refurbishment and Yockings Park has had a new changing block and upgraded car parking facilities.
- ◀ In total, 62 pitches are assessed as good quality, 72 as standard quality and 119 as poor quality. Most pitches (47%) are assessed as poor quality and are generally located at education, parish or town council sites. These sites often receive limited amounts of dedicated maintenance due to budgetary restraints with often pitches only receiving grass cutting and line marking.
- ◀ Through the audit and assessment, 497 teams are identified as playing within Shropshire. This consists of 95 adult teams, 245 youth teams and 157 mini teams.
- ◀ Team generation rates suggest number of teams likely to be generated in the future (2038) is four youth 11v11 boys' teams. Given already shown growth from 2020 future demand is likely to be much higher than four teams.
- ◀ When aggregated from the table above, actual spare capacity totals 25.5 match equivalent sessions per week.
- ◀ In Shropshire there is overplay of 22.5 match equivalent sessions per week.

PART 3: THIRD GENERATION TURF (3G) ARTIFICIAL GRASS PITCHES (AGPS)

3.1: Introduction

Competitive football can take place on 3G surfaces that have been FIFA or International Matchball Standard tested and approved by the FA for inclusion on the FA pitch register. As such, in addition to training demand, a growing number of 3G pitches are now used for competitive match play, providing that the performance standard meets FIFA quality requirements.

World Rugby produced the 'Performance Specification for artificial grass pitches for rugby union, more commonly known as 'Regulation 22', which provides the necessary technical detail to produce pitch systems that are appropriate for the sport. The artificial surface standards identified allows contact training and matches to be played on surfaces that meet the required standard, meaning full contact activity, including tackling, rucking, mauling and lineouts, can take place.

Competitive rugby league play and contact practice is permitted to take place on 3G pitches which are deemed by the Rugby Football League (RFL) to meet its Performance Standard. Pitches fall under two categories; community club pitches which require retesting every two years and elite stadia pitches which require an annual retest. Much of the criteria within the RFL performance standard test also forms part of the World Rugby test, meaning World Rugby certified 3G pitches are considered by the RFL to be able to meet rugby league requirements, subject to passing an additional RFL performance standard test.

Other sports that are suitable to be accommodated on 3G pitches for training and match play include American football and lacrosse. Many test contractors offer reduced rates through efficiency savings to carry out multiple performance tests in the same session, therefore providers seeking 3G pitch compliancy for a number of sports would be recommended to consider this opportunity.

EH's Artificial Grass Playing Surface Policy (June 2016) advises that 3G pitches should not be used for hockey matches or training and that they can only be used for lower level hockey (introductory level) as a last resort when no sand-based or water-based AGPs are available.

Consultation

In order to update this section consultation has been carried out with Shropshire FA, the Football Foundation and the Council.

3.2: Supply

A 11v11 size 3G pitch is considered by the FA to measure at least 100 x 64 metres (106 x 64 metres including run offs); however, for the purposes of this report, all pitches measuring over 94 x 55 metres (exclusive of run offs) are considered to be full size due to the amount of demand they can accommodate. Nationally, many 3G pitches are slightly undersized due to being converted from sand-based provision (dimensions for hockey are smaller than for football).

The FA recommended dimensions for a full size 3G artificial grass pitch for football are 100 x 64 metres. This extends to an area of 106 x 70 metres with the recommended minimum three metre run off area included. These dimensions allow for all age group match play to take place including adults, youth under 17/18 and younger age groups via overmarked pitches, e.g., the marking out of two 9v9 pitches for under 11/12s.

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If a new pitch is proposed to measure below the recommended dimensions, then justification must be provided for this in relation to the identified needs it will provide for and/or site constraints. In doing so, the impacts of a reduced pitch size in meeting current and future needs must be considered, e.g., a pitch not providing the recommended dimensions for adult match play and/or only being able to accommodate one rather than two overmarked 9v9 pitches. This justification needs to be included in the planning application details submitted to the relevant Local Planning Authority for the new pitch.

Unless otherwise stated and justified for an individual pitch, proposals in this PPS for any new 3G artificial grass pitches are based on providing them to the recommended dimensions.

In comparison to the previous study, there has been an increase of two 11v11 size 3G pitches, one available for community use and one not, meaning there is now a total of seven pitches across the Authority. The new community available pitch is a conversion of an adult grass pitch to a FIFA compliant 3G pitch at Shrewsbury Community Football Hub. In comparison the pitch not available for community use is a brand new facility located at Shrewsbury School.

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As seen in the table below, the surface of the pitch at RAF Shawbury is a short pile 3G (40mm) carpet. This surface type is only recommended for some competitive football demand.

Table 3.1: 11v11 size 3G pitches in Shropshire

Analysis area	Place plan	Site ID	Site name	Community use?	Surface type	Sports lighting?	Size ¹²	Certification	Expiry
Central	Shrewsbury	158	London Road Sports Centre	Yes	Medium pile 3G (55-60mm)	Yes	100 x 64	FA	22/11/2023
Central	Shrewsbury	253	Shrewsbury School	No	Medium pile 3G (55-60mm)	No	100 x 60	-	-
Central	Shrewsbury	255	Shrewsbury Sports Village	Yes	Medium pile 3G (55-60mm)	Yes	100 x 64	FIFA	Expired 31/05/2023
Central	Shrewsbury	257	Shrewsbury Community Football Hub (<i>Croud Meadow</i>)	Yes	Medium pile 3G (55-60mm)	Yes	100 x 75	FIFA	31/05/2025
North East	Wem	230	RAF Shawbury	No	Short pile 3G (40mm)	Yes	100 x 62	-	-
North West	Oswestry	299	The Venue at Park Hall	Yes	Medium pile 3G (55-60mm)	Yes	104 x 68	FIFA	Expired 31/05/2022
South	Ludlow	289	The Ludlow Stadium	Yes	Medium pile 3G (55-60mm)	Yes	100 x 66	FA	31/05/2024

As the pitch at The Venue at Park Hall is used for elite levels of competition (Womens UEFA football) it is unknown why this is expired, however, the FF indicates the provision should be registered for relevant demand in some capacity. Further research is required to understand the specific details for this site.

There has been an increase of one smaller size 3G pitch (Ellesmere College) meaning there are now 21 smaller size 3G pitches servicing Shropshire with all of them, except the pitch at HMP Stoke Heath, available for community use. Such pitches are generally not suitable for adult match play but can be used to accommodate youth and mini matches provided they are FA approved, of an adequate size and with adequate run-off areas. More commonly, they are used to accommodate training demand, commercial football leagues and social play.

¹² Size is in metres

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Table 3.2: Additional supply of 3G pitches

Analysis area	Place plan	Site ID	Site name	Number of pitches	Community use?	Sports lighting?	Size ¹³
Central	Pontesbury & Minsterley	174	Mary Webb School and Science College	1	Yes	Yes	36 x 18
Central	Shrewsbury	120	The Grange Sports Centre	1	Yes	Yes	40 x 22
Central	Shrewsbury	185	Monkmoor Outdoor Recreation Centre	2	Yes	Yes	36 x 36
Central	Shrewsbury	248	Shrewsbury Community Football Hub (<i>Montgomery Waters Meadow</i>)	1	Yes	Yes	38 x 30
				6	Yes	Yes	30 x 20
Central	Shrewsbury	276	Stanley Parker Playing Fields (<i>Lythwood Sports Complex</i>)	1	Yes	Yes	38 x 34
Central	Shrewsbury	300	The Wilfred Owen School (Monkmoor Campus)	1	Yes	Yes	54 x 38
North East	Market Drayton	136	HMP Stoke Heath	1	No	Yes	54 x 44
North East	Whitchurch	221	Prees Cricket and Recreation Club	1	Yes	Yes	46 x 28
North West	Ellesmere	111	Ellesmere College	1	Yes	Yes	54 x 24
North West	Ellesmere	151	Lakelands Academy	1	Yes	Yes	46 x 28
South	Cleobury Mortimer	282	Cleobury	1	Yes	Yes	54 x 36
South East	Broseley	46	Broseley C of E Primary School	1	Yes	Yes	38 x 18
South East	Shifnal	244	Shifnal Primary School	1	Yes	No	32 x 15
South West	Bishop's Castle	283	Bishops Castle Community College	1	Yes	Yes	46 x 28

Certification

All 11v11 pitches apart from those at The Venue at Park Hall and RAF Shawbury or either FIFA or FA certified to accommodate match play demand. The former site was previously FIFA compliant, however, this expired 31/05/2022. The small size pitch at Lakelands Academy is also FA certified with this expiring 09/08/2023. The FF aspires for this pitch to be reregistered to allow for competitive demand.

There are no World Rugby compliant 3G pitches in Shropshire.

¹³ Size is in metres

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Future provision

In addition to the developments identified in the Local Football Facilities Plan, which is due to be updated with information from this document and the 2020 PPS, there are two more potential projects identified through consultation with Shropshire Council, Shropshire FA and the Football Foundation which should be considered as detailed below.

There are plans to convert three sports lit macadam tennis courts at the Severn Centre (South East Analysis Area) into a small size 3G pitch.

Oswestry TNS (The New Saints) previously submitted a planning application to significantly develop The Venue at Park Hall which would see the creation of a second sports lit 11v11 size 3G pitch, six smaller size sports lit 3G pitches, an adult grass pitch and additional car parking. This has recently been withdrawn from relevant planning portals and is now deemed more aspirational at this time.

3.3: Quality

Depending on use, it is considered that the carpet of an artificial grass pitch usually lasts for approximately ten years and it is the age of the surface, combined with maintenance levels, which most commonly affects quality. It is therefore recommended that sinking funds be put into place by providers to enable long-term sustainability, ongoing repairs and future refurbishment beyond this period.

The table below examines the age and quality of all 11v11 size 3G pitches in Shropshire from the 2020 PPOSS and their current quality (2023).

Table 3.3: Age and quality of community available 11v11 size 3G pitches

Analysis area	Place plan	Site ID	Site	Year installed/resurfaced	Quality (2020)	Quality (2023)
Central	Shrewsbury	158	London Road Sports Centre	2014	Good	Standard
Central	Shrewsbury	255	Shrewsbury Sports Village	2019	Good	Good
Central	Shrewsbury	257	Shrewsbury Community Football Hub (<i>Montgomery Waters Meadow</i>)	2021	N/A	Good
North East	Wem	230	RAF Shawbury	2015	Good	Good
North West	Oswestry	299	The Venue at Park Hall	2019	Good	Good
South	Ludlow	289	The Ludlow Stadium	2008	Good	Standard

The quality of most 11v11 size 3G pitches has remained the same since 2020 except for the pitches at London Road Sports Centre and The Ludlow Stadium. Both pitches have gone from good to standard quality mainly due to the age of their surface. These will both need resurfacing in the near future with the former site not funded by the FF, whereas, the latter FF funded meaning a sinking fund should be in situ.

For reference the pitch at Shrewsbury School is considered to be good quality having been built in 2023.

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3.4: Supply and demand analysis

FA training scenario

The FA considers high quality third generation artificial grass pitches as an essential tool in promoting coach and player development. The FA can support intensive use and as such are great assets for both playing and training. Primarily such facilities have been installed for community use and training, however, are increasingly used for competition which The FA wholly supports.

The FA's long-term ambition is to provide every affiliated team in England the opportunity to train once per week on sports lit 3G surface, together with priority access for every Charter Standard Community Club through a partnership agreement. The FA standard is calculated by using the latest Sport England research "AGPs State of the Nation March 2012" assuming that 51% of AGP usage is by sports clubs when factoring in the number of training slots available per pitch at peak times. It is estimated that one 11v11 AGP can service 38 teams.

The table below considers the number of 11v11 size 3G pitches required if every team was to remain training within the analysis area in which they play. The 3G requirement is rounded to the nearest 11v11 (1) or small size (0.5) pitch.

The model assumes that all pitches are fully available for club use at peak time when in practice a number of pitches operate commercial small sided leagues which reduce capacity available. It also projects all football teams as training on 11v11 size 3G pitches when in practice a proportion of football training demand should be retained on sand based AGPs in order to maintain financial and commercial sustainability of these pitches.

When applying the above methodology in 2020 on an analysis area level there was a need for an additional nine 11v11 size 3G pitch equivalents. This was broken down into three each in the Central and South East areas, two in the North East and 0.5 of a 11v11 pitch each in the North West and South West analysis areas.

Table 3.4: Current demand for 3G pitches in Shropshire for affiliated football team training (38 teams per pitch)

Analysis area	Current number of teams	Current requirement	Current number of 11v11 size 3G pitches	Current shortfall
2020	-	-	-	-
Central	188	4.94 - 5	2	3
North East	70	1.84- 2	-	2
North West	54	1.42 – 1.5	1	0.5
South	21	0.55 – 0.5	1	-
South East	123	3.23 - 3	-	3
South West	20	0.52 – 0.5	-	0.5
2023	-	-	-	-
Central	212	5.57 – 5.5	3	2.5
North East	86	2.26 – 2.5	-	2.5
North West	45	1.18 - 1	1	-
South	24	0.63 – 0.5	1	-
South East	115	3.02 – 3	-	3
South West	15	0.39 – 0.5	-	0.5

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Comparatively in 2023, there has been a slight decrease in the overall shortfall of 0.5 pitches to a total of 8.5 pitches. There has also been changes in the individual analysis areas shortfalls. The shortfall in the Central Analysis Area has decreased from three to 2.5, in the North East Analysis Area the shortfall has also increased from two to 2.5, comparatively, the deficit in the South East and South West analysis areas have remained the same. In the North West Analysis Area, due to a decrease in overall demand, there is no longer a shortfall of pitches.

It should be noted that the above scenario is solely based upon team numbers from the most recent affiliation data and does not consider 3G pitch utilisation information (booking details). The latter information was not gathered as part of the update to this report and will only be collected once there is a complete refresh of the PPOSS *circa* 2025. Therefore, this document provides a broad acknowledgement of the shortfall at this time.

Additionally further research is needed to fully understand the capacity/programming for the pitch at The Venue at Park Hall (North West Analysis Area). As this level of detail is not included within this document an understanding of its availability for wider community use is needed to acknowledge if this provision services affiliated community demand. If it does not allow for wider access the shortfall in the North West Analysis Area would increase by one pitch.

Rugby union

As mentioned, there are currently no WR complaint 3G pitches in Shropshire, however, the levels of shortfalls in grass rugby union provision (identified later in the report) indicates there is a need for such provision particularly in the Central and North West analysis areas.

3.5: Conclusion

In conclusion, there is an insufficient supply of 11v11 size 3G pitches to meet current and anticipated future training demand based on the FA training model in Shropshire. As such, it is determined that an increase in provision is required. In addition, as most of the provision is either FA or FIFA registered there is a need to maximise pitches for competitive demand.

When also taking into consideration potential shortfalls in grass rugby union this shortfall could rise particularly in the Central and North West analysis areas.

Furthermore, to ensure that current supply and any future supply are maintained to a good enough standard to accommodate demand, providers are encouraged to put sinking funds in place to ensure long-term sustainability. This will allow for re-surfacing to take place when required and will ensure that FA certification remains in place.

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3G summary

- ◀ **There is an insufficient supply of 11v11 size 3G pitches to meet current and anticipated future demand for football in Shropshire.**
- ◀ **In comparison to 2020, there has been a slight decrease in the overall shortfall of 0.5 pitches to a total of 8.5 pitches.**
- ◀ There are seven 11v11 size 3G pitches in Shropshire with all but one available for community use. Most community available provision (three pitches or 50%) is located in the Central Analysis Area. The North East, North West and South each accommodate one pitch.
- ◀ In addition, there are also 21 smaller sized 3G pitches servicing Shropshire with all of them, except the pitch at HMP Stoke Heath available for community use.
- ◀ All 11v11 sports lit 3G pitches, apart from RAF Shawbury, are either FIFA Pro, FIFA or FA certified.
- ◀ Each pitch, apart from RAF Shawbury, is operating at capacity both midweek and at the weekend. There is usage of the 3G pitches in Shropshire to meet competitive demand.
- ◀ In Shropshire, four 11v11 pitches are assessed as good quality and two as standard quality.
- ◀ On an analysis area level there is a need for an additional 8.5 11v11 size 3G pitch equivalents. This is broken down into 2.5 in the Central Analysis Area, three in the South East Analysis Area, 2.5 in the North East Analysis Area and 0.5 of a 11v11 pitch in the South West Analysis Area.

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PART 4: CRICKET

4.1: Introduction

Shropshire Cricket Board (SCB) serves as the main governing and representative body for cricket across Shropshire. Its aim is to promote the game at all levels through partnerships with professional and recreational cricketing clubs, and other appropriate agencies.

Due to its proximity, there is also some minimal crossover with Staffordshire Cricket which performs the same function as Shropshire Cricket Board. For example, Forton CC, is located in neighbouring Stafford, however, it affiliates to Shropshire Cricket rather than Staffordshire Cricket. Although the Club is based outside the Study Area due to its affiliation to Shropshire Cricket and proximity to Shropshire, it will form part of the demand based assessment for cricket.

In addition, there is also minimal crossover with Worcestershire Cricket which borders Shropshire. Tenbury Wells CC, due to its geographical location in the Authority, although it affiliates to Worcestershire Cricket rather than the Shropshire Cricket. Although the Club is within study area it has been decided through NGB agreement that due to its affiliation to Worcestershire Cricket it will not form part of this report.

Consultation

In order to update this section of the report, consultation has been carried out with Shropshire Cricket Board, ECB and the Council.

4.2: Supply

As seen in the table below, there has been a decrease in community available provision on an authority wide level, with a reduction of one square each in the North West and South East analysis areas.

Table 4.1: Summary of number of grass wicket squares across Shropshire

Analysis area	No. of squares available for community use	No. of squares unavailable for community use	Total
2020	-	-	-
Central	14	7	21
North East	12	-	12
North West	11	6	17
South	5	1	6
South East	15	4	19
South West	4	1	5
Total	61	19	80
2023	-	-	-
Central	14	7	21
North East	11	-	11
North West	12	6	18
South	5	1	6
South East	14	4	18
South West	4	1	5
Total	60	19	79
-	-	-	-
% change	2%		1%

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Please note that Forton Cricket Club is not included in the above as it technically falls outside of the Study Area, albeit it is recognised as servicing Shropshire residents to some extent. The site contains one square and has been assessed for quality in later sections.

Since the production of the 2020 PPOSS there has been one additional square established which is the reinstatement of the formerly disused provision at Whittington Cricket & Bowls Club (North West Analysis Area).

Conversely, the square at Hinstock Cricket Club (North East Analysis Area) which was previously used by Hinstock CC and Alveley Recreation Ground (South East) are now considered disused as neither are used for club cricket.

Disused provision

Playing fields which have previously accommodated formal pitch provision are categorised as either disused or lapsed. A disused site is a playing field which is not being used at all by any users and is not available for community hire either.

Furthermore, there are two disused non turf pitches (NTPs) one each at Beckbury PF and RAF Cosford.

Reman Services Sports & Social Club, which accommodates a cricket square and bowling green, was sold circa 2017 into private ownership. The site is currently home to Albert Road BC and Sentinel CC. It should be noted that the latter club has a lease agreement on the site whereas the bowling club is just renting on an annual basis.

The owner of the site is in the process of trying to obtain planning permission to build houses on the front of the site, including the bowling green, however, this is subject to planning approval. Anecdotal evidence suggests there may be future plans to develop on the cricket pitch. Shropshire Council is monitoring the situation and will assist in the potential relocation of the bowling green as required.

If the green is developed and the cricket pitch retained, a ball strike assessment would be required. It should be noted since the 2020 PPOSS a ball strike assessment has taken place on the site with the cricket set to be retained.

Clee Hill Recreation Ground previously accommodated a four wicket grass square, which aerial imagery suggests was last formally maintained as such circa 2009. It is unknown which club previously utilised the site, however, it is now actively used for football.

As mentioned above both Hinstock Cricket Club and Alveley Recreation Ground are now also considered disused. Both these sites were previously used in the original PPOSS.

Non-turf pitches (NTPs)

The ECB highlights that NTPs which follow its TS6 guidance on performance standards are suitable for high level, senior play and are considered able to take 60 matches per season, although this may include training sessions via the use of mobile nets.

In Shropshire, there are currently 24 NTPs that accompany grass wicket squares in addition to 17 standalone NTPs. The location of these can be seen in the table below.

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Table 4.2: Summary of NTPs in Shropshire

Analysis area	Place plan	Site ID	Site name	Number of NTPs	Position
Central	Pontesbury & Minsterley	174	Mary Webb School and Science College	1	Standalone
Central	Shrewsbury	27	Belvidere School	1	Standalone
Central	Shrewsbury	89	Condover Sports Ground	1	Square
Central	Shrewsbury	91	Corbet School	1	Standalone
Central	Shrewsbury	120	The Grange Sports Centre	1	Standalone
Central	Shrewsbury	231	Reman Services Sports & Social Club	1	Square
Central	Shrewsbury	233	Roman Road Sports Centre	1	Standalone
Central	Shrewsbury	259	Unison Club (Column Cricket, Bowls & Tennis Club)	1	Square
Central	Shrewsbury	295	The Priory School	1	Standalone
Central	Shrewsbury	338	Wroxeter & Uppington Cricket Club	1	Square
Central	Shrewsbury	350	Shelton Recreation Ground	1	Square
Central	Shrewsbury	355	Alberbury Cricket Club	1	Square
North East	Market Drayton	78	Clive Barracks	1	Standalone
North East	Market Drayton	113	Falcon Field (Woore Cricket Club)	1	Square
North East	Market Drayton	202	Norton in Hales Community Sports Club	1	Square
North East	Market Drayton	287	The Grove School	1	Standalone
North East	Wem	1	Acton Reynald Cricket Club	1	Square
North East	Wem	230	RAF Shrewsbury	1	Standalone
North East	Wem	288	The Kynaston Ground (Wem Cricket Club)	1	Square
North East	Wem	301	Thomas Adams Sports Centre	1	Standalone
North East	Whitchurch	130	Heath Road Ground	1	Standalone
North East	Whitchurch	221	Prees Cricket and Recreation Club	1	Square
North East	Whitchurch	321	Whitchurch Sports & Leisure Centre (Sir John Talbot School)	2	Square
North West	Ellesmere	111	Ellesmere College	1	Standalone
North West	Oswestry	118	Gatacre Playing Fields	1	Square
North West	Oswestry	215	Packwood Haugh School	1	Standalone
North West	Oswestry	322	Whittington Cricket & Bowling Club	1	Square
South	Ludlow	164	Ludlow Church of England School	1	Standalone
South	Ludlow	166	Ludlow Cricket Ground	1	Square
South	Ludlow	166	Ludlow Cricket Ground	1	Square
South East	Bridgnorth	104	Davenport Park	1	Square
South East	Bridgnorth	116	Friars Playing Fields	1	Standalone
South East	Bridgnorth	296	The Quatt Oval	1	Square
South East	Broseley	17	Barrow Park	1	Square

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Analysis area	Place plan	Site ID	Site name	Number of NTPs	Position
South East	Broseley	47	Broseley CC	1	Square
South East	Highley	61	Chelmarsh Sports & Social Club	1	Square
South East	Much Wenlock	117	Gaskell Recreation Ground	1	Square
South East	Shifnal	140	Idsall Sports Centre	1	Standalone
South East	Shifnal	224	Priorslee Road	1	Square
South West	Church Stretton	71	Church Stretton School	1	Standalone

Since 2020 there have been five new NTPs attached to grass squares created, with one each at Whittington Cricket & Bowling Club, Wroxeter & Uppington Cricket Club, Barrow Park, Chelmarsh Sports & Social Club and Shelton Recreation Ground.

In addition, two sites have also had hybrid wickets installed (Priorslee Road (4) and Shelton Recreation Ground (4)) which increases the capacity of these squares by approximately 50% is properly maintained.

Comments provided by SCB for this document indicates the following recent information. The NTPs at Condover Sports Ground and Gatacre Playing Fields are poor quality. Furthermore, the provision at The Grove School is not in use.

Loss of provision

Since the original PPOSS, SCB indicates that Cleobury Mortimer CC (Cleobury Mortimer Playing Field) has withdrawn from league cricket with the ground now only being used for friendly matches. The long term sustainability of this requires further discussions between the Club and governing body.

Hinstock CC previously had to play its home fixtures at Market Drayton Community Amateur Sports Club due to issues with its ground, Hinstock Cricket Club. The Club indicates that it was involved in an ongoing dispute with Shropshire Council regarding erecting specialist safety fencing to protect a newly built house against ball strike. Since the previous PPOSS, this ground has been lost and the Club has folded.

In addition to the above, anecdotal evidence suggests Whitchurch CC, Bomere Heath CC and Condover CC are all subject to new housing developments close to their sites which may be at risk of ball strikes issues.

ECB Ball Strike

Where there is either new cricket provision being put in place, or more commonly a development which may prejudice the use of the cricket facility, there is a requirement for a full ball strike risk assessment to be undertaken and appropriate mitigation put in place as part of the development. As such, the ECB recommends that the clubs and organisations seek to have a ball strike risk assessment undertaken; further information can be provided by the ECB.

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Future developments

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

The site is due to be reinstated as a sports facility for the area, with a grass cricket square being a part of this development. At present, the SCB and ECB are in conversation with the Council regarding the facility mix and ancillary provision development onsite. It should be noted that at present, there are some issues around the funding secured for the facilities onsite. A new clubhouse development is planned, whilst reinstating both the cricket and football facilities onsite require significant investment.

4.3: Quality

As part of the PPOSS guidance, there are three levels to assessing the quality of cricket pitches: good, standard and poor. Maintaining high pitch quality is the most important aspect of cricket; if the wicket is poor, it can affect the quality of the game and can, in some instances, become dangerous.

It should be noted that SCB has recruited four County Pitch advisors to support its network, working pro-actively with clubs to bring pitches up to a good quality.

The percentage parameters used for the non-technical assessments were as follows: Good (>80%), Standard (51-80%), Poor (50% and below). The final quality ratings assigned to the sites also take into account the user quality ratings gathered from consultation.

The below table indicates the current quality scores for all grass cricket squares in Shropshire. These are primarily based on the 2020 quality assessments in conjunction with any recent data provided by SCB and the ECB.

Table 4.3: Quality ratings for grass wicket squares (site by site)

Analysis area	Place plan	Site ID	Site	No. of squares	Square quality
Central	Pontesbury & Minsterley	218	Pontesbury Playing Fields	1	Good
Central	Shrewsbury	37	Bomere Heath Cricket Club	1	Good
Central	Shrewsbury	89	Condover Sports Ground	1	Standard
Central	Shrewsbury	94	Cound Cricket Club	1	Good
Central	Shrewsbury	115	Frankwell Recreation Ground	2	Good
Central	Shrewsbury	231	Reman Services Sports & Social Club	1	Good
Central	Shrewsbury	249	Shrewsbury Cricket Club	1	Good
Central	Shrewsbury	250	Shrewsbury High Prep School	1	Good
Central	Shrewsbury	253	Shrewsbury School	6	Good
Central	Shrewsbury	259	Unison Club (Column Cricket, Bowls & Tennis Club)	1	Standard
Central	Shrewsbury	338	Wroxeter & Uppington Cricket Club	1	Good

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Analysis area	Place plan	Site ID	Site	No. of squares	Square quality
Central	Shrewsbury	350	Shelton Recreation Ground	1	Good
Central	Shrewsbury	355	Alberbury Cricket Club	1	Good
North East	Market Drayton	113	Falcon Field (Woore Cricket Club)	1	Good
North East	Market Drayton	138	Hodnet Social Club	1	Standard
North East	Market Drayton	171	Market Drayton Community Amateur Sports Club	1	Good
North East	Market Drayton	202	Norton in Hales Community Sports Club	1	Good
North East	Wem	1	Acton Reynald Cricket Club	1	Standard
North East	Wem	93	Coton Hall Cricket Club	1	Good
North East	Wem	127	Harcourt Cricket Club	1	Standard
North East	Wem	288	The Kynaston Ground (Wem Cricket Club)	1	Good
North East	Whitchurch	57	Calverhall Cricket Ground	1	Good
North East	Whitchurch	130	Heath Road Ground	1	Good
North East	Whitchurch	221	Prees Cricket and Recreation Club	1	Good
North West	Ellesmere	111	Ellesmere College	3	Good
North West	Ellesmere	112	Ellesmere Cricket Club	1	Standard
North West	Ellesmere	128	Hardwick Park (Frankton Cricket Club)	1	Good
North West	Oswestry	118	Gatacre Playing Fields	1	Good
North West	Oswestry	148	Knockin & Kinnerly Cricket Ground	1	Good
North West	Oswestry	209	Oswestry Cricket Club	1	Good
North West	Oswestry	211	Oswestry School	1	Good
North West	Oswestry	215	Packwood Haugh School	5	Good
North West	Oswestry	322	Whittington Cricket & Bowls Club	1	Standard
South	Clebury Mortimer	77	Clebury Mortimer Playing Field	1	Standard
South	Clebury Mortimer	184	Moffats School	1	Good
South	Ludlow	166	Ludlow Cricket Ground	2	Good Good
South	Ludlow	186	Moor Park School	2	Good
South East	Albrighton	7	Albrighton Cricket Club	1	Good
South East	Albrighton	362	Birchfield School	3	Good
South East	Bridgnorth	40	Bridgnorth Bowls, Cricket & Hockey Club	1	Good
South East	Bridgnorth	53	Burwarton Cricket Club	1	Poor
South East	Bridgnorth	104	Davenport Park	1	Good
South East	Bridgnorth	206	Oldbury Wells School	1	Standard
South East	Bridgnorth	237	Sandford Park (Claverly Cricket Club)	1	Good
South East	Bridgnorth	296	The Quatt Oval	2	Good
South East	Bridgnorth	360	Alveley Cricket Club - Four Oaks Ground	1	Good
South East	Broseley	17	Barrow Park	1	Good

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Analysis area	Place plan	Site ID	Site	No. of squares	Square quality
South East	Broseley	47	Broseley CC	1	Standard
South East	Highley	61	Chelmarsh Sports & Social Club	1	Good
South East	Highley	238	Severn Centre (Highley Cricket Club)	1	Standard
South East	Much Wenlock	117	Gaskell Recreation Ground	1	Good
South East	Shifnal	224	Priorslee Road	1	Good
South West	Bishop's Castle	24	Bedstone College	1	Good
South West	Bishop's Castle	290	The Manor Ground (Bishops Castle Cricket Club)	1	Good
South West	Church Stretton	2	Acton Scott Cricket Club	1	Standard
South West	Church Stretton	236	Russels Meadow Ground	1	Good
South West	Craven Arms	181	Millichope Park	1	Standard
Outside	-	365	Forton Cricket Club	1	Good

There have been minimal changes in the overall quality of grass cricket squares across Shropshire.

The exceptions to this are the Unison Club, Hodnet Social Club and Harcourt Cricket Club squares which have improved from poor to standard quality. In comparison Cleobury Mortimer Playing Field and Burwarton Cricket Club have reduced in quality with the former going from good to standard and the latter going from good to poor quality.

As mentioned there have also been the introduction of two new squares, one each at Whittington Cricket & Bowls Club and Heath Road Ground, which are standard and good quality, respectively.

Ancillary facilities

The audit of ancillary facilities determines that all but eight sites, that are currently accessed for affiliated cricket, are accompanied by either good or standard quality changing rooms.

Although there are now more females playing recreational cricket in local leagues in mixed sex teams where changing rooms are assessed as good or standard quality this does not necessarily mean they can accommodate mixed teams. Some comments have been added to the table below to indicate where this is an issue. ECB/SCB have allocated a grants scheme to assist clubs to upgrade facilities for women and girls, it also covers any "green" initiatives.

Through consultation with the SCB and ECB minor changes have been identified at Bomere Heath Cricket Club, Severn Centre and The Manor Ground which have all reduced in quality.

Table 4.4: Changing room quality (grass wicket squares, site by site)

Analysis area	Place plan	Site ID	Site	No. of squares	Changing room quality
Central	Pontesbury & Minsterley	218	Pontesbury Playing Fields	1	Standard (undergoing refurb)
Central	Shrewsbury	37	Bomere Heath Cricket Club	1	Standard (only a disabled toilet for females)
Central	Shrewsbury	89	Condover Sports Ground	1	Standard (due to undergo refurbishment)

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Analysis area	Place plan	Site ID	Site	No. of squares	Changing room quality
Central	Shrewsbury	94	Cound Cricket Club	1	Good (disabled toilet used as female changing)
Central	Shrewsbury	115	Frankwell Recreation Ground	2	Standard (due to undergo refurbishment)
Central	Shrewsbury	231	Reman Services Sports & Social Club	1	Standard (due to undergo refurbishment)
Central	Shrewsbury	249	Shrewsbury Cricket Club	1	Good
Central	Shrewsbury	259	Unison Club (Column Cricket, Bowls & Tennis Club)	1	Standard
Central	Shrewsbury	338	Wroxeter & Uppington Cricket Club	1	Good
Central	Shrewsbury	350	Shelton Recreation Ground	1	Good
Central	Shrewsbury	355	Alberbury Cricket Club	1	Good
North East	Market Drayton	113	Falcon Field	1	Good
North East	Market Drayton	133	Hinstock Cricket Club	1	Poor
North East	Market Drayton	138	Hodnet Social Club	1	Poor
North East	Market Drayton	171	Market Drayton Community Amateur Sports Club	1	Standard
North East	Market Drayton	202	Norton in Hales Community Sports Club	1	Good
North East	Wem	1	Acton Reynald Cricket Club	1	Standard
North East	Wem	93	Coton Hall Cricket Club	1	Standard
North East	Wem	127	Harcourt Cricket Club	1	Poor
North East	Wem	288	The Kynaston Ground	1	Good
North East	Whitchurch	57	Calverhall Cricket Ground	1	Good
North East	Whitchurch	130	Heath Road Ground	1	Good
North East	Whitchurch	221	Prees Cricket and Recreation Club	1	Good
North West	Ellesmere	112	Ellesmere Cricket Club	1	Standard
North West	Ellesmere	128	Hardwick Park (Frankton Cricket Club)	1	Good

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Analysis area	Place plan	Site ID	Site	No. of squares	Changing room quality
North West	Oswestry	118	Gatacre Playing Fields	1	Good
North West	Oswestry	148	Knockin & Kinnerly Cricket Ground	1	Good
North West	Oswestry	209	Oswestry Cricket Club	1	Good
North West	Oswestry	322	Whittington Cricket & Bowling Club	1	Good
South	Cleobury Mortimer	77	Cleobury Mortimer Playing Field	1	Good
South	Ludlow	166	Ludlow Cricket Ground	2	Standard
South East	Albrighton	7	Albrighton Cricket Club	1	Standard
South East	Bridgnorth	40	Bridgnorth Bowls, Cricket & Hockey Club	1	Good
South East	Bridgnorth	53	Burwarton Cricket Club	1	Poor
South East	Bridgnorth	104	Davenport Park	1	Good
South East	Bridgnorth	237	Sandford Park	1	Poor
South East	Bridgnorth	296	The Quatt Oval	2	Good
South East	Bridgnorth	360	Alveley Cricket Club - Four Oaks Ground	1	Good
South East	Broseley	17	Barrow Park	1	Standard
South East	Broseley	47	Broseley Cricket Club	1	Standard
South East	Highley	61	Chelmarsh Sports & Social Club	1	Poor
South East	Highley	238	Severn Centre	1	Standard
South East	Much Wenlock	117	Gaskell Recreation Ground	1	Poor
South East	Shifnal	224	Priorslee Road	1	Good
South West	Bishop's Castle	290	The Manor Ground (Bishops Castle CC)	1	Standard
South West	Church Stretton	2	Acton Scott Cricket Club	1	N/A
South West	Church Stretton	236	Russels Meadow Ground	1	Good
South West	Craven Arms	181	Millichope Park	1	Poor
Outside	-	365	Forton Cricket Club	1	Standard

SCB reports that ancillary provision at Pontesbury Playing Fields, Condoover Sports Ground, Frankwell Recreation Ground and Reman Services Sports & Social Club are due to be refurbished in the near future.

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Training facilities

Access to cricket nets is important, particularly for pre-season/winter training. Only 16 sites, previously 18 in 2020, used by affiliated cricket clubs in Shropshire are not serviced by fixed practice nets, these being:

- ◀ Acton Reynald Cricket Club
- ◀ Acton Scott Cricket Club
- ◀ Alveley Cricket Club – Four Oaks (3 lane nets)
- ◀ Barrow Park
- ◀ Broseley Cricket Club
- ◀ Calverhall Cricket Ground
- ◀ Chelmarsh Sports & Social Club
- ◀ Cleobury Mortimer Playing Field
- ◀ Davenport Park (nets adjacent to tennis courts accessed through car park)
- ◀ Gatacre Playing Fields
- ◀ Harcourt Cricket Club
- ◀ Hinstock Cricket Club
- ◀ Hodnet Social Club
- ◀ Market Drayton Community Amateur Sports Club
- ◀ Norton in Hales Community Sports Club
- ◀ Russels Meadow Ground
- ◀ Severn Centre
- ◀ Unison Club (Column Cricket, Bowls & Tennis Club)

Since the 2020 study Alveley Cricket Club (Four Oaks) and Davenport Park have practice facilities.

It should be noted that Ludlow Cricket Ground was previously serviced by poor quality fixed bay practice nets, however, these have now been replaced by a brand new three lane fixed net facility onsite.

Although most clubs are serviced by practice facilities, 13 clubs indicate through aspirations for additional or enhancements on their current training facilities through the 2020 PPOSS consultation. These are summarised in table below.

Table 4.5: Summary of demand for additional training facilities

Site ID	Site	Club	Comments
7	Albrighton Cricket Club	Albrighton CC	Creation of a non turf pitch
37	Bomere Heath Cricket Club	Bomere Heath Cricket Club	Creation of a non turf pitch
47	Broseley Cricket Club	Broseley CC	Creation of a fixed cricket nets
57	Calverhall Cricket Ground	Calverhall CC	Creation of a non turf pitch
61	Chelmarsh Sports & Social Club	Chelmarsh CC	Practice nets
118	Gatacre Playing Fields	Cae Glas CC	Permanent practice net
133	Hinstock Cricket Club	Hinstock CC	Creation of practice nets
171	Market Drayton Community Amateur Sports Club	Market Drayton CC	Permanent fixed bay practice nets
202	Norton in Hales Community Sports Club	Norton in Hales CC	Additional non turf pitch
209	Oswestry Cricket Club	Oswestry CC	New outdoor practice nets
224	Priorslee Road	Shifnal CC	Establishing a grass wicket on the outfield

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Site ID	Site	Club	Comments
231	Reman Services Sports & Social Club	Sentinel CC	Additional non turf practice nets
296	The Quatt Oval	Quatt CC	Refurbishment of practice nets

It should be noted that since the information in the table above was collated for the 2020 PPOSS both Oswestry Cricket Club and The Quatt Oval now have either new or refurbished practice facilities. The new nets at the former site are ECB compliant due to a lack of space.

4.4: Demand

As seen in the table below there has been an overall decrease in demand for cricket in Shropshire with growth for only senior women's and decrease in teams for junior boys and girls. Senior men's teams remain the same.

Table 4.6: Summary of number of competitive teams

Analysis area	Place plan	Club name	Senior men's	Senior women's	Junior boys'	Junior girls'
2020	-	-	-	-	-	-
Central	Pontesbury & Minsterley	Pontesbury CC	4	2	5	-
Central	Shrewsbury	Alberbury CC	4	-	2	1
Central	Shrewsbury	Beacon CC	5	1	2	3
Central	Shrewsbury	Bomere Heath CC	5	-	-	-
Central	Shrewsbury	Column CC	3	-	-	-
Central	Shrewsbury	Condover CC	3	-	3	-
Central	Shrewsbury	Cound CC	4	-	-	-
Central	Shrewsbury	Grasshoppers CC	1	-	-	-
Central	Shrewsbury	Quayside CC	1	-	-	-
Central	Shrewsbury	Sentinel CC	3	1	3	1
Central	Shrewsbury	Shelton CC	4	1	2	-
Central	Shrewsbury	Shrewsbury CC	4	-	3	-
Central	Shrewsbury	Wroxeter & Uppington CC	1	-	-	-
North East	Market Drayton	Hinstock CC	1	-	-	-
North East	Market Drayton	Hodnet & Peplow CC	1	-	-	-
North East	Market Drayton	Market Drayton CC	2	-	-	-
North East	Market Drayton	Norton in Hales CC	3	-	1	-
North East	Market Drayton	Woore CC	4	1	7	1
North East	Wem	Acton Reynald CC	3	-	-	-
North East	Wem	Coton Hall CC	1	-	-	-
North East	Wem	Harcourt CC	1	-	-	-
North East	Wem	Wem CC	5	1	3	-

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Analysis area	Place plan	Club name	Senior men's	Senior women's	Junior boys'	Junior girls'
North East	Whitchurch	Calverhall CC	2	-	-	-
North East	Whitchurch	Prees CC	1	-	1	-
North East	Whitchurch	Whitchurch CC	4	-	4	-
North West	Ellesmere	Ellesmere CC	3	1	3	-
North West	Ellesmere	Frankton CC	5	-	1	-
North West	Oswestry	Cae Glas CC	3	-	-	-
North West	Oswestry	Knockin & Kinnerley CC	5	1	5	2
North West	Oswestry	Oswestry CC	4	1	4	-
North West	Oswestry	Rough and Tumblers CC	1	-	-	-
South	Cleobury Mortimer	Cleobury Mortimer CC	1	-	-	-
South	Ludlow	Ludlow CC	4	1	6	-
South East	Albrighton	Albrighton CC	3	1	2	-
South East	Bridgnorth	Alveley CC	3	1	2	-
South East	Bridgnorth	Bridgnorth CC	4	1	9	1
South East	Bridgnorth	Burwarton CC	1	-	-	-
South East	Bridgnorth	Claverley CC	3	-	-	-
South East	Bridgnorth	Quatt CC	5	1	5	-
South East	Bridgnorth	Worfield CC	3	1	5	1
South East	Broseley	Broseley CC	2	-	-	-
South East	Broseley	Willey CC	2	-	-	-
South East	Highley	Chelmarsh CC	1	-	-	-
South East	Highley	Highley CC	1	-	-	-
South East	Much Wenlock	Much Wenlock CC	3	-	1	-
South East	Shifnal	Shifnal CC	4	1	5	1
South West	Bishop's Castle	Bishops Castle CC	1	-	3	-
South West	Church Stretton	Acton Scott Village CC	1	-	-	-

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Analysis area	Place plan	Club name	Senior men's	Senior women's	Junior boys'	Junior girls'
South West	Church Stretton	Church Stretton CC	1	-	-	-
South West	Craven Arms	Corvedale CC	1	-	-	-
Outside	-	Forton CC*	3	1	3	-
-	-	Total	138	18	90	11
2023	-	-	-	-	-	-
Central	Pontesbury & Minsterley	Pontesbury CC	4	2	4	-
Central	Shrewsbury	Alberbury CC	5	-	3	-
Central	Shrewsbury	Beacon CC	4	1	3	1
Central	Shrewsbury	Bomere Heath CC	4	1	-	-
Central	Shrewsbury	Column CC	3	-	1	-
Central	Shrewsbury	Condover CC	3	-	3	-
Central	Shrewsbury	Cound CC	4	-	1	-
Central	Shrewsbury	Grasshoppers CC	1	-	-	-
Central	Shrewsbury	Quayside CC	1	-	-	-
Central	Shrewsbury	Sentinel CC	5	-	3	2
Central	Shrewsbury	Shelton CC	5	1	3	-
Central	Shrewsbury	Shrewsbury CC	3	1	3	-
Central	Shrewsbury	Wroxeter & Uppington CC	3	-	-	-
North East	Market Drayton	Hodnet & Peplow CC	1	-	-	-
North East	Market Drayton	Market Drayton CC	2	-	-	-
North East	Market Drayton	Norton in Hales CC	4	-	3	-
North East	Market Drayton	Woore CC	4	1	7	-
North East	Wem	Acton Reynald CC	2	-	-	-
North East	Wem	Coton Hall CC	1	-	-	-
North East	Wem	Harcourt CC	1	-	-	-
North East	Wem	Wem CC	4	1	3	1
North East	Whitchurch	Calverhall CC	2	-	-	-
North East	Whitchurch	Prees CC	1	-	-	-
North East	Whitchurch	Whitchurch CC	4	1	4	-
North West	Ellesmere	Ellesmere CC	4	-	1	-
North West	Ellesmere	Frankton CC	5	-	2	-
North West	Oswestry	Cae Glas CC	3	-	-	-

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Analysis area	Place plan	Club name	Senior men's	Senior women's	Junior boys'	Junior girls'
North West	Oswestry	Knockin & Kinnerley CC	5	1	4	1
North West	Oswestry	Oswestry CC	5	1	3	-
North West	Oswestry	Rough and Tumblers CC	1	-	-	-
South	Cleobury Mortimer	Cleobury Mortimer CC	1	-	-	-
South	Ludlow	Ludlow CC	3	-	3	-
South East	Albrighton	Albrighton CC	3	1	1	-
South East	Bridgnorth	Alveley CC	3	1	3	-
South East	Bridgnorth	Bridgnorth CC	4	-	4	1
South East	Bridgnorth	Burwarton CC	1	-	-	-
South East	Bridgnorth	Claverley CC	3	-	-	-
South East	Bridgnorth	Quatt CC	5	1	5	-
South East	Bridgnorth	Worfield CC	3	1	4	-
South East	Broseley	Broseley CC	1	-	1	-
South East	Broseley	Willey CC	2	-	-	-
South East	Highley	Chelmarsh CC	2	1	-	-
South East	Highley	Highley CC	1	-	-	-
South East	Much Wenlock	Much Wenlock CC	1	-	-	-
South East	Shifnal	Shifnal CC	3	1	3	3
South West	Bishop's Castle	Bishops Castle CC	1	-	3	-
South West	Church Stretton	Acton Scott Village CC	1	-	-	-
South West	Church Stretton	Church Stretton CC	1	-	2	-
South West	Craven Arms	Corvedale CC	1	-	-	-
Outside	-	Forton CC*	3	1	4	-
-	-	Total	138	19	84	9
-	-	% change	0	6%	7%	18%

Future demand from population increases

Based on the previous study, which used population growth to 2038 (in line with the Local Plan Review) to determine future demand, there is not enough growth to create a whole team across any of the age groups.

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4.5: Supply and demand analysis

Saturday cricket capacity balance

The table below examines the 2020 supply and demand analysis against the most recent analysis which factors in pitch enhancements and changes in demand which have occurred for Saturday cricket.

Table 4.7: Capacity balance of grass cricket squares for Saturday cricket in match sessions per season

Analysis area	Actual spare capacity (match sessions per season)	Overplay (MES)	Current total (MES)
2020	-	-	-
Central	11	38	27
North East	22	42	20
North West	-	13	13
South	-	-	
South East	33	24	9
South West	22	-	22
Total	88	117	29
2023	-	-	-
Central	-	29	29
North East	22	22	
North West	22	4	18
South	-	-	
South East	33	8	25
South West	22	-	22
Total	99	63	36

As seen the overall shortfall of cricket provision for Saturday cricket has been alleviated. With improvement to pitches, and additional squares being reinstated, there is currently spare capacity of 36 match equivalent sessions per season.

Sunday cricket capacity balance

The table below examines the 2020 supply and demand analysis against the most recent analysis which factors in pitch enhancements and changes in demand that have occurred for Sunday cricket.

Table 4.8: Capacity balance of grass cricket squares for Sunday cricket in match sessions per season

Analysis area	Actual spare capacity (match sessions per season)	Overplay (MES)	Current total (MES)
2020	-	-	-
Central	66	38	28
North East	55	42	13
North West	-	13	13
South	-	-	
South East	55	24	31
South West	33	-	33

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Analysis area	Actual spare capacity (match sessions per season)	Overplay (MES)	Current total (MES)
Total	209	117	92
2023	-	-	-
Central	44	29	15
North East	55	22	33
North West	11	4	7
South	-	-	
South East	33	8	25
South West	33	-	22
Total	176	63	113

As seen the overall spare capacity of cricket provision for Sunday cricket has increased. With improvement to pitches, and additional squares being reinstated, there is currently spare capacity of 113 match equivalent sessions per season.

Midweek (Junior) cricket capacity balance

The table below examines the 2020 supply and demand analysis against the most recent analysis which factors in pitch enhancements and changes in demand for midweek (junior) cricket.

Table 4.9: Capacity balance of grass cricket squares for junior cricket in match sessions per season

Analysis area	Actual spare capacity (match sessions per season)	Overplay (MES)	Current total (MES)
2020	-	-	-
Central	84	38	46
North East	72	42	30
North West	8	13	5
South	-	-	
South East	64	24	40
South West	36	-	36
Total	264	117	147
2023	-	-	-
Central	72	29	43
North East	76	22	54
North West	32	4	28
South	-	-	
South East	68	8	60
South West	28	-	28
Total	276	63	213

As seen the overall spare capacity of cricket provision for midweek (junior) cricket has increased. With improvement to pitches, and additional squares being reinstated, there is currently spare capacity of 213 match equivalent sessions per season.

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4.6: Conclusion

It should also be noted that the previously identified overplay at Harcourt Cricket Club of 12 match equivalent sessions per season has been alleviated as there is no current play at the site after the club folding. Spare capacity has broadly remained the same across the three peak periods (Saturday / Sunday / Midweek) across Shropshire. There has been an overall increase for spare capacity on Saturdays amounting to the potential for one additional team, a decrease of spare capacity on Sundays amounting to three teams and an increase amounting to the potential of three additional midweek teams.

For reference the table below identifies where alterations to supply and demand have been applied.

Table 4.10: Summary of alteration in the supply and demand of cricket square

Analysis area	Site ID	Site name	Comments
Central	259	Unison Club (Column Cricket, Bowls & Tennis Club)	Overplayed reduced from 38 to 2 MES
Central	350	Shelton Recreation Ground	Overplayed by 10 MES
Central	355	Alberbury Cricket Club	Overplayed by 17 MES
North East	113	Falcon Field	Overplayed reduced from 18 to 10 MES
North East	138	Hodnet Social Club	Overplayed by 12 MES
North West	112	Ellesmere Cricket Club	Overplay of 5 MES alleviated
North West	148	Knockin & Kinnerly Cricket Ground	Overplayed reduced from 8 to 3 MES
North West	209	Oswestry Cricket Club	Overplayed by 1 MES
South East	40	Bridgnorth Bowls, Cricket & Hockey Club	Overplayed reduced from 17 to 6 MES
South East	296	The Quatt Oval	Overplay of 1 MES alleviated.
South East	360	Alveley Cricket Club - Four Oaks Ground	Overplayed reduced from 6 to 2 MES

Cricket summary

- ❖ Overall, there is currently a sufficient supply of cricket squares in Shropshire to cater for all current demand.
- ❖ Since the 2020 study, shortfalls for Saturday senior cricket have been alleviated, with additional capacity created all squares for Saturday, Sunday and midweek cricket.
- ❖ There are 81 grass wicket squares in Shropshire of these, 62 are available for community use. All 19 grass squares that are not available for community use are located at schools.
- ❖ In Shropshire, there are 24 NTPs that accompany grass wicket squares in addition to 17 standalone NTPs.
- ❖ 64 grass wicket squares are good quality, 12 are standard quality and one is poor quality.
- ❖ The audit of ancillary facilities determines that all but eight sites, that are currently accessed for affiliated cricket, are accompanied by either good or standard quality changing rooms.
- ❖ There are 250 teams competing in Shropshire. This equates to 138 senior men's, 19 senior women's and 84 junior boys' and nine junior girls' teams
- ❖ There is anticipated future demand in Shropshire from ECB initiatives such as All Stars, Dynamos and Women & Girls Softball.
- ❖ Actual spare capacity for senior cricket is enough to accommodate an additional eight senior men's teams on Saturdays.
- ❖ There is overall actual spare capacity of 19 teams which could be established for Sunday cricket.
- ❖ There is enough junior peak time (midweek) available across Shropshire to accommodate an additional 66 junior teams
- ❖ There is overplay of 117 match equivalent sessions per season across Shropshire.

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PART 5: RUGBY UNION

5.1: Introduction

The Rugby Football Union (RFU) is split into four areas across the country with a workforce team that covers development, coaching, governance and competitions. As part of this, Club Developers deliver core programmes for clubs across Shropshire. The RFU oversees a variety of formats and programmes, including 15-a-side, 10-a-side, 7-a-side and Tag rugby as well as the O2 Touch programme. Its aim is to increase and retain participation within the game, with facilities needing to be appropriate, affordable and accessible in order to enable this.

Consultation

In order to update this section of the report, consultation has been carried out with the RFU and the Council.

5.2: Supply

It should be noted that since the PPOSS in 2020 the RFU has redefined its pitch sizes which are outlined in the table below.

Table 5.1: Pitch dimensions

Team reference	Age group	Team type	Pitch type
Senior men	Over 18 years old	Senior	Senior
Senior women	Over 18 years old	Senior	Senior
Colts	17-18 years old	Under 17 - Under 18	Senior
Age grade boys	13-16 years old	Under 13 - Under 16	Junior
Age grade girls	13-16 years old	Under 13 - Under 16	Junior
Age grade mixed	7-12 years old	Under 7 - Under 12	Mini

This has directly affected the some of the junior pitches which are now categorised as senior provision.

As seen the overall number of senior pitches has remained the same, however, there has been a decrease in the amount of dedicated junior and mini pitches. Even though some junior pitches are now categorised as senior pitches there has also been a loss of three senior pitches which are no longer marked, this is outlined in greater detail later in the section.

Table 5.2: Supply of all rugby union pitches across Shropshire

Analysis area	No. of senior pitches	No. of junior pitches	No. of mini pitches
2020	-	-	-
Central	11	3	9
North East	11	1	2
North West	10	1	10
South	8	-	3
South East	11	1	6
South West	6	-	1
Total	57	6	31
2023	-	-	-
Central	10	3	9

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Analysis area	No. of senior pitches	No. of junior pitches	No. of mini pitches
North East	10	1	2
North West	12	-	7
South	8	-	3
South East	10	-	7
South West	6	-	1
Total	56	4	29
-	-	-	-
% change	2%	33%	6%

Of these 89 pitches, 74 (83%) are available for community use across 29 sites.

Disused provision

The 2020 report identified one disused pitch at Highley Rugby Club (South East Analysis Area) and two junior rugby union pitches at Shrewsbury Colleges (Former Wakeman School Site).

The categorisation of the latter sites has not altered, however, the former is now actively used for football and is no longer classed as disused. There are some additional pitches which are no longer marked since the initial audit. It should be noted that this is disused provision rather than the entire site as they are all still actively used for other sports. These are as follows:

- ◀ London Road Sports Centre (Central - one senior pitch)
- ◀ Whittington Cricket & Bowling Club (North West – three mini pitches)
- ◀ Idsall Sports Centre (South East – one senior pitch)

The pitches at Whittington Cricket & Bowling Club are no longer used by Oswestry RFC as the site is now primarily for cricket after the square has recently been reinstated. In comparison, the pitch at Idsall Sports Centre is no longer marked out as the Club which previously used the provision, Shifnal Saxons RFC, has folded.

Although not classified as disused, it should be noted there has been a decrease of one senior pitch located at Whitchurch Rugby Football Club. The only sports lit senior pitch on the site is now classed as a dedicated training pitch with no permanent posts of line markings.

Future developments

The 2020 study identified potential future developments for Bridgnorth RFC, Oswestry RFC, Market Drayton RFC and Ludlow RFC which are all still relevant to consider following consultation with the RFU. Information surrounding these can be found in the full Playing Pitch & Outdoor Sports Strategy.

Greenfields Sports Ground

As identified in the 2020 PPS, Greenfields Sports Ground has been identified in the proposed Neighbourhood Local Plan for potential housing development. The site is leased from Market Drayton Town Council to the Market Drayton Sports Association (MDSA) which consists of Market Drayton TC, Market Drayton Town FC, Market Drayton Tigers FC and Market Drayton RFC. Each club has its own clubhouse and pitch provision to accommodate demand.

According to a recent feasibility study, MDSA faces major sustainability challenges; the cost of operating has increased, facilities are old and disparate, demand is growing particularly from junior football and youth rugby, and there is no capacity available on existing facilities. Disability access is very limited, and safeguarding guidance cannot be followed.

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Building on the previous PPS, the feasibility study identifies that Market Drayton needs a re-developed and future-proofed Greenfields Sports Ground (existing facilities as a minimum and appropriate ancillary provision - car parking, social facilities, changing accommodation and storage), one 3G pitch, one sand-based AGP) and at least one indoor tennis court.

Two facility mix options are presented as a replacement for Greenfields Sports Ground with Option 1 delivering future-proofed facilities for clubs and their current and future membership and Option 2 extending this provision to address other identified gaps in Market Drayton.

Although one site option is the most sustainable moving forward, because this delivers a critical mass of facilities under one operational structure, it does have to be recognised that individual clubs could decide to move to an alternative site, either as part of MDSA, or as a stand-alone entity. The former option may be a preference because a club needs to expand and grow immediately to remain sustainable.

Explore the use of The Grove School sports fields to support Football and Rugby.

5.3: Quality

The quality of rugby pitches across Shropshire were assessed via a combination of site visits (using non-technical assessments as determined by RFU) and user consultation to reach and apply an agreed rating as follows:

- ◀ Good
- ◀ Standard
- ◀ Poor

These 2020 quality scores, for the purposes of this report, have been cross referenced with the RFU and any recent Pitch Advisory Reports to obtain the 2023 ratings.

The methodology for assessing rugby pitch quality looks at two key elements: the maintenance programme and the level of drainage on each pitch. An overall quality based on both drainage and maintenance can then be generated. The agreed rating for each pitch type also represents actions required to improve pitch quality. A breakdown of actions required based on the ratings can be seen below.

Table 5.3: Definition of maintenance categories

Category	Definition
M0	Action is significant improvements to maintenance programme
M1	Action is minor improvements to maintenance programme
M2	Action is no improvements to maintenance programme

Table 5.4: Definition of drainage categories

Category	Definition
D0	Action is pipe drainage system is needed on pitch
D1	Action is pipe drainage is needed on pitch
D2	Action is slit drainage is needed on pitch
D3	No action is needed on pitch drainage

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Table 5.5: Quality ratings based on maintenance and drainage scores

		Maintenance		
		Poor (M0)	Adequate (M1)	Good (M2)
Drainage	Natural Inadequate (D0)	Poor	Poor	Standard
	Natural Adequate (D1)	Poor	Standard	Good
	Pipe Drained (D2)	Standard	Standard	Good
	Pipe and Slit Drained (D3)	Standard	Good	Good

The figures are based upon a pipe drained system at 5m centres that has been installed in the last eight years and a slit drained system at 1m centres that has been installed in the last five years.

Please see table overleaf for the full quality breakdown.

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Table 5.6: Summary of quality

Analysis area	Place plan	Site ID	Site name	Community use?	Number of pitches	Pitch type	Sports lit?	Non-technical assessment score (2020)	Quality rating (2020)	Non-technical assessment score (2023)	Quality rating (2023)
Central	Pontesbury & Minsterley	174	Mary Webb School and Science College	No	1	Senior	No	M0 / D1	Poor	M0 / D1	Poor
Central	Shrewsbury	27	Belvidere School	No	1	Senior	No	M0 / D1	Poor	M0 / D1	Poor
Central	Shrewsbury	91	Corbet School	Yes-unused	1	Senior	No	M0 / D1	Poor	M0 / D1	Poor
Central	Shrewsbury	91	Corbet School	Yes-unused	1	Junior	No	M0 / D1	Poor	M0 / D1	Poor
Central	Shrewsbury	222	Prestfelde Preparatory School	Yes-unused	2	Junior	No	M1 / D1	Standard	M1 / D1	Standard
Central	Shrewsbury	222	Prestfelde Preparatory School	Yes-unused	4	Mini	No	M1 / D1	Standard	M1 / D1	Standard
Central	Shrewsbury	233	Roman Road Sports Centre (Meole Brace School)	Yes-unused	1	Senior	No	M0 / D1	Poor	M0 / D1	Poor
Central	Shrewsbury	250	Shrewsbury High Prep School	No	2	Mini	No	M1 / D1	Standard	M1 / D1	Standard
Central	Shrewsbury	252	Shrewsbury Rugby Club	Yes	3	Mini	No	M2 / D1	Good	M2 / D1	Good
Central	Shrewsbury	252	Shrewsbury Rugby Club	Yes	1	Senior	No	M2 / D1	Good	M2 / D1	Good
Central	Shrewsbury	252	Shrewsbury Rugby Club	Yes	2	Senior	Yes	M2 / D2	Good	M2 / D2	Good
Central	Shrewsbury	252	Shrewsbury Rugby Club	Yes	1	Senior	Yes	M2 / D1	Good	M2 / D1	Good
Central	Shrewsbury	253	Shrewsbury School	No	1	Senior	No	M2 / D2	Good	M2 / D2	Good
Central	Shrewsbury	295	The Priory School	Yes-unused	1	Senior	No	M0 / D1	Poor	M0 / D1	Poor
North East	Market Drayton	123	Greenfields Sports Ground	Yes	1	Senior	Yes	M0 / D1	Poor	M0 / D1	Poor
North East	Market Drayton	123	Greenfields Sports Ground	Yes	1	Junior	Yes	M0 / D1	Poor	M0 / D1	Poor
North East	Market Drayton	287	The Grove School	Yes-unused	2	Senior	No	M0 / D1	Poor	M0 / D1	Poor
North East	Wem	230	RAF Shawbury ¹⁴	No	1	Senior	No	-	-	-	-
North East	Wem	301	Thomas Adams Sports Centre	Yes-unused	1	Senior	No	M0 / D1	Poor	M0 / D1	Poor
North East	Whitchurch	320	Whitchurch Rugby Football Club	Yes	2	Mini	Yes	M2 / D1	Good	M2 / D1	Good
North East	Whitchurch	320	Whitchurch Rugby Football Club	Yes	3	Senior	No	M2 / D1	Good	M2 / D2	Good
North East	Whitchurch	321	Whitchurch Sports & Leisure Centre	Yes-unused	2	Senior	No	M0 / D0	Poor	M0 / D0	Poor
North West	Ellesmere	111	Ellesmere College ¹⁵	Yes-unused	5	Senior	No	-	-	-	-
North West	Oswestry	169	Marches School	Yes-unused	2	Senior	No	M0 / D1	Poor	M0 / D1	Poor
North West	Oswestry	210	Oswestry Rugby Club	Yes	1	Mini	Yes	M1 / D1	Standard	M1 / D1	Standard
North West	Oswestry	210	Oswestry Rugby Club	Yes	1	Senior	No	M1 / D1	Standard	M2 / D1	Good
North West	Oswestry	210	Oswestry Rugby Club	Yes	1	Senior	Yes	M1 / D1	Standard	M2 / D1	Good
North West	Oswestry	211	Oswestry School	Yes-unused	3	Senior	No	M1 / D1	Standard	M1 / D1	Standard
North West	Oswestry	215	Packwood Haugh School	No	4	Mini	No	M2 / D1	Good	M2 / D1	Good
North West	Oswestry	371	The Showground	Yes	2	Mini	No	M0 / D1	Poor	M0 / D1	Poor
South	Cleobury Mortimer	150	Lacon Childe School	Yes	2	Senior	No	M0 / D1	Poor	M0 / D1	Poor
South	Ludlow	76	Clee Hill Rugby Club (Tenbury Road)	Yes	1	Senior	No	M0 / D1	Poor	M0 / D1	Poor
South	Ludlow	76	Clee Hill Rugby Club (Tenbury Road)	Yes	1	Senior	No	M0 / D1	Poor	M2 / D3	Good
South	Ludlow	164	Ludlow Church of England School	Yes-unused	2	Senior	No	M0 / D1	Poor	M0 / D1	Poor
South	Ludlow	168	Ludlow Rugby Football Club	Yes	1	Senior	No	M1 / D1	Standard	M1 / D1	Standard
South	Ludlow	168	Ludlow Rugby Football Club	Yes	1	Senior	No	M1 / D0	Poor	M1 / D0	Poor

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Analysis area	Place plan	Site ID	Site name	Community use?	Number of pitches	Pitch type	Sports lit?	Non-technical assessment score (2020)	Quality rating (2020)	Non-technical assessment score (2023)	Quality rating (2023)
South	Ludlow	186	Moor Park School	Yes-unused	3	Mini	No	M1 / D1	Standard	M1 / D1	Standard
South East	Albrighton	229	RAF Cosford School of Physical Training	No	2	Senior	No	M0 / D1	Poor	M0 / D1	Poor
South East	Bridgnorth	109	Edgar Davies Ground (Bridgnorth RFC)	Yes	1	Senior	No	M2 / D1	Good	M2 / D1	Good
South East	Bridgnorth	116	Friars Playing Fields (Unattached Playing Fields)	Yes-unused	1	Senior	No	M0 / D0	Poor	M0 / D0	Poor
South East	Bridgnorth	206	Oldbury Wells School	Yes-unused	1	Senior	No	M0 / D0	Poor	M0 / D0	Poor
South East	Bridgnorth	239	Severn Park	Yes	2	Senior	Yes	M2 / D1	Good	M2 / D1	Good
South East	Bridgnorth	358	Swancote Energy Park	Yes	7	Mini	No	M2 / D1	Good	M2 / D1	Good
South East	Bridgnorth	358	Swancote Energy Park	Yes	2	Senior	No	M2 / D1	Good	M2 / D1	Good
South East	Shifnal	153	Lilleshall National Sports & Conferencing Centre	Yes-unused	1	Senior	No	M2 / D1	Good	M2 / D1	Good
South West	Bishop's Castle	24	Bedstone College ¹⁶	No	1	Mini	No	-	-		
South West	Bishop's Castle	24	Bedstone College	No	2	Senior	No	-	-		
South West	Bishop's Castle	32	Bishop Castle & Onny Valley Rugby Club	Yes	1	Senior	Yes	M0 / D1	Poor	M0 / D1	Poor
South West	Bishop's Castle	86	Community College Bishops Castle	Yes-unused	1	Senior	No	M0 / D1	Poor	M0 / D1	Poor
South West	Church Stretton	71	Church Stretton School	Yes	1	Senior	No	M0 / D1	Poor	M0 / D1	Poor
South West	Church Stretton	71	Church Stretton School	Yes	1	Senior	No	M0 / D0	Poor	M0 / D0	Poor

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Most pitches across Shropshire have remained the same quality since the initial collation of qualitative data in 2020. The exception to this is provision at Clee Hill Rugby Club, Oswestry Rugby Club and Whitchurch Rugby Football Club which have each had recent Pitch Power reports carried out.

One of the senior pitches at Clee Hill Rugby Club has improved in quality from M0/D1 (Poor) to M2/D3 (Good) following the installation of a new drainage system. It should be noted that this pitch has cabling installed with the club aspiring to eventually install permanent sports lighting.

Analysis from recent Pitch Power reports (2021 and revisit 2022) indicates Oswestry RFC has increased the level of dedicated maintenance it carries out on its two senior pitches meaning their quality has gone from (M1/D1) standard to (M2/D1) quality.

In comparison, the drainage of the three senior pitches at Whitchurch Rugby Football Club, that do not have sports lighting, have improved due to an increased maintenance regime by the Club. As the pitches were already good quality this has simply increased their carrying capacity.

Flooding

It should be noted that there are still flooding issues at the following sites:

- ◀ Edgar Davies Ground (Bridgnorth RFC)
- ◀ Severn Park (Bridgnorth RFC)
- ◀ Ludlow Rugby Football Club (Ludlow RFC)

Ancillary facilities

The only changes from the 2020 study regarding ancillary provision are both provision at Church Stretton School (Church Stretton RFC) and Edgar Davies Ground (Bridgnorth RFC) have improved following investment and are now considered good quality.

The RFU has also reiterated Clee Hill RFC's aspirations to enhance its poor quality ancillary facilities at its home ground.

5.4: Demand

Competitive play

Since the 2020 PPOSS there has been a marginal decrease in the number of community clubs playing within Shropshire. There are now ten clubs instead of 11 as Shifnal Saxons RFC have folded due to a lack of demand. The direct comparison from 2020 to 2023 for demand figures can be seen in the table below. Please note that the 2023 figures have been supplied by RFU from its affiliation data.

Table 5.7: Summary of number of rugby union teams

Analysis area	Place plan	Club	Senior (19+)	Junior (13-18)	Mini (6-12)
2020	-	-	-	-	-
Central	Shrewsbury	Shrewsbury RFC	4	9	6
North East	Market Drayton	Market Drayton RFC	1	-	4
North East	Whitchurch	Whitchurch RFC	4	5	6

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Analysis area	Place plan	Club	Senior (19+)	Junior (13-18)	Mini (6-12)
2020	-	-	-	-	-
North West	Oswestry	Oswestry RFC	4	7	6
South	Cleobury Mortimer	Cleobury Mortimer RFC	2	-	-
South	Ludlow	Clee Hill RFC	3	-	5
South	Ludlow	Ludlow RFC	3	-	4
South East	Bridgnorth	Bridgnorth RFC	5	5	6
South East	Shifnal	Shifnal Saxons RFC	-	-	1
South West	Bishop's Castle	Bishop Castle & Onny Valley RFC	2	-	-
South West	Church Stretton	Church Stretton RFC	1	-	-
-	-	Total	29	26	38
2023	-	-	-	-	-
Central	Shrewsbury	Shrewsbury RFC	4	8	6
North East	Market Drayton	Market Drayton RFC	2	-	6
North East	Whitchurch	Whitchurch RFC	5	7	5
North West	Oswestry	Oswestry RFC	2	9	6
South	Cleobury Mortimer	Cleobury Mortimer RFC	2	-	-
South	Ludlow	Clee Hill RFC	3	3	6
South	Ludlow	Ludlow RFC	3	7	6
South East	Bridgnorth	Bridgnorth RFC	5	9	6
South East	Shifnal	Shifnal Saxons RFC	<i>Folded</i>		
South West	Bishop's Castle	Bishop Castle & Onny Valley RFC	2	3	3
South West	Church Stretton	Church Stretton RFC	1	2	-
-	-	Total	29	48	44
-	-	% change	0	85%	16%

As can be seen, there has been a growth in both junior and mini demand with senior demand remaining the same.

In addition to the above, Market Drayton RFC also reports it has an U14 team and will have an U15s from next September.

Future demand from population increases

Based on the previous study, team generation rates used to calculate the future number of teams likely were based on population growth to 2038 (in line with the Local Plan Review), however, there is not enough growth to indicate creation of future teams across any age group.

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5.5: Supply and demand analysis

The table below examines the 2020 supply and demand analysis against the most recent analysis which factors in pitch enhancements and increases in demand.

Table 5.8: Summary of supply and demand balance on senior rugby union pitches in match equivalent sessions

Analysis area	Actual spare capacity ¹⁷	Overplay	Current total
2020	-	-	-
Central	2	7.25	5.25
North East	2.5	2.5	
North West	-	4.5	4.5
South	-	1.25	1.25
South East	-	2	2
South West	-	0.5	0.5
Total	4.5	18	13.5
2023	-	-	-
Central	2	7.5	5.5
North East	1	3.5	2.5
North West	-	4	4
South	-	3.5	3.5
South East	-	2	2
South West	-	2.75	2.75
Total	3	23.25	20.25

As seen the overall shortfall of rugby union provision has increased from 13.5 to 20.25 match equivalent sessions per week. Even though there has been pitch improvements at Clee Hill Rugby Club, Oswestry Rugby Club and Whitchurch Rugby Football Club this has not been sufficient to cater for the overall increase in demand across Shropshire, particular in the junior and mini age groups.

5.6: Conclusion

Like 2020, given the abovementioned shortfalls, priority should be placed first and foremost on alleviating overplay. Given that the majority of overplay is a result of training demand on grass pitches, it is considered that there is a potential need for additional sports lighting, further pitch quality improvements and/or access to World Rugby compliant 3G pitches.

There is also a need to address security of tenure, future development plans outlined by clubs as well as the effects of flooding for Bridgnorth RFC and Ludlow RFC.

For reference the table below identifies where alterations to supply and demand have been applied.

¹⁷ In match equivalent sessions per week

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Table 5.9: Summary of alteration in the supply and demand of senior rugby union pitches

Analysis area	Site ID	Site name	Comments
Central	252	Shrewsbury Rugby Club	Overplay on training pitch increased by 0.25 match equivalent sessions due to increase in demand.
North East	123	Greenfields Sports Ground	A shortfall of 0.5 match equivalent session arises on the sports lit senior pitch due to an increase of one senior team.
North East	123	Greenfields Sports Ground	Overplay on training pitch increased by 0.5 match equivalent sessions due to increase in demand.
North West	210	Oswestry Rugby Club	Shortfall on the sports lit senior pitch reduces by 0.5 match equivalent sessions due to pitch enhancements.
South	168	Ludlow Rugby Club	An overall shortfall of 3.5 match equivalent session arises due to an increase in demand.
South West	32	Bishop Castle & Onny Valley Rugby Club	Shortfall increase from 0.5 to 2.75 due to an increase of three junior and three mini teams.

Rugby union summary

- ◀ **Overall, there is a current shortfall of 20.25 match equivalent sessions per week on senior rugby union pitches to meet current demand.**
- ◀ **Since the 2020 study, shortfalls have been exacerbated with higher levels of overplay present and less actual spare capacity on pitches.**
- ◀ Within Shropshire there are 56 senior pitches, four junior pitches and 29 mini pitches provided.
- ◀ Of the community available pitches in Shropshire, 28 are assessed as good quality, 13 as standard and 28 as poor.
- ◀ There are nine sites used by clubs in Shropshire which accommodate at least one poor quality pitch.
- ◀ There are 10 community rugby union clubs based in Shropshire providing a total of 121 teams. This is divided into 29 senior teams, 48 junior teams and 44 mini teams.
- ◀ In total there are three match equivalent sessions of actual spare capacity on senior pitches in Shropshire.
- ◀ There is overplay of 23.25 match equivalent sessions per week in Shropshire.

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PART 6: HOCKEY

6.1: Introduction

Hockey in England is governed by England Hockey (EH) and is administered locally by the Shropshire Hockey Association.

Competitive league hockey matches and training can only be played on sand filled, sand dressed or water based artificial grass pitches (AGPs). Although competitive, adult and junior club training cannot take place on third generation turf pitches (3G), 40mm pitches may be suitable at introductory level, such as school curriculum low level hockey. EH's Artificial Grass Playing Surface Policy details suitability of surface type for varying levels of hockey, as shown below.

Table 6.1: England Hockey guidelines on artificial surface types suitable for hockey

Category	Surface	Playing Level	Playing Level
England Hockey Category 1	Water surface approved within the FIH Global/National Parameters	Essential International Hockey - Training and matches	Desirable Domestic National Premier competition Higher levels of EH Player Pathway Performance Centres and upwards England
England Hockey Category 2	Sand dressed surfaces within the FIH National Parameter	Essential Domestic National Premier competition Higher levels of player pathway: Academy Centres and Upwards	Desirable All adult and junior League Hockey Intermediate or advanced School Hockey EH competitions for clubs and schools (excluding domestic national league)
England Hockey Category 3	Sand based surfaces within the FIH National Parameter	Essential All adult and junior club training and league Hockey EH competitions for clubs and schools Intermediate or advanced schools hockey	Desirable
England Hockey Category 4	All 3G surfaces	Essential None	Desirable Lower level hockey (Introductory level) when no category 1-3 surface is available.

For senior teams, a full sized pitch for competitive matches must measure at least 91.4 x 55 metres excluding surrounding run off areas which must be a minimum of two metres at the sides & three metres at the ends. England Hockey preference is for four metre side and five metre end run offs, with a preferred overall area of 101.4 x 63 metres though a minimum overall area of 97.4 x 59 metres is accepted.

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It is considered that a hockey pitch can accommodate a maximum of four matches on one day (peak time) provided that the pitch has sports lighting. Training is generally midweek and requires access to a pitch and sports lights.

Consultation

In order to update this section of the report, consultation has been carried out with England Hockey and the Council.

6.2: Supply

The number of full size (16) and small size AGPs (six) has not changed since the collation of data in 2020. This being said, there are now only 11 full size pitches classified as available for community use with the two pitches at RAF Shawbury and RAF Cosford School of Physical Training being classified as unavailable for external usage. The Club which previously used RAF Shawbury, Wem & Market Drayton HC, is now based at Whitchurch Sports & Leisure Centre.

These pitches are summarised in the tables overleaf.

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Table 6.2: Full size hockey suitable pitches in Shropshire

Analysis area	Place plan	Site ID	Site name	Number of pitches	Club / community hockey usage	Surface type	Com use?	Sports lit?	Size (metres) ¹⁸
Central	Shrewsbury	233	Roman Road Sports Centre (Meole Brace School)	1	Shrewsbury HC Shropshire Hockey	Sand dressed	Yes	Yes	98 x 68
Central	Shrewsbury	253	Shrewsbury School	2	Shropshire Hockey	Sand dressed	No	No	100 x 60
						Sand filled			100 x 60
North East	Wem	230	RAF Shawbury	1		Short pile 3G (40mm)	No	Yes	100 x 62
North East	Whitchurch	321	Whitchurch Sports & Leisure Centre (Sir John Talbot School)	1	Whitchurch HC Market Drayton HC Wem & Market Drayton HC	Sand filled	Yes	Yes	98 x 66
North West	Ellesmere	111	Ellesmere College	1	-	Sand filled	Yes ¹⁹	Yes	100 x 62
North West	Ellesmere	151	Lakelands Academy	1	-	Sand filled	Yes	Yes	105 x 70
North West	Oswestry	169	Marches School	1	-	Sand dressed	Yes	Yes	100 x 60
North West	Oswestry	187	Moreton Hall School	1	-	Sand filled	Yes ²⁰	Yes	98 x 62
North West	Oswestry	211	Oswestry School	1	Oswestry HC	Sand dressed	Yes	Yes	100 x 64
South East	Albrighton	229	RAF Cosford School of Physical Training	2	-	Sand filled	No	Yes	100 x 64
						Sand dressed	No	Yes	100 x 62
South East	Bridgnorth	41	Bridgnorth Endowed School/Leisure Centre	1	Bridgnorth HC	Sand dressed	Yes	Yes	98 x 62
South East	Much Wenlock	193	Much Wenlock Leisure Centre (William Brookes School)	1	Ludlow HC	Sand dressed	Yes	No	100 x 62
South East	Shifnal	153	Lilleshall National Sports & Conferencing Centre	2	Market Drayton HC Newport HC (Imported)	Water based	Yes ²¹	Yes	112 x 76
									100 x 60

¹⁸ Including run offs

¹⁹ Provision is available for some community use however there are restrictions / accessibility issues

²⁰ Provision is available for some community use however there are restrictions / accessibility issues

²¹ Provision is available for some community use however there are restrictions / accessibility issues

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Table 6.3: Smaller size hockey suitable pitches in Shropshire

Analysis area	Place plan	Site ID	Site name	Number of pitches	Surface type	Community use?	Sports lit?	Size (metres)
Central	Shrewsbury	107	Dorrington Village Hall	1	Sand filled	Yes	No	30 x 20
North West	Oswestry	215	Packwood Haugh School	1	Sand filled	No	Yes	88 x 52
South	Ludlow	186	Moor Park School	1	Sand filled	Yes	Yes	55 x 46
South East	Albrighton	229	RAF Cosford School of Physical Training	1	Sand filled	No	Yes	54 x 32
South East	Albrighton	362	Birchfield School	1	Sand dressed	No	Yes	42 x 38
South West	Bishop's Castle	24	Bedstone College	1	Sand filled	No	Yes	38 x 18

Whilst not large enough to accommodate senior hockey matches, smaller AGPs can be used for training activity as well as for some junior matches (if large enough). Ludlow HC reports using the small size hockey suitable AGP at Moor Park School to accommodate its training demand as its main, full size pitch, Much Wenlock Leisure Centre, is not sports lit.

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Future supply

Market Drayton HC and Ludlow HC still have ambitions to access full size hockey suitable pitches within their own locality. Each club has to travel significant distances to access provision. The only changes to this position since 2020, is that Market Drayton HC is now no longer exporting demand to Keele University Sports Centre (Newcastle-under-Lyme) and instead plays its matches at Lilleshall National Sports & Conferencing Centre (Shropshire). This is still a significant distance from its Market Drayton with the Club still aspires to access a facility within its locality.

6.3: Quality

The following table indicates when each full size hockey suitable AGP was installed or last resurfaced, together with the quality ratings assigned from the 2020 study and its current quality based on consultation findings.

The only pitch to improve in quality is the one at Roman Road Sports Centre which has improved from poor to good quality following its refurbishment in 2022.

The pitches at Lilleshall National Sports & Conferencing Centre, Whitchurch Sports & Leisure Centre (Sir John Talbot School), Lakelands Academy, Marches School, RAF Cosford School & Physical Training (one pitch) and Bridgnorth Endowed School/Leisure Centre have all remained the same quality.

In particular, the pitches at Whitchurch Sports & Leisure Centre (Sir John Talbot School) and Bridgnorth Endowed School/Leisure Centre are a priority to be refurbished as they are poor quality and have only worsened since 2020.

All remaining pitches have deteriorated in quality by one increment (good to standard or standard to poor). The key issue is the pitch at Much Wenlock Leisure Centre, which is used by Ludlow HC and is now in need of refurbishment due to its declining quality.

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Table 6.4: Summary of full size hockey suitable AGP quality

Analysis area	Place Plan area	Site ID	Site name	Number of pitches	Community use?	Year built (refurbished)	Quality (2020)	Quality (2023)
Central	Shrewsbury	233	Roman Road Sports Centre (Meole Brace School)	1	Yes	1995 (2022)	Poor	Good
Central	Shrewsbury	253	Shrewsbury School	2	No	2016	Good	Standard
						2007	Standard	Poor
North East	Wem	230	RAF Shawbury ²²	1	No	2015	Good	Standard
North East	Whitchurch	321	Whitchurch Sports & Leisure Centre (Sir John Talbot School)	1	Yes	1998	Poor	Poor
North West	Ellesmere	111	Ellesmere College	1	Yes	2012	Good	Standard
North West	Ellesmere	151	Lakelands Academy	1	Yes	2019	Good	Good
North West	Oswestry	169	Marches School	1	Yes	2005	Poor	Poor
North West	Oswestry	187	Moreton Hall School	1	Yes	2004	Standard	Poor
North West	Oswestry	211	Oswestry School	1	Yes	2013	Good	Standard
South East	Albrighton	229	RAF Cosford School of Physical Training	2	No	2019	Good	Good
					No	2000	Standard	Poor
South East	Bridgnorth	41	Bridgnorth Endowed School/Leisure Centre	1	Yes	2008	Poor	Poor
South East	Much Wenlock	193	Much Wenlock Leisure Centre (William Brookes School)	1	Yes	2010	Standard	Poor
South East	Shifnal	153	Lilleshall National Sports & Conferencing Centre	2	Yes	2009	Good	Good
						2009 (2020)	Good	Good

²² Note this is a short pile 3G surface.

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6.3: Demand

There are seven clubs classified as being based within teams in Shropshire, this has remained the same since the 2020 PPOSS. The table below identifies the changes in teams since the collation of the original data. As mentioned, Market Drayton HC, although not playing within the locality of Market Drayton, is now playing within the Authority (Lilleshall National Sports & Conferencing Centre) and is no longer classed as exported demand.

Table 6.5: Summary of number of hockey teams playing in Shropshire

Name of club	Men's teams	Women's teams	Junior / Mini teams	Total
2020	-	-	-	-
Bridgnorth HC	7	2	2	11
Ludlow HC	2	1	4	7
Market Drayton HC	3	-	1	4
Oswestry HC	-	1	-	1
Shrewsbury HC	4	2	4	10
Wem & Market Drayton HC	-	2	-	2
Whitchurch HC	2	3	2	7
Total	18	11	13	42
2023	-	-	-	-
Bridgnorth HC	5	3	2	10
Ludlow HC	1	2	-	3
Market Drayton HC	1	1	-	2
Oswestry HC	1	1	-	2
Shrewsbury HC	5	2	4	11
Wem & Market Drayton HC	-	1	-	1
Whitchurch HC	2	3	2	7
Total	15	13	8	36
-	-	-	-	-
% change	17%	18%	38%	14%

As seen, there is an overall decrease in competitive teams, particularly within the men's and junior/mini sections. Comparatively there has been an increase in the number of competitive women's teams.

With this being said the table overleaf indicates that although team numbers have decreased actual participation figures have increased.

Table 6.6: England Hockey affiliation figures (Category One and Two)

Name of club	Senior men (17-55)	Senior women (17-55)	Junior boys (14-16)	Junior girls (14-16)	Junior boys (11-13)	Junior girls (11-13)	Mini mixed (5-10)	Total
2020	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bridgnorth HC	95	44	30	15	18	14	14	230
Ludlow HC	20	15	8	2	11	5	9	70
Market Drayton HC	53	3	8	-	4	1	19	88
Oswestry HC	19	5	2	6	7	11	2	52
Shrewsbury HC	58	42	8	6	9	5	28	156
Wem & Market Drayton HC	-	36	-	2	-	2	-	40

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Name of club	Senior men (17-55)	Senior women (17-55)	Junior boys (14-16)	Junior girls (14-16)	Junior boys (11-13)	Junior girls (11-13)	Mini mixed (5-10)	Total
Whitchurch HC	21	28	13	14	7	13	16	112
Total	266	173	69	45	56	51	88	748
2023								
Bridgnorth HC	92	58	18	14	8	10	20	220
Ludlow HC	20	19	4	6	9	4	2	64
Market Drayton HC	25	-	-	-	-	-	-	25
Oswestry HC	20	29	-	-	-	-	-	49
Shrewsbury HC	128	100	40	35	41	61	78	483
Wem & Market Drayton HC	-	23	-	4	-	-	-	27
Whitchurch HC	27	41	11	11	8	10	15	123
Total	312	270	73	70	66	85	115	991
% change	17%	56%	6%	56%	18%	67%	31%	32%

The growth in participation is mainly due to the growth in membership at Shrewsbury HC. The increase in demand can partly be attributed to the refurbishment of the pitch at Roman Road Sports Centre. It is anticipated that this growth will eventually turn into additional teams.

Imported demand

Imported demand refers to any demand from neighbouring local authorities that accesses facilities within Shropshire due to a lack of available facilities in other local authorities where such team or club is based.

Newport HC currently imports two men's teams from neighbouring authority Telford & Wrekin to use the hockey suitable AGPs at Lilleshall National Sports & Conferencing Centre. The Club aspires to return this demand back to its own authority, however, struggles to access regular suitable provision within its locality.

6.4: Supply and demand analysis

The PPS Guidance suggests that a sports lit pitch is able to accommodate four match equivalent sessions (MES) on a Saturday with teams playing in a home and away format, as such this equates to one AGP being able to cater for eight 'home' teams. Teams play matches on a home and away basis and therefore one team requires 0.5 match sessions per week on its 'home' AGP.

Based on the above information there a total of 28 senior teams that are currently playing their competitive matches within Shropshire. This means there is a requirement for four full size hockey suitable AGPs in Shropshire, rounded up from 3.5 AGPs.

Therefore, in theory, there is enough hockey suitable provision across Shropshire to meet current and future levels of demand. However, there are issues that need to be taken into consideration that are affecting hockey clubs, as discussed further below.

6.5: Conclusion

Although there is theoretically enough hockey suitable AGPs across Shropshire to meet current and future levels of demand, the quality of key provision is poor.

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Pitches at Whitchurch Sports & Leisure Centre (Whitchurch HC / Wem & Market Drayton HC), Bridgnorth Endowed School (Bridgnorth HC) which were poor in 2020 and haven't been refurbished, and now the pitch at Much Wenlock Leisure Centre (Ludlow HC) which has gone from standard to poor quality, are all in need of refurbishment.

If these pitches are not refurbished in the near future, they may become unusable for hockey, forcing clubs to try and find alternative suitable provision. This could lead to a reduction in participation or even clubs folding.

There are also issues with accessibility and capacity at some sites that are well used for hockey: Whitchurch Sports & Leisure Centre and Bridgnorth Endowed School. It should be noted that these three sites, as well as having access/capacity issues are also poor quality and in need of resurfacing.

Each site is operating at capacity at peak time meaning any additional demand from the clubs using the sites (Whitchurch HC / Wem & Market Drayton HC and Bridgnorth HC respectively) would need to find another location to meet any future demand.

Due to Shropshire's substantial geographical size, the location of the hockey suitable AGPs are distributed in the larger settlement areas, for example, Shrewsbury (three pitches), Ellesmere (two pitches) and Oswestry (three pitches) that are located significant distances apart which makes them too costly/time consuming for other clubs to use.

This has led to Market Drayton HC using the pitches at Lilleshall National Sports & Conferencing Centre as this is the closest provision to its hometown of Market Drayton which has capacity. Correspondingly, Ludlow HC travels to Much Wenlock as there is no suitable provision for it to access within Ludlow itself. Both clubs report this to be expensive with aspirations to develop provision within their own locality.

As mentioned, although there is enough provision across Shropshire to meet current and future levels of demand, issues with pitch quality and accessibility need addressing to ensure hockey demand is to be sustain and grow.

Hockey summary

- ◀ **There is a need for four full size hockey suitable AGPs to accommodate all current demand and future demand in Shropshire, however, there is a need to address quality, accessibility and capacity issues. There has been no change since the 2020 study.**
- ◀ There are 16 full size hockey suitable AGPs in Shropshire, of which, 13 are available for community use to some extent. Provision that is not available for community use is at the Shrewsbury School in the Central Analysis Area (two pitches) and RAF Cosford School of Physical Training in the South East Analysis Area.
- ◀ In addition, there are six smaller size hockey suitable AGPs in Shropshire. Of these, only two are identified as being available for community use.
- ◀ The management of hockey suitable AGPs across Shropshire varies with no hockey clubs in the Authority considered to have secure tenure on their sites.
- ◀ There are seven full size AGPs that are assessed as poor quality in Shropshire. Five are rated as good quality and four as standard quality.
- ◀ There are seven clubs classified as being based within teams in Shropshire. In total, these clubs accommodate 36 teams: 15 men's, 13 women's and eight dedicated junior/mini teams.

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PART 7: BOWLS

7.1: Introduction

The vast majority of bowling greens in Shropshire are crown greens with the British Crown Green Bowling Association (BCGBA) being the national governing body for the sport. BCGBA is responsible for ensuring the effective governance for the sport across the Country. There are also three flat green bowling greens with the national governing body Bowls England (BE) responsible for the sports governance. The season for both crown and flat green bowling generally runs from April to September.

7.2: Supply

As seen the overall number of bowling greens in Shropshire has decreased since 2020. This is due to two greens one at Reman Services Sports & Social Club and one green at Shawbury Bowling Club becoming disused.

Table 7.1: Summary of the number of greens by analysis area

Analysis area	Number of crown greens (flat)
2020	-
Central	31 (1)
North East	31
North West	11
South	4
South East	12 (1)
South West	8 (1)
Total	97 (3)
2023	-
Central	30 (1)
North East	30
North West	11
South	4
South East	12 (1)
South West	8 (1)
Total	95 (3)
% Change	2%

Indoor provision

It should be noted, in addition to the abovementioned outdoor provision, Shropshire is also serviced by a good quality six rink indoor bowling centre at Shrewsbury Sports Village. The site is the home venue for Shrewsbury Indoor BC.

7.3: Quality

Following consultation with Shropshire Bowling Association no greens were identified in having changes to quality.

7.4: Demand

The table overleaf compares current levels of membership against those captured in 2020.

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Table 7.2: Current club membership for crown bowls clubs in Shropshire

Analysis area	Place plan	Site ID	Site name	Club using site	Membership (2020)	Membership (2023)	% change
Central	Pontesbury & Minsterley	218	Pontesbury Playing Fields	Pontesbury BC	-	81	N/A
Central	Shrewsbury	15	Bagley Sports and Social Club	Bagley BC	-	37	N/A
Central	Shrewsbury	18	Baschurch Bowling Club	Baschurch BC	50	49	2%
Central	Shrewsbury	29	Bicton Village Hall	Bicton BC	63	61	3%
Central	Shrewsbury	60	Saints Recreation Ground	Castlefields BC	-	67	N/A
Central	Shrewsbury	107	Dorrington Village Hall	Dorrington BC	30	30	
Central	Shrewsbury	121	Greenfields Bowling Club	Greenfields BC	-	47	N/A
Central	Shrewsbury	121	Greenfields Bowling Club	Albert Road BC	35	25	29%
Central	Shrewsbury	176	Meole Brace Bowling Club	Meole Brace BC	153	-	N/A
Central	Shrewsbury	185	Monkmoor Outdoor Recreation Centre	Abbey BC	28	-	N/A
Central	Shrewsbury	205	Old Malt House Memorial Hall	Atcham Malthouse BC	49	38	22%
Central	Shrewsbury	258	Silks Meadow Recreation Ground	Frankwell BC	27	26	4%
Central	Shrewsbury	259	Unison Club (Column Cricket, Bowls & Tennis Club)	Unison BC	24	39	63%
Central	Shrewsbury	276	Stanley Parker Playing Fields	Bayston Hill BC	56	51	9%
Central	Shrewsbury	280	Telepost Sports & Social Club (Abbey Sports Ground)	Telepost BC	34	38	12%
Central	Shrewsbury	284	The Cock Inn	Hanwood BC	29	81	179%
Central	Shrewsbury	286	The Grapes	Oxon BC	-	27	N/A
Central	Shrewsbury	294	The Prince of Wales (Bynner Street)	Prince of Wales Hotel BC	72	68	6%
Central	Shrewsbury	297	The Red Lion	Battlefield BC	50	51	2%
Central	Shrewsbury	346	Monkmoor Bowling Club	Monkmoor BC	21	20	5%
Central	Shrewsbury	347	Old Shrewsbury Bowling Club	Old Shrewsbury BC	108	29	73%
Central	Shrewsbury	349	Prince of Wales Bowling Greens	Prince of Wales BC	-	59	N/A
Central	Shrewsbury	350	Shelton Recreation Ground	Shelton BC	60	57	5%
Central	Shrewsbury	363	Crescent Bowling Green	Crescent BC	41	38	7%
North East	Market Drayton	5	Adderley Village Hall	Adderley BC	64	67	5%

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Analysis area	Place plan	Site ID	Site name	Club using site	Membership (2020)	Membership (2023)	% change
North East	Market Drayton	63	Cheswardine Parish Council	Cheswardine BC	26	24	8%
North East	Market Drayton	65	Childs Ercall Bowls Club	Childs Ercall BC	-	34	N/A
North East	Market Drayton	138	Hodnet Social Club	Hodnet BC	56	35	37%
North East	Market Drayton	170	Market Drayton Bowling Club	Market Drayton BC	42	50	19%
North East	Market Drayton	202	Norton in Hales Community Sports Club	Norton in Hales BC	-	45	N/A
North East	Market Drayton	309	Victoria Bowling Club	Victoria BC	65	65	
North East	Market Drayton	327	Wollerton Bowling Green (Mill Rd)	Wollerton BC	38	49	29%
North East	Market Drayton	333	Woore Bowling Green	Woore BC	51	54	6%
North East	Wem	54	Butler Sports Centre	Wem BC	65	63	3%
North East	Wem	124	Hadnall Bowling Green	Hadnall BC	97	70	28%
North East	Wem	223	Preston Brockhurst Bowling Green	Preston Brockhurst BC	-	33	N/A
North East	Wem	307	United Services Wem Club	Wem United Services BC	63	61	3%
North East	Wem	312	Wem Recreation Ground	Wem Albion BC	40	33	17%
North East	Wem	323	Whixall Bowling Club	Whixall BC	75	92	23%
North East	Whitchurch	11	Archibald Worthington Club (Whitchurch)	Archibald Worthington BC	-	67	N/A
North East	Whitchurch	12	Ash Magna Bowling & Tennis Club	Ash BC	-	77	N/A
North East	Whitchurch	39	Bridgewater Bowling Club (Whitchurch)	Bridgewater BC	48	58	21%
North East	Whitchurch	57	Calverhall Cricket Ground	Calverhall BC	45	55	22%
North East	Whitchurch	62	Chester Road Bowling Club	Chester Road BC	133	142	7%
North East	Whitchurch	221	Prees Cricket and Recreation Club	Prees BC	79	98	24%
North East	Whitchurch	302	Tilstock Tennis & Bowls Club	Tilstock BC	54	59	9%
North East	Whitchurch	318	Whitchurch & District Club	District Club Whitchurch BC	-	96	N/A
North West	Ellesmere	99	Criftins Village Hall and Playing Field	Criftins BC	-	45	N/A
North West	Ellesmere	110	Ellesmere Bowling Club	Ellesmere BC	44	73	66%
North West	Oswestry	141	Ifton Miners Institute Bowling Green	Ifton BC	53	56	6%
North West	Oswestry	155	Lizbeth Close Bowling Green	George BC	10	13	30%
North West	Oswestry	155	Lizbeth Close Bowling Green	Ye Olde Crofte BC	32	40	25%
North West	Oswestry	156	Llanymynech Village Hall	Llanymynech BC	45	47	4%

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Analysis area	Place plan	Site ID	Site name	Club using site	Membership (2020)	Membership (2023)	% change
North West	Oswestry	322	Whittington Cricket & Bowling Club	Whittington BC	52	70	35%
North West	Oswestry	354	Weston Rhyn Bowling Green	Weston Rhyn BC	55	61	11%
North West	Oswestry	364	Oswestry Church Bowling Club	Church BC	80	73	9%
South	Cleobury Mortimer	344	Cleobury Mortimer Bowling Club	Cleobury Mortimer BC	99	32	68%
South	Ludlow	163	Ludlow Castle Tennis and Bowls Club	Ludlow Castle BC	138	46	67%
South	Ludlow	166	Ludlow Cricket Ground	Burway BC	-	62	N/A
South East	Albrighton	342	Albrighton Bowling Club	Albrighton BC	48	58	21%
South East	Bridgnorth	40	Bridgnorth Bowls, Cricket & Hockey Club	Bridgnorth BC	116	73	37%
South East	Bridgnorth	55	Bylet Bowling Club	Bylet BC	80	89	11%
South East	Bridgnorth	104	Davenport Park	Worfield BC	60	49	18%
South East	Bridgnorth	351	Squirrel Bowling Green	Squirrel BC	66	30	55%
South East	Bridgnorth	352	Stockton Bowling Club	Stockton BC	-	32	N/A
South East	Broseley	330	Broseley Social Club	Broseley BC	48	37	23%
South East	Highley	61	Chelmarsh Sports & Social Club	Chelmarsh BC	41	37	10%
South East	Highley	238	Severn Centre	Highley Miners Welfare BC	-	57	N/A
South East	Much Wenlock	117	Gaskell Recreation Ground	Much Wenlock BC	36	39	8%
South East	Shifnal	224	Priorslee Road	Shifnal BC	87	69	21%
South West	Bishop's Castle	59	Castle Hotel Bowls Club	Bishops Castle BC	33	49	48%
South West	Bishop's Castle	81	Clun Bowling Green	Clun BC	31	-	N/A
South West	Bishop's Castle	198	Newcastle Village Hall (Mill Road)	Newcastle on Clun BC	21	22	5%
South West	Bishop's Castle	337	Worthen Village Hall	Worthen & Brockton BC	34	50	47%
South West	Bishop's Castle	343	Chirbury Bowling Club	Chirbury BC	-	-	N/A
South West	Bishop's Castle	345	Clungunford Bowling Club	Clungunford BC	18	24	33%
South West	Church Stretton	70	Church Stretton Park Playing Fields	Church Stretton BC	-	-	N/A
South West	Craven Arms	96	Craven Arms Bowling Club	Craven Arms BC	-	38	N/A
Total					3,330	3,817	15%

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Table 7.3: Summary of current demand

Analysis area	Membership 2020	Membership 2023	% change
Central	930	1,019	10%
North East	1,073	1,427	33%
North West	371	478	29%
South	237	140	41%
South East	582	570	2%
South West	137	183	34%
Total	3,330	3,817	15%

As seen in the table above, membership has increased by 15% overall within Shropshire since 2020. By analysis area, the Central, North East, North West and South West areas have seen increases in membership, whilst the South and South East have seen a reduction in demand.

7.5: Supply and demand analysis

Capacity is very much dependent on the leagues and the day that they operate. A green may have no spare capacity on an afternoon or evening when a popular league operates.

All other time periods that are not used for League matches can be available for social bowling or, more often than not, used for practice by club members throughout the week. This demand is unquantifiable as participants can use the greens as often or as little as they deem necessary.

Clubs are considered viable as long as they have the appropriate levels of membership to sustain their bowling green and accompanying ancillary facilities. Therefore, clubs that have lower levels of participation in comparison to the remaining clubs within the Authority may have issues maintaining their provision.

Following membership information (2023) from Shropshire Crown Green Bowling Association the following clubs are operating below or close to 20 members:

- ▶ George BC
- ▶ Cheswardine BC
- ▶ Old Shrewsbury BC
- ▶ Albert Road BC
- ▶ Monkmoor BC
- ▶ Clungunford BC
- ▶ Newcastle on Clun BC
- ▶ Frankwell BC
- ▶ Oxon BC

It should also be noted Abbey BC previously operated close to the 20 member guideline, however, no membership data was available for the 2023 season, therefore it is assumed the Club is operating at a similar membership level. These clubs need to be monitored to ensure membership figures do not decrease to a level where they cannot effectively maintain green and ancillary provision quality.

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Conversely those clubs which have a substantial level of demand also need to be monitored to ensure they have the appropriate quantity /quality of provision. The below clubs all have at least 60 members and should be consulted with regularly to ensure their provision is suitable for their level of demand:

- ◀ Adderley BC
- ◀ Archibald Worthington BC
- ◀ Ash BC
- ◀ Bicton BC
- ◀ Bridgnorth BC
- ◀ Burway BC
- ◀ Bylet BC
- ◀ Castlefields BC
- ◀ Chester Road BC
- ◀ Church BC
- ◀ District Club Whitchurch BC
- ◀ Ellesmere BC
- ◀ Hadnall BC
- ◀ Hanwood BC
- ◀ Pontesbury BC
- ◀ Prees BC
- ◀ Prince of Wales Hotel BC
- ◀ Shifnal BC
- ◀ Victoria BC
- ◀ Wem BC
- ◀ Wem United Services BC
- ◀ Weston Rhyn BC
- ◀ Whittington BC
- ◀ Whixall BC

In addition, Meole Brace BC previously operated above the 60 team guidelines, however, no membership data was available for the 2023 season. It is considered that the Club is operating at a similar level and is therefore should also be monitored like the clubs above.

7.6: Conclusion

It is considered that anyone within Shropshire that would like to start participating could so at the clubs and greens already in existence. This means there is enough supply of greens within the Authority.

As there is no evidence to suggest a need for new bowling greens in Shropshire, the priority should remain as supporting existing clubs improve their facilities.

Bowls summary

- ◀ **Clubs are considered viable as long as they have the appropriate levels of membership to sustain their bowling green and accompanying ancillary facilities. Therefore, clubs that have lower levels of participation in comparison to the remaining clubs within the Authority may have issues maintaining their provision.**
- ◀ There are 95 crown bowling greens in Shropshire three flat bowling. All of which are available for community use.
- ◀ In Shropshire 42 greens are assessed as good quality, 47 as standard quality and six as poor quality.
- ◀ Membership across Shropshire currently totals 3,817.

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PART 8: TENNIS

8.1: Introduction

The Lawn Tennis Association (LTA) is the organisation responsible for the governance of tennis and administers the sport locally across Shropshire. The LTA has recently restructured its strategic approach to target a number of national focus areas, with a priority on developing the sport at park sites.

8.2: Supply

As seen the overall number of tennis courts available for community use has remained the same since 2020, however, there has been an increase in the number of courts which are unavailable for community use. This is due to two courts at St George's Junior School becoming unavailable for community use, whilst an additional two community available air dome courts were built in September 2022 at The Cathie Sabin Community Tennis Centre.

Table 8.1: Summary of tennis courts across Shropshire

Analysis area	Number of courts available for community use	Number of courts unavailable for community use	Total
2020	-	-	-
Central	67	31	98
North East	31	5	36
North West	38	19	57
South	27	1	28
South East	23	8	31
South West	19	16	35
Total	205	80	285
2023	-	-	-
Central	67	33	100
North East	31	5	36
North West	38	19	57
South	27	1	28
South East	23	8	31
South West	19	16	35
Total	205	82	287
-	-	-	-
% change		3%	1%

Please note that the 2020 data was based on consultation and survey work carried out directly with the schools at the time and although many schools state their courts were available for community use, this does not necessarily reflect how many are being used. Further to this, the LTA suggests that the number of tennis courts available for community use is overstated and believes that most school courts are not fully accessible.

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Table 8.2: Summary of provision site by site

Analysis area	Place plan	Site ID	Site name	Management	Community club /users	Available for community use?	No. of courts	Sports lit?	Court type
Central	Pontesbury & Minsterley	174	Mary Webb School and Science College	Education	-	No	2	No	Macadam
Central	Shrewsbury	3	Adcote School for Girls	Education	-	No	3	No	Macadam
Central	Shrewsbury	20	Baschurch Tennis Club	Sports club	Baschurch TC	Yes	2	Yes	Macadam
Central	Shrewsbury	27	Belvidere School	Education	-	No	4	No	Macadam
Central	Shrewsbury	38	Bomere Heath Tennis Club	Parish council	-	Yes	2	Yes	Macadam
Central	Shrewsbury	58	Castle Country Club	Commercial	-	No	3	No	Macadam
Central	Shrewsbury	60	Saints Recreation Ground	Town council	-	Yes	2	No	Grass
Central	Shrewsbury	91	Corbet School	Education	-	Yes	4	No	Macadam
Central	Shrewsbury	95	Cound Tennis Club	Sports club	Cound TC	Yes	2	Yes	Shale
Central	Shrewsbury	95	Cound Tennis Club	Sports club	Cound TC	Yes	2	Yes	Macadam
Central	Shrewsbury	108	Douglas Swire Memorial Hall	Community organisation	Longden TC	Yes	2	Yes	Macadam
Central	Shrewsbury	120	The Grange Sports Centre	Education	-	Yes	4	No	Macadam
Central	Shrewsbury	185	Monkmoor Outdoor Recreation Centre	Town council	-	Yes	2	No	Macadam
Central	Shrewsbury	185	Monkmoor Outdoor Recreation Centre	Town council	-	Yes	3	Yes	Macadam
Central	Shrewsbury	222	Prestfelde Preparatory School	Education	-	Yes	3	No	Macadam
Central	Shrewsbury	233	Roman Road Sports Centre (Meole Brace School)	Council		Yes	4	No	Macadam
Central	Shrewsbury	247	Shrewsbury Academy	Education	-	No	3	No	Macadam
Central	Shrewsbury	251	Shrewsbury Lawn Tennis Club	Sports club	Shrewsbury LTC	Yes	5	Yes	Macadam
Central	Shrewsbury	251	Shrewsbury Lawn Tennis Club	Sports club	Shrewsbury LTC	Yes	6	No	Grass
Central	Shrewsbury	253	Shrewsbury School	Education	-	No	8	No	Macadam
Central	Shrewsbury	253	Shrewsbury School	Education	-	No	6	No	Artificial ²³
Central	Shrewsbury	255	Shrewsbury Sports Village	Council	-	Yes	4	Yes	Macadam
Central	Shrewsbury	258	Silks Meadow Recreation Ground	Town Council	-	Yes	2	No	Grass
Central	Shrewsbury	262	St George's Junior School	Education	-	No	2	Yes	Macadam
Central	Shrewsbury	274	St. Michaels Street Recreation Ground	Town Council	-	Yes	1	No	Grass
Central	Shrewsbury	276	Stanley Parker Playing Fields	Parish council	-	Yes	1	Yes	Macadam
Central	Shrewsbury	295	The Priory School	Education	-	No	2	No	Macadam
Central	Shrewsbury	298	The Shrewsbury Club	Sports club	The Shrewsbury Club	Yes	2	No	Clay
Central	Shrewsbury	298	The Shrewsbury Club	Sports club	The Shrewsbury Club	Yes	4	Yes	Macadam
Central	Shrewsbury	303	Town Walls Tennis Club	Sports club	Town Walls TC	Yes	3	Yes	Macadam
Central	Shrewsbury	329	Woodfield Tennis Club	Sports club	Woodfield TC	Yes	3	Yes	Artificial
Central	Shrewsbury	366	Shrewsbury High School	Education	-	Yes	2	Yes	Artificial
Central	Shrewsbury	386	The Cathie Sabin Community Tennis Centre	Sports club	-	Yes	2 ²⁴	Yes	Acrylic
North East	Market Drayton	123	Greenfields Sports Ground	Town council	Market Drayton TC	Yes	3 ²⁵	Yes	Macadam
North East	Market Drayton	135	Hinstock Recreation Ground	Parish council		Yes	1	Yes	Macadam
North East	Market Drayton	135	Hinstock Recreation Ground	Parish council	Hinstock TC	Yes	2	Yes	Macadam
North East	Market Drayton	188	Moreton Saye Tennis and Bowls	Parish council	-	Yes	1	Yes	Macadam

²³ Tennis courts are overmarked onto a full size sports lit hockey suitable AGP.

²⁴ Two brand new air dome courts built in 2022.

²⁵ Two of the senior courts are overmarked for junior tennis

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Analysis area	Place plan	Site ID	Site name	Management	Community club /users	Available for community use?	No. of courts	Sports lit?	Court type
North East	Market Drayton	202	Norton in Hales Community Sports Club	Community organisation	Norton in Hales TC	Yes	2	No	Grass
North East	Market Drayton	287	The Grove School	Education	-	Yes	3	No	Macadam
North East	Market Drayton	328	Wollerton Tennis Courts	Sports club	Wollerton TC	Yes	2	Yes	Artificial
North East	Market Drayton	335	Woore Tennis Club	Sports club	Woore TC	Yes	2	Yes	Macadam
North East	Wem	230	RAF Shrewsbury	MOD	-	No	3	No	Macadam
North East	Wem	312	Wem Recreation Ground	Sports club	Wem TC	Yes	1	No	Macadam
North East	Wem	312	Wem Recreation Ground	Sports club	Wem TC	Yes	3	Yes	Macadam
North East	Wem	324	Whixall C of E Primary School	Education	-	No	1	No	Macadam
North East	Wem	331	Woodlands School	Education	-	No	1	No	Macadam
North East	Whitchurch	12	Ash Magna Bowling & Tennis Club	Parish council	-	Yes	1	No	Macadam
North East	Whitchurch	57	Calverhall Cricket Ground	Parish council	-	Yes	2	Yes	Artificial
North East	Whitchurch	139	Hollies Tennis Club	Sports club	Hollies TC	Yes	3	Yes	Macadam
North East	Whitchurch	302	Tilstock Tennis & Bowls Club	Sports club	Tilstock TC	Yes	2	Yes	Grass
North East	Whitchurch	321	Whitchurch Sports & Leisure Centre / Sir John Talbot's School	Education	-	Yes	4	No	Macadam
North West	Ellesmere	99	Criftins Village Hall and Playing Field	Community organisation	Criftins TC	Yes	2	Yes	Macadam
North West	Ellesmere	111	Ellesmere College	Education	-	Yes	6	Yes	Macadam
North West	Ellesmere	151	Lakelands Academy	Education	-	No	3	Yes	Macadam
North West	Oswestry	45	Brookside Leisure Park	Commercial	-	Yes	1	No	Macadam
North West	Oswestry	56	Cae Glass Park	Community organisation	Oswestry Team Tennis	Yes	3	Yes	Artificial
North West	Oswestry	56	Cae Glass Park	Community organisation	Oswestry Team Tennis	Yes	3 ²⁶	Yes	Artificial
North West	Oswestry	56	Cae Glass Park	Town council	-	Yes	2	No	Macadam
North West	Oswestry	154	Lion Quays Leisure Club	Commercial	-	No	3	Yes	Macadam
North West	Oswestry	156	Llanymynech Village Hall	Community organisation	Llanymynech TC	Yes	2	No	Macadam
North West	Oswestry	169	Marches School	Education	-	No	4	No	Macadam
North West	Oswestry	187	Moreton Hall School	Education	-	Yes	3	Yes	Macadam
North West	Oswestry	187	Moreton Hall School	Education	-	Yes	3	No	Macadam
North West	Oswestry	211	Oswestry School	Education	-	Yes	6	Yes	Artificial ²⁷
North West	Oswestry	212	Oswestry Tennis Club	Sports club	Oswestry TC	Yes	2	Yes	Macadam
North West	Oswestry	212	Oswestry Tennis Club	Sports club	Oswestry TC	Yes	2 ²⁸	Yes	Macadam
North West	Oswestry	215	Packwood Haugh School	Education	-	No	1	No	Grass
North West	Oswestry	215	Packwood Haugh School	Education	-	No	2	Yes	Macadam
North West	Oswestry	215	Packwood Haugh School	Education	-	No	6	Yes	Artificial ²⁹
North West	Oswestry	267	St Martins School	Education	-	Yes	2	No	Macadam
South	Cleobury Mortimer	184	Moffats School	Education	-	No	1	No	Macadam
South	Ludlow	14	Ashford Carbonell Playing Fields	Parish council	-	Yes	1	No	Macadam
South	Ludlow	163	Ludlow Tennis and Bowls Club	Sports club	Ludlow Castle TC	Yes	2	Yes	Clay
South	Ludlow	163	Ludlow Tennis and Bowls Club	Sports club	Ludlow Castle TC	Yes	2	Yes	Artificial
South	Ludlow	163	Ludlow Tennis and Bowls Club	Sports club	Ludlow Castle TC	Yes	1	No	Artificial
South	Ludlow	164	Ludlow Church of England School	Education	-	No	4	Yes	Macadam
South	Ludlow	166	Ludlow Cricket Ground	Sports club	-	Yes	2	No	Macadam

²⁶ Dedicated mini courts

²⁷ Tennis courts are overmarked onto a full size sports lit hockey suitable AGP.

²⁸ Dedicated mini tennis courts

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South	Ludlow	186	Moor Park School	Education	-	Yes	2	Yes	Macadam
South East	Albrighton	7	Albrighton Cricket Club	Sports club	Albrighton TC	Yes	1	No	Artificial
South East	Albrighton	7	Albrighton Cricket Club	Sports club	Albrighton TC	Yes	2	Yes	Artificial
South East	Albrighton	229	RAF Cosford School of Physical Training	MOD	-	No	4	No	Macadam
South East	Albrighton	362	Birchfield School	Education	-	No	3	Yes	Artificial ³⁰
South East	Bridgnorth	10	Alveley Recreation Ground	Community organisation	Alveley TC	Yes	3	Yes	Macadam
South East	Bridgnorth	41	Bridgnorth Endowed School	Education	-	Yes	9	No	Macadam
South East	Bridgnorth	42	Bridgnorth Lawn Tennis Club	Sports club	Bridgnorth TC	Yes	4	Yes	Artificial
South East	Bridgnorth	73	Claverley Tennis Club	Trust	Claverley TC	Yes	2	Yes	Macadam
South East	Bridgnorth	104	Davenport Park	Sports club	Worfield TC	Yes	2	Yes	Artificial
South East	Bridgnorth	206	Oldbury Wells School	Education	-	Yes	4	No	Macadam
South East	Broseley	48	Broseley Tennis Club	Sports club	Broseley TC	Yes	3	Yes	Macadam
South East	Highley	238	Severn Centre	Trust	-	Yes	3	Yes	Macadam
South East	Much Wenlock	193	Much Wenlock Leisure Centre (William Brookes School)	Town Council		Yes	4	Yes	Macadam
South East	Shifnal	129	Haughton Hall Health Club	Private	-	No	1	No	Macadam
South East	Shifnal	140	Idsall Sports Centre / Idsall School	Council	Shifnal TC	Yes	5	Yes	Artificial
South East	Shifnal	140	Idsall Sports Centre / Idsall School	Council	Shifnal TC	Yes	3	Yes	Macadam
South East	Shifnal	140	Idsall Sports Centre / Idsall School	Council	Shifnal TC	Yes	2	Yes	Macadam ⁷¹
South East	Shifnal	224	Priorslee Road	Sports club	Shifnal TC	Yes	3	Yes	Macadam
South West	Bishop's Castle	24	Bedstone College	Education	-	No	2	No	Macadam
South West	Bishop's Castle	33	Bishops Castle Tennis Club	Sports club	Bishops Castle TC	Yes	1	No	Artificial
South West	Bishop's Castle	33	Bishops Castle Tennis Club	Sports club	Bishops Castle TC	Yes	2	Yes	Macadam
South West	Bishop's Castle	86	Community College Bishops Castle	Education	-	No	2	No	Macadam
South West	Bishop's Castle	337	Worthen Village Hall	Community organisation	Worthen TC	Yes	1	No	Macadam
South West	Church Stretton	70	Church Stretton Park Playing Field	Parish council	Church Stretton TC	Yes	3	No	Macadam
South West	Church Stretton	71	Church Stretton School	Education	-	No	5	No	Macadam
South West	Church Stretton	87	Concord College	Education	-	No	3	Yes	Macadam
South West	Craven Arms	181	Millichope Park	Commercial	-	Yes	1	No	Artificial
South West	Craven Arms	181	Millichope Park	Commercial	-	Yes	1	No	Macadam

³⁰ Tennis courts are overmarked onto a small size sports lit hockey suitable AGP.

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Loss of provision

Ludlow Cricket Ground, circa 2009, had a total of two grass, two macadam and one shale tennis court, however, the two grass and one shale court have not been maintained as usable provision for approximately a decade. This means that the site only currently hosts two macadam courts. It is unknown why this provision stopped being maintained although it is likely due to reduced levels of demand or finances.

Unison Club (Column Cricket, Bowls & Tennis Club) previously accommodated two macadam tennis courts, however, non-technical site assessments found the area was currently being utilised for additional car parking.

The Priory School has recently developed additional classroom space on two of its four tennis courts. It has mitigated this loss with the refurbishment of two dedicated sports lit netball courts.

There are two disused clay courts located at The Shrewsbury Club which are not sports lit. A planning application (20/01893/FUL) has been submitted to build an air dome over these courts which would also be converted into an acrylic surface. In addition, sports lights are planned to be installed on the existing clay courts to maximise their usage. These are also planned to be resurfaced to either an artificial clay or hardcourt surface to give all year round access.

This planned enhancement of tennis provision is due as mitigation from the loss of two of the four macadam tennis courts on the site from planned expansion from the Spa and Health and Fitness provision at The Shrewsbury Club.

In addition, there are four lapsed macadam tennis courts at Shrewsbury Colleges (Former Wakeman School Site). Based on satellite imagery the site was last formally used circa 2010.

Future developments

As identified in the 2020 PPS, Greenfields Sports Ground has been identified in the Neighbourhood Local Plan for potential housing development. The site is leased from Market Drayton Town Council to the Market Drayton Sports Association (MDSA) which consists of Market Drayton TC, Market Drayton Town FC, Market Drayton Tigers FC and Market Drayton RFC. Each club has its own clubhouse and pitch provision to accommodate demand.

According to a recent feasibility study, MDSA faces major sustainability challenges; the cost of operating has increased, facilities are old and disparate, demand is growing particularly from junior football and youth rugby, and there is no capacity available on existing facilities. Disability access is very limited, and safeguarding guidance cannot be followed.

Building on the previous PPS, the feasibility study identifies that Market Drayton needs a re-developed and future-proofed Greenfields Sports Ground (existing facilities as a minimum and appropriate ancillary provision - car parking, social facilities, changing accommodation and storage), one 3G pitch, one sand-based AGP) and at least one indoor tennis court.

Two facility mix options are presented as a replacement for Greenfields Sports Ground with Option 1 delivering future-proofed facilities for clubs and their current and future membership and Option 2 extending this provision to address other identified gaps in Market Drayton.

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Although one site option is the most sustainable moving forward, because this delivers a critical mass of facilities under one operational structure, it does have to be recognised that individual clubs could decide to move to an alternative site, either as part of MDSA, or as a stand-alone entity. The former option may be a preference because a club needs to expand and grow immediately to remain sustainable.

Indoor provision

In addition to the outdoor provision there are also 12 indoor courts across three sites: Ellesmere College (North West), Oswestry School (North West) and The Shrewsbury Club (Central).

The former site has four new good quality acrylic indoor courts that are used extensively for curricular and extracurricular activities in addition to wider community use. Comparatively, Oswestry School has recently built (2018) an indoor sports facility that includes two permanent indoor acrylic tennis courts.

The Shrewsbury Club has six good indoor acrylic quality courts that are used by a variety of different users including junior tennis coaching, adult tennis coaching, wheelchair tennis, social sessions and international/LTA registered events. The adjoining site (The Cathie Sabin Community Tennis Centre) has also seen the addition of two acrylic air dome courts since the 2020 study, built in September 2022.

The LTA indicates a need for additional indoor provision across Shropshire in order to cater for current and future levels of demand.

Sports lighting

Church Stretton TC indicates plans to install sports lighting on its courts, however, it has not secured funding to implement the enhancements. In comparison Llanymynech TC reports no demand for sports lights at Llanymynech Village Hall.

In addition, Worfield TC and Church Stretton TC report sports lighting at Davenport Park and Church Stretton Playing Fields, respectively, need refurbishing.

Court type

Most community available courts in Shropshire have a macadam surface (69%). The estimated lifespan of a macadam court is ten years, depending on levels of use and maintenance levels. To ensure courts can continue to be used beyond this time frame, it is recommended that a sinking fund is put into place for eventual refurbishment. The LTA reports that this should cost £1,200 a year per macadam court (which includes on-going maintenance costs). In comparison it indicates an approximate sinking fund of £1,800 needed to refurbish an artificial court surface or one sports lit macadam court.

The remaining courts have either an artificial turf surface (sand-based / tiger turf), clay-based, acrylic or grass. Such provision generally allows for greater levels of access, especially during inclement weather spells, as well as requiring less frequent maintenance. Nevertheless, the cost of resurfacing the courts is more expensive despite the lifespan being similar.

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Table 8.3: Summary of court type at community available sites

Analysis area	Macadam	Grass	Artificial	Clay / Shale	Acrylic
Central	45	11	5	4	2
North East	23	4	4	-	
North West	26	-	12	-	
South	21	-	6	-	
South East	15	-	8	-	
South West	12	-	5	2	
Total	142	15	40	6	2

8.3: Quality

As seen in the tables below, there has been some changes in quality of courts with a slight increase in good quality courts and a decrease in standard quality courts. This is due to two air dome courts coming online at The Shrewsbury Club of good quality, and three courts at Wem Recreation Ground being resurfaced and improved from standard to good quality.

Table 8.4: Summary of community available court quality

Analysis area	Good	Standard	Poor
2020	-	-	-
Central	30	29	8
North East	11	14	6
North West	26	6	6
South	9	5	13
South East	13	5	5
South West	8	9	2
Total	97	68	40
2023	-	-	-
Central	30	29	8
North East	14	11	6
North West	26	6	6
South	9	5	13
South East	13	5	5
South West	8	9	2
Total	99	66	40
-	-	-	-
% change	2%	3%	0

The table below identifies community available court quality on a site by site basis.

Table 8.5: Site by site quality ratings of community available courts

Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	No. of courts	Sports lit?	Court type	2020 quality	2023 quality
7	Albrighton Cricket Club	South East	1	No	Artificial	Good	Good
7	Albrighton Cricket Club	South East	2	Yes	Artificial	Good	Good
10	Alveley Recreation Ground	South	3	Yes	Macadam	Good	Good

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Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	No. of courts	Sports lit?	Court type	2020 quality	2023 quality
12	Ash Magna Bowling & Tennis Club	North East	1	No	Macadam	Standard	Standard
14	Ashford Carbonell Playing Fields	South West	1	No	Macadam	Standard	Standard
20	Baschurch Tennis Club	Central	2	Yes	Macadam	Good	Good
33	Bishops Castle Tennis Club	South West	1	No	Artificial	Good	Good
33	Bishops Castle Tennis Club	South West	2	Yes	Macadam	Good	Good
38	Bomere Heath Tennis Club	Central	2	Yes	Macadam	Standard	Standard
41	Bridgnorth Endowed School	South	9	No	Macadam	Poor	Poor
42	Bridgnorth Lawn Tennis Club	South	2	Yes	Artificial	Good	Good
42	Bridgnorth Lawn Tennis Club	South	2	Yes	Artificial	Standard	Standard
45	Brookside Leisure Park	North West	1	No	Macadam	Poor	Poor
48	Broseley Tennis Club	South East	3	Yes	Macadam	Good	Good
56	Cae Glass Park	North West	3	Yes	Artificial	Good	Good
56	Cae Glass Park	North West	3 ³¹	Yes	Artificial	Good	Good
56	Cae Glass Park	North West	2	No	Macadam	Poor	Poor
57	Calverhall Cricket Ground	North East	2	Yes	Artificial	Standard	Standard
60	Saints Recreation Ground	Central	2	No	Grass	Standard	Standard
70	Church Stretton Park Playing Field	South West	3	No	Macadam	Standard	Standard
73	Claverley Tennis Club	South	2	Yes	Macadam	Good	Good
91	Corbet School	Central	4	No	Macadam	Standard	Standard
95	Cound Tennis Club	Central	2	Yes	Shale	Standard	Standard
95	Cound Tennis Club	Central	2	Yes	Macadam	Standard	Standard
99	Criftins Village Hall and Playing Field	North West	2	Yes	Macadam	Good	Good
104	Davenport Park	South	2	Yes	Artificial	Good	Good
108	Douglas Swire Memorial Hall	Central	2	Yes	Macadam	Good	Good
111	Ellesmere College	North West	6	Yes	Macadam	Poor	Poor
120	The Grange Sports Centre	Central	4	No	Macadam	Standard	Standard
123	Greenfields Sports Ground	North East	3	Yes	Macadam	Standard	Standard
135	Hinstock Recreation Ground	North East	1	Yes	Macadam	Poor	Poor
135	Hinstock Recreation Ground	North East	2	Yes	Macadam	Good	Good
139	Hollies Tennis Club	North East	3	Yes	Macadam	Good	Good
140	Idsall Sports Centre / Idsall School	South East	5	Yes	Artificial	Standard	Standard

³¹ Dedicated mini courts

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Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	No. of courts	Sports lit?	Court type	2020 quality	2023 quality
140	Idsall Sports Centre / Idsall School	South East	3	Yes	Macadam	Poor	Poor
140	Idsall Sports Centre / Idsall School	South East	2 ⁷³	Yes	Macadam	Poor	Poor
156	Llanymynech Village Hall	North West	2	No	Macadam	Standard	Standard
163	Ludlow Tennis and Bowls Club	South West	2	Yes	Clay	Good	Good
163	Ludlow Tennis and Bowls Club	South West	2	Yes	Artificial	Good	Good
163	Ludlow Tennis and Bowls Club	South West	1	No	Artificial	Good	Good
166	Ludlow Cricket Ground	South West	2	No	Macadam	Poor	Poor
181	Millichopre Park	South West	1	No	Artificial	Standard	Standard
181	Millichopre Park	South West	1	No	Macadam	Standard	Standard
185	Monkmoor Outdoor Recreation Centre	Central	2	No	Macadam	Poor	Poor
185	Monkmoor Outdoor Recreation Centre	Central	3	Yes	Macadam	Good	Good
186	Moor Park School	South West	2	Yes	Macadam	Standard	Standard
187	Moreton Hall School	North West	3	Yes	Macadam	Good	Good
187	Moreton Hall School	North West	3	No	Macadam	Good	Good
188	Moreton Saye Tennis and Bowls	North West	1	Yes	Macadam	Poor	Poor
193	Much Wenlock Leisure Centre (William Brookes School)	South East	4	Yes	Macadam	Good	Good
202	Norton in Hales Community Sports Club	North East	2	No	Grass	Poor	Poor
206	Oldbury Wells School	South	4	No	Macadam	Poor	Poor
211	Oswestry School	North West	6	Yes	Artificial ³²	Good	Good
212	Oswestry Tennis Club	North West	2	Yes	Macadam	Standard	Standard
212	Oswestry Tennis Club	North West	2 ³³	Yes	Macadam	Standard	Standard
222	Prestfelde Preparatory School	Central	3	No	Macadam	Good	Good
224	Priorslee Road	South East	3	Yes	Macadam	Good	Good
233	Roman Road Sports Centre (Meole Brace School)	Central	4	Yes	Macadam	Poor	Poor
238	Severn Centre	South	3	Yes	Macadam	Standard	Standard
251	Shrewsbury Lawn Tennis Club	Central	5	Yes	Macadam	Good	Good
251	Shrewsbury Lawn Tennis Club	Central	6	No	Grass	Standard	Standard
255	Shrewsbury Sports Village	Central	4	Yes	Macadam	Standard	Standard

³² Tennis courts are overmarked onto a full size sports lit hockey suitable AGP.

³³ Dedicated mini tennis courts

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Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	No. of courts	Sports lit?	Court type	2020 quality	2023 quality
258	Silks Meadow Recreation Ground	Central	2	No	Grass	Poor	Poor
267	St Martins School	North West	2	No	Macadam	Poor	Poor
274	St. Michaels Street Recreation Ground	Central	1	No	Grass	Standard	Standard
276	Stanley Parker Playing Fields	Central	1	Yes	Macadam	Good	Good
287	The Grove School	North East	3	No	Macadam	Poor	Poor
298	The Shrewsbury Club	Central	2	No	Clay	Standard	Standard
298	The Shrewsbury Club	Central	4	Yes	Macadam	Good	Good
298	The Shrewsbury Club	Central	2 ³⁴	Yes	Acrylic	N/A	Good
302	Tilstock Tennis & Bowls Club	North East	2	Yes	Grass	Standard	Standard
303	Town Walls Tennis Club	Central	3	Yes	Macadam	Good	Good
312	Wem Recreation Ground	North East	1	No	Macadam	Standard	Standard
312	Wem Recreation Ground	North East	3	Yes	Macadam	Standard	Good
321	Whitchurch Sports & Leisure Centre / Sir John Talbot's School	North East	4	No	Macadam	Good	Good
328	Wollerton Tennis Courts	North East	2	Yes	Artificial	Standard	Standard
329	Woodfield Tennis Club	Central	3	Yes	Artificial	Good	Good
335	Woore Tennis Club	North East	2	Yes	Macadam	Good	Good
337	Worthen Village Hall	South West	1	No	Macadam	Standard	Standard
366	Shrewsbury High School	Central	2	Yes	Artificial	Good	Good

Ancillary provision

The ancillary facilities servicing the tennis clubs in Shropshire has remained the same since the 2020 study, with no changes highlighted through consultation with the LTA and Shropshire LTA.

Albrighton, Church Stretton, Cound, Criftins, Hinstock, Llanymynech, Longden and Market Drayton tennis clubs noting that changing facilities at their respective sites are of poor quality.

Church Stretton TC reports car parking, changing facilities and kitchen/toilets all need to be improved at Church Stretton Park Playing Fields as they are extremely basic.

In comparison, Cound TC indicates the clubhouse that services the courts at Cound Tennis Club is dated and in need of modernisation noting issues will animals such as rodents accessing the building and general signs wear and tear.

Criftins TC and Llanymynech TC aspire to improve the quality of their clubhouses, however, indicate they has been limited by funding options.

³⁴ Air dome courts

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Hinstock TC currently only has access to a portacabin for ancillary provision at Hinstock Recreation Ground. It has applied for funding from Hinstock Parish Council in connection with potential section 106/Sil monies from a local housing development in order to create a pavilion, however, the Parish Council is yet to take action.

Longden TC has long term plans to develop its clubhouse, however, it does not indicate a specific timeframe or funding plan on how it will accomplish these improvements.

Apart from the aforementioned, no other clubs indicate an issue with the quality of the ancillary provision they access at their home venue.

For non-club courts, the ancillary provision is generally considered to be problematic. Often, the facilities predominately service football and cricket pitch users and therefore are not readily available or suited to tennis court users. Insight from the LTA indicates good quality ancillary facilities such as toilets, changing rooms and cafes, encourage players to visit community available provision and stay for extended periods of time. Therefore, a potential way to increase usage of such provision would be to invest and sustain suitable ancillary amenities.

8.4: Demand

The table overleaf provides tennis membership numbers from the most recent affiliation data for 2023 provided by the LTA and suggests that there are 4,187 playing members across the 30 clubs in Shropshire.

As it is difficult to provide a comparison to the 2020 PPS demand figures for tennis (due to a marked short term increase in numbers playing tennis following the first lockdown when it was one of the few sports open to people), these are better compared to national participation trends from 2022, which state:

- ◀ Number of adults reporting that they had played tennis during the year increased 43% compared to the previous year, rising from 3.3 million to 4.7 million from January through to December. This is the highest total recorded since 2017 and has continued the growth seen in 2018-19 which was interrupted during the pandemic.
- ◀ More than two million adults play monthly, and this is the highest level recorded since the LTA started tracking this measure seven years ago.
- ◀ Children's weekly participation in tennis has seen positive growth in the past year with over three and a half million children playing tennis with an extra 328,000 children playing tennis in schools.

On this basis, the LTA believes there is an upward trend in participation in Shropshire.

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Table 8.6: Summary of club membership

Name of club	Analysis area	Place Plan	Site ID	Site name	Membership (2023)
Albrighton TC	South East	Albrighton	7	Albrighton Cricket Club	108
Alveley TC	South East	Bridgnorth	10	Alveley Recreation Ground	58
Baschurch TC	Central	Shrewsbury	20	Baschurch Tennis Club	187
Bishops Castle TC	South West	Bishop's Castle	33	Bishops Castle Tennis Club	87
Bridgnorth TC	South East	Bridgnorth	42	Bridgnorth Lawn Tennis Club	166
Broseley TC	South East	Broseley	48	Broseley Tennis Club	98
Church Stretton TC	South West	Church Stretton	70	Church Stretton Park Playing Field	45
Claverley TC	South East	Bridgnorth	73	Claverley Tennis Club	59
Cound TC	Central	Shrewsbury	95	Cound Tennis Club	97
Criftins TC	North West	Ellesmere	99	Criftins Village Hall and Playing Field	35
Hinstock TC	North East	Market Drayton	135	Hinstock Recreation Ground	58
Hollies TC	North East	Whitchurch	139	Hollies Tennis Club	194
Llanymynech TC	North West	Oswestry	156	Llanymynech Village Hall	50
Longden TC	Central	Shrewsbury	108	Douglas Swire Memorial Hall	62
Ludlow Castle TC	South	Ludlow	163	Ludlow Tennis and Bowls Club	194
Market Drayton TC	North East	Market Drayton	123	Greenfields Sports Ground	90
Norton in Hales TC	North East	Market Drayton	202	Norton in Hales Community Sports Club	45
Oswestry TC	North West	Oswestry	212	Oswestry Tennis Club	61
Oswestry Team Tennis	North West	Oswestry	56	Cae Glass Park	189
Shifnal TC	South East	Shifnal	140	Idsall Sports Centre	159
Shrewsbury LTC	Central	Shrewsbury	251	Shrewsbury Lawn Tennis Club	525
The Shrewsbury Club	Central	Shrewsbury	298	The Shrewsbury Club	660
Tilstock TC	North East	Whitchurch	302	Tilstock Tennis & Bowls Club	36
Town Walls TC	Central	Shrewsbury	303	Town Walls Tennis Club	232
Wem TC	North East	Wem	312	Wem Recreation Ground	112
Wollerton TC	North East	Market Drayton	328	Wollerton Tennis Courts	N/A
Woodfield TC	Central	Shrewsbury	329	Woodfield Tennis Club	308
Woore TC	North East	Market Drayton	335	Woore Tennis Club	203

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Name of club	Analysis area	Place Plan	Site ID	Site name	Membership (2023)
Worfield TC	South East	Bridgnorth	104	Davenport Park	60
Worthen TC	South West	Bishop's Castle	337	Worthen Village Hall	9
-	-	-	-	Total	4,187

8.5: Supply and demand analysis

The LTA suggests that a non-sports lit hard court can accommodate 40 members whereas a sports lit hard court can accommodate 60 members. For air domed courts, membership of 100 is considered applicable and permanent indoor courts can accommodate 200 members. It should be noted that the abovementioned figures relate to LTA viability guidelines for clubs and are not the maximum capacity. The figure relates to what most clubs, based on the level of provision, would find sustainable. As grass courts are only available for 12 weeks of the year they are not included in membership numbers.

However, analysing tennis across Shropshire in such a manner may give an inaccurate representation of supply and demand due to its geographical size and rurality. Many courts, although not at capacity regularly service demand from local community in parish and town councils and provide a crucial way for people in rural areas to remain active.

8.6: Conclusion

Clubs are considered viable as long as they have the appropriate levels of membership to sustain their courts and accompanying ancillary facilities. Therefore, clubs that have lower levels of participation in comparison to the remaining clubs within the Authority may have issues maintaining their provision.

Several clubs in Shropshire aspire to improve their ancillary offering, and therefore, achieving this will likely be the most beneficial action to tennis. Further to this, improving the quality of and accessibility to existing tennis, which are not good quality, will likely improve the capacity for provision to accommodate increase levels of demand.

All remaining publicly available non-club courts are deemed to have spare capacity. When this is accompanied by the substantial amount of expressed latent demand there is a clear need to actualise further usage of these courts. As such, the focus should be on improving quality, both in terms of the courts and the accompanying ancillary facilities, as well as providing a smoother booking system for potential users.

Tennis summary

- ◀ **Clubs are considered viable as long as they have the appropriate levels of membership to sustain their courts and accompanying ancillary facilities.**
- ◀ **Clubs should be assisted in improve their ancillary offering, and therefore, achieving this will likely be the most beneficial action to tennis. Further to this, improving the quality of and accessibility to existing tennis, which are not good quality, will likely improve the capacity for provision to accommodate increase levels of demand.**
- ◀ There are 287 tennis courts identified in Shropshire, with 205 of these being available for community use. For school sites this does not necessarily mean courts are used and the LTA believes this is overstated.
- ◀ Most community available courts in Shropshire have a macadam surface (69%). The estimated lifespan of a macadam court is ten years, depending on levels of use and maintenance levels.
- ◀ Of the 205 community available courts, 99 were assessed as good quality, 66 as standard quality and 40 as poor quality.
- ◀ There are 30 tennis clubs in Shropshire, of the clubs which responded to consultation, there is a combined membership equating to 4,187 members.

PART 9: NETBALL COURTS

9.1: Introduction

England Netball governs netball in England. Levels of participation are quickly increasing, with over 100,000 affiliated members and at least one million women and girls playing during a typical week. The NGBs aim is to provide its members and partners with the best possible service and experience in sport.

Nationally, netball activity takes place both indoors and outdoors. England Netball is currently working on delivering its new five-year plan, Your Game Your Way. Its mission is for netball to be played in a diverse range of ideal environments that inspire and enable participation, growth and world class performance. It is to achieve this mission through directing tailored programmes to each of its segments of participation.

9.2: Supply

Since the PPOSS in 2020, there has been some small changes in provision and quality. There is now a total of 100 netball courts across Shropshire. With a total of 72 courts across 20 sites available for community use.

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Table 9.1: Netball courts in Shropshire

Analysis area	Place plan	Site Id	Site name	Management	Available for community use?	No. of courts	Sports lit?	Court type	Court quality
Central	Pontesbury & Minsterley	174	Mary Webb School and Science College	Education	No	2	No	Macadam	Poor
Central	Shrewsbury	3	Adcote School for Girls	Education	No	3	No	Macadam	Good
Central	Shrewsbury	27	Belvidere School	Education	No	2	No	Macadam	Poor
Central	Shrewsbury	91	Corbet School	Education	Yes	3	No	Macadam	Standard
Central	Shrewsbury	120	The Grange Sports Centre	Education	Yes	3	No	Macadam	Poor
Central	Shrewsbury	222	Prestfelde Preparatory School	Education	Yes	2	No	Macadam	Good
Central	Shrewsbury	233	Roman Road Sports Centre (Meole Brace School)	Education	Yes	3	No	Macadam	Good
Central	Shrewsbury	247	Shrewsbury Academy	Education	Yes	4	No	Macadam	Standard
Central	Shrewsbury	253	Shrewsbury School	Education	Yes	3	No	Macadam	Good
Central	Shrewsbury	255	Shrewsbury Sports Village	Council	Yes	4	Yes	Macadam	Standard
Central	Shrewsbury	295	The Priory School	Education	No	3	No	Macadam	Good
North East	Market Drayton	135	Hinstock Recreation Ground	Parish Council	Yes	2	Yes	Macadam	Poor
North East	Market Drayton	287	The Grove School	Education	Yes	4	No	Macadam	Poor
North East	Wem	301	Thomas Adams Sports Centre	Education	Yes	4	No	Macadam	Poor
North East	Whitchurch	321	Whitchurch Sports & Leisure Centre / Sir John Talbot's School	Education	Yes	4	No	Macadam	Good
North West	Ellesmere	111	Ellesmere College	Education	Yes	6	Yes	Macadam	Poor
North West	Ellesmere	151	Lakelands Academy	Education	No	2	Yes	Macadam	Standard
North West	Oswestry	169	Marches School	Education	No	3	No	Macadam	Poor
North West	Oswestry	187	Moreton Hall School	Education	Yes	2	Yes	Macadam	Good
North West	Oswestry	187	Moreton Hall School	Education	Yes	2	No	Macadam	Good
North West	Oswestry	215	Packwood Haugh School	Education	No	2	Yes	Macadam	Poor

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Analysis area	Place plan	Site Id	Site name	Management	Available for community use?	No. of courts	Sports lit?	Court type	Court quality
North West	Oswestry	267	St Martins School	Education	Yes	3	No	Macadam	Standard
South	Cleobury Mortimer	184	Moffats School	Education	No	1	No	Macadam	Poor
South	Ludlow	164	Ludlow Church of England School	Education	No	2	Yes	Macadam	Standard
South	Ludlow	186	Moor Park School	Education	Yes	2	Yes	Macadam	Standard
South East	Bridgnorth	41	Bridgnorth Endowed School	Education	Yes	8	No	Macadam	Poor
South East	Bridgnorth	206	Oldbury Wells School	Education	Yes	2	No	Macadam	Poor
South East	Much Wenlock	193	Much Wenlock Leisure Centre (William Brookes School)	Town Council	Yes	4	Yes	Macadam	Good
South East	Shifnal	140	Idsall Sports Centre / Idsall School	Council	Yes	6	Yes	Artificial	Standard
South West	Bishop's Castle	24	Bedstone College	Education	No	2	No	Macadam	Poor
South West	Bishop's Castle	86	Community College Bishops Castle	Education	No	2	No	Macadam	Poor
South West	Church Stretton	71	Church Stretton School	Education	No	4	No	Macadam	Poor
South West	Craven Arms	85	Community Arts Sports Craven Arms	Community organisation	Yes	1	No	Macadam	Standard

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9.3: Quality

As seen in the table above, 26 (26%) courts are assessed as good quality, 27 (27%) as standard quality and 47 (47%) as poor quality.

Since the previous study in 2020, a number of courts have decreased in quality, with the Grange Sports Centre courts now becoming unusable due to the gravel coming up off and becoming dangerous, whilst the new lines also need painting. Similarly, the Shrewsbury Sports Village courts had the same issue. Both these sites have seen courts reduce from standard to poor quality.

Shrewsbury Academy has also had issues with court quality, the courts were repainted in August 2022, however, when wet these courts become slippery and unsafe. The School is currently looking at its options to resurface the courts to ensure they are safe all year round.

Additionally, courts have also been improved at Priory High School, improving courts from poor quality to good quality, following work to resurface and repaint in recent years.

9.4: Demand

In Shropshire, only the Shropshire County Netball Summer League and Shrewsbury Summer Netball League are known to currently play on outdoor netball courts. All remaining clubs and leagues are based indoors.

Table 9.2: Shropshire's Netball League comments

League	Comments
Shropshire County Netball Summer League	Based at Idsall Sports Centre, the Shropshire County Netball Summer League is an adult netball league consisting of four divisions of ten teams. There are 42 teams playing across four divisions.
Shrewsbury Summer Netball League	The Shrewsbury Summer Netball League is based at Shrewsbury Academy. The League began in 2014 with 24 teams across four divisions and has grown to a total of 27 teams across three divisions.

England Netball states that there is a need for outdoor netball courts to be provided at Lilleshall National Sports & Conferencing Centre in order to increase participation. The Lilleshall Winter Netball League and Back to Netball sessions are based on indoor courts at the site. A community use consultation group has already been formed to help progress this.

9.5: Conclusion

In summary, there is enough outdoor netball provision in Shropshire to meet current demand therefore a priority should be placed on improving court quality and ensuring courts are retained and made available to the community where demand arises.

However, future demand has been identified to explore the feasibility of creating outdoor courts at Lilleshall Nation Sports & Conferencing Centre. England Netball states that there is a need for outdoor netball courts to be provided at the site in order to increase participation including groups that already are based at the sites such as The Lilleshall Winter Netball League.

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Focus should also be on sites deemed to be a priority by England Netball, namely, Ellesmere College.

Consideration should also be given to increasing the amount of England Netball initiatives such as Back 2 Netball, Walking Netball and Netball Now taking place in Shropshire to further increase participation.

Netball summary

- ◀ **In summary, there is enough outdoor netball provision in Shropshire to meet current demand therefore a priority should be placed on improving court quality and ensuring courts remain, specifically at Idsall Sports Centre where the Shropshire County Netball Summer League is based.**
- ◀ **England Netball has identified Lilleshall National Sports & Conferencing Centre and Ellesmere College as key sites in the Authority for improvements, with new courts and quality improvements required respectively.**
- ◀ There are 100 outdoor netball courts located across Shropshire.
- ◀ In total, 26 (26%) courts are assessed as good quality, 27 (27%) as standard quality and 47 (47%) as poor quality.
- ◀ In Shropshire, all sites are overmarked for tennis.
- ◀ There are two leagues across the Authority which generate demand for outdoor courts. Demand across the two leagues totals 69 teams.

PART 10: OTHER SPORTS

10.1: American football

The British American Football Association (BAFA) is the National Governing Body for the sport of American football in Great Britain and is responsible for all regulatory, competition, performance and development aspects of the game.

Shropshire Revolution is the only known American Football Club based in the Authority. The Club currently competes in the BAFA NFL NFC 1 South. Despite being based in Shropshire, all of the club's demand is exported outside of the authority, with training taking place indoors on Sunday mornings at the Telford College Superdome (Telford and Wrekin) whilst matches are played at Oakengates Leisure Centre (Telford and Wrekin). The Club is happy with this arrangement and is not known to have ambition to return its demand to Shropshire.

With demand for American Football likely to be limited in Shropshire, it is considered that Shropshire Revolution can accommodate all demand for the sport across the Authority.

The Club still operates out of Oakengates Leisure Centre with no changes identified.

10.2: Rugby league

The Rugby Football League (RFL) is the governing body for rugby league in Britain and Ireland. It administers the England national rugby league team, the Challenge Cup, Super League and the Championships which form the professional and semi-professional structure of the game structure in the UK. The RFL also administers the amateur and junior game across the country in association with the British Amateur Rugby League Association (BARLA).

There is no known rugby league club based in Shropshire, although Telford Raiders are based in the neighbouring authority of Telford and Wrekin. The Club fields one senior team and three junior teams as well as two primary minis groups. The senior and junior teams play and train at Phoenix Leisure Centre (Telford and Wrekin). Its mini section is also based at Phoenix Leisure Centre but competes in Tag Rugby Festivals across the Authority. These festivals have previously been held at London Road Sports Centre in Shropshire so there is some presence of the sport in Shropshire.

The position of rugby league in Shropshire has not changed since the previous study, with no club operating in the Authority. Telford Raiders continue to provide for any rugby league demand from across Shropshire.

10.3: Touch Rugby

Touch Rugby (or commonly referred to as Touch) is a team sport that was derived from rugby union. The sport is played in several different formats without any standardised rules. Most formats do away with the physical aspects of the rugby, like scrums, rucks and mauls. England Touch is the governing body for Touch Rugby across England.

Telford Raiders operate Touch Rugby sessions from February to October on Monday nights at Phoenix Leisure Centre (Telford and Wrekin) on the 3G pitch. Whilst no touch rugby is known to take place in Shropshire, due to the close proximity of these sessions to the Authority, it is considered that Telford Raiders can accommodate all demand for the sport across Shropshire.

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Additionally, to the above, Shrewsbury Rugby Club now operates a Touch rugby section. The sessions run from 7pm on Wednesdays throughout the year at Shrewsbury Rugby Club.

10.4: Croquet

The Croquet Association is the national governing body for the sport of croquet in England and Wales. The sport is continuing to grow in popularity with over 200 clubs now registered with the Croquet Association. A full-size croquet lawn measures 35 yards (32m) by 28 yards (26.6m).

Shrewsbury Croquet Club is the only identified croquet club operating in Shropshire. Founded in 1983, the Club is based at Monkmoor Recreation Centre where it accesses two croquet lawns. In 2012, the ground was levelled, and new lawns were laid. Therefore, the lawns on site are good quality. All competitive demand takes place on site, through inter club matches and internal competitions.

There are no changes to the position of croquet in Shropshire since the previous PPOSS.

10.5: Lacrosse

Lacrosse is a fast-paced ball game with 12 players on each side, played over 60 minutes in two halves. A stick with a net (known as the pocket) is used to catch, pass and shoot the ball. England Lacrosse is the national governing body for grass roots and elite level lacrosse in England.

In 2013, an attempt was made to create a Lacrosse club in the Authority. Shropshire Lacrosse was due to be based at Moreton Hall School, but the Club never materialised. The only known demand for the sport takes place at School and County level, with no community Lacrosse identified across Shropshire.

There remains no community lacrosse clubs in Shropshire with no change since the previous PPOSS.

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PART 11: DISUSED SITES

Sites that have previously been used for sport but that are not currently being used at all by any users and are not available for community hire either (often being unmarked). Once sites are disused for five or more years, these fall outside of Sport England's statutory remit but still have to be assessed using the criteria in paragraph 99 of the NPPF, with Sport England still likely to challenge a proposed loss which fails to meet such criteria. It should be emphasised that the lawful planning use of a such a site is still that of a playing field until such time as its use is formally changed or it is developed for a non-sport use.

The following table below identifies currently disused sites within Shropshire and any changes from previously identified disused sites from the previous study.

Table 11.1: Summary of disused sites within Shropshire

Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	Post code	Comments
114	Ford Bowling Club	Central	SY5 9LH	A disused crown bowling green.
132	Highly Rugby Club	South East	WV16 6EU	Site is now actively used for football however has previously accommodated one senior rugby pitch.
133	Hinstock Cricket Club	North East	TF9 2TA	A disused six wicket cricket square.
149	Kynaston Road Recreation Ground	Central	SY1 3JR	A disused adult pitch.
154	Lion Quays Leisure Club	North West	SY11 3EN	A disused artificial bowling green.
188	Moreton Saye Tennis and Bowls	North East	TF9 3RS	A disused bowling green which has recently partly been converted into a carpark. Green appears to be lost.
231	Reman Services Sports & Social Club	Central	SY1 4JD	A disused crown bowling green.
240	Shawbury Bowling Club	North East	SY4 4NZ	A disused crown bowling green.
254	Shrewsbury Severnside Bowling Club	Central	SY1 1TR	Three disused crown bowling greens.
275	Stanley Lane Recreation Ground	Central	SY3 9DR	A disused mini 7v7 football pitch. There has been development on the site through a creation of a path since the previous study which may encroach the pitch being reinstated.
310	Waincott Recreation Ground	Central	SY1 3RX	A disused youth 11v11.
315	Weston Rhyn Recreation Ground	North West	SY10 7RZ	A disused adult pitch.
356	Iron Bridge Power Station	South East	TF8 7BL	The site is due to be reinstated as a sports facility for the area, with a grass cricket square and football pitches being a part of this development. At present, the SCB, ECB, SFA and FF are in conversation with the Council in regards to the facility mix and ancillary provision development onsite.

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Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	Post code	Comments
				The area of land to be reinstated is a disused sports field that previously accommodated two adult football pitches and a five wicket grass cricket square, in addition to a poor quality clubhouse.
372	Greenfields Recreation Ground	Central	SY1 2QN	A disused adult pitch.
382	Worthington Drive	South East	WV7 3EW	A disused adult pitch.
383	Shrewsbury Colleges (Former Wakeman School)	Central	SY2 5GB	A adult football pitch, an NTP, two junior rugby union pitches and four macadam tennis courts all disused.
385	Harlescott Junior School	Central	SY1 4QN	Status unknown as School being redeveloped. Previously had two mini 7v7 and a mini 5v5 football pitch.
386	The Robert Jones and Agnes Hunt Othopeadic & District Hospital Sports Field	North West	SY10 7AG	There is a disused four wicket grass square located at The Robert Jones and Agnes Hunt Othopeadic & District Hospital Sports Field (SY10 7AG). The site has been used by the unaffiliated hospital based club RJAH CC for charity and friendly matches, however, online research suggests it was last formally used circa 2014 although aerial imagery suggest the square is still being maintained to some capacity.

PART 12: STRATEGY RECOMMENDATIONS

It should be noted that even though there have been some alterations in the overall supply and demand analysis for some sports, with an increase in shortfalls particular on grass football and rugby union pitches, these are considered marginal. Therefore, broadly speaking the strategic recommendations made in the Shropshire PPOSS Strategy & Action Plan (2020) within Part 4 Sport Specific Issues Scenarios and Recommendations and Part 5 Strategic Recommendations are still applicable. Any specific alterations to the sports by sports recommendations have been highlighted below in yellow.

Individual site-specific alterations to recommendations have been highlighted within the updated Action Plan within this document.

Grass football pitch recommendations

- ◀ Protect existing quantity of pitches until all demand is being met (unless replacement provision meets Sport England requirements and is agreed upon and provided).
- ◀ Utilise the Football Foundation's PitchPower app to assist in the improvement and ongoing maintenance of provision.
- ◀ Support clubs and eligible organisations to access funding to improve quality of grass pitches, including through the FF Grass Pitch Maintenance Fund.
- ◀ Explore opportunities to gain long-term access to sites where community use is not currently offered.
- ◀ Work to accommodate future demand at sites which are not operating at capacity or at sites not currently available for community use that could be moving forward.
- ◀ Improve ancillary facilities where this is a clear need to do so.
- ◀ Ensure clubs playing within, or with aspirations to play within, the National League System can progress.
- ◀ Explore pitch reconfiguration where possible in order to alleviate pitch shortfalls.
- ◀ Explore the reinstatement of pitches to alleviate shortfalls, particularly at Kynaston Road Recreation Ground, Radbrook Recreation Ground and Waincott Recreation Ground.
- ◀ Support Shawbury United FC in its aspirations to create its own site, only if the Club can secure long term tenure.
- ◀ As part of the relocation of Greenfields Sports Ground, as a minimum and to meet Sport England's Playing Field Policy (Exception E4), one good quality adult football pitch (meeting Step 4 requirements), two standard quality youth 11v11 pitches, two standard quality youth 9v9 pitches, two standard quality mini 7v7 pitches and two standard quality mini 5v5 pitches to meet the needs of Market Drayton Town FC and Market Drayton Tigers FC. Additionality would include a full size 3G pitch for Market Drayton Town FC (FIFA and World Rugby (WR) certified).
- ◀ Monitor sites located on flood zones and carry out relevant improvements as required.
- ◀ In the longer term, explore the feasibility of carpet hybrid pitches if research is positive, as a potential solution with regards to flooding.
- ◀ Update the Local Football Facilities Plan for Shropshire in due course with findings from the PPOSS.
- ◀ Look to reinstate lapsed football provision at Ironbridge Power Station using housing developer contributions including relevant ancillary provision.
- ◀ Explore opportunities for club-led management and maintenance models at sites where appropriate.
- ◀ Ensure provision of toilets as a minimum requirement to service football pitch sites.
- ◀ Focus on the development of good quality pavilion provision at key strategic multi-pitch sites and those with a focus on growth of women and girls. participation.

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3G pitch recommendations

- ◀ Look to create additional 3G provision in the Central, North East, North West, South West and South East analysis areas in order to alleviate identified shortfalls.
- ◀ Ensure that any new 3G pitches have community use agreements in place.
- ◀ Ensure all current and future providers have in place a sinking fund to ensure long term sustainability.
- ◀ Ensure that all new 3G pitches are constructed to meet quality performance standards and are on the FA 3G Pitch Register to enable their use for competitive match play.
- ◀ Encourage more match play demand to transfer to 3G pitches and ensure that pitches remain suitable to accommodate such demand through appropriate certification when it is required.
- ◀ Ensure that any new 3G pitches are priced competitively against the cost of hiring a grass pitches and are aimed at local grassroots clubs.
- ◀ When any new 11v11 size 3G pitches are created within the Authority the feasibility of making them World Rugby Compliant should be examined.
- ◀ Ensure discussions take place between the Council, EH, Shropshire FA and FF before any new 3G or hockey suitable provision is created to ensure stock sustainability.
- ◀ Update the Local Football Facilities Plan for Shropshire in due course with findings from the PPOSS.
- ◀ Explore the potential of securing external usage of the pitch at Shrewsbury School to alleviate shortfalls. This may include installing sports lighting.

Cricket recommendations

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

Grass rugby union recommendations

- ◀ Existing quantity of rugby union pitches to be protected or be fully mitigated to meet National Planning Policy.
- ◀ Improve pitch quality, where possible, at secure sites to alleviate overplay and create actual spare capacity, particularly at sites that are significantly overplayed such as

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Oswestry RFC, Shrewsbury RFC, Ludlow Rugby Football Club, Bishop Castle & Onny Valley Rugby Club and Clee Hill RFC.

- ◀ Where required, assist clubs in obtaining long term agreements in order to provide security of tenure.
- ◀ Continue to develop strong relationships between rugby clubs and schools through curricular and extracurricular programmes in order to increase levels of mini and junior participation.
- ◀ Assist Ludlow RFC in installation of sports lights and access of Linney Park.
- ◀ Monitor sites located on flood zones and carry out relevant improvements when required.
- ◀ Improve ancillary facilities where this is a clear need to do so.
- ◀ As part of the relocation of Greenfields Sports Ground, as a minimum and to meet Sport England's Playing Field Policy (Exception E4), two good quality floodlit senior rugby union pitches with drainage (M1/D2 rating) to meet the needs of Market Drayton RFC.
- ◀ Assist clubs in the creation/access of additional provision, where required, to alleviate overplay.
- ◀ Secure access to additional pitches, where possible, to alleviate overplay at Clee Hill Rugby Club, Oswestry Rugby Club, Ludlow Rugby Football Club and Shrewsbury Rugby Club.
- ◀ Explore options for temporary alternative provision for those clubs located in flood zones during periods of flooding.
- ◀ Explore the feasibility of securing access to educational sites to reduce current and future levels of overplay and improve pitch quality where applicable.
- ◀ If a WR compliant 3G is established look to transfer training demand from overplayed sites in order to alleviate shortfalls.

Hockey recommendations

- ◀ As a priority, refurbish the pitches at Whitchurch Sports & Leisure Centre, Bridgnorth Endowed School and to a lesser extent Much Wenlock Leisure Centre.
- ◀ Protect all existing full size hockey suitable AGPs for hockey use.
- ◀ Ensure a sinking fund is in place for long-term sustainability of all current and new pitches
- ◀ Explore the potential of returning Market Drayton HC demand back into Shropshire if suitable provision can be created. Explore this through the relocation plans for Greenfields Sports Ground to also consider the potential to accommodate an AGP at the Grove School to meet exported demand by Market Drayton HC.
- ◀ Explore potential venues within the wider Ludlow Area to accommodate a hockey suitable AGP to bring demand from Ludlow Hockey Club back within the Area.
- ◀ Ensure that future demand from new England Hockey initiative, Hockey Heroes (aimed at growing participation for under 10s) can be accommodated.
- ◀ When the 3G pitch stock increases, encourage the transfer of football demand from the sand-based AGPs in order to free up increased capacity for hockey activity.
- ◀ Ensure discussions take place between the Council, EH, Shropshire FA and FF before any new 3G or hockey suitable provision is created to ensure stock sustainability.
- ◀ Improve ancillary facilities where this is a clear need to do so.
- ◀ Where required, assist clubs in obtaining long term agreements in order to provide security of tenure.
- ◀ When refurbishing/creating provision considered the feasibility of installing a Gen 2 surface.

Bowling green recommendations

- ◀ Retain existing quantity of greens.
- ◀ Improve poor and standard quality greens through enhanced maintenance regimes.
- ◀ Assist clubs, where possible, with any future ancillary provision improvements

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- ◀ Support clubs with plans to increase membership so that growth can be maximised.
- ◀ Monitor sites located on flood zones and carry out relevant improvements when required.

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Tennis recommendations

- ◀ Retain and sustain quality of club courts for competitive play through implementation of appropriate maintenance regimes.
- ◀ Support clubs which have aspirations for courts and ancillary facility improvements.
- ◀ Improve quality of key local authority courts and accompanying ancillary provision, first and foremost focusing on sites that best accommodate informal play.
- ◀ As part of the relocation of Greenfields Sports Ground, as a minimum and to meet Sport England's Playing Field Policy (Exception E4), four good quality floodlit macadem tennis courts should be provided to meet the needs of Market Drayton TC.
- ◀ Explore implementation of ClubSpark, Rally and Gate Access schemes at appropriate sites to enhance available provision for informal tennis.
- ◀ Consider the feasibility of operating LTA programmes to attract new players to the sport.
- ◀ Explore the options to provide more indoor courts across Shropshire to accommodate current and future demand.
- ◀ When refurbishing/creating provision considered the feasibility of installing a Gen 2 surface.
- ◀ Monitor sites located on flood zones and carry out relevant improvements when required.
- ◀ Work to strengthen the links between schools and tennis clubs. This will encourage children to play, strengthen the membership of clubs and increase their financial viability and also make better use of school tennis courts where they exist.

Netball recommendations

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

PART 13: ACTION PLAN

Based on the findings from the above update report the Action Plan has been updated as seen in the tables overleaf.

Please note that the Council has been renewing this section frequently since its adoption in 2020. The most recent modernized version from the Council has been used as the base for this section with any additional alterations based on the findings of this document highlighted in yellow.

For more details surrounding the terminology within this section please review the adopted Shropshire Council Strategy & Action Plan (2020).

CENTRAL ANALYSIS AREA

Key recommendations for Pontesbury & Minsterley

- ◀ To meet the future shortfalls, improve poor quality football pitches through enhanced levels of maintenance.
- ◀ Assist clubs in ancillary provision improvements where required.
- ◀ Examine securing tenure for clubs where not already apparent.
- ◀ Explore the feasibility in providing a second square at Pontesbury Playing Fields for the use of Pontesbury CC and the development of its women and junior section. Also required enhancement to the ancillary provision to satisfy the increased demand for women and girls.

Key recommendations for Shrewsbury

- ◀ To meet the future shortfalls, improve poor quality football pitches through enhanced levels of maintenance in addition to securing access to education sites or pitch reconfiguration.
- ◀ In addition, explore the feasibility of developing full size floodlit 3G FA approved pitch to accommodate both competitive and training demand.
- ◀ Ensure future demand for cricket can be met whether this is through creation of an NTP, additional wickets on site, access to secondary site with capacity or creation of new provision.
- ◀ Explore the feasibility in creating a second square either onsite or in the locality of Shrewsbury Cricket Club for the use of Shrewsbury CC.
- ◀ Ensure sites which are located in Flood Zones have access to flood relief funds when required in addition to preparing on site provision for the possibility of flooding.
- ◀ Assist in alleviating overplay at Shrewsbury Rugby Club where possible and assist the Club in upgrading and modernising its clubhouse.
- ◀ Explore the feasibility of the site accommodating a second 11v11 size 3G pitch at London Road Sports Club in order to alleviate identified shortfalls.
- ◀ Explore the feasibility of creating additional provision on newly purchased land at Bomere Heath Cricket Club including a potential NTP. Also consider improved ancillary facilities to cater for growing women and girls and junior section which has seen rapid growth in recent years.
- ◀ Support proposals for improved changing provision and flood risk prevention at Frankwell Recreation Ground.

PLACE PLAN – PONTESBURY & MINSTERLEY

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

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

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Site ID	Site	Post code	Sport	Management	Current status	Recommended actions	Partners	Site hierarchy tier	Priority	Timescales	Cost	Aim
3	Adcote School for Girls	SY4 2JY	Tennis	Education	Three good quality macadam tennis courts which are neither available for community use nor sports lit.	Sustain quality through regular maintenance and retain as current use.	Education LTA EH	Local	L	L	L	Protect
			Netball		Three good quality macadam netball courts which are neither available for community use nor sports lit.	Sustain quality through regular maintenance and retain as current use.						
15	Bagley Sports and Social Club	SY1 2RP	Bowls	Sports club	Two standard quality bowling greens that are used by Bagley BC. Tenure for the Club is unknown. Site is located on a Flood zone.	Explore opportunities to make improvements in order to sustain membership levels. Ensure the Club has secure tenure. Ensure the Club has access to relevant flood relief funds when required. Ensure the Club is prepared for the potential effects of flooding.	Sports club BCGBA	Local	L	L	L	Protect
18	Baschurch Bowling Club	SY4 2BG	Bowls	Sports club	One good quality bowling green which is lease to Baschurch BC until 2023. Club has c50 members.	Sustain quality and maximise membership in order to create sustainability. Ensure lease is renegotiated to provide security of tenure when required.	Sports club BCGBA	Local	L	M	L	Protect
19	Baschurch Playground	SY4 2DW	Football	Baschurch Parish Council	One mini 7v7 pitch that has spare capacity discounted due to poor quality. Site has no ancillary facilities.	Based on levels of demand improve pitch quality through enhance maintenance. If pitch quality improved examine pitch reconfiguration to alleviate identified mini 5v5 shortfalls.	PC SFA FF	Local	L	S	L	Enhance
20	Baschurch Tennis Club	SY4 2EG	Tennis	Sports club	Two good quality macadam tennis courts that are sports lit and available for community use. Baschurch TC is involved in the British Tennis Weekend. Club has c293 members.	Sustain quality and retain as current use. Seek to retain current membership levels. Assist the Club in participation in LTA initiatives.	Sports club LTA	Local	L	L	L	Protect
21	Baschurch Village Hall Pitches	SY4 2JN	Football	Baschurch Parish Council	One adult and one mini 7v7 pitch both of which are poor quality. The youth 9v9 is good quality. Baschurch FC, in conjunction with Baschurch Village Hall, is preparing a joint bid for DEFRA (Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs) funding in order to create a clubhouse facility at Baschurch Village Hall Pitches.	Improve poor pitch quality through an enhanced maintenance regime. Sustain good quality pitch with appropriate maintenance. Assist the Club and Baschurch Village Hall in its bid for funding to create ancillary facilities.	PC Sports club SFA FF	Local	M	S-M	L-M	Enhance Provide

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Site ID	Site	Post code	Sport	Management	Current status	Recommended actions	Partners	Site hierarchy tier	Priority	Timescales	Cost	Aim
27	Belvidere School	SY2 5LA	Football	Education	Two adult and one youth 9v9 pitch all of which have been improved to good quality through FF funding.	Sustain pitch quality to accommodate levels of curricular and extracurricular demand.	Education SFA FF ECB SCB RFU LTA EN	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
			Cricket		One standard quality NTP that is not available for community use. Not currently in use.	Explore opportunity to bring back into use, if required.						
			Rugby union		One poor quality (M0/D1) senior pitch that is not available for community use.	Improve pitch quality when required to better accommodate levels of curricular and extracurricular demand. Explore options for community use of the pitch.						
			Tennis		Four poor quality macadam tennis courts that are not available for community use nor sports lit.	Improve court quality when required to better accommodate levels of curricular and extracurricular demand.						
			Netball		Four poor quality macadam netball courts that are not available for community use nor sports lit.	Improve pitch quality when required to better accommodate levels of curricular and extracurricular demand.						
29	Bicton Village Hall	SY3 8ER	Football	Bicton Parish Council / Sports club	One mini 7v7 pitch that has spare capacity discounted due to poor quality.	Based on levels of demand improve pitch quality through enhance maintenance. If pitch quality improved examine pitch reconfiguration to alleviate identified mini 5v5 shortfalls.	PC Sports club SFA FF BCGBA	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
			Bowls		One standard quality bowling green that is owned by Bicton BC. The Club has aspirations to make ongoing improvements to surroundings. Club has c63 members.	Explore opportunities to make improvements in order to sustain membership levels. Assist the Club in improving ancillary provision.						
35	Boiler House Pitch	SY3 5PS	Football	Shrewsbury Town Council	One poor quality adult pitch that is overplayed. Site has no ancillary facilities.	Improve pitch quality through an enhanced maintenance regime	TC SFA, FF	Local	M	S	L	Enhance
37	Bomere Heath Cricket Club	SY4 3AW	Cricket	Sports club	One good quality square with 12 grass wickets. Square has capacity for additional demand on Sundays and Midweek. Bomere Heath CC has a long term lease on the site and has aspirations to create a NTP. The outfield has extremely poor drainage and is in need of urgent works to ensure the maximum use is made of the square and outfield. Club has (2020) purchased an adjacent piece of land with a view to create an additional provision such as a small square/practice area for juniors and a potential NTP.	Sustain square quality through regular maintenance. Explore the feasibility of creating additional provision on newly purchased land including a potential NTP. This would be of limited benefit without the drainage being resolved. Improve ancillary facilities to cater for growing women and girls and junior section which has seen rapid growth in recent years.	Sports club SCB ECB	Local	H	S	M	Enhance

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Site ID	Site	Post code	Sport	Management	Current status	Recommended actions	Partners	Site hierarchy tier	Priority	Timescales	Cost	Aim
38	Bomere Heath Tennis Club	SY4 3NW	Tennis	Bomere Heath & District Parish Council	Two standard quality macadam tennis courts that are sports lit and available for community use.	Sustain court quality through regular maintenance. Examine potential ways to increase court usage.	PC LTA	Local	L	L	L	Protect
58	Castle Country Club	SY5 9EP	Tennis	Commercial	Two macadam tennis courts that are not sports lit nor available for wider community use.	Retain as current use.	Commercial LTA	Local	L	L	L	Protect
60	All Saints Recreation Ground	SY1 2JU	Bowls	Shrewsbury Town Council	Two standard quality bowling greens that are used by Castlefields BC.	Explore opportunities to make improvements in order to sustain membership levels.	TC LTA BCGBA	Local	L	L	L	Protect
			Tennis		Two grass tennis courts that are available for community use but are not sports lit.	Sustain quality through regular maintenance and retain as current use.						
69	Church Road Recreation Ground	SY3 9HG	Football	Shrewsbury Town Council	One standard quality adult pitch that has actual spare capacity of 0.5 match equivalent sessions. Site is accompanied by good quality ancillary facilities following recent refurbishment and fencing around the changing rooms.	Sustain pitch quality through regular maintenance. Utilise spare capacity for future demand or to alleviate identified overplay. Proposed works: Shorten field and Secondary Drainage Levelling through soil importing	TC SFA FF	Local	M	M	L	Protect Enhance
89	Condover Sports Ground	SY5 7BQ	Football	Condover Parish Council	Two standard quality youth 11v11 pitches that have actual spare capacity of two match equivalent sessions. Condover Parish Council reports sports is integral to its emerging Neighbourhood Plan and includes the enhancement of ancillary provision at Condover Sports Ground.	Sustain pitch quality through regular maintenance. Utilise spare capacity for future demand or to alleviate identified overplay. Assist the Parish Council in enhancing ancillary facilities. Examine the layout of the site to consider increasing capacity requirements for cricket.	PC SFA FF ECB SCB	Main site	M	S	L	Protect Enhance
			Cricket		One standard quality square with 12 grass wickets and an NTP. Square has capacity to accommodate additional demand on Sundays and Midweek. Condover Parish Council reports sports is integral to its emerging Neighbourhood Plan and includes the enhancement of ancillary provision at Condover Sports Ground.	Improve square quality through enhanced maintenance regime. Assist the Parish Council in enhancing ancillary facilities. Examine the layout of the site to consider increasing capacity requirements for cricket. Replacement of the existing NTP as it is not fit for purpose.						
91	Corbet School	SY4 2AX	Football	Education	One standard quality adult pitch that has spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure.	Sustain pitch quality through regular maintenance. If tenure can be secured through a CUA look to reconfigure pitch type in order to utilise spare capacity for future demand or alleviating shortfalls.	Education SFA FF ECB SCB LTA	Main site	L	L	L	Protect

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Site ID	Site	Post code	Sport	Management	Current status	Recommended actions	Partners	Site hierarchy tier	Priority	Timescales	Cost	Aim
			Cricket		One standard quality NTP.	Improve quality and explore options to establish community use. SCB would consider assisting promotion in the school, if they would consider opening up to community.	EN					
			Rugby union		One senior and one junior pitch both of which are poor quality (M0/D1) and not available for community use.	Improve pitch quality when required to better accommodate levels of curricular and extracurricular demand. Explore options for community use of the pitch.						
			Tennis		Four standard quality macadam courts that are available for community use but not sports lit.	Sustain quality and retain as current use.						
			Netball		Three standard quality macadam courts that are available for community use but not sports lit.	Sustain quality and retain as current use.						
94	Cound Cricket Club	SY5 6EW	Cricket	Sports club	A good quality square with ten grass wickets. Square has spare capacity Midweek. Site is owned by Cound CC.	Sustain square quality through regular maintenance. Parking and access problems, need to work with the local parish council and the local landowner to acquire space for car parking and access.	Sports club ECB SCB	Local	L	L	L	Protect
95	Cound Tennis Club	SY5 6AR	Tennis	Private	Two shale and two macadam courts which are all standard quality. Cound TC rents the site from a private landowner. Cound TC reports that it may struggle in the future to sustain the quality of its shale courts as they require enhanced levels of maintenance in comparison to macadam surfaces. Onsite ancillary provision needs modernising. Club has c239 members.	Examine the feasibility of securing tenure for Cound TC. Seek to retain current membership levels. Assist the Club sustaining the quality of its shale courts. Assist the Club in modernising onsite ancillary provision.	Private LTA Sports club	Local	M	S-M	L-M	Protect Enhance
107	Dorrington Village Hall	SY5 7LD	Football	Condover Parish Council / Sports club	One standard quality adult pitch that has spare capacity of 0.5 match equivalent sessions.	Sustain pitch quality through regular maintenance. Utilise spare capacity for future demand or to alleviate identified overplay.	PC Sports club SFA FF EH BCGBA	Local	M	S	L	Protect Enhance
			Hockey (AGP)		A standard quality small size hockey suitable AGP (30x20) that is available for community use but is not sports lit.	Sustain quality and retain as current use. Ensure a sinking fund is in place.						
			Bowls		One good quality bowling green leased to Dorrington BC. The Club is currently installing an irrigation system. Club has c30 members,	Sustain quality and maximise membership in order to create sustainability. Assist the Club in improving ancillary provision.						

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108	Douglas Swire Memorial Hall (Longden Village Hall)	SY5 8EX	Football	Community organisation	One adult pitch that has spare capacity discounted due to poor quality. Site has no ancillary facilities. SAHA FC which uses the pitch and facilities aspire to have changing rooms for the older teams and future ladies teams. Planning permission is in place for a new extension to the Village Hall but this does not include changing rooms at this stage. Land is available adjoining the Village Hall (currently used by a farmer) and there are aspirations to develop a floodlit training pitch, if funding was available.	Improve pitch quality through an enhanced maintenance regime. Explore funding options to include changing rooms in the future expansion of the Village Hall or explore the feasibility for portable changing rooms located closer to the pitch area. In the longer term, explore the feasibility of establishing a training pitch on land adjacent.	Community organisation SFA FF LTA	Local	M	S-M	M	Protect Enhance Provide
			Tennis		Two good quality macadam courts that are available for community use and are sports lit. Courts are leased to Longden TC. Longden TC has long term plans to develop its clubhouse, however, it does not indicate a specific timeframe or funding plan on how it will accomplish these improvements. Club has c164 members.	Sustain court quality through regular maintenance. Seek to retain current membership levels. Assist the Club, where possible, in its plans to develop onsite ancillary facilities.						
114	Ford Bowling Club	SY5 9LH	Bowls (lapsed)	Private	Ford BC decided fold in 2015 after a disagreement with their landlord (Cross Gates Pub) who wanted to build houses on the bowling green. The site has recently been sold into private ownership. The green was previously an asset of community value (ACV), however, this expired 28/05/19.	Explore opportunities for alternative uses as there is no identified demand to retain the site as a bowling green.	Private BCGBA	Local	H	S	L	Provide
115	Frankwell Recreation Ground	SY3 8RF	Football	Shrewsbury Town Council	On standard quality youth 9v9 pitch that is played to capacity at peak time. Site is located on a Flood zone. Shrewsbury TC has plans to modernise ancillary facilities.	Sustain pitch quality through regular maintenance. Assist the TC in modernising ancillary facilities. Ensure the TC has access to relevant flood relief funds when required. Ensure TC is prepared for the potential effects of flooding.	TC SFA FF ECB SCB	Main site	H	S-L	M	Protect Enhance
			Cricket		Two good quality cricket squares; one with 7 grass wickets and one with 14 grass wickets. Squares have capacity to accommodate more demand on Sundays and Midweek. Site is located on a flood zone. Shrewsbury TC has plans to modernise ancillary facilities.	Sustain square quality through regular maintenance. Main square has been corrowed and played on in the 2023 season. Assist the TC in modernising ancillary facilities. Ensure the TC has access to relevant flood relief funds when required. Ensure TC is prepared for the potential effects of flooding.						

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						SCB is keen for the development of this site as it offers two pitches which is advantageous but the ancillary facilities are not fit for purpose.						
120	The Grange Sports Centre	SY1 3LP	Football	Education	One adult and one youth 11v11 pitch both of which are standard quality. Spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure.	Sustain pitch quality through regular maintenance. If tenure can be secured through a CUA look to reconfigure pitch type in order to utilise spare capacity for future demand or alleviating shortfalls.	Education SFA FF ECB SCB LTA EN	Main site	L	S	L	Protect
			Football (3G)		One standard quality small size 3G pitch (40x22) which is available for community use and is sports lit.	Sustain quality and retain as current use.						
			Cricket		One standard quality standalone NTP. The NTP has ball strike issues and site is now out of use.	Examine potential options to retain the NTP and resolve ball strike issues.						
			Tennis		Four standard macadam tennis courts that are not sports lit but are available for community use.	Sustain quality and retain as current use						
			Netball		Three standard macadam netball courts that are not sports lit but are available for community use. Site is used by the Shrewsbury Summer Netball League.	Sustain quality and retain as current use. Examine the feasibility of installing sports lights to increase community use.						
121	Greenfields Bowling Club	SY1 2QN	Bowls	Sports club	Two standard quality bowling greens used by Greenfields BC. Site is located on a Flood zone.	Explore opportunities to make improvements in order to sustain membership levels. Ensure the Club has access to relevant flood relief funds when required. Ensure the Club is prepared for the potential effects of flooding.	Sports club BCGBA	Local	L	L	L	Protect
126	Hanwood Recreation Ground	SY5 8LQ	Football	Community organisation	One poor quality adult pitch that has actual spare discounted due to quality.	Improve pitch quality with an enhanced maintenance regime.	Community organisation SFA, FF	Local	S	L	L	Enhance
149	Kynaston Road Recreation Ground	SY1 3JR	Football	Shrewsbury Town Council	Site is currently unused but can be reinstated if required.	Reinstate the site in order to alleviate identified shortfalls on youth football pitches. Proposed works, secondary drainage and sand banding	TC SFA FF	Local	M	S	L	Provide
158	London Road Sports Centre	SY2 6PR	Football	Education / Commercial	Six adult, two youth 11v11, three youth 9v9 and two mini 5v5 pitches, all of which are good quality apart from one adult pitch which is poor. The youth 9v9 pitches have spare capacity of 1.5 match equivalent sessions whereas the youth 11v11 pitches are overplayed by 0.5 match equivalent sessions. The mini 5v5 and good quality adult pitches are all played to capacity at peak time.	Sustain good quality through regular maintenance. Improve the poor quality pitch through an enhance maintenance regime or drainage improvements. Examine pitch layout on a seasonal basis in order to maximise pitch utilisation. Explore the feasibility of improving onsite ancillary provision.	Education Commercial SFA FF Council RFU	Main site	H	S - L	L - H	Protect Enhance Provide

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			Football (3G)		The poor quality adult pitch has spare capacity discounted due to quality issues. Site is accompanied by poor quality ancillary facilities. One standard quality 11v11 size 3G pitch which is FA certified and sports lit. Site is accompanied by poor quality ancillary facilities.	Sustain pitch quality through regular maintenance. Ensure pitch is regularly tested and remains on the FA register. Ensure there is a sinking fund in place. Explore the feasibility of improving onsite ancillary provision. Explore the feasibility of the site accommodating a second 11v11 size 3G pitch in order to alleviate identified shortfalls.						
176	Meole Brace Bowling Club	SY3 9JF	Bowls	Sports Club	Two good bowling greens that are owned by Meole Brace BC. The Club has plans to improve the quality of onsite toilets. Club has c153 members.	Sustain green quality through regular maintenance. Seek to retain current membership levels. Assist the Club in improving ancillary provision.	Sports club BCGBA	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
177	Meole Brace Church of England Primary School	SY3 9HG	Football	Education	One mini 7v7 and one mini 5v5 pitch both of which are poor quality. Mini 7v7 pitch is played to capacity whereas the mini 5v5 pitch has spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure and poor quality.	Improve pitch quality through an enhanced maintenance regime. Look to secure usage for community clubs through a community use agreement.	Education Sports club SFA FF	Local	M	S	L	Enhance Provide
178	Mereside Church of England Primary School	SY2 6LE	Football	Education	One mini 7v7 and one youth 9v9 pitch both of which are poor quality. Each pitch has spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure and poor quality.	Improve pitch quality through an enhanced maintenance regime. Look to secure usage for community clubs through a community use agreement.	Education Sports club SFA FF	Local	M	S	L	Enhance Provide
185	Monkmoor Outdoor Recreation Centre	SY2 5BP	Football	Shrewsbury Town Council	Two standard quality youth 11v11 pitches that are played to capacity at peak time.	Sustain quality through regular maintenance. Deep scarification, aeration, spiking and top dressing	TC SFA FF	Main site	H	M-L	L	Protect Enhance
			Football (3G)		One good quality small size 3G pitch (36x36) that is available for community use and is sports lit. Pitch was replayed in 2020 which included new sports lights and fencing	Sustain quality and retain as current use.	BCGBA LTA					
			Bowls		One standard quality bowling green that is used by Abbey BC. The Club reports on site ancillary facilities to be poor quality. Club has c28 members.	Sustain quality and maximise membership in order to create sustainability. Assist the Club in improving ancillary provision.						
			Tennis		Two poor quality macadam that are not sports lit in addition to three good quality macadam courts that are sports lit. All provision is available for community use.	Sustain good court quality and look to improve poor court quality based on levels of demand.						

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196	Nesscliffe Playing Field	SY4 1BY	Football	Great Ness & Little Ness Parish Council	One poor quality adult pitch which is currently unused. Spare capacity discounted due to quality. Site has no ancillary facilities.	Improve pitch quality through an enhanced maintenance regime. If the pitch improves in quality, look to reconfigure to youth football provision to alleviate identified shortfalls.	PC SFA FF	Local	M	S	L	Enhance
205	Old Malt House Memorial Hall	SY5 6QE	Bowls	Community organisation	One standard quality bowling green used by Atcham Malthouse BC. The Club has aspirations to improve the electric supply to the clubhouse. Club has c49 members.	Explore opportunities to make improvements in order to sustain membership levels. Assist the Club in improving ancillary provision.	Community organisation Sports club BCGBA	Local	L	L	L	Enhance
214	Oxon Recreation Ground	SY3 5BJ	Football	Shrewsbury Town Council	One youth 11v11 pitch that has spare capacity discounted due to poor quality. Site has no ancillary facilities.	Improve pitch quality through an enhanced maintenance regime. Re-establish herringbone drainage	TC SFA FF	Local	L	S	L	Enhance
222	Prestfelde Preparatory School	SY2 6NZ	Football	Education	One youth 11v11, one youth 9v9, two mini 7v7 and two mini 5v5 pitches all of which are good quality. Spare capacity on each pitch is discounted due to unsecure tenure.	Sustain quality through regular maintenance. Explore the feasibility of increasing community use through a community use agreement.	Education SFA FF ECB SCB RFU LTA EN	Main site	M	S	L	Protect Provide
			Cricket		Two good quality squares each with three grass wickets. Spare capacity has been discounted due to unsecure tenure. Provision has been used by for County Age Group cricket and the School is receptive to working with SCB.	Sustain quality through regular maintenance. Explore the feasibility of increasing community use through a community use agreement.						
			Rugby union		Two junior and four mini pitches all of which are standard quality (M1/D1). Pitches are available however unused by the community.	Sustain quality through regular maintenance. Explore the feasibility of increasing community use through a community use agreement.						
			Tennis		Three good quality macadam courts that are available for community use but are not sports lit.	Sustain quality and retain as current use.						
			Netball		Two good quality macadam courts that are available for community use but are not sports lit.	Sustain quality and retain as current use.						
226	Raby Crescent Recreation Ground	SY3 7JN	Football	Shrewsbury Town Council	One poor quality mini 7v7 pitch that are overplayed. Site is not accompanied by ancillary provision.	Improve pitch quality through an enhanced maintenance regime. Secondary drainage and sub-soiling	TC SFA FF	Local	L	S	L	Enhance
228	Radbrook Recreation Ground	SY3 9BE	Football	Shrewsbury Town Council	Site recently had major levelling works done on it – now has 9v9, Junior & Mini Pitches	Enhance pitch quality and maintenance by Sandbanding and regular fertilising	TC SFA, FF	Local	M	S	L	Protect Enhance
231	Reman Services Sports & Social Club	SY1 4JD	Cricket	Sports club	One good quality square with 11 grass wickets and one NTP. Square has no capacity on Sundays and Midweek to accommodate additional demand. Site is leased to Sentinal CC and it has had to move to Acton Reynald to accommodate third team play on Saturdays.	Sustain quality and maximise use to accommodate future demand, particularly for women and juniors. If the provision is lost due to housing, ensure it is mitigated in consistency with Sports England guidance.	Sports club Private Council ECB SCB BCGBA	Local	M	S	L-M	Protect Provide

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					Club has aspiration for a non turf practice nets. Anecdotal evidence suggests the provision may be lost in the future for housing.							
			Bowls	Private	One standard quality bowling green that is rented by Albert Road BC. Site is potentially being lost to housing.	If the provision is lost due to housing, ensure it is mitigated in consistency with Sports England guidance.						
232	Rocke Street Recreation Ground	SY3 7PY	Football	Shrewsbury Town Council	One standard quality youth 9v9 pitch that is played to capacity at peak time. Site is not accompanied by ancillary provision.	Improve pitch quality through an enhanced maintenance regime.	TC SFA FF	Local	L	L	L	Enhance
233	Roman Road Sports Centre (Meole Brace School)	SY3 9DW	Football	Council	One adult, one youth 11v11 and one youth 9v9 all of which are standard quality. Some of the pitches are overplayed.	Improve pitch quality through an enhanced maintenance regime.	Council SFA FF ECB SCB EH LTA	Hub site	L	S-L	H	Protect Enhance
			Cricket		One standard quality standalone NTP. Not used for community use.	Sustain quality and retain as current use.						
			Rugby union		One poor quality (M0/D1) senior pitch that is available for community use but unused.	Improve quality as required to meet curricular an extracurricular demand. Explore options for community use of the pitch.						
			Hockey (AGP)		A full size poor quality hockey suitable AGP that is used by Shrewsbury HC and Shropshire Hockey. Pitch was built in 1995 and refurbished in 2022 meaning it is good quality.	Sustain pitch quality with appropriate maintenance. Ensure hockey demand is prioritised and secured on the site from Shrewsbury HC and Shropshire Hockey due to limitations in other suitable provision. Ensure a sinking fund is in place after pitch refurbishment.						
			Tennis		Four poor quality macadam courts that are available for community use but are not sports lit.	Look to refurbish the courts based on levels of demand.						
246	Shorncliffe Drive Recreation Ground	SY3 8TF	Football	Shrewsbury Town Council	One standard quality youth 11v11 pitch that is played to capacity at peak time. Site is not accompanied by ancillary facilities.	Sustain pitch quality through regular maintenance. Site has potential to become a multi-sport site	TC SFA FF	Local	M	S	L	Protect
247	Shrewsbury Academy	SY1 4LL	Tennis Netball	Education	Two standard quality macadam court overmarked with netball and tennis	Sustain quality and retain as current use.	Education LTA, EN	Local	L	L	L	Protect
248	Shrewsbury Community Football Hub	SY2 6ST	Football (3G)	STinC	Seven standard quality small size 3G pitches which are sports lit and available for community use. A new full size sports lit 3G pitch that is available for community use and is FIFA certified. Provision was converted from a grass adult pitch.	Sustain full size pitch quality with appropriate maintenance and ensure the pitch is available for wider community use with a potential anchor club to be found. Sustain quality of the smaller size 3G pitches and retain as current use.	STinC Council SFA FF	Main site	L	L	L	Protect

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249	Shrewsbury Cricket Club	SY2 6PT	Cricket	Sports club	One good quality square with 12 grass wickets. Square has capacity to accommodate minimal levels of demand on Sundays and Midweek.	Sustain quality and maximise use to accommodate future demand, particularly for women's and juniors. Explore the feasibility of creating a second square onsite or in the locality for Shrewsbury CC to access.	Sports club ECB SCB	Local	M	L	M	Protect Provide
250	Shrewsbury High Prep School	SY3 9AH	Football	Education	One youth 11v11 and one youth 9v9 pitch both of which are standard quality. Pitches are not available for community use.	Sustain quality through appropriate maintenance and retain as current use. Explore options for community use of the pitches to accommodate shortfalls at clubs sites.	Education SFA FF ECB SCB RFU	Local	L	L	L	Protect
			Cricket		One good quality square which has one grass wicket. Not available for community use.							
			Rugby union		Two standard quality (M1/D1) mini pitches that are no available for community use.							
251	Shrewsbury Lawn Tennis Club	SY1 1TR	Tennis	Sports club	Five macadam courts that are both available for community use and sports lit in addition to six grass courts that are also available but not sports lit. The macadam courts are good quality whereas the grass courts are standard quality. Leased to Shrewsbury LTC. Club has c411 members. Site is located on a Flood zone.	Sustain court quality through regular maintenance. Seek to sustain membership levels. Ensure the sports club has access to relevant flood relief funds when required. Ensure the sports club is prepared for the potential effects of flooding.	Sports club LTA	Local	M	L	L	Protect
252	Shrewsbury Rugby Club	SY4 4RR	Rugby union	Sports club	Three good quality mini (M2/D1) pitches which are not sports lit, two good quality (M2/D1) senior pitches one of which is sports lit and two good quality (M2/D2) senior pitches which are also sports lit. Two pitches are overplayed by 3.75 and 3.75 match sessions respectively. All remaining senior pitches have capacity with mini pitches having not available at peak time. The Club report ancillary facilities need upgrading and modernising.	Sustain pitch quality through appropriate levels of maintenance. Explore a combination of options for alleviating overplay including improving pitch drainage, spreading of demand across pitches, installation of additional sports lights and utilisation of offsite provision for training. Assist the Club in upgrading and modernising its clubhouse.	Sports club RFU	Local	H	S-L	L-M	Protect Enhance
253	Shrewsbury School	SY3 7BA	Football 3G	Education	Six adult, two youth 11v11, one youth 9v9 and one mini 7v7 pitch all of which are good quality. None of the pitches are available for community use. One 11v11 size 3G pitch that is unavailable for community nor sports lit.	Sustain quality and retain as current use. Explore the feasibility of introducing community use at the site especially for hockey and 3G provision.	Education SFA FF ECB SCB EH LTA EN Council	Main site	L	L	L	Protect
			Cricket		Six good quality cricket squares none of which are not available for community use.							
			Rugby union		One good quality (M2/D2) senior pitch which is not available for community use.							

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			Hockey (AGP)		Two full size hockey suitable AGPs neither of which are available for community use. One is standard quality whereas the other is poor quality.							
			Tennis		Eight macadam and six artificial tennis courts all of which are good quality.							
			Netball		Three good quality netball courts that are not available for community use.							
254	Shrewsbury Severnside Bowling Club	SY1 1TR	Bowls (disused)	Horticultural Society	Shrewsbury Severnside Bowling Club accommodates three disused crown bowling greens that were used, until earlier 2019, by Severnside BC. The Club previously rented the site from the Horticultural Society, however, due to declining membership figures it decided to disband. Since the Club folded the greens have reverted back to the Horticultural Society. Site is located on a Flood zone.	Retain site as strategic reserve for bowling greens across Shrewsbury, Ensure issues regarding flooding are known and accounted for.	Horticultural Society BCGBA	Local	L	L	L	Protect
255	Shrewsbury Sports Village	SY1 4RQ	Football	Council	Eight adult, three youth 11v11, two youth 9v9, two mini 7v7 and two mini 5v5 pitches all of which are standard quality. The youth 11v11 pitches are played to capacity, whereas the youth 9v9 pitches are played to capacity at peak time. There is spare capacity on the remaining pitches. One adult pitch is used for Step pyramid football.	Improve pitch quality through enhanced levels of maintenance. Look to maximise usage of pitches with spare capacity. Ensure the site meets the relevant Step football requirements.	Council SFA FF LTA EN	Hub site	H	S-L	S-H	Protect Provide Enhance
			Football (3G)		One good quality 11v11 size 3G pitch. Its FIFA registration has expired.	Sustain pitch quality through regular maintenance. Look to reregister the pitch to FIFA specification. Ensure there is a sinking fund in place. Explore the feasibility of improving onsite ancillary provision. Explore the feasibility of the site accommodating a second 11v11 size 3G pitch in order to alleviate identified shortfalls,						
			Tennis		Four standard quality sports lit courts that are available for community use.	Sustain quality and retain as current use. Potential to convert 2 tennis into Paddle Courts						
			Netball		Four standard quality sports lit courts that are available for community use.	Sustain quality and retain as current use.						
256	Shrewsbury Town FC (Sundorne Castle Training Ground)	SY4 4RR	Football	Sports club	Two good quality adult pitches which are used for elite football.	Sustain quality and retain as current use.	Sports club SFA, FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect

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257	Shrewsbury Town Football Club (New Meadow)	SY2 6ST	Football	Sports club	An elite stadium pitch used by Shrewsbury Town FC.	No action required	Sports club SFA, FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect
258	Silks Meadow Recreation Ground	SY3 8LN	Bowls	Shrewsbury Town Council	One good quality bowling green used by Frankwell BC. The Club indicates there are plans by the Town Council to improve the ancillary provision. Club has c27 members. Site is located on a Flood zone.	Sustain quality and maximise membership in order to create sustainability. Assist the Club in improving ancillary provision. Ensure the TC has access to relevant flood relief funds when required. Ensure the TC is prepared for the potential effects of flooding. S106 money identified via Cophorne barracks development.	TC Sports club BCGBA LTA	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
			Tennis		Two standard quality grass courts that are available for community use but are not sports lit. Site is located on a Flood zone.	Improve quality and look to maximise usage. Ensure the TC has access to relevant flood relief funds when required. Ensure the TC is prepared for the potential effects of flooding.						
259	Unison Club (Column Cricket, Bowls & Tennis Club)	SY2 5LP	Football	Sports club	One adult pitch that has spare capacity discounted due to poor quality.	Improve pitch quality through an enhanced maintenance regime,	Sports club Council SFA FF ECB SCB BCGBA LTA	Local	M	L	M	Enhance
			Cricket		One good quality square with seven grass wicket and an NTP. Square is overplayed by two MES.	Sustain square with appropriate maintenance to manage minor overplay. Ancillary facilities require upgrade.						
			Tennis		Unison Club (Column Cricket, Bowls & Tennis Club) previously accommodated two macadam tennis courts, however, non-technical site assessments found the area was currently being utilised for additional car parking.	Retain as current use as no current demand exists. Explore the potential of bringing the courts back into use if demand increase.						
			Bowls		One good quality bowling green used by Unison BC. Club has c24 members.	Sustain quality and maximise membership in order to create sustainability. Assist the Club in improving ancillary provision.						
260	Springfield Recreation Ground	SY2 6LH	Football	Shrewsbury Town Council	Two adult and one youth 9v9 pitch all of which are standard quality. Adult pitches are played to capacity at peak time whereas the youth 9v9 pitch has spare capacity of 0.5 match equivalent session.	Sustain pitch quality through regular maintenance. Utilise spare capacity on the youth 9v9 pitch for future demand or to alleviate overplay. Barrier repair and reintroduction of tarmac area.	TC SFA FF	Local	H	S	L	Provide

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274	St. Michaels Street Recreation Ground	SY1 2HQ	Bowls (flat)	Shrewsbury Town Council	On good quality flat green used by St Michaels Lawn BC.	Sustain quality and retain as current use.	TC EB LTA	Local	L	L	L	Protect
			Tennis		One standard quality grass court that is available for community use but not sports lit.							
276	Stanley Park Playing Fields	SY3 0AA	Football	Bayston Hill Parish Council Shropshire Council Sports club	Three adult, one youth 9v9, one mini 7v7 and one mini 5v5 pitch all of which is standard quality. The adult pitch and mini 5v5 each have spare capacity of 0.5 match equivalent sessions. The remaining pitches are played to capacity at peak time. Bayston Hill Parish Council reports ancillary provision at Stanley Park Playing Fields to be inadequate for the number of teams accessing them. It has ambitions to create additional changing rooms as well as enhancing the accompanying car parking provision. Bayston Hill Parish Council owns part of Stanley Parker Playing Fields, however, has an agreement with Shropshire Council for the remaining section of the land. It reports aspirations to have complete ownership or long term agreement for the entire site to assist it in applying for grant funding to improve the quality of onsite ancillary provision. Stanley Park Playing Fields has an approved application for S106 monies which will go towards clubhouse refurbishment	Improve pitch quality with an enhanced maintenance regime. Utilise spare capacity on the site for alleviate known overplay or accommodating future demand. Explore the feasibility of transferring ownership of the site over to the Parish Council Assist the Parish Council in improving onsite ancillary facilities including exploring potential grant options and using S106 monies.	PC Council Sports club SFA FF BCGBA LTA	Main site	M	S-M	M	Protect Enhance
			Football (3G)		One standard quality small size (38x34) sports lit 3G pitch.	Sustain quality and retain as current use. Ensure there is a sinking fund in place.						
			Bowls		One good quality bowling green leased to Bayston Hill BC. The Club wants to improve surrounding hard areas and has c56 members.	Sustain quality and maximise membership in order to create sustainability. Assist the Club in improving ancillary provision.						
			Tennis		One good quality sports lit macadam court available for community use.	Sustain quality and retain as current use.						
280	Telepost Sports & Social Club (Abbey Sports Ground)	SY2 6BT	Bowls	Diocese	One good quality bowling green used by Telepost BC. The Club has c34 members. Site is located on a Flood zone.	Sustain quality and maximise membership in order to create sustainability. Ensure the Diocese/sports club is prepared for the potential effects of flooding.	Diocese BCGBA	Local	L	L	L	Protect
284	The Cock Inn	SY5 8LJ	Bowls	Sports club	One standard quality bowling green used by Harnwood BC. The Club aspires to improve ancillary provision and has c29 members.	Explore opportunities to make improvements in order to sustain membership levels. Assist the Club in improving ancillary provision.	Sports club BCGBA	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance

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286	The Grapes	SY3 5BH	Bowls	Private	One standard quality bowling green used by Oxon BC.	Explore opportunities to make improvements in order to sustain membership levels.	Sports club BCGBA	Local	L	L	L	Protect
294	The Prince of Wales (Bynner Street)	SY3 7NZ	Bowls	Commercial	One standard quality bowling green used by Prince of Wales Hotel BC. The Club has c72 members.	Explore opportunities to make improvements in order to sustain membership levels. Assist the Club in making improvements to ancillary provision. Ensure the TC has access to relevant flood relief funds when required. Ensure the TC is prepared for the potential effects of flooding.	Commercial Sports club BCGBA	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
295	The Priory School	SY3 9EE	Football	Education	One youth 11v11 and one youth 9v9 pitch both of which are standard quality. Spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure.	Sustain pitch quality through regular maintenance. Look to secure access for community users through a CUA in order to utilise spare capacity.	Education SFA FF ECB SCB RFU LTA EN	Local	M	S	L	Protect
			Cricket		One standard quality standalone NTP unavailable for community use.	Sustain quality and retain as current use.						
			Rugby union		One poor quality (M0/D1) senior pitch that is available for community use but unused.	Improve pitch quality when required to meet curricular and extracurricular demand. Explore the feasibility of increasing community use through a community use agreement.						
			Tennis		Two standard quality tennis courts that are not available for community use.	Sustain quality and retain as current use.						
			Netball		Three standard quality netball courts which are available for community but not sports lit.	Sustain quality and retain as current use.						
297	The Red Lion	SY1 4AQ	Bowls	Sports club	One good quality bowling green leased to Battlefield until 2023. The Club aspirations to improve ancillary facilities and has c50 members.	Sustain quality and maximise membership in order to create sustainability. Ensure lease is renewed when required. Assist the Club in improving ancillary provision.	Sports club BCGBA	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
298	The Shrewsbury Club	SY1 4RG	Tennis	Sports club	Two standard quality clay and four good quality sports lit macadam tennis courts. The Club has c1,991 members and is used for high level tennis competitions. There are planned developments to remove two macadam courts and create a two air dome courts and refurbish the two clay courts and install sports lights.	Sustain current court quality through regular maintenance. Assist where possible in the development of tennis provision on the site for all year round access. Ensure the site has suitable high quality provision to meet current and future levels of demand.	Sports club LTA	Local	H	L	M/H	Protect Enhance Provide
300	The Wilfred Owen School (Monkmoor Campus)	SY2 5SH	Football (3G)	Education	One standard quality small size 3G (54x38) pitch. Provision is available for community use and is sports lit.	Sustain quality and retain as current use. Ensure there is a sinking fund in place.	Education SFA FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect

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303	Town Walls Tennis Club	SY1 1TN	Tennis	Sports club	Three good quality macadam courts which are sports lit. Used by Town Walls TC. The Club has c212 members. Site is located on a Flood zone.	Seek to maximise membership to help sustain for future of the Club and ensure there is suitable provision to meet demand. Ensure the sports club has access to relevant flood relief funds when required. Ensure the sports club is prepared for the potential effects of flooding.	Sports club LTA	Local	L	L	L	Protect
308	Upton Lane Recreation Ground	SY2 5RR	Football	Shrewsbury Town Council	One standard quality youth 11v11 pitch that's has actual spare capacity one match equivalent session. No onsite ancillary facilities.	Sustain pitch quality through regular maintenance. Explore pitch reconfiguration in order to utilise spare capacity. Site has the potential to become a multi-sport site.	TC SFA FF	Local	M	S	L	Protect
310	Waincott Recreation Ground	SY1 3RX	Football	Shrewsbury Town Council	Site is currently unused but can be reinstated if required.	Reinstate the site in order to alleviate identified shortfalls on youth football pitches.	TC SFA FF	Local	M	S	L	Provide
329	Woodfield Tennis Club	SY3 8LU	Tennis	Sports club	Five good quality macadam courts which are available for community use and are sports lit. Used by Woodfield TC which has c390 members.	Sustain court quality and retain as current use.	Sports club LTA	Local	L	L	L	Protect
338	Wroxeter & Uppington Cricket Club	TF6 5HP	Cricket	Sports club	One good quality square with ten grass wickets used by Wroxeter & Uppington CC. Spare capacity has reduced following introduction of second team and a pitch loan to Shrewsbury CC and the Women's Soft Ball	Sustain square quality and look to utilise spare capacity to alleviate overplay and accommodate future demand. SCB supported investment of NTP to support increased usage and the introduction of Women & Girls activity.	Sports club ECB SCB	Local	M	S	L	Protect Provide
346	Monkmoor Bowling Club	SY2 5BQ	Bowls	Shrewsbury Town Council	One standard quality bowling green used by Monkmoor BC which has c26 members. The Club has submitted planning to improve surrounding hard areas	Explore opportunities to make improvements in order to sustain membership levels. Assist the Club in improving ancillary provision.	TC Sports club BCGBA	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
347	Old Shrewsbury Bowling Club	SY1 1XR	Bowls	Sports club	Two good quality bowling greens used by Old Shrewsbury BC which has c108 members. The Club is in the process of signing a long term lease and has aspirations to improve onsite ancillary facilities. Site is located on a Flood zone.	Sustain quality and maximise membership in order to create sustainability. Assist the Club in improving ancillary provision. Ensure the sports club has access to relevant flood relief funds when required. Ensure the sports club is prepared for the potential effects of flooding.	Sports club BCGBA	Local	H	S	L	Protect Enhance
349	Prince of Wales Bowling Greens	SY1 1XL	Bowls	Unknown	Two standard quality bowling greens used by Prince of Wales BC. Site is located on a Flood zone.	Explore opportunities to make improvements in order to sustain membership levels. Ensure the Diocese/sports club is prepared for the potential effects of flooding.	Sports club BCGBA	Local	L	L	L	Protect

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350	Shelton Recreation Ground	SY3 5FU	Football	Shrewsbury Town Council	One mini 7v7 and one mini 5v5 pitch both of which are standard quality. Each is played to capacity.	Sustain pitch quality through regular maintenance.	TC SFA FF ECB SCB BCGBA	Local	M	S-L	L	Protect Enhance
			Cricket		One good quality square with ten grass wickets used by Shelton CC. Square is overplayed by 10 MES. Installation of 4 hybrid pitches and an NTP has helped alleviate overplay.	Sustain square quality through regular maintenance.						
			Bowls		One good quality bowling green used by Shelton BC. The Club has c60 members.	Sustain quality and maximise membership in order to create sustainability.						
355	Alberbury Cricket Club	SY5 9AN	Cricket	Education	One good quality square that has nine grass wickets and one NTP. The Club currently renegotiating lease with Oxford College. Square is overplayed by 17 MES.	Sustain square quality through regular maintenance. In priority order, assist the Club in alleviating overplay whether this is through creation of a NTP, additional wickets on sit or access to secondary site. Assist the Club in securing onsite tenure.	Education Sports club	Local	L	L	L	Protect
363	Crescent Bowling Club	SY1 1TH	Bowls	Horticultural Society	One poor quality bowling green used by Crescent BC. The Club has c41members. Site is located on a Flood zone.	Improve green quality through an enhanced maintenance regime. Ensure the sports club has access to relevant flood relief funds when required. Ensure the sports club is prepared for the potential effects of flooding.	Horticultural Society BCGBA	Local	M	S	L	Protect Enhance
366	Shrewsbury High School	SY1 1TN	Tennis	Education	Two good quality artificial courts which are available for community use and are sports lit.	Sustain quality and retain as current use.	Education LTA	Local	L	L	L	Protect
372	Greenfields Recreation Ground	SY1 2QN	Football	Shrewsbury Town Council	Site is currently unused but can be reinstated if required.	Reinstate the site in order to alleviate identified shortfalls on youth football pitches. This site has investment potential as a multi-sports facilities.	TC SFA FF	Local	M	S	L	Provide
383	Shrewsbury Colleges (Former Wakeman School)	SY2 5GB	Lapsed (Football, rugby union, tennis)	Education	One adult football, two junior rugby union and four macadam tennis courts. Site is owned by Shrewsbury Colleges and was last formally used for sport circa 2010.	Site has the potential to alleviate identified shortfalls. Determine future use of the provision based on the following priority order of options: 1) Retain/allocate site as strategic reserve. 2) Explore feasibility to bring back into use. 3) Use as open space to meet local needs. Redevelop site and mitigate loss to meet Sport England Playing Field Policy requirements.	Education SFA FF RFU LTA	Local	M	L	L/M	Protect

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384	Shrewsbury Girls High School Unattached Playing Fields	SY1 1 XR	-	Education	Area of playing field land alongside macadam area which are marked out when required by Shrewsbury Girls High School for curricular and extra curricular demand.	Site has the potential to alleviate identified shortfalls. Determine future use of the provision based on the following priority order of options: 1) Retain/allocate site as strategic reserve. 2) Explore feasibility to bring back into use. 3) Use as open space to meet local needs. Redevelop site and mitigate loss to meet Sport England Playing Field Policy requirements.	Education	Local	L	L	L	Protect
385	Harlescott Junior School	SY1 4QN	Lapsed (Football)	Education	Two mini 7v7 and one mini 5v5 football pitches. Site was last formally marked out circa 2010 however is still used by the School for curricular and extra curricular demand.	Site has the potential to alleviate identified shortfalls. Determine future use of the provision based on the following priority order of options: 1) Retain/allocate site as strategic reserve. 2) Explore feasibility to bring back into use. 3) Use as open space to meet local needs. Redevelop site and mitigate loss to meet Sport England Playing Field Policy requirements.	Education	Local	L	L	L	Protect
386	The Cathie Sabin Community Tennis Centre	SY1 4RG	Tennis	Sports Club	Two new good quality acrylic air dome courts developed in September 2022.	Sustain quality and retain as current use.	Sports Club LTA	Local	L	L	L	Protect
New	Land at Bowbrook	SY3 8DB	-	-	A parcel of land which is being developed for two primary school. The area of land will have an area dedicated for community sports provision.	Examine the site for potential to alleviate identified shortfalls of 3G, grass football or cricket provision (Shelton CC) within the Analysis Area.	Council SFA FF	Local	H	S	L-H	Provide

NORTH EAST ANALYSIS AREA

Key recommendations for Market Drayton

- ◀ To meet the existing and future football shortfalls secure access to educational sites through CUAs in addition to improve poor pitch quality through enhanced levels of maintenance.
- ◀ Relocation plans for Greenfields Sports Ground to also consider the potential to accommodate an AGP at the Grove School to meet exported demand by Market Drayton HC and a 3G pitch to meet demand identified in the area.
- ◀ Address cricket overplay through a combination of quality improvements, greater use of NTPs and additional wickets.
- ◀ Work to improve the quality of bowling greens and to maximise membership to create future sustainability.
- ◀ Consider options for funding to establish changing provision at Hinstock Recreation Ground.
- ◀ Use future S106/CIL monies from Clive Barracks to alleviate existing and future sporting shortfalls either onsite or offsite.
- ◀ Work with The Grove School to increase the community use of its facilities. Look to secure access through CUAs.

Key recommendations for Wem

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

Key recommendations for Whitchurch

- ◀ To meet the existing and future football shortfalls secure access to educational sites through CUAs in addition to improve poor pitch quality through enhanced levels of maintenance.
- ◀ For cricket, improve quality in order to create future capacity and secure tenure. Explore opportunities to create additional provision for Whitchurch CC on adjacent land to Heath Round Ground.
- ◀ Refurbish the AGP at Whitchurch Sports & Leisure Centre as a priority in order to ensure the continued use of the site for hockey.
- ◀ Address quality for all other sports.
- ◀ Two new adult pitches to be established at Tilstock Road with relevant ancillary provision. Whitchurch Alport FC to obtain long term tenure. Also, potential for 3G pitch development.

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5	Adderley Village Hall	TF9 3FA	Bowls	Sports club	One standard quality bowling green. Club has c60 members.	Explore opportunities to make improvements in order to sustain membership levels.	Sports club BCGBA	Local	L	M	L	Protect Enhance
63	Cheswardine Parish Council	TF9 2RS	Football	Cheswardine Parish Council	One poor quality youth 9v9 pitch. No changing provision.	Improve quality as required to meet levels of demand.	Sports Club Parish	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
			Bowls		One poor quality bowling green. Club has c25 members. Currently negotiating a lease with Cheswardine Parish Council.	Explore opportunities to make improvements in order to sustain membership levels. Assist the Club in obtaining a lease on the site.	Sports club Parish BCGBA		M	M	L	
65	Childs Ercall Bowls Club	TF9 2DA	Bowls	<i>Unknown</i>	One standard quality bowling green. Membership unknown.	Explore opportunities to make improvements in order to sustain membership levels.	Sports club BCGBA	Local	L	M	L	Protect Enhance
66	Childs Ercall Playing Field	TF9 2DD	Football	Childs Ercall Parish Council	One poor quality adult pitch that is overplayed. No changing provision.	Improve quality as required to meet levels of demand.	Sports Club Parish	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
78	Clive Barracks	TF9 3QE	Football Cricket RFU	MOD	One standalone NTP, one senior rugby union and one adult football pitch all of which are standard quality and not available for community use. The site is subject to strategic housing development.	Retain as required for the short term. Long term secure S106 / CIL monies to contribute to alleviating identified existing and future shortfalls in Market Drayton for football, rugby union, cricket and hockey either onsite or contribute to offsite developments/enhancements.	MOD SFA FF SCB ECB, RFU EH Council	Local	M	L	H	Protect Enhance Provide
113	Falcon Field (Woore Cricket Club)	CW3 9SF	Cricket	Sports club	One good quality cricket square with 10 wickets plus an NTP which is overplayed by 10 match sessions per season.	Explore greater utilisation of the NTP in order to reduce overplay. In addition, examine if an additional grass wicket can be established. Alternatively, if unachievable, explore options such as the transfer of demand off the site. Significant improvements have been made in the past 12 months. The outfield has had some significant levelling completed. They have installed 2 lane practice net facility. Ancillary facilities to be considered a priority with the numbers playing female cricket in the open age teams and the evolution of club's own female section.	Sports club ECB SCB	Local	H	S	M	Protect Enhance Provide

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123	Greenfields Sports Ground	TF9 3SL	Football Rugby union Tennis	Market Drayton Sports Association	<p>The site is leased from Market Drayton Town Council to the Market Drayton Sports Association which consists of Market Drayton Town FC, Market Drayton Tigers FC, Market Drayton RFC and Market Drayton TC. Each club has its own clubhouse and utilise their own pitch provision to accommodate demand.</p> <p>Market Drayton Town FC (Step 4) accesses one good quality sports lit adult pitch and one sports lit junior pitch. Market Drayton Tigers FC use one youth 11v11, one youth 9v9, one mini 7v7 and one mini 5v5 pitch, all good quality.</p> <p>For rugby there is one senior and one junior pitch both of poor quality and overplayed.</p> <p>For tennis there are three standard quality macadam and the Club has c180 members.</p>	<p>Continue to work towards the sustainable relocation of Greenfields Sports Ground and ensure the current and future needs of tennis/football/rugby are fully met in accordance with the PPS and related Feasibility Study.</p> <p>As a minimum and to meet Sport England's Playing Field Policy (Exception E4), four good quality floodlit macadem tennis courts should be provided to meet the needs of Market Drayton TC.</p> <p>As a minimum and to meet Sport England's Playing Field Policy (Exception E4), two good quality floodlit senior rugby union pitches with drainage (M1/D2 rating) to meet the needs of Market Drayton RFC.</p> <p>As a minimum and to meet Sport England's Playing Field Policy (Exception E4), one good quality adult football pitch (meeting Step 4 requirements), two standard quality youth 11v11 pitches, two standard quality youth 9v9 pitches, two standard quality mini 7v7 pitches and two standard quality mini 5v5 pitches to meet the needs of Market Drayton Town FC and Market Drayton Tigers FC. Additionality would include a full size 3G pitch for Market Drayton Town FC (FIFA and World Rugby (WR) certified).</p> <p>Explore the feasibility of S106/CIL monies from housing development at Clive Barracks to contribute to the potential Greenfields Sports Ground relocation.</p>	<p>Sport England FF SFA RFU LTA Town Council Sports clubs</p>	Hub	H	M	H	Enhance Provide
133	Hinstock Cricket Club	TF9 2TA	Cricket	Sports club	<p>One disused square that had six wickets. Changing provision is poor quality. Cricket ceased in 2022.</p>	<p>Explore if there is sufficient demand to reinstate the square and if there is explore the feasibility of S106/CIL monies from housing development at Clive Barracks to contribute to quality enhancements.</p> <p>If demand does not exist to reinstate protect in line with Sports England playing field policy.</p> <p>Exploring community use in January 2024 for junior cricket and Omen's cricket.</p>	<p>Sports club ECB SCB</p>	Local	M	M	M-H	Protect Enhance

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135	Hinstock Recreation Ground	TF9 2SN	Football	Hinstock Parish Council	One poor quality adult pitch. No changing provision.	Improve quality as required in relation to demand and explore a joint funding bid to provide changing provision. Explore the feasibility of S106/CIL monies from housing development at Clive Barracks to contribute to quality enhancements.	Sports club Parish Council LTA FF, SFA	Local	M	M	M-H	Protect Enhance Provide	
			Tennis Netball		Three macadam courts, two good quality and one poor. Overmarked with netball courts. Rented by Hinstock TC which only has access to a portacabin for ancillary provision. It has applied for funding from the Parish Council in connection with potential S106/CIL monies to create a pavilion.								
136	HMP Stoke Heath	TF9 2JL	Football	HMP	One poor quality adult pitch unavailable for community use. Also, one small 3G pitch (54 x 44) unavailable for community use.	Retain as required. No action.	-	-	-	-	-	-	
138	Hodnet Social Club	TF9 3NS	Football	Sports club	One poor quality adult pitch. Spare capacity discounted due to quality. Poor quality changing provision servicing football and cricket.	Improve quality as required to meet levels of demand. Explore the feasibility of S106/CIL monies from housing development at Clive Barracks to contribute to quality enhancements.	Sports club FF SFA	Main site	L	S	L	Protect Enhance	
			Cricket		One standard quality square with six wickets. Pitch quality has improved in recent years, outfield is prone to flooding due to poor drainage. Peppercorn rent from private landowner.	Explore options for a joint funding to improve changing room provision. Assist the Club in securing on site tenure.			Sports club ECB SCB	H	S		M-H
			Bowls		One standard quality bowling green. Club has c55 members.	Explore opportunities to make improvements in order to sustain membership levels.			Sports club BCGBA	M	M		L
170	Market Drayton Bowling Club	TF9 1HY	Bowls	Private	One standard quality bowling green. Club has c40 members. Rented from Joules Brewery.	Explore opportunities to make improvements in order to sustain membership levels. Assist the Club in improving ancillary provision.	Sports club BCGBA	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance	
171	Market Drayton Community Amateur Sports Club	TF9 1HH	Football	Sports club	One standard quality youth 9v9 pitch with spare capacity. Standard quality changing.	Improve quality as required and maximise use. Explore options for a joint funding to improve changing room provision. Explore the feasibility of S106/CIL monies from housing development at Clive Barracks to contribute to quality enhancements.	Sports club FF SFA	Local	M	M	M	Protect Enhance	
			Cricket		One standard quality square with 14 wickets. Some spare capacity on Sunday or midweek. Standard quality changing.	Improve quality as required and maximise use. Potential to accommodate additional demand from Woore Cricket Club - they have formed a partnership with another club in Staffordshire. Explore the feasibility of S106/CIL monies from housing development at Clive Barracks to contribute to quality enhancements.			Sports club ECB SCB	M	S		M

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188	Moreton Saye Tennis and Bowls	TF9 3RS	Bowls (lapsed)	Parish Council	Anecdotal evidence suggests the club which previously used the site, Moreton Saye BC, pulled out of the League due to falling membership. In addition, the landowner (The Village Church) has aspirations to extend its graveyard by using the site where the green is located.	There appears to be little demand to bring back into use, however, further local assessment is required to confirm this position. If lost, provision should be mitigated through improvements to other local facilities.	Parish Council BCGBA, LTA	Local	L	M	L	Enhance
			Tennis		One poor quality macadam court. No formal club using the site.							
191	Mount Lane Bowling Club	TF9 1AQ	Bowls	Unknown	One standard quality bowling green. Membership unknown.	Explore opportunities to make improvements in order to sustain membership levels.	Sports club BCGBA	Local	L	M	L	Protect Enhance
202	Norton in Hales Community Sports Club	TF9 4AP	Cricket	Sports club	One good quality square with nine wickets. No capacity available. Demand for additional non turf pitch. Rented from Charitable Sports Club.	Look at options to secure tenure and explore options to install an NTP to help build future capacity.	Sports club ECB SCB	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
			Bowls		One standard quality bowling green. Rented from Charitable Sports Club.	Explore opportunities to make improvements in order to sustain membership levels. Look at options to secure tenure.	Sports club BCGBA		L	S	L	
			Tennis		Two poor quality grass courts. Club has 75 members.	Improve quality in order to help sustain membership.	Sports club LTA		M	M	L-M	
287	The Grove School	TF9 1HF	Football	Education	One adult, one youth 11v11 and one youth 9v9 pitch, all standard quality. Unavailable for community use.	Explore options to establish community use to help meet identified shortfalls in the area.	School FF SFA EH	Local	M	S	L	Protect Enhance Provide
			Cricket		One standalone NTP. Unavailable for community use.	Retain for school use as no local demand for community use.						
			Rugby union		Two poor quality senior pitches. Unavailable for community use.	Explore the options for an AGP to be developed onsite. This would support demand for hockey from Market Drayton HC bringing exported demand back into the area.						
			Tennis Netball		Three macadam courts overmarked with netball. Unavailable for community use.							
309	Victoria Bowling Club	TF9 3DW	Bowls	Sports club	One standard quality bowling green with 65 members.	Explore opportunities to make improvements in order to sustain membership levels.	Sports club BCGBA	Local	M	M	L	Protect Enhance
327	Wollerton Bowling Green (Mill Rd)	TF9 3LX	Bowls	Sports club	One good quality bowling green with c40 members.	Sustain quality and look at ways to maximise use to ensure future sustainability.	Sports club BCGBA	Local	L	M	L	Protect
328	Wollerton Tennis Courts (Off Drayton Rd)	TF9 3LX	Tennis	Sports club	Two sports lit artificial courts, standard quality. Club has 45 members.	Improve quality in order to help sustain/improve membership.	Sports club LTA	Local	M	M	L	Protect Enhance
333	Woore Bowling Green	CW3 9SA	Bowls	Sports club	One good quality bowling green. Club has c50 members.	Sustain quality and look at ways to maximise use to ensure future sustainability.	Sports club BCGBA	Local	L	M	L	Protect
335	Woore Tennis Club (Woore Village Hall)	CW3 9SF	Tennis	Sports club	Two good quality, sports lit macadam courts. Club has c400 members.	Sustain quality and consider options to increase the number of courts to better meet demand.	Sports club LTA	Local	M	M	M	Protect Provide
-	Forton Cricket Club	TF10 8BF	Cricket	Sports club	Technically falls outside of the Study Area, albeit it is recognised as servicing Shropshire residents to some extent.	Minimal levels of overplay which can generally be accommodate by ensuring good quality is sustained. Two practice nets installed in 2019, but in need of investment into ancillary facilities.	Sports club ECB, SCB	Local	L	L	L	Protect

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					One good quality square with eight wickets and overplayed by three match sessions per season.							

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1	Acton Reynald Cricket Club	SY4 3BH	Cricket	Sports club	One standard quality square with six wickets. Accompanied by standard quality changing provision. NTP of reasonable standard. Also now accommodates Sentinel CC 3rd XI so no Saturday capacity.	Explore opportunities to create future spare capacity, including improving quality and extending the square with additional wickets. Driveway to ground is in need of upgrade.	Sports club ECB SCB	Local	M	M	L	Protect Enhance
54	Butler Sports Centre	SY4 5AP	Football	Wem Town Council	One adult, one youth 9v9 and one mini 7v7, all standard quality. Only minimal spare capacity available. Accompanied by poor quality changing provision.	Improve pitch quality through an enhanced maintenance regime to create additional capacity. Explore funding options to improve changing.	Town Council Sports club FF SFA	Main site	M	S	M	Protect Enhance
			Bowls		Two good quality bowling greens. Club has c65 members. Club has aspiration to improve changing room quality.	Sustain quality and maximise membership in order to create sustainability. Explore funding options to improve changing as per above with football.	Town Council Sports club BCGBA		M	S	M	
93	Coton Hall Cricket Club	SY13 3LN	Cricket	Private	One standard quality square with five wickets. No actual spare capacity. Unsecure tenure as rent from private farmer.	Improve quality in order to create future capacity but as a priority work to secure tenure.	Sports club ECB SCB	Local	H	S	L	Protect Enhance
124	Hadnall Bowling Green	SY4 4AG	Bowls	Hadnall Parish Council	One standard quality bowling green. Club has c100 members. Club has aspiration to improve clubhouse quality.	Explore opportunities to make improvements in order to sustain membership levels. Assist the Club in improving ancillary provision.	Parish Council Sports club BCGBA	Local	M	M	M	Protect Enhance
127	Harcourt Cricket Club	SY4 4LT	Cricket	Private	One good quality square with eight wickets. Accompanied by very poor quality changing provision.	Ensure the Club has long term security of tenure. As per the PQS for the site, improve current maintenance regime to improve the quality of onsite provision and address overplay. Explore options for a joint funding to improve changing room provision.	Sports club ECB SCB	Local	H	S	M-H	Protect Enhance
223	Preston Brockhurst Bowling Green	SY4 5QA	Bowls	Unknown	One standard quality bowling green. Membership unknown.	Explore opportunities to make improvements in order to sustain membership levels.	Sports club BCGBA	Local	M	M	L	Protect Enhance
230	RAF Shawbury	SY4 4DZ	Football	MOD	Two standard quality adult pitches. No community use	Sustain quality and retain as current use. Explore options to use the site for hockey again if there is sufficient demand to warrant so.	MOD EH Sports club	Local	L	L	L	Protect
			Football (3G)		One 11v11 size 3G pitch (short pile) with restrictions on use/availability. Good quality. Not available for community use. Previously used by Wem & Market Drayton HC.							
			Rugby union		One senior pitch that is not available for community use.							
240	Shawbury Bowling Club	SY4 4NZ	Bowls	Sports club	One good quality bowling green. Used by Elephant and Castle BC which has c30 members.	Sustain quality and maximise membership in order to create sustainability.	Sports club BCGBA	Local	L	M	L	Protect

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242	Shawbury Recreation Ground	SY4 4NH	Football	Shawbury Parish Council	One standard quality adult pitch overplayed by 1.5 match equivalent sessions. Pitch subject to public use. No changing provision.	Improve quality as required in order to address overplay. Explore options for access to changing rooms.	Parish Council FF SFA	Local	M	M	L	Protect Enhance
288	The Kynaston Ground (Wem Cricket Club)	SY4 5HR	Cricket	Sports club	One good quality square with 14 wickets. Spare capacity is minimal on a Sunday or midweek for additional play.	Retain some spare capacity in order to help maintain quality. The Club is utilising indoor soft ball practice cricket provision at Thomas Adams Sports Centre for members and have a positive relationship with the school. Net provision on site is in need of an upgrade. Ancillary provision in need of upgrade to cater for all of their cricket needs and increased community demand.	Sports club ECB SCB	Local	L	L	L	Protect
301	Thomas Adams Sports Centre	SY4 5UB	Football	Education	One adult and three youth 11v11 pitches, all standard quality. Spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure. Accompanied by standard quality changing provision.	Increasing quality (as required) and securing community use will increase capacity to meet identified shortfalls in the area.	School FF SFA	Main site	H	S	L	Protect Provide Enhance
			Cricket		One standalone NTP	Explore improving levels of cricket provision on the site, including another NTP, in cohesion with secured usage for Wem CC.	School		M	M	L	
			Rugby union		One poor quality senior pitch with potential spare capacity discounted due to quality.	Retain for school use as no local demand to establish community use.	School		L	L	L	
			Netball		Four poor quality macadam courts. Available but unused.	Given size of available courts, explore options to improve quality and establish community use if local demand exists.	School EN		M	M	L-M	
307	United Services Wem Club	SY4 5EP	Bowls	Sports club	One standard quality bowling green. Club has c60 members.	Explore opportunities to make improvements in order to sustain membership levels.	Sports club BCGBA	Local	M	M	M	Protect Enhance
312	Wem Recreation Ground	SY4 5AY	Football	Wem Town Council	One poor quality adult pitch. Spare capacity discounted due to poor quality. Accompanied by standard quality changing provision.	Improve pitch quality as required in order to create spare capacity.	Sports club FF SFA	Main site	M	M	L	Protect Enhance
			Bowls		One standard quality bowling green. Club has 40 members.	Explore opportunities to make improvements in order to sustain membership levels.	Sports club BCGBA		M	M	M	
			Tennis		Four standard quality macadam court, three are sports lit. Club has c280 members.	Improve quality as required to help sustain membership levels.	Sports club LTA		M	M	M	
323	Whixall Bowling Club	SY13 2PP	Bowls	Sports club	One good quality Bowling green. Ongoing club house improvements required. Club has 75 members.	Sustain quality and maximise membership in order to create sustainability. Assist the Club in improving ancillary provision.	Sports club BCGBA	Local	L	M	L	Protect Enhance
324	Whixall C of E Primary School	SY13 2SB	Tennis	Education	One macadam court.	Retain for school use.	School	Local	L	L	L	Protect
331	Woodlands School	SY4 5PJ	Tennis	Education	One macadam court.	Retain for school use.	School	Local	L	L	L	Protect

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370	Shawbury Junior Football Club (Ponyton)	SY4 4JN	Football	Private	One youth 9v9, one mini 7v7 and one mini 5v5 pitch, all poor quality. No peak time capacity. Pitches are poor quality due to issues with limited maintenance and poor drainage. Site was recently agricultural land.	Explore opportunities to improve quality in order to create future spare capacity.	Sports club FF, SFA	Local	H	S	M	Protect Enhance
New	Shawbury Football Club	-	Football	Private	The Club aspires to develop as a home site within its locality. Initial plans for the new site include one 5v5, one 7v7, one 9v9, training area and two adult pitches both of which are suitable for Step 6 football (sports lit). It also aspires to have an onsite clubhouse/hospitality to service the grass pitches and make one of the adult pitches a 3G surface (local demand identified).	Before applying for funding/investment the Club should secure a longer term agreement from the private landowner in order to access relevant grant monies. Further feasibility is required to determine the sustainability of such a development. This should also consider the need for a 3G pitch.	Sports club FF SFA	Main site	H	M	H	Provide

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11	Archibald Worthington Club (Whitchurch)	SY13 1BQ	Bowls	Unknown	Two standard quality bowling greens. Membership unknown.	Explore opportunities to make improvements in order to sustain membership levels.	Sports club BCGBA	Local	M	M	M	Protect Enhance
12	Ash Magna Bowling & Tennis Club	SY13 4DR	Bowls	Whitchurch Rural Parish Council	One standard quality bowling green. Membership unknown.	Explore opportunities to make improvements in order to sustain membership levels.	Parish Council BCGBA	Local	M	M	M	Protect Enhance
			Tennis		One standard quality macadam court.	Retain and maintain for recreation use.	Parish Council		L	L	L	
39	Bridgewater Bowling Club (Whitchurch)	SY13 1RE	Bowls	Sports club	Two standard quality bowling greens. Ongoing installation of irrigation system. Club has c50 members.	Explore opportunities to make improvements in order to sustain membership levels. Assist the Club in improving ancillary provision.	Sports club BCGBA	Local	M	M	M	Protect Enhance
57	Calverhall Cricket Ground	SY13 4PE	Cricket	Calverhall Village Trust	One good quality square with eight wickets. Actual spare capacity expressed. Expressed demand for creation of a non turf pitch	Explore opportunities to maximise use to accommodate future demand and potentially demand from Whitchurch CC / Calverhall CC.	Sports club ECB, SCB	Main site	M	S	L	Protect Enhance
			Bowls		One good quality bowling green. Club has 45 members.	Sustain quality and maximise membership in order to create sustainability.	Sports club BCGBA		L	L	L	
			Tennis		Two sports lit artificial courts, standard quality.	Retain and maintain for recreation use.	Sports club LTA		L	L	L	
62	Chester Road Bowling Club	SY13 1ND	Bowls	Sports club	Two good quality bowling greens. Club has c130 members.	Sustain quality and membership in order to create sustainability.	Sports club BCGBA	Local	L	L	L	Protect
105	Deermoss Park	SY13 1QW	Football	Council	One poor quality youth 11v11. Spare capacity discounted due to quality. No changing provision.	Improve quality as required to meet demand.	Council	Local	L	L	L	Enhance
130	Heath Road Ground	SY13 3JG	Cricket	Sports club	Two good quality cricket squares.	Sustain square quality through regular levels of maintenance. The current practice net quality is very poor and in need of urgent upgrade. Ancillary provision on site is in need of urgent upgrade. Club has a new ground being constructed as part of the new development but no changing facilities to support.	Sports club ECB, SCB	Local	L	L	L	Protect
139	Hollies Tennis Club	SY13 1LP	Tennis	Sports club	Three good quality macadam courts, all sports lit. Club has over 300 members.	Sustain quality in order to sustain future membership levels.	Sports club	Local	L	L	L	Protect
221	Prees Cricket and Recreation Club	SY13 2DX	Football	Sports club	One adult, one youth 11v11 and 9v9 and one mini 7v7. All good quality but are overplayed. No peak time capacity. Serviced by good quality changing provision.	Sustain quality and maximise use of spare capacity where able to. For example, Whitchurch CC could utilise capacity if community use could be secured.	Sports club ECB SCB	Hub site	M	M	L	Protect
			Football (3G)		One small size 3G pitch (46 x 28) which is sports lit.							

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			Cricket		One poor quality square with six wickets and one NTP. Spare capacity at peak time. Outfield not fit for Cricket purposes do the overplay of football	Potential for small sided all weather AGP/MUGA at northern end of existing playing field, and is described as a proposed recreational pitch by the applicant. Would measure 30x28m - design & access statement with 8m lighting columns and fencing						
			Bowls		Two good quality bowling greens. Club has c80 members.							
225	Queensway Park	SY13 1HD	Football	Community organisation	One adult and one mini 5v5 pitch, both standard quality. No changing provision.	Improve quality as required and explore options for access to changing rooms.	Sport club	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
302	Tilstock Tennis & Bowls Club	SY13 3JL	Bowls	Sports club	One good quality bowling green. Aspirations to improve club house quality. Club has c40 members.	Sustain quality and maximise membership in order to create sustainability. Assist the Club in improving ancillary provision.	Sports club BCGBA	Local	M	M	L	Protect Enhance
			Tennis		Two standard quality grass courts. Club has c100 members.	Improve as required in order to meet levels of demand.	Sports club LTA	M	M	L		
318	Whitchurch & District Club	SY13 1QW	Bowls	Sports club	Two standard quality bowling greens. Membership unknown.	Explore opportunities to make improvements in order to sustain membership levels.	Sports club BCGBA	Local	M	M	M	Protect Enhance
320	Whitchurch Rugby Football Club	SY13 4NH	Rugby union	Sports club	Four senior pitches, one of which is a dedicated sports lit training pitch and two mini pitches. All good quality. Mini pitches are played to capacity. The none sports lit senior pitches have some actual spare capacity whereas the sports lit pitch is marginally overplayed by one MES.	Sustain quality and maximise use of the senior pitches to accommodate any future demand. Further examine how best to reduce the levels of unauthorised access/dog fouling on the site. Explore options for more sports lighting in order to better disperse demand to alleviate overplay.	Sports club RFU	Local	L	L	L	Protect
321	Whitchurch Sports & Leisure Centre (Sir John Talbot School)	SY13 2BY	Football	Education	One adult, one youth 11v11 and mini pitches 5v5 and 7v7. All poor quality with the youth pitch overplayed. Serviced by standard quality changing provision.	Secure community use for Whitchurch Alport Juniors FC and explore funding options to improve quality.	School Sports club FF SFA	Hub site	H	S	M	Protect Enhance Provide
			Cricket		Two standalone NTPs.	Retain for school use as required.	School		L	L	L	
			Rugby union		Two senior pitches, poor quality. Spare capacity discounted.	Retain for school use and improve as required. Explore the feasibility of increasing community use through a community use agreement.	School		L	L	L	
			Hockey (AGP)		One full size, sports lit AGP. Poor quality and suffers from drainage problems which often results in standing, and freezing water. Used by Whitchurch HC, Wem & Market Drayton HC and Market Drayton HC. Used to capacity.	As a priority refurbish pitch carpet to ensure the continued use of the site for hockey.	School Sports club EH		H	S	H	
			Tennis		Four sports lit macadam courts, all good quality. Overmarked with netball.	Explore options to establish community use if local demand exists.	School EN		M	S	L	
340	Yockings Park	SY13 1PG	Football	Sports club	One adult and one youth 9v9 pitch, both standard quality and with actual spare capacity. The site has a new changing block and upgraded ancillary car parking facilities.	Improve quality as required to service levels of demand. Club are actively working and fundraising for a 3G pitch.	Sports club	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance

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New	Tilstock Road		Football	-	Two new adult pitches to be establish with relevant ancillary provision. Whitchurch Alport FC to obtain long term tenure. Potential for 3G development, however, this is under discussion.	Develop new provision in line with agreed planning proposal including S106 monies. Explore the potential of 3G pitch development.	Council Sports club FF SFA	Local	H	H	H	Provide

NORTH WEST ANALYSIS AREA

Key recommendations for Ellesmere

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

Key recommendations for Oswestry

- ◀ Explore potential options to alleviate overplay at Oswestry RFC such as improving on site pitch and installing floodlighting on the second pitch. In the longer term explore ambitions to relocate to a new site with suitable pitch and ancillary provision (linked with Oswestry CC).
- ◀ Assist clubs in pitch and ancillary provision enhancements where required.
- ◀ Assist clubs in securing on site tenure, where required.
- ◀ Create additional capacity for youth football pitches in order to accommodate future demand such as securing access to educational site and improving poor quality provision.
- ◀ Explore options to increase cricket capacity at sites, such as installing NTPs or creation of additional wickets, if future demand is actualised. Particularly at Knockin & Kinnerly Cricket Ground and Oswestry Cricket Club.

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

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			Hockey (AGP)		One full size sports lit hockey suitable AGP that is sports lit and community available.	Sustain quality for curricular and extracurricular demand. Explore options to increase community use.						
			Tennis		Six poor quality macadam courts that are sports lit and available for community use. In addition, there are also four new good quality indoor courts.	Focus on improving court quality in order to increase levels of tennis activity.						
			Netball		Six poor quality sports lit macadam courts which are in need of posts.	Focus on improving court quality in order to increase levels of netball activity.						
112	Ellesmere Cricket Club	SY12 9AA	Cricket	Ellesmere Town Council	One good quality square with eight grass wickets. Ellesmere CC indicates it is currently looking for assistance and potential solutions to a long term drainage issue. The Club indicates the problem is becoming worse on a season by season basis and is causing matches to be moved or cancelled. Site is located on a flood zone. The Club has increased their membership mainly through female players	Sustain square quality with appropriate maintenance. Explore options for the ground level to be raised. There is an accessible drain which requires remedial work to ensure it is operational and effective. They cannot host games due to the outfield profile and drainage issues. There are question marks over the sustainability if no work is done. There are plans in place to build up the ground level, old drain located which can be cleared and the playing area increased but will need significant investment and then the ancillary facilities to support.	TC Sports club ECB SCB	Local	M	S	L-M	Protect Enhance
128	Hardwick Park (Frankton Cricket Club)	SY12 9HG	Cricket	Private	One good quality square that has ten grass wickets. The Club currently has a minimal lease for a private landowner. Square has minimal spare capacity with no capacity to accommodate future demand. Club is in process of securing onsite tenure.	Sustain square quality through regular maintenance. In priority order, assist the Club in actualising future demand whether this is through creation of an NTP, additional wickets on site, access to secondary site with capacity or creation of new provision.	Private Sports club ECB SCB	Local	M	S	L	Protect Enhance
151	Lakelands Academy	SY12 0EA	Football	Education	One poor quality adult pitch that is played to capacity through curricular usage. Pitch is not available for community use.	Improve pitch quality, as required, to meet curricular and extracurricular demand.	Education SFA FF EH EN	Main site	L	L	L	Protect
			Football (3G)		One standard quality small size sports lit 3G (46x28). Formally on the FA register.	Sustain quality and retain as current use. Ensure a sinking fund is in place. Explore options to maximise community use. Look to reregister the pitch to FA specifications.						
			Hockey (AGP)		One full size sports lit hockey suitable AGP that is good quality. There is minimal current community usage.	Sustain quality and retain as current use. Ensure a sinking fund is in place. Explore options to maximise community use.						
			Tennis		Three standard quality macadam courts that are sports lit but not available for community use.	Sustain quality and retain as current use.						

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

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56	Cae Glass Park	SY11 1AP	Bowls	Oswestry Town Council Community organisation	One standard quality bowling green.	Explore opportunities to make improvements in order to sustain membership levels.	TC Community organisation Sports club BCGBA LTA	Main site	M	S-M	L	Protect Enhance
			Tennis		Three artificial courts and three artificial mini courts operated by a community organisation and two macadam courts operated by the Town Council. All courts are available for community and all, except the macadam courts, are sports lit. Artificial courts are good quality with the macadam courts poor quality. Artificial courts are used by Oswestry Team Tennis that have c527 members.	Assist Oswestry Team Tennis in its participation levels through court access and improvements as required (including both artificial and macadam provision).						
118	Gatacre Playing Fields	SY11 1DR	Cricket	Sports club	One good quality square with seven grass wicket and an NTP which is unusable. Site has minimal capacity for additional midweek demand. Provision is leased to Cae Glass CC which has aspirations for permanent practice nets.	Sustain square quality through appropriate levels of maintenance. Utilise minimal spare capacity for additional midweek demand. Explore the feasibility of assisting the Club in its training demand aspirations.	Sports club ECB SCB	Local	L	L	L	Protect Provide
141	Ifton Miners Institute Bowling Green	SY11 3AY	Bowls	Sports club	One poor quality bowling green owned by Ifton BC. The Club has plans to fundraise to build a new pavilion and has c53 members.	Improve green quality through an enhanced maintenance regime. Assist the Club in improving ancillary provision.	Sports club BCGBA	Local	M	M	L	Protect Enhance
148	Knockin & Kinnerly Cricket Ground	SY10 8HL	Cricket	Sports club	One good quality square with 12 grass wickets. Square is overplayed by three match equivalent sessions and has no capacity to accommodate future demand. Site is on a long term lease to Knockin & Kinnerley CC from the Bradford Estate.	Sustain square quality through regular maintenance. Continue to access/hire secondary site at Whittington CC to help address overplay. New practice net facilities are required as the existing are not fit for purpose.	Private Sports club ECB SCB	Local	M	M	L-M	Protect
154	Lion Quays Leisure Club	SY11 3EN	Bowls (lapsed)	Private	It is unknown when the artificial bowling green at Lion Quays Leisure Centre was last formally accessed as formal sports provision, however, it is believed to be lapsed. The green was established circa 2009 with the building of Leisure Centre and surrounding facilities.	Based on levels of demand explore options for alternative uses.	Private BCGBA LTA	Local	L	L	L	Protect
			Tennis		Three macadam courts that are sports lit but not available for community use.	Based on levels of demand retain as current use.						
155	Lizbeth Close Bowling Green	SY11 1BZ	Bowls	Sports club	One good quality bowling green owned by Ye Olde Crofte BC. The site is used by Ye Olde Crofte BC (c32 members and George BC (c10 members). Onsite ancillary provision is poor quality.	Sustain quality and maximise membership in order to create sustainability. Assist the Club in improving ancillary provision.	Sports club BCGBA	Local	M	M	L	Protect Enhance

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156	Llanymynech Village Hall	SY22 6EE	Football	Community organisation Sports clubs	One poor quality youth 11v11 pitch that is overplayed. Pitch suffers from limited maintenance and becomes easily waterlogged.	Improve pitch quality through enhanced levels of maintenance.	Community organisation Sports clubs SFA FF BCGBA LTA	Local	M	S-M	L-M	Protect Enhance
			Bowls		One standard quality bowling green owned by Llanymynech BC. The Club has ambitions to build a new toilet block and has c45 members.	Explore opportunities to make improvements in order to sustain membership levels. Improve green quality through an enhanced maintenance regime.						
			Tennis		Two standard quality macadam courts that are available for community use but are not sports lit. Courts are rented by Llanymynech TC which indicates aspirations for sports lights. The Club has c28 members.	Improve quality and maximise membership to help sustain for future of each club. Explore opportunities for funding to improve ancillary facilities including sports lights.						
169	Marches School	SY11 2AR	Football (3G)	Education	One adult, one youth 11v11 and one youth 9v9 pitch all of which are standard quality and not available for community use. St Martins FC has aspirations to enter a partnership with the School in order to create a full size sports lit 3G pitch with relevant Step football facilities.	Improve pitch quality to better meet levels of curricular and extracurricular demand. If pitches improve in quality explore the feasibility of allowing community use to alleviate future shortfalls. Explore the feasibility of creating a full size sports lit 3G pitch on the site with St Martins FC as a partner club.	Education SFA FF RFU EH LTA EN	Main site	M	S-M	H	Protect Enhance
			Rugby union		Two poor quality senior pitches (M0/D1) which are available for community use but are unused.	Improve pitch quality to better meet levels of curricular and extracurricular demand. Explore the feasibility of increasing community use through a community use agreement.						
			Hockey (AGP)		One poor quality full size hockey suitable AGP that is sports lit and available for community use. Limited amount of external hockey usage by Oswestry HC. Pitch is over its ten year recommended lifespan.	As a matter of priority, refurbish the pitch. Ensure there is a sinking fund in place once refurbished. Before any refurbishment takes place there needs to be dialogue with the SFA, FF and EH.						
			Tennis		Six good quality macadam courts three of which are sports lit. All courts are available for community use.	Sustain quality and retain as current use.						
			Netball		Four good quality macadam courts two of which are sports lit. All courts are available for community use.	Sustain quality and retain as current use.						
187	Moreton Hall School	SY11 3EW	Hockey (AGP)	Education	One standard quality full size hockey suitable AGP that is sports lit and available for community use. Pitch is over its ten year recommended lifespan.	Refurbish the pitch when required to meet curricular and extracurricular demand. Ensure there is a sinking fund in place once refurbished. Before any refurbishment takes place there needs to be dialogue with the SFA, FF and EH.	Education EH LTA EN	Local	L	S-M	H	Protect Enhance

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			Tennis		Six good quality macadam courts three of which are sports lit. All courts are available for community use.	Sustain quality and retain as current use.						
			Netball		Four good quality macadam courts two of which are sports lit. All courts are available for community use.	Sustain quality and retain as current use.						
189	Morton Playing Field	SY10 8AJ	Football	Community organisation	One adult and one youth 9v9 pitch both of which are standard quality. No onsite ancillary facilities.	Sustain pitch quality with appropriate levels of maintenance. If pitches improve in quality explore reconfiguring the adult pitch to a youth 11v11 in order to alleviate future shortfalls.	Community organisation SFA FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect
208	Oswestry Boys & Girls Football Club	SY11 4AQ	Football	Sports club	Three youth 11v11, one youth 9v9, two mini 7v7 and one mini 5v5 pitch all of which are poor quality and are overplayed. Pitches suffer from poor drainage and waterlogging.	Look to improve pitch quality through either an enhanced maintenance regime and/or improve onsite drainage.	Sports club SFA FF	Local	M	S-M	M	Enhance
209	Oswestry Cricket Club	SY11 2AY	Cricket	Sports club	One good quality square with 12 grass wickets. Site is owned by Oswestry CC and has minor overplay of one MES. Rough and Tumblers CC also use the site. Two lane retractable practice facility now installed.	Sustain square quality through appropriate levels of maintenance. Also explore the feasibility of expanding the Club's current site or relocation to a new site with at least two grass cricket squares. The site is currently under threat from neighbours as a result of ball strike – particularly to new developments behind the club house. A new site with two pitches would resolve the problematic situation they are in but it would need membership buy in OR could the decision be taken from them if residents become unhappy with the ball strike issue and seek an injunction – worst case. They have a nominated residents liaison person.	Sports club SCB ECB	Local	M	M	L-H	Protect Provide
210	Oswestry Rugby Club	SY11 4AE	Rugby Union	Sports club	Two standard quality senior pitches (M1/D1) one of which is sports lit and one standard quality mini pitch (M1/D1). The sports lit senior pitch is overplayed by 5 match equivalent sessions whereas remaining pitches have no actual spare capacity. Site is owned by Oswestry RFC The Club has long term ambitions to relocate to a new home where all its demand can be located. Onsite ancillary is poor quality.	Improve pitch quality through increased levels of maintenance and/or drainage enhancements. Assist the Club in alleviating levels of overplay through pitch improvements and access/ creation of additional pitches and suitable sites. Explore the feasibility of installing sports lights on its second pitch. Examine the feasibility of rebuilding and relocating onsite ancillary provision to provide better quality facilities and potentially additional land for pitches. Explore the clubs long term ambitions to relocate to a new site with suitable pitch and ancillary provision.	Sports club Council RFU	Local	H	S-L	L-H	Protect Provide Enhance

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						This should be examined with future housing growth in the Park Hall area.							
211	Oswestry School	SY11 2TL	Football	Education	Two adult, one youth 11v11, one youth 9v9 and one mini 7v7 pitch all of which are good quality. The youth 11v11 and mini 7v7 pitch are played to capacity at peak period with remaining spare capacity on pitch discounted due to unsecure tenure.	Sustain quality through appropriate levels of maintenance. Explore formalising community use through a CUA to create additional capacity.	Education SFA FF ECB SCB EH LTA	Main site	M	S-L	L-M	Protect Provide	
			Cricket		Two good quality squares one with 12 grass wickets and one with three grass wickets. Spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure.								Sustain quality and retain as current use. Explore formalising community use through a CUA to create additional capacity.
			Rugby union		One senior and one junior pitch both of which are standard quality (M1/D1). Actual spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure.								Sustain quality and retain as current use.
			Hockey (AGP)		One full size hockey suitable AGP that is available for community use and sports lit. Used by Oswestry HC.								Protect as a hockey suitable surface and support the development and growth of Oswestry HC through the School
			Tennis		Six good quality artificial courts that are sports lit and available for community use. Courts are marked on the hockey suitable AGP.								Sustain quality and retain as current use.
212	Oswestry Tennis Club	SY11 2EG	Tennis	Sports club	Two macadam and two dedicated mini macadam courts all of which are standard quality, available for community use and are sports lit. Courts lease to Oswestry TC from Oswestry School. The Club has c122 members.	As required improve court quality and assist the Club increasing levels of demand to ensure its sustainability.	Sports club Education LTA	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance	
215	Packwood Haugh School	SY4 1HX	Football	Education	Four good quality youth 11v11 pitches that are not available for community use.	Sustain current provision and improve when required to meet levels of curricular and extracurricular activity. Explore the feasibility of allowing community access to the site in order to alleviate identified future shortfalls in the Analysis Area particularly for youth 11v11 football.	Education SFA FF ECB SCB RFU EH LTA EN	Main site	L	L	L	Protect Provide	
			Cricket		One standalone NTP and five grass squares all of which are good quality and not available for community use.								
			Rugby union		Four good quality (M2/D1) mini pitches that are not available for community use.								
			Hockey (AGP)		One small size hockey suitable AGP (88x52) that is sports lit but not available for community use.								
			Tennis		Six artificial, two macadam and one grass court all of which are good quality but not available for community use.								
			Netball		Two poor quality macadam courts that are not available for community use.								

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266	St Martins Playing Field	SY11 3AY	Football	Private	One poor quality adult pitch that is overplayed. Pitch is suitable for Step pyramid football. Site is used by St Martins FC which report the pitch drains poorly.	Improve pitch with enhanced levels of regular maintenance. Ensure the site is suitable for appropriate level of Step football.	Private Sports club SFA FF	Local	M	S	L	Enhance
267	St Martins School	SY10 7BD	Tennis	Education	Two poor quality macadam courts that are available for community use but are not sports lit.	Improve court quality as appropriate based on levels of curricular and extracurricular demand,	Education LTA EN	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
			Netball		Three standard quality courts that are available for community use but are not sports lit.	Sustain court quality and retain as current use.						
293	The Playing Fields	SY10 7GA	Football	Selattyn & Gobowen Parish Council	One adult and one youth 9v9 pitch both of which have spare capacity discounted due to poor quality. Site is located on a flood zone and is accompanied by poor quality ancillary facilities.	Improve pitch quality through an enhanced maintenance regime. Explore the feasibility of improving poor quality ancillary provision. Ensure the PC has access to relevant flood relief funds when required. Ensure PC is prepared for the potential effects of flooding.	PC SFA FF	Local	M	S-M	L	Protect Enhance
299	The Venue at Park Hall	SY11 4AS	Football (3G)	Sports club	One full size sports lit 3G pitch which is home to The New Saints FC. The pitches FIFA Pro certification has recently expired however it is in the process of being renewed. Pitch is used for Womens National League Division One football. Since the production of the report it has been indicated that the site has gone into liquidation (2020).	Sustain quality through appropriate levels of maintenance. Ensure the site is suitable for the level of football being played. Ensure there is a sinking fund in place. Ensure the pitch is retested for its FIFA Pro certification and regularly tested hereafter. Ensure the facilities are still accessible for community sports given the site's liquidation.	Sports club SFA FF	Local	H	S	L	Protect
304	Trefonen Playing Fields	SY10 9DY	Football	Council	One adult pitch that has spare capacity discounted due to poor quality. Pitch is used by Trefonen FC which plays in the Football Association of Wales football pyramid.	Improve pitch quality through enhanced levels of maintenance. Ensure the site meets the relevant requirements for the level of Welsh football being played.	Council Sports club SFA FF FAW	Local	M	S	L	Protect Enhance
315	Weston Rhyn Recreation Ground	SY10 7RZ	Football (lapsed)	Unknown	One lapsed adult pitch that has not been used since circa 2014.	Keep site as a strategic reserve as potential option to alleviate future youth football shortfalls.	SFA FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect
316	Weston Road	SY10 9NS	Football	Oswestry Rural Parish Council	One poor quality adult pitch that is played to capacity. Site is accompanied by poor quality ancillary facilities.	Improve pitch quality through an enhanced maintenance regime. Explore the feasibility of improving onsite ancillary facilities.	PC SFA FF	Local	L	L	L	Enhance
322	Whittington Cricket & Bowling Club	SY11 4PQ	Cricket	Sports club	Recently reinstated standard quality five wicket grass square with an NTP. Used by Whittington CC and hub for SCB County girls. 3 bay enclosed practice net also installed.	Sustain square quality with appropriate maintenance.	Sports club ECB SCB BCGBA	Local	L	L	L	Protect
			Bowls		One good quality bowling green owned by Whittington BC which has c52 members.	Sustain quality and maximise membership in order to create sustainability.						

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339	Wynstay Hotel	SY11 2SZ	Bowls	Commercial	One standard quality bowling green owned by Wynstay Hotel	Explore opportunities to make improvements in order to sustain membership levels.	Commercial BCGBA	Local	L	L	L	Protect
354	Weston Rhyn Bowling Green	SY10 7RQ	Bowls	Sports club	One good quality bowling green leased to Weston Rhyn BC. The Club has plans to improve surrounding hard areas and c55 members.	Sustain quality and maximise membership in order to create sustainability. Assist the Club in improving ancillary provision.	Sports club	Local	M	M	L	Protect Enhance
364	Oswestry Church Bowling Club	SY11 2SZ	Bowls	Sports club	One good quality bowling green owned by Church BC. The Club has c80 members and aspirations to improve its clubhouse provision.	Sustain quality and maximise membership in order to create sustainability. Assist the Club in improving ancillary provision.	Sports club	Local	M	M	L	Protect Enhance
371	The Showground	SY11 4AE	Rugby union	Private	Two poor quality (M0/D1) mini pitches rented by Oswestry RFC. Site is located neighbouring the clubs home venue.	Assist the club in secure tenure for the use of a dedicated are of land for it to develop additional pitches in order to alleviate overplay off its main site.	Private Sports club RFU	Local	M	S	L-M	Protect Provide Enhance
379	St Johns The Baptist C of E Primary School	SY4 1LA	Football	Education	One poor quality mini 7v7 pitch that is not available for community use.	Improve pitch quality as required to meet levels of curricular and extracurricular demand.	Education SFA FF	Local	L	L	L	Enhance

SOUTH ANALYSIS AREA

Key recommendations for Cleobury Mortimer

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

Key recommendations for Ludlow

- ◀ To meet the future shortfalls and increase current capacity, improve poor/standard quality football pitches.
- ◀ Improve pitch quality and seek options for access to additional pitches to meet demand for both clubs in the Area.
- ◀ As a priority, seek to establish long term security of tenure for Ludlow CC and explore options for replacing the pavilion as it is not fit for purpose.
- ◀ Requirement for the 3G pitch at The Ludlow Stadium to be resurfaced.
- ◀ Improve the quality of the bowling green at Ashford Carbonell Playing Fields (seek advice from BE).
- ◀ Explore potential venues within the wider Ludlow Area to accommodate a hockey suitable AGP to bring demand from Ludlow Hockey Club back within the Area.

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

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

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					Serviced by fixed bay practice nets, however, these are of such poor quality they are not used by the Club.	ECB has assisted club in the replacement of their old 2 bay practice net into a three bay purpose built enclosed practice facility. They are in desperate need of replacing the pavilion, it is not fit for purpose and is of an age where enhancements will only have a limited impact. The second pitch is serviced by a building which is no longer fit for purpose and should be totally refurbished.						
			Bowls		Two good quality bowling greens.	Sustain quality and maximise membership in order to create sustainability.	Sports club BCGBA		L	L	L	
			Tennis		Two poor quality macadam courts. Circa 2009, had a total of two grass, two macadam and one shale tennis court, however, the two grass and one shale court have not been maintained for approximately a decade.	Retain two courts and explore opportunities to maximise use. Consider alternative sporting uses for the other courts.			L	L	L	
168	Ludlow Rugby Football Club	SY8 1EE	Rugby union	Sports club	Two senior pitches, one standard, one poor quality. This is due to its proximity to the River Teme resulting it frequently being waterlogged. is in the process of sports lighting its standard quality pitch. Site is overplayed by 3.5 match equivalent sessions. In addition, the Club has aspiration to start using the area of land located in front of its clubhouse known as Linney Park.	Install sports lighting to accommodate all training demand and transfer mini demand to Linney Park to address overplay and create spare capacity. Purchase piece of land in front of the club. This will address the clubs overplay on pitches. Carry out pitch assessment to determine future maintenance.	Sport club RFU	Local	H	S	M	Protect Enhance Provide
186	Moor Park School	SY8 4DZ	Football	Education	Three mini 7v7 pitches all good quality. Spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure. Over marked with rugby union provision.	Explore opportunities to establish and secure community use.	School FF, SFA	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
			Cricket		One junior pitch with six wickets and one standard pitch with eight wickets. Both good quality.	Explore opportunities for Ludlow CC to accommodate additional future demand at the site, however, tenure would need to be secured.	School ECB, SCB		H	S	L	
			Rugby union		Three standard mini pitches. Spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure. Over marked with football provision.	Retain for school use. Explore the feasibility of increasing community use through a community use agreement to provide temporary provision for Ludlow RFC when the Clubs site is flooded.	School		L	L	L	
			Hockey (AGP)		One small sand AGP (55 x 46), sports lit. Ludlow HC accommodates its training demand on this site.	Ensure quality is sustained to the appropriate standard to continue accommodating hockey training.	School EH		M	L	M	
			Tennis Netball		Two standard quality macadam tennis courts overmarked with netball.	Retain for school use.	School		L	L	L	

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289	The Ludlow Stadium	SY8 2BN	Football	STinC	Two adult that are good quality and one youth 11v11 pitch that is poor quality. There is some overplay. Serviced by good quality ancillary facilities. Home to Ludlow FC. Shawbury United FC also travels to use this pitch due to a lack of provision locally.	Retain spare capacity in order to help protect quality. Look to improve the quality of the youth 11v11 with enhanced maintenance.	STinC FF, SFA	Main site	M	L	L	Protect Enhance
			Football (3G)		One 11v11 size 3G pitch. FA registered. Standard quality and installed 2008. The only reason the pitch has not become poor quality is due to the regular amounts of maintenance.	Will need refurbishing within the lifespan of the PPOSS.			STinC FF, SFA	H	M	
368	The Recreation Field	SY8 3LZ	Football	Community organisation	One poor quality mini pitch with no changing provision.	Improve quality as required and explore opportunity to increase provision at the site if demand exists in the future.	FF, SFA	Local	L	M	L	Enhance

SOUTH EAST ANALYSIS AREA

Key recommendations for Albrighton

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

Key recommendations for Bridgnorth

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

Key recommendations for Broseley

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

Key recommendations for Highley

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

Key recommendations for Much Wenlock

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

Key recommendations for Shifnal

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

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

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

PLACE PLAN – BRIDGNORTH

Site ID	Site	Post code	Sport	Management	Current status	Recommended actions	Partners	Site hierarchy tier	Priority	Timescales	Cost	Aim
6	AFC Bridgnorth	WV16 4HS	Football	Sports club	One poor quality adult pitch that is played to capacity. Site is suitable for Step pyramid football. Ancillary facilities need modernising. The Club is set to receive GPMF.	Improve pitch quality through enhanced levels of regular maintenance and GPMF. Ensure facilities are suitable for relevant Step football requirements. Explore the feasibility of improving ancillary facilities.	Sports club SFA FF	Local	M	M	L-M	Enhance
10	Alveley Recreation Ground	WV15 6JW	Football	Community organisation	One adult and youth 9v9 pitch that have spare capacity discounted due to poor quality.	Improve pitch quality through enhanced levels of regular maintenance.	Community organisation Sports club SFA FF ECB SCB LTA	Main site	M	S-M	M	Protect Provide
			Cricket		One square with eight grass wickets. Provision is currently unused due to the relocation of Alveley CC.	Explore opportunities to bring back into use but would require investment. Utilise actual spare capacity to accommodate future demand from Alveley CC / Bridgnorth CC and alleviate overplay from Alveley Cricket Club – Four Oaks Ground and Bridgnorth Bowls, Cricket & Hockey Club.						
			Tennis		Three good quality macadam courts that are sports lit. Courts are used by Alveley TC which has c44 members.	Sustain court quality and maximise membership to help sustain the future of the Club.						
40	Bridgnorth Bowls, Cricket & Hockey Club	WV16 4LB	Cricket	Private	One good quality square with ten grass wickets. Square is overplayed by six match equivalent sessions. Bridgnorth CC lease from the Apley Estates now renewed.	Sustain square quality through appropriate levels of maintenance. Explore options to alleviate overplay including the creation of new provision. A need to look at a second site. One has been bequeathed to the club but awaiting details of agreement	Private Sports clubs ECB SCB BCGBA	Local	H	S	L	Protect Provide
			Bowls		One good quality bowling green leased to Bridgnorth BC until 2021. The Club has c116 members.	Sustain quality and maximise membership in order to create sustainability. Ensure the Club renews its lease in due course.						
41	Bridgnorth Endowed School/Leisure Centre	WV16 4ER	Hockey (AGP)	Education	A full size poor quality hockey suitable AGP that is used by Bridgnorth HC. Pitch was built in 2008.	As priority ensure the pitch is refurbished as a hockey suitable surface. Examine all options to finance the resurfacing of the pitch. Ensure hockey demand is prioritised and secured on the site from Bridgnorth HC due to limitations in other suitable provision. Ensure a sinking fund is in place after pitch refurbishment.	Education Sports club EH LTA EN	Local	H	S-M	H	Enhance
			Tennis		Nine poor quality macadam courts that are not sports lit however are available for community use.	Improve court quality as required to meet curricular and extracurricular demand.						

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			Netball		Eight poor quality macadam courts that are not sports lit however are available for community use.	Improve court quality as required to meet curricular and extracurricular demand.						
42	Bridgnorth Lawn Tennis Club	WV16 4LB	Tennis	Sports club	Four artificial courts two of which are good quality and two of which are standard quality. Courts are sports lit and used by Bridgnorth TC which has c443 members.	Sustain and improve court quality when required in order to retain levels of demand.	Sports club LTA	Local	L	L	L	Protect
50	Brown Clee Football Club	WV16 6RP	Football	Private	One adult pitch that has spare capacity discounted due to poor quality. Site is not accompanied by ancillary facilities. Tenure is unsecure.	Improve pitch quality through enhanced levels of regular maintenance. Look to provide community users security of tenure.	Private Sports club SFA FF	Local	L	S	L	Enhance
53	Burwarton Cricket Club	WV16 6QG	Cricket	Unknown	One good quality square with eight grass wickets. Spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure. Site is accompanied by poor quality ancillary provision. Site is used by unaffiliated club Burwarton CC.	Sustain square quality through appropriate levels of maintenance. Examine securing tenure on the site in order to create actual spare capacity. If tenure can be secured look to use spare capacity to alleviate overplayed sites.	Sports club ECB SCB	Local	L	S	L	Protect
55	Bylet Bowling Club	WV15 6BA	Bowls	Sports club	Two standard quality bowling greens leased to Bylet BC. The Club has c80 members. The site is located on a Flood zone.	Explore opportunities to make improvements in order to sustain membership levels. Ensure the sports club has access to relevant flood relief funds when required. Ensure sports club is prepared for the potential effects of flooding.	Sports club BCGBA	Local	L	L	L	Protect
72	Claverley CE Primary School	WV5 7DX	Football	Claverley PC / Education	One standard quality 11v11 pitch that has actual spare capacity of one match equivalent sessions.	Sustain pitch quality through appropriate levels of maintenance. Utilise actual spare capacity to alleviate identified shortfalls or to accommodate future demand.	Claverley PC Education SFA FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect
73	Claverley Tennis Club	WV5 7DS	Tennis	Trust	Two good quality macadam courts that are sports lit. Site is used by Claverley TC that has c218 members.	Sustain court quality through appropriate levels of maintenance. Ensure the site has the capacity to accommodate future demand from the Club.	Trust Sports club LTA	Local	L	L	L	Protect
102	Crown Meadow	WV16 4HS	Football	Bridgnorth Town Council	One adult and one mini 7v7 pitch both of which are poor quality. Spare capacity on the adult pitch is discounted due to quality whereas the mini 7v7 pitch is overplayed.	Improve pitch quality through enhanced levels of regular maintenance.	TC SFA FF	Local	M	S	L	Enhance
104	Davenport Park	WV15 5JZ	Cricket	Sports club Private	One good quality square with 15 grass wickets and an NTP. Square has capacity to accommodate midweek demand. Site is leased to Worfield CC by the Davenport Estate.	Sustain square quality through appropriate levels of maintenance.	Sports clubs Private ECB SCB BCGBA LTA	Main site	M	M	L	Protect Enhance

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			Bowls		One standard quality bowling green used by Worfield BC. The Club is negotiating a lease with the Davenport Estate. It has c60 members.	Explore opportunities to make improvements in order to sustain membership levels. Assist the Club in obtaining security of tenure.						
			Tennis		Two good quality courts with sports lights. Courts are used by Worfield TC that has c207 members. The Club reports the sports lights need refurbishing.	Sustain court quality through appropriate levels of maintenance. Ensure the site has the capacity to accommodate future demand from the Club. Explore the feasibility of refurbishing the sports lights.						
109	Edgar Davies Ground (Bridgnorth RFC)	WV15 5AD	Rugby union	Sports club	One good quality (M2/D1) senior pitch that is played to capacity at peak time. Pitch is not sports lit and is located on a Flood zone. The site is owned by Bridgnorth RFC that has ambitions to build a clubhouse on the site. Planning permission for a new clubhouse has been granted and work has started.	Sustain pitch quality through appropriate maintenance. Assist the Club in creating a clubhouse on site which takes into consideration the site being located on a flood zone. Ensure the sports club has access to relevant flood relief funds when required. Ensure sports club is prepared for the potential effects of flooding.	Sports club RFU Council	Local	H	M	M-H	Protect Provide
116	Friars Playing Fields (Unattached Playing Fields)	WV16 4SQ	Football	Education	Six adult, one youth 11v11, one youth 9v9 and one mini 7v7 pitch all of which are poor quality. Pitches are overplayed. Site is located on a flood zone and used by Bridgnorth Town Juniors FC. No onsite ancillary provision.	Improve pitch quality through enhanced levels of maintenance. Explore securing tenure for Bridgnorth Town Juniors FC through a CUA. Ensure the School has access to relevant flood relief funds when required. Ensure School is prepared for the potential effects of flooding.	Education Sports club SFA FF ECB SCB RFU	Local	M	S	L-M	Protect Enhance
			Cricket		One standalone NTP.	No action required.						
			Rugby union		One poor quality (M0/D0) senior pitch that is available for community use but is unused.	Improve pitch quality as required to meet curricular and extracurricular demand. Explore the feasibility of increasing community use through a community use agreement.						
206	Oldbury Wells School	WV16 5JD	Football / 3G	Education	Three youth 11v11, one youth 9v9, one mini 7v7 and two min 5v5 pitch all of which are poor quality. Pitches are overplayed. Pitches are used by AFC Bridgnorth Spartans FC. There are no ancillary facilities on site.	Improve pitch quality through enhanced levels of regular maintenance. Assist AFC Bridgnorth Spartans FC in obtaining security of tenure onsite and develop suitable ancillary facilities.	Education Sports club SFA FF ECB SCB RFU LTA EN	Main site	H	M-L	H	Protect Enhance Provide
			Cricket		One standard quality square with two grass wickets that is not available for community use.	Sustain quality and retain as current use.						

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			Rugby union		One poor quality (M0/D0) senior pitch that is available for community use but is unused.	Improve pitch quality, as appropriate, to better accommodate curricular and extracurricular demand. Explore options for community use of the pitch.						
			Tennis		Four community available poor quality macadam courts that are not sports lit.	Improve court quality, as appropriate, to better accommodate curricular and extracurricular demand.						
			Netball		Two community available poor quality macadam courts that are not sports lit.	Improve court quality, as appropriate, to better accommodate curricular and extracurricular demand.						
237	Sandford Park (Claverly Cricket Club)	WV5 7AF	Cricket	Private	One good quality square that has 12 grass wickets. The square has no capacity to accommodate future demand. Site is used by Claverly CC which only rents the site. Site is also accompanied by poor quality ancillary facilities.	Sustain square quality through appropriate levels of maintenance. Assist the Club in securing tenure on the site. In priority order, assist the Club in actualising future demand whether this is through creation of an NTP, additional wickets on site, access to secondary site with capacity or creation of new provision. After tenure has been secured explore the feasibility of improving ancillary facilities quality.	Private Sports club ECB SCB	Local	M	S	L	Protect Enhance
239	Severn Park	WV15 5AG	Rugby union	Sports club	Two good quality senior pitches (M2/D1) which are overplayed by two match equivalent sessions. Site is located on a Flood zone. Pitches are sports lit and leased to Bridgnorth RFC for competitive and training demand,	Sustain pitch quality through appropriate levels of maintenance. As pitch drainage cannot be improved due to being located on a flood zone explore options to alleviate overplay such as transferal demand off the site. Ensure the sports club has access to relevant flood relief funds when required. Ensure sports club is prepared for the potential effects of flooding.	Sports club RFU	Local	M	S-M	L	Protect
296	The Quatt Oval	WV15 6QW	Cricket	Sports club	Two good quality squares with seven and ten grass wickets, respectively. The small square is accompanied by an NTP. One square is marginally overplayed. Site is leased to Quatt CC. Practice nets installed in 2022.	Sustain square quality with appropriate levels of maintenance. Explore the feasibility of refurbishing on site practice facilities. In priority order, assist the Club in actualising future demand whether this is through creation additional wickets on site, access to secondary site with capacity or creation of new provision.	Sports club ECB SCB	Local	L	L	L	Protect

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351	Squirrel Bowling Green	WV15 6LW	Bowls	Private	One good quality bowling green rented by Squirrel BC. Ancillary facilities are poor quality. The site is a nominated Asset of Community Value expiring in 18/10/21. The Club has c66 members.	Sustain quality and maximise membership in order to create sustainability. Assist the Club in improving ancillary provision.	Private Sports club BCGBA	Local	L	M	L	Protect Enhance
352	Stockton Bowling Green	TF11 9EE	Bowls	Unknown	One standard quality bowling green used by Stockton BC. Membership unknown.	Explore opportunities to make improvements in order to sustain membership levels.	Sports club BCGBA	Local	M	M	L	Protect Enhance
358	Swancote Energy Park	WV15 5HB	Rugby union	Private	Two senior, one junior and six mini pitches all of which are good quality (M2/D1) and have spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure. Pitches are rented by Bridgnorth RFC.	Sustain pitch quality through appropriate levels of maintenance. Assist the Club in securing long term tenure on the site in order to alleviate overplayed from Severn Park and accommodate future demand.	Private Sport club RFU	Local	H	S	L	Protect
360	Alveley Cricket Club - Four Oaks Ground	WV15 6LR	Cricket	Sports club	One standard quality square with eight grass wickets. Played to capacity at peak time. Installed 2 bay enclosed practice nets.	Improve square quality through an enhanced maintenance regime.	Sports club ECB SCB	Local	L	S	L	Enhance

PLACE PLAN – BROSELEY

Site ID	Site	Post code	Sport	Management	Current status	Recommended actions	Partners	Site hierarchy tier	Priority	Timescales	Cost	Aim
16	Barrow 1618 CE Free School	TF12 5BW	Football	Education	One poor quality youth 9v9 pitch that is available for community use. Spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure. No onsite ancillary provision	Improve pitch quality through enhanced levels of regular maintenance. Examining securing tenure for community users through a CUA.	Education SFA FF	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
17	Barrow Park	TF12 5BW	Cricket	Private	One good quality square with eight grass wickets. Square has no capacity to accommodate future demand. Provision is rented by Willey CC which is in the process of improving ancillary provision. A new NTP was installed in 2023 to assist with overplay and cater for Junor provision and women's activity.	Sustain square quality through appropriate levels of maintenance. Explore the feasibility of assisting Willey CC in securing long term tenure on the site and improving ancillary facility quality. SCB have supported the club in enhancing their pavilion provision due to introduction of Women & Girls cricket.	Private Sports club ECB SCB	Local	M	M	L	Protect Enhance
30	Birchmeadow Playing Fields	TF12 5NS	Football	Council	One adult and one youth 11v11 pitch both of which are standard quality. The adult pitch has actual spare capacity of one match equivalent sessions whereas the youth 11v11 pitch is overplayed by 0.5 match equivalent sessions.	Sustain pitch quality through appropriate levels of maintenance. Examine pitch reconfiguration in order to utilise spare capacity and alleviate overplay.	Council SFA FF	Local	L	S	L	Protect
46	Broseley C of E Primary School	TF12 5LW	Football /3G	Education	One poor quality mini 7v7 pitch that is overplayed by 0.5 match equivalent sessions. In addition, there is a small size 3G pitch on site. Pitches are used by Broseley Youth Sports FC.	Improve grass pitch quality through an enhanced maintenance regime Examining securing tenure for community users through a CUA. Sustain 3G pitch quality and retain as current use. Ensure there is a sinking fund in place for 3G provision.	Education Sports club SFA FF	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
47	Broseley CC	TF12 5PX	Cricket	Sports club	One standard quality square with seven grass wickets and an NTP. Provision is owned by Broseley CC. The Club has ambitions to create fixed bay practice nets.	Improve square quality through enhanced levels of dedicated maintenance. Explore the feasibility of creating fixed bay practice nets.	Sports club ECB SCB	Local	L	S-M	L	Protect Provide
48	Broseley Tennis Club	TF12 5LX	Tennis	Sports club	Three good quality macadam sports lit tennis courts which are owned by Broseley TC. The Club has c275 members.	Sustain court quality in order to maintain membership levels. Ensure the Club has suitable provision to accommodate future demand.	Sports club LTA	Local	L	L	L	Protect
142	John Wilkinson Primary School	TF12 5AN	Football	Education	One poor quality mini 5v5 pitch that has spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure. Pitch is used by Broseley Youth Sports FC.	Improve grass pitch quality through an enhanced maintenance regime Examining securing tenure for community users through a CUA.	Education Sports club SFA FF	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
330	Broseley Social Club	TF12 5HL	Bowls	Sports club	One good quality bowling green owned by Broseley BC. Membership is c48.	Sustain quality and maximise membership in order to create sustainability.	Sports club BCGBA	Local	L	L	L	Protect

PLACE PLAN – HIGHLEY

Site ID	Site	Post code	Sport	Management	Current status	Recommended actions	Partners	Site hierarchy tier	Priority	Timescales	Cost	Aim
61	Chelmarsh Sports & Social Club	WV16 6BA	Cricket	Sports club	One good quality square with six grass wickets. Square has spare capacity. Provision is leased to Chelmarsh CC which reports onsite ancillary facilities to be poor quality. The Club also has ambitions for practice nets. Installed an NTP but had to replace one of the grass wickets so reduced capacity for grass but increased overall play capacity.	Sustain provision quality through appropriate levels of maintenance in order to retain current participation levels. Assist the clubs in collectively improving onsite ancillary facilities. Explore the feasibility of creating practice nets. Impact of the planned holiday lets adjacent to the ground will create issues with ball strike.	Sports club ECB SCB BCGBA	Local	M	S-M	L-M	Protect Enhance Provide
			Bowls		One good quality bowling green owned by Chelmarsh BC. The Club has aspirations to improve ancillary facilities and has c41 members.							
131	Highley Primary School	WV16 6EH	Football	Education	One poor quality mini 7v7 pitch that has spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure. Pitch is used by Highley Miner Welfare Juniors FC.	Improve grass pitch quality through an enhanced maintenance regime. Examining securing tenure for community users through a CUA.	Education Sports club SFA FF	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
132	Highley Rugby Club	WV16 6EU	Football	Council	One youth 11v11 and one mini 5v5 pitch both of which are poor quality.	Improve pitch quality through enhanced levels of regular maintenance.	Council SFA FF	Local	L	S	L	Enhance
238	Severn Centre (Highley Cricket Club)	WV16 6JG	Football (3G)	Trust	One adult and one youth 9v9 pitch both of which are poor quality. There are aspirations to convert the tennis courts to 3G.	Improve pitch quality through enhanced levels of regular maintenance. Explore the potential to convert the tennis courts to 3G in order to alleviate identified shortfalls including consultation with the LTA.	Trust SFA FF ECB SCB BCGBA LTA	Main site	H	S-M	M-H	Protect Enhance Provide
			Cricket		One standard quality square with eight grass wickets. Square has no capacity to accommodate future demand due to unsecure tenure. Provision is used by Highley CC.	Improve square quality through enhanced levels of regular maintenance. Explore the option of securing long term tenure for Highley CC.						
			Bowls		One standard quality bowling green rented by Highley Miners Welfare BC. Membership is unknown.	Explore opportunities to make improvements in order to sustain membership levels.						
			Tennis		Three standard quality macadam courts which are sports lit and available for community use, however, provision rarely used for tennis. There are aspirations to convert these to 3G.	Improve court quality when required and maintain as current use. Explore the potential to convert these to 3G in order to alleviate identified shortfalls including consultation with the LTA.						

PLACE PLAN – MUCH WENLOCK

Site ID	Site	Post code	Sport	Management	Current status	Recommended actions	Partners	Site hierarchy tier	Priority	Timescales	Cost	Aim
97	Cressage Playing Field (Sheinton Rd)	SY5 6DH	Football	Cressage, Harley & Sheinton Parish Council	One poor quality adult pitch that is currently unused. Site is also accompanied by poor quality ancillary facilities.	Improve pitch quality through enhanced levels of regular maintenance and look to reconfigure pitch type to alleviate identified shortfalls. Explore the feasibility of assisting the Parish council in improving onsite ancillary provision.	PS SFA FF	Local	L	S-M	L	Enhance
117	Gaskell Recreation Ground (Much Wenlock Cricket & Bowls Club)	TF13 6NB	Cricket	Much Wenlock Town Council	One good quality square with seven grass wickets and an NTP. Square has no capacity to accommodate further demand. Onsite ancillary provision is poor quality.	Sustain square quality through appropriate levels of maintenance. Explore the feasibility in improving onsite ancillary facilities.	TC Sports clubs ECB SCB BCGBA	Local	M	S	L	Protect Enhance
			Bowls		One standard quality bowling green rented by Much Wenlock BC. The Club has aspirations to create a shelter for spectators and has c36 members.	Explore opportunities to make improvements in order to sustain membership levels. Assist the Club in improving ancillary provision.						
193	Much Wenlock Leisure Centre (William Brookes School)	TF13 6NB	Football	Education	One youth 9v9 pitch that is overplayed.	Improve pitch quality through an enhanced maintenance regime.	Education Council SFA FF EH LTA EN	Main site	H	S-M	L-H	Protect Enhance
			Hockey (AGP)		One standard quality full size hockey suitable AGP which is not sports lit. Pitch was created in 2010. Pitch is used by Ludlow HC.	Monitor pitch quality based on surface age and resurface as a hockey suitable surface when deemed necessary. Protect Ludlow HC usage. Explore the feasibility of installing sports lights.						
			Tennis		Four good quality macadam courts which are available for community use and are sports lit.	Sustain court quality through appropriate levels of maintenance and seek to increase community use.						
			Netball		Four good quality macadam courts which are available for community use and are sports lit.							
194	Much Wenlock Primary School	TF13 6JG	Football	Education	One poor quality mini 7v7 pitch that has spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure. Pitch is used by Wenlock Warriors FC.	Improve grass pitch quality through an enhanced maintenance regime Examining securing tenure for community users through a CUA.	Education Sports club SFA FF	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
356	Ironbridge Power Station	TF8 7BL	Football (disused)	Private	The site currently has a disused sports field that previously hosted two adult football pitches and a five wicket grass cricket square in addition to a poor quality clubhouse. The Haworth Group reports this area is proposed to be retained as part of the above mentioned masterplan. The site is also located on a flood zone.	Population growth from housing developments at the Ironbridge Power Station indicates there is a need for a youth football pitch. In order to meet this demand, it is recommended that the disused sports field is brought back into use. Not only should the previous football pitches be reinstated, but also the cricket provision and ancillary provision on the site. This is due to there being substantial levels of demand from both Shropshire and Telford & Wrekin for such provision in addition to a lack of capacity in Much Wenlock.	Private Council SFA FF ECB SCB	Main site	M-H	S-L	M-H	Provide
			Cricket (disused)									

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						Consideration should be taken regarding the site's location on a flood zone.						

PLACE PLAN – SHIFNAL

Site ID	Site	Post code	Sport	Management	Current status	Recommended actions	Partners	Site hierarchy tier	Priority	Timescales	Cost	Aim
129	Haughton Hall Health Club	TF11 8HG	Tennis	Private	One macadam court that is not sports lit nor available for community use.	Retain as current use.	Private LTA	Local	L	L	L	Protect
140	Idsall Sports Centre	TF11 8PD	Football / 3G	Council	Three adult, two youth 9v9 and one mini 7v7 pitch all of which are standard quality. Adult pitches are overplayed, youth 9v9 pitches are played to capacity and the mini 7v7 pitches are played to capacity at peak time. Site has been identified for a potential 11v11 size 3G pitch with Shifnal Town FC as an anchor club. This would come as a second stage of development after the club's ancillary facilities are improved, in addition, an exact location for such provision has not been decided.	Improve pitch quality through enhanced levels of regular maintenance. Explore the feasibility of providing a full size sports lit 3G pitch on the site to accommodate curricular, extracurricular demand and demand from Shifnal Town FC. The location and operator of the provision would need to be examined in greater detail as part of a phased development approach on the site.	Council Education Sports club SFA FF ECB SCB RFU LTA EN	Hub site	H	S-L	H	Protect Provide Enhance
			Cricket		One standalone NTP.	Retain as current use.						
			Rugby union		One senior pitch that is no longer marked after Shifnal Saxons RFC folded.	Reinstate as required to meet school demand.						
			Tennis		Five standard quality artificial courts, three poor quality macadam and two poor quality mini macadam courts all of which are sports lit. Courts are used by Shifnal TC which has c445 members.	Improve court quality to better accommodate levels of tennis demand onsite.						
			Netball		Six standard quality artificial courts that are sports lit and available for community use. Despite being assessed as standard quality, the artificial courts at Idsall Sports Centre are reported to be in need of resurfacing. Matches have also been cancelled or postponed on site due to issues with sports lighting.	Improve court quality to better accommodate levels of netball demand onsite.						
153	Lilleshall National Sports & Conferencing Centre	TF10 9AT	Football	Commercial	Eight good quality adult pitches that have spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure.	Sustain quality and retain as current use. Explore formalising regular secured community use. Explore the creation of dedicated outdoor netball courts.	Commercial SFA FF RFU EH EB	Main site	M	S-M	M	Protect Provide
			Rugby union		One good quality (M2/D1) senior pitch which is considered played to capacity.							
			Hockey (AGP)		Two good quality water based hockey suitable AGPs. Pitches are used for elite levels of hockey and ad hoc community use from Market Drayton HC and Newport HC (Imported).							

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			Bowls (Flat)		On standard quality flat bowling green.							
			Netball		England Netball states that there is a need for outdoor netball courts to be provided at Lilleshall National Sports & Conferencing Centre in order to increase participation. The Lilleshall Winter Netball League and Back to Netball sessions are based on indoor courts at the site. A community use consultation group has already been formed to help progress this.							
224	Priorslee Road	TF11 8HD	Cricket	Sports club	One good quality square with 13 grass wickets (4 of which are hybrid) and 2 NTP. Square has capacity both on Sundays and Midweek, Site is owned by Shifnal CC which has aspirations to improve its training facilities.	Sustain quality and maximise use to accommodate future demand, particularly for juniors, women's and girls' cricket. Explore the feasibility of improving training provision and creating an additional cricket square onsite or in the locality for future growth.	Sports club ECB SCB BCGBA LTA	Main site	M	S	L-M	Protect Provide Enhance
			Bowls		One standard quality bowling green leased to Shifnal BC from Shifnal CC. The club has c87 members.	Sustain and improve quality, when required, in order to retain levels of demand.						
			Tennis		Three good quality macadam courts that are sports lit. Courts are leased to Shifnal TC from Shifnal CC. The Club has C445 members.	Ensure clubs have the appropriate provision for current and future demand.						
244	Shifnal Primary School	TF11 8EJ	Football (3G)	Education	One small size 3G (32x15) which is not sports lit but us available for community use.	Sustain quality and retain as current use. Ensure there is a sinking fund in place.	Education SFA FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect
245	Shifnal Town FC (The Acoustafoam Stadium)	TF11 8PD	Football / 3G	Sports club	One good quality Step football pitch accompanied by poor quality ancillary facilities. Site has been identified for a potential 11v11 size 3G pitch with Shifnal Town FC as an anchor club. This would come as a second stage of development after the club's ancillary facilities are improved, in addition, an exact location for such provision has not been decided.	Sustain pitch quality through appropriate levels of maintenance. Assist the Club in improving the quality of onsite ancillary facility. Explore the feasibility of providing a full size sports lit 3G pitch on the site to accommodate curricular, extracurricular demand and demand from Shifnal Town FC. The location and operator of the provision would need to be examined in greater detail as part of a phased development approach on the site.	Sports club Council Education SFA FF	Hub site	H	S-L	H	Protect Provide Enhance
317	Wheatfield Drive Recreation Ground	TF11 8HL	Football	Shifnal Town Council	Two poor quality mini 5v5 pitches that are played to capacity at peak time. Pitches are used by Shifnal Town FC.	Improve poor quality pitches with an enhanced maintenance regime.	TC SFA FF	Local	M	S	L	Enhance

SOUTH WEST ANALYSIS AREA

Key recommendations for Bishop's Castle

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

Key recommendations for Church Stretton

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

Key recommendations for Craven Arms

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

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Site ID	Site	Post code	Sport	Management	Current status	Recommended actions	Partners	Site hierarchy tier	Priority	Timescales	Cost	Aim			
24	Bedstone College	SY7 0BG	Football	Education	One good quality youth 9v9 pitch which is unavailable for community use.	Although there are some shortfalls in the area, there is no local demand for community use to be established at the site. Therefore, the site should be protected for education use and improved as required.	College	Local	L	M	L	Protect Enhance			
			Cricket		One good quality grass cricket square with five wickets which is unavailable for community use.										
			Rugby union		Two adult and one mini pitch which are unavailable for community use.										
			Hockey (AGP)		One small size sand filled AGP which is unavailable for community use.										
			Tennis		Two poor quality macadam tennis courts which are unavailable for community. Also overmarked with netball.										
32	Bishop Castle & Onny Valley Rugby Club	SY9 5BX	Rugby union	Sports club	One poor quality sports lit senior pitch overplayed by 2.75 match equivalent sessions.	To alleviate overplay, improve pitch maintenance by one increment. Any further improvements to pitch quality through either maintenance or drainage enhancement would create spare capacity.	Sports club RFU	Local	M	M	L	Protect Enhance			
33	Bishops Castle Tennis Club	SY9 5DW	Tennis	Sports club	One artificial and two macadam (sports lit) courts, all good quality. Club membership c170.	Sustain court quality and membership. If demand increases, consider the need to floodlight the artificial court.	Sports club LTA	Local	L	M	L	Protect			
59	Castle Hotel Bowls Club	SY9 5BU	Bowls	Sports Club	One standard quality bowling green. Club has c33 members.	Explore opportunities to make improvements in order to sustain membership levels.	Sports club BCGBA	Local	M	M	L	Protect Enhance			
81	Clun Bowling Green	SY7 8JT	Bowls	English Heritage	One poor quality bowling green which is rented to the Club from English Heritage. Club has c30 members. Minor improvements to sheds and other storage facilities.	Improve green quality through an enhanced maintenance regime. Assist the Club in improving ancillary provision.	Sports club BCGBA	Local	M	M	L	Protect Enhance			
86	Community College Bishops Castle	SY9 5AY	Football	Education / Sports club	One good quality adult pitch, one poor youth 9v9 pitch and two mini pitches standard quality. All pitches have some actual spare capacity. Bishops Castle Town FC has plans to create a purpose built clubhouse at the site to allow progression to Tier 4. It has been granted planning permission on a compliant design and will be applying for funding once security of tenure has been obtained (in progress).	As a priority ensure long term security of tenure put into place to allow progression of applications for funding to provide clubhouse. Improve pitch quality to accommodate future demand for youth provision.	Sports club FAW, FF College	Main site	H	S-M	H	Protect Enhance Provide			
			Football (3G)		One small 3G pitch (46 x 28).	Retain and improve as required.									
			Rugby union		One poor quality pitch which is unused for community use.	Retain for school use and improve quality as required. Explore options for community use of the pitch.	College						L	L	L
			Tennis Netball		Two poor quality macadam courts unused for community use. Overmarked with netball.	Retain for school use and improve quality as required.	College						L	L	L

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Site ID	Site	Post code	Sport	Management	Current status	Recommended actions	Partners	Site hierarchy tier	Priority	Timescales	Cost	Aim
197	Newcastle Village Football Pitch	SY7 8QW	Football	Community organisation	One adult pitch which is poor quality. No changing on site.	Improve quality as required and explore opportunity to increase provision at the site if demand exists in the future.	FF, SFA	Local	L	M	L	Enhance
198	Newcastle Village Hall (Mill Road)	SY7 8QW	Bowls	Community organisation	One good quality bowling green. Rented from The Community Centre Committee. Club has c20 members.	Sustain quality and maximise membership in order to create sustainability.	Sports club BCGBA	Local	M	S	L	Protect
290	The Manor Ground (Bishops Castle Cricket Club)	SY9 5HA	Cricket	Sports club	One good quality square with eight wickets. Actual spare capacity of 15 match sessions per season. Club has 13 years remaining on lease for the site. Practice facilities in need of replacement	Sustain quality and maximise use to accommodate future demand, particularly for juniors. New practice facilities are essential for the sustainability of this club.	Sports Club ECB, SCB	Local	H	S	M	Protect
343	Chirbury Bowling Club	SY15 6BN	Bowls	<i>Unknown</i>	One standard quality bowling green.	Explore opportunities to make improvements in order to sustain membership levels.	Sports club BCGBA	Local	M	S	L	Protect Enhance
345	Clungunford Bowling Club	SY7 0PN	Bowls	Community organisation	One good quality bowling green rented from Clungunford Village Hall. Club has c20 members and aspires to increase this.	Sustain quality and maximise membership in order to create sustainability.	Sports club BCGBA	Local	M	M	L	Protect Enhance
369	Cross Banks (Norbury)	SY9 5DX	Football	Community organisation	One poor quality adult pitch with poor quality changing rooms.	Improve quality as required and explore opportunity to increase provision at the site if demand exists in the future.	FF, SFA	Local	L	M	M	Enhance

PLACE PLAN – CHURCH STRETTON

Site ID	Site	Post code	Sport	Management	Current status	Recommended actions	Partners	Site hierarchy tier	Priority	Timescales	Cost	Aim
2	Acton Scott Cricket Club	SY6 6QL	Cricket	Private	One standard quality square with five wickets. No actual spare capacity. Rented from the Acton Scott Estate and considered unsecure. No changing although the Club suggests this is not an issue.	Improve quality as required to create future spare capacity and work to secure use.	Sports club ECB, SCB	Local	M	M	L	Protect Enhance
44	Brooksby Playing Fields	SY6 6AE	Football	Church Stretton Parish Council	One adult, one youth 9v9 and one mini 5v5 pitch, all poor quality. Lack of capacity and youth pitch overplayed by 0.5 match sessions. Ancillary facilities good quality.	Located in a flood zone. Consider options such as dedicated regular and routine maintenance regimes to improve quality. If site floods it is recommended relevant flood relief funds are applied for to address issues and alternative venues are found for clubs utilising the provision.	Sports Club Parish Council FF, SFA	Main site	H	S-M	M	Protect Enhance
70	Church Stretton Park Playing Fields	SY6 7AR	Tennis	Church Stretton Parish Council	Three standard quality macadam courts used by Church Stretton TC. Club has c130 members. Club reports carparking, changing facilities and kitchen/toilets all need to be improved.	Explore opportunities for funding to improve ancillary facilities. In the longer term, improve court quality and explore opportunities for sports lighting to increase capacity.	Sports Club Parish Council LTA	Local	M	S-M	M	Protect Enhance
			Bowls		One good quality bowling green. Used by Church Stretton Women's BC Membership unknown.	Sustain quality and maximise membership in order to create sustainability.	Sports club BCGBA		L	L	L	
71	Church Stretton School	SY6 6EX	Football	Education	Two poor quality adult pitches used for community but unsecure tenure.	Although in its early stages, this part of the playing field has been identified for development. If the site was lost it would be subject to appropriate mitigation secured to address the loss in line with the National Planning Policy Framework Paragraph 97 and Sport England's Playing Field Policy.	School Sport England FF, SFA	Main site	M	M	M-H	Protect Enhance
			Cricket		One standalone NTP	Retain for school use.	School		L	L	L	
			Rugby union		Two senior pitches which are poor quality. No spare capacity. Used by Church Stretton RFC but unsecure tenure.	Secure community use and explore options to improve quality.	School Sports Club RFU		M	S	M	
			Tennis		Five poor quality macadam courts overmarked with netball.	Retain for school use and improve as required.	School					
87	Concord College	SY5 7PF	Tennis	Education	Three macadam courts.	Retain for school use and improve as required.	School	Local	L	L	L	Protect
236	Russels Meadow Ground	SY6 6AT	Football	Church Stretton Parish Council	Two good quality adult pitches with spare capacity. Serviced by good changing rooms. Pitches are subject to public use which causes additional wear/litter.	Sustain/improve quality and maximise use to accommodate future demand.	Sports Club Parish Council FF, SFA	Main site	M	M	L	Protect Enhance
			Cricket		One good quality square with 10 wickets. Spare capacity expressed. Secured use by Church Stretton CC.	Sustain quality and maximise use to accommodate future demand, particularly for juniors. Club has no practice facilities and this is an urgent requirement.	Sports Club Parish Council ECB, SCB		H	S	M	

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Site ID	Site	Post code	Sport	Management	Current status	Recommended actions	Partners	Site hierarchy tier	Priority	Timescales	Cost	Aim
337	Worthen Village Hall	SY5 9HT	Football	Community organisation	One poor quality adult pitch with spare capacity discounted due to quality. Poor quality changing provision.	Improve quality across the site as required and explore opportunities for funding to improve ancillary facilities as a joint bid to service the whole site.	Sports clubs FF, SFA, LTA, BCGBA	Local	M	M	M	Protect Enhance

PLACE PLAN – CRAVEN ARMS

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

PART 14: HOUSING SCENARIOS

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

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

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

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

The indicative figure assume that population growth will average 2.36 per dwelling, which is the same methodology used in the previous study. The indicative figure will be applied to the scenario as follows:

It should be noted that these are updated versions of the scenarios run in the original PPOSS.

- ◀ **Scenario One** - additional demand for pitch sports generated from housing growth from each individual Place Plan area in addition to overall accumulative growth across Shropshire.³⁵
- ◀ **Scenario Two** - additional demand for pitch sports generated from housing growth from 750 dwellings by Strategic Site Development (Clive Barracks, Tern Hill). North East Analysis Area / Market Drayton Place Plan
- ◀ **Scenario Three** - additional demand for pitch sports generated from housing growth from 1050 dwellings at the Tasley Garden Development (BRD030). South East Analysis Area / Bridgnorth Place Plan

³⁵ Figures for the number of dwellings are total commitments (sites with planning permission, prior approval or allocation without planning permission) as of 31st March 2022.

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- ◀ **Scenario Four**³⁶ - additional demand for pitch sports generated from housing growth from 1,500 dwellings at the Land between Mytton Oak Road and Hanwood Road Development (SHR060, SHR158 & SHR161). Central Analysis Area / Shrewsbury Place Plan

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

In addition, the examples of the Sport England New Development Playing Pitch Calculator used in each of the abovementioned scenarios have been provided on the basis that there is no adjustment in future demand (from participation growth) over and above population growth.

Scenario One - Albrighton

The estimated additional population derived from housing growth from 365 dwellings with an occupancy rate of 2.36 per household is 861 people.

This population increase equates to 0.75 match equivalent sessions of demand per week for grass pitch sports, 0.05 match equivalent sessions of demand per week on AGPs for hockey and 5.99 match equivalent sessions of demand per season for cricket.

Training demand equates to 1.29 hours of use per week for football on 3G pitches and hockey equates to 0.14 hours of use per week on AGPs. There are also 0.13 match equivalent sessions per week of training for rugby union on a sports lit grass pitch.

Table 14.1: Likely demand for grass pitch sports generated from 365 dwellings

Pitch sport	Estimated demand by sport for 365 dwellings	
	Match demand (MES) per week ³⁷	Training demand ³⁸
Adult football	0.12	1.29 hours
Youth football	0.32	
Mini soccer	0.2	
Rugby union	0.11	0.13 match equivalent sessions
Adult hockey	0.04	0.11 hours
Junior & mixed hockey	0.01	0.03 hours
Cricket	5.99	-

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

³⁶ Pages 170-172 of the draft plan: <https://shropshire.gov.uk/media/15525/regulation-18-pre-submission-draft-of-the-shropshire-local-plan.pdf>

³⁷ As per the PPS Guidance, demand for cricket is considered in terms of match equivalent sessions per season rather than per week.

³⁸ Hours equate to access to a full size sports lit 3G pitch or hockey suitable AGP

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Table 14.2: Estimated demand and costs for new pitch provision

Pitch type	Estimated demand and costs for new pitches			Changing rooms	
	Number of pitches to meet demand	Capital cost ³⁹	Lifecycle Cost (per annum) ⁴⁰	Number	Capital cost
Adult football	0.12	£12,385	£2,613	0.25	£44,528
Youth football	0.32	£25,881	£5,435	0.36	£65,674
Mini soccer	0.2	£5,851	£1,229	0	£0
Rugby union	0.11	£17,341	£3,711	0.23	£40,913
Cricket	0.14	£43,047	£8,696	0.27	£49,243
Sand based AGPs	0.01	£7,505	£233	0.02	£3,294
3G	0.03	£34,937	£1,347	0.07	£12,269

Scenario One – Bishop’s Castle

The estimated additional population derived from housing growth from 68 dwellings with an occupancy rate of 2.36 per household is 160 people.

This population increase equates to 0.14 match equivalent sessions of demand per week for grass pitch sports, 0.03 match equivalent sessions of demand per week on AGPs for hockey and 1.11 match equivalent sessions of demand per season for cricket.

Training demand equates to 0.24 hours of use per week for football on 3G pitches and hockey equates to 0.03 hours of use per week on AGPs. There are also 0.02 match equivalent sessions per week of training for rugby union on a sports lit grass pitch.

Table 14.3: Likely demand for grass pitch sports generated from 68 dwellings

Pitch sport	Estimated demand by sport for 68 dwellings	
	Match demand (MES) per week ⁴¹	Training demand ⁴²
Adult football	0.02	0.24 hours
Youth football	0.06	
Mini soccer	0.04	
Rugby union	0.02	0.02 match equivalent sessions
Adult hockey	0.01	0.02 hours
Junior & mixed hockey	0	0.01 hours
Cricket	1.11	-

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

³⁹ Sport England Facilities Costs Third Quarter 2022

⁴⁰ Lifecycle costs are based on the % of the total project cost per annum as set out in Sport England’s Life Cycle Costs Natural Turf Pitches and Artificial Surfaces documents (2012)

⁴¹ As per the PPS Guidance, demand for cricket is considered in terms of match equivalent sessions per season rather than per week.

⁴² Hours equate to access to a full size sports lit 3G pitch or hockey suitable AGP

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Table 14.4: Estimated demand and costs for new pitch provision

Pitch type	Estimated demand and costs for new pitches			Changing rooms	
	Number of pitches to meet demand	Capital cost ⁴³	Lifecycle Cost (per annum) ⁴⁴	Number	Capital cost
Adult football	0.02	£2,300	£485	0.05	£8,269
Youth football	0.06	£4,812	£1,010	0.07	£12,212
Mini soccer	0.04	£1,087	£228	0	£0
Rugby union	0.02	£3,222	£689	0.04	£7,601
Cricket	0.03	£7,996	£1,615	0.05	£9,147
Sand based AGPs	0	£1,394	£43	0	£612
3G	0.01	£6,492	£250	0.01	£2,280

Scenario One – Bridgnorth

The estimated additional population derived from housing growth from 1,642 dwellings with an occupancy rate of 2.36 per household is 3,875 people.

This population increase equates to 3.4 match equivalent sessions of demand per week for grass pitch sports, 0.21 match equivalent sessions of demand per week on AGPs for hockey and 26.94 match equivalent sessions of demand per season for cricket.

Training demand equates to 5.79 hours of use per week for football on 3G pitches and hockey equates to 0.62 hours of use per week on AGPs. There are also 0.57 match equivalent sessions per week of training for rugby union on a sports lit grass pitch.

Table 14.5: Likely demand for grass pitch sports generated from 1,642 dwellings

Pitch sport	Estimated demand by sport for 1,642 dwellings	
	Match demand (MES) per week ⁴⁵	Training demand ⁴⁶
Adult football	0.55	5.79 hours
Youth football	1.43	
Mini soccer	0.91	
Rugby union	0.51	0.57 match equivalent sessions
Adult hockey	0.16	0.49 hours
Junior & mixed hockey	0.05	0.13 hours
Cricket	26.94	-

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

⁴³ Sport England Facilities Costs Third Quarter 2022

⁴⁴ Lifecycle costs are based on the % of the total project cost per annum as set out in Sport England's Life Cycle Costs Natural Turf Pitches and Artificial Surfaces documents (2012)

⁴⁵ As per the PPS Guidance, demand for cricket is considered in terms of match equivalent sessions per season rather than per week.

⁴⁶ Hours equate to access to a full size sports lit 3G pitch or hockey suitable AGP

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Table 14.6: Estimated demand and costs for new pitch provision

Pitch type	Estimated demand and costs for new pitches			Changing rooms	
	Number of pitches to meet demand	Capital cost ⁴⁷	Lifecycle Cost (per annum) ⁴⁸	Number	Capital cost
Adult football	0.55	£55,742	£11,762	1.11	£200,407
Youth football	1.43	£116,449	£24,454	1.63	£295,507
Mini soccer	0.91	£26,335	£5,530	0	£0
Rugby union	0.51	£78,032	£16,699	1.02	£184,106
Cricket	0.61	£193,737	£39,135	1.22	£221,623
Sand based AGPs	0.04	£33,780	£1,047	0.08	£14,828
3G	0.15	£157,217	£6,059	0.3	£55,209

Scenario One – Broseley

The estimated additional population derived from housing growth from 112 dwellings with an occupancy rate of 2.36 per household is 265 people.

This population increase equates to 0.23 match equivalent sessions of demand per week for grass pitch sports, 0.01 match equivalent sessions of demand per week on AGPs for hockey and 1.84 match equivalent sessions of demand per season for cricket.

Training demand equates to 0.4 hours of use per week for football on 3G pitches and hockey equates to 0.04 hours of use per week on AGPs. There are also 0.04 match equivalent sessions per week of training for rugby union on a sports lit grass pitch.

Table 14.7: Likely demand for grass pitch sports generated from 112 dwellings

Pitch sport	Estimated demand by sport for 112 dwellings	
	Match demand (MES) per week ⁴⁹	Training demand ⁵⁰
Adult football	0.04	0.4 hours
Youth football	0.1	
Mini soccer	0.06	
Rugby union	0.03	0.04 match equivalent sessions
Adult hockey	0.01	0.03 hours
Junior & mixed hockey	0	0.01 hours
Cricket	1.84	-

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

⁴⁷ Sport England Facilities Costs Third Quarter 2022

⁴⁸ Lifecycle costs are based on the % of the total project cost per annum as set out in Sport England's Life Cycle Costs Natural Turf Pitches and Artificial Surfaces documents (2012)

⁴⁹ As per the PPS Guidance, demand for cricket is considered in terms of match equivalent sessions per season rather than per week.

⁵⁰ Hours equate to access to a full size sports lit 3G pitch or hockey suitable AGP

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Table 14.8: Estimated demand and costs for new pitch provision

Pitch type	Estimated demand and costs for new pitches			Changing rooms	
	Number of pitches to meet demand	Capital cost ⁵¹	Lifecycle Cost (per annum) ⁵²	Number	Capital cost
Adult football	0.04	£3,816	£805	0.08	£13,719
Youth football	0.1	£7,958	£1,671	0.11	£20,214
Mini soccer	0.06	£1,800	£378	0	£0
Rugby union	0.03	£5,338	£1,142	0.07	£12,595
Cricket	0.04	£13,255	£2,677	0.08	£15,163
Sand based AGPs	0	£2,311	£72	0.01	£1,014
3G	0.01	£10,749	£414	0.02	£3,775

Scenario One – Church Stretton

The estimated additional population derived from housing growth from 59 dwellings with an occupancy rate of 2.36 per household is 139 people.

This population increase equates to 0.12 match equivalent sessions of demand per week for grass pitch sports, 0.01 match equivalent sessions of demand per week on AGPs for hockey and 0.97 match equivalent sessions of demand per season for cricket.

Training demand equates to 0.21 hours of use per week for football on 3G pitches and hockey equates to 0.01 hours of use per week on AGPs. There are also 0.02 match equivalent sessions per week of training for rugby union on a sports lit grass pitch.

Table 14.9: Likely demand for grass pitch sports generated from 59 dwellings

Pitch sport	Estimated demand by sport for 59 dwellings	
	Match demand (MES) per week ⁵³	Training demand ⁵⁴
Adult football	0.02	0.21 hours
Youth football	0.05	
Mini soccer	0.03	
Rugby union	0.02	0.02 match equivalent sessions
Adult hockey	0.01	0.01 hours
Junior & mixed hockey	0	0 hours
Cricket	0.97	-

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

⁵¹ Sport England Facilities Costs Third Quarter 2022

⁵² Lifecycle costs are based on the % of the total project cost per annum as set out in Sport England's Life Cycle Costs Natural Turf Pitches and Artificial Surfaces documents (2012)

⁵³ As per the PPS Guidance, demand for cricket is considered in terms of match equivalent sessions per season rather than per week.

⁵⁴ Hours equate to access to a full size sports lit 3G pitch or hockey suitable AGP

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Table 14.10: Estimated demand and costs for new pitch provision

Pitch type	Estimated demand and costs for new pitches			Changing rooms	
	Number of pitches to meet demand	Capital cost ⁵⁵	Lifecycle Cost (per annum) ⁵⁶	Number	Capital cost
Adult football	0.02	£2,000	£422	0.04	£7,190
Youth football	0.05	£4,174	£876	0.06	£10,588
Mini soccer	0.03	£945	£199	0	£0
Rugby union	0.02	£2,798	£599	0.04	£6,601
Cricket	0.02	£6,949	£1,404	0.04	£7,950
Sand based AGPs	0	£1,212	£38	0	£532
3G	0.01	£5,639	£217	0.01	£1,980

Scenario One – Cleobury Mortimer

The estimated additional population derived from housing growth from 30 dwellings with an occupancy rate of 2.36 per household is 71 people.

This population increase equates to 0.07 match equivalent sessions of demand per week for grass pitch sports, 0 match equivalent sessions of demand per week on AGPs for hockey and 0.49 match equivalent sessions of demand per season for cricket.

Training demand equates to 0.11 hours of use per week for football on 3G pitches and hockey equates to 0.01 hours of use per week on AGPs. There are also 0.01 match equivalent sessions per week of training for rugby union on a sports lit grass pitch.

Table 14.11: Likely demand for grass pitch sports generated from 71 dwellings

Pitch sport	Estimated demand by sport for 71 dwellings	
	Match demand (MES) per week ⁵⁷	Training demand ⁵⁸
Adult football	0.01	0.11 hours
Youth football	0.03	
Mini soccer	0.02	
Rugby union	0.01	0.01 match equivalent sessions
Adult hockey	0	0.01 hours
Junior & mixed hockey	0	0 hours
Cricket	0.49	-

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

⁵⁵ Sport England Facilities Costs Third Quarter 2022

⁵⁶ Lifecycle costs are based on the % of the total project cost per annum as set out in Sport England's Life Cycle Costs Natural Turf Pitches and Artificial Surfaces documents (2012)

⁵⁷ As per the PPS Guidance, demand for cricket is considered in terms of match equivalent sessions per season rather than per week.

⁵⁸ Hours equate to access to a full size sports lit 3G pitch or hockey suitable AGP

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Table 14.12: Estimated demand and costs for new pitch provision

Pitch type	Estimated demand and costs for new pitches			Changing rooms	
	Number of pitches to meet demand	Capital cost ⁵⁹	Lifecycle Cost (per annum) ⁶⁰	Number	Capital cost
Adult football	0.01	£1,020	£215	0.02	£3,669
Youth football	0.03	£2,137	£449	0.03	£5,449
Mini soccer	0.02	£483	£101	0	£0
Rugby union	0.01	£1,433	£307	0.02	£3,381
Cricket	0.01	£3,551	£717	0.02	£4,062
Sand based AGPs	0	£619	£19	0	£272
3G	0	£2,884	£111	0.01	£1,013

Scenario One – Craven Arms

The estimated additional population derived from housing growth from 370 dwellings with an occupancy rate of 2.36 per household is 873 people.

This population increase equates to 0.76 match equivalent sessions of demand per week for grass pitch sports, 0.05 match equivalent sessions of demand per week on AGPs for hockey and 6.07 match equivalent sessions of demand per season for cricket.

Training demand equates to 1.3 hours of use per week for football on 3G pitches and hockey equates to 0.14 hours of use per week on AGPs. There are also 0.13 match equivalent sessions per week of training for rugby union on a sports lit grass pitch.

Table 14.13: Likely demand for grass pitch sports generated from 370 dwellings

Pitch sport	Estimated demand by sport for 370 dwellings	
	Match demand (MES) per week ⁶¹	Training demand ⁶²
Adult football	0.12	1.3 hours
Youth football	0.32	
Mini soccer	0.21	
Rugby union	0.11	0.13 match equivalent sessions
Adult hockey	0.04	0.11 hours
Junior & mixed hockey	0.01	0.03 hours
Cricket	6.07	-

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

⁵⁹ Sport England Facilities Costs Third Quarter 2022

⁶⁰ Lifecycle costs are based on the % of the total project cost per annum as set out in Sport England's Life Cycle Costs Natural Turf Pitches and Artificial Surfaces documents (2012)

⁶¹ As per the PPS Guidance, demand for cricket is considered in terms of match equivalent sessions per season rather than per week.

⁶² Hours equate to access to a full size sports lit 3G pitch or hockey suitable AGP

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Table 14.14: Estimated demand and costs for new pitch provision

Pitch type	Estimated demand and costs for new pitches			Changing rooms	
	Number of pitches to meet demand	Capital cost ⁶³	Lifecycle Cost (per annum) ⁶⁴	Number	Capital cost
Adult football	0.12	£12,557	£2,650	0.25	£45,147
Youth football	0.32	£26,233	£5,509	0.37	£66,582
Mini soccer	0.21	£5,936	£1,247	0	£0
Rugby union	0.11	£17,579	£3,762	0.23	£41,476
Cricket	0.14	£43,648	£8,817	0.28	£49,930
Sand based AGPs	0.01	£7,610	£236	0.02	£3,340
3G	0.03	£35,423	£1,365	0.07	£12,439

Scenario One – Ellesmere

The estimated additional population derived from housing growth from 524 dwellings with an occupancy rate of 2.36 per household is 1,237 people.

This population increase equates to 1.09 match equivalent sessions of demand per week for grass pitch sports, 0.06 match equivalent sessions of demand per week on AGPs for hockey and 8.6 match equivalent sessions of demand per season for cricket.

Training demand equates to 1.85 hours of use per week for football on 3G pitches and hockey equates to 0.2 hours of use per week on AGPs. There are also 0.18 match equivalent sessions per week of training for rugby union on a sports lit grass pitch.

Table 14.15: Likely demand for grass pitch sports generated from 524 dwellings

Pitch sport	Estimated demand by sport for 524 dwellings	
	Match demand (MES) per week ⁶⁵	Training demand ⁶⁶
Adult football	0.18	1.85 hours
Youth football	0.46	
Mini soccer	0.29	
Rugby union	0.16	0.18 match equivalent sessions
Adult hockey	0.05	0.16 hours
Junior & mixed hockey	0.01	0.04 hours
Cricket	8.6	-

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

⁶³ Sport England Facilities Costs Third Quarter 2022

⁶⁴ Lifecycle costs are based on the % of the total project cost per annum as set out in Sport England's Life Cycle Costs Natural Turf Pitches and Artificial Surfaces documents (2012)

⁶⁵ As per the PPS Guidance, demand for cricket is considered in terms of match equivalent sessions per season rather than per week.

⁶⁶ Hours equate to access to a full size sports lit 3G pitch or hockey suitable AGP

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Table 14.16: Estimated demand and costs for new pitch provision

Pitch type	Estimated demand and costs for new pitches			Changing rooms	
	Number of pitches to meet demand	Capital cost ⁶⁷	Lifecycle Cost (per annum) ⁶⁸	Number	Capital cost
Adult football	0.18	£17,792	£3,754	0.35	£63,966
Youth football	0.46	£37,164	£7,804	0.52	£94,318
Mini soccer	0.29	£8,406	£1,765	0	£0
Rugby union	0.16	£24,905	£5,330	0.32	£58,760
Cricket	0.2	£61,839	£12,491	0.39	£70,740
Sand based AGPs	0.01	£10,783	£334	0.03	£4,733
3G	0.05	£50,178	£1,934	0.1	£17,621

Scenario One – Highley

The estimated additional population derived from housing growth from 110 dwellings with an occupancy rate of 2.36 per household is 260 people.

This population increase equates to 0.23 match equivalent sessions of demand per week for grass pitch sports, 0.01 match equivalent sessions of demand per week on AGPs for hockey and 1.81 match equivalent sessions of demand per season for cricket.

Training demand equates to 0.39 hours of use per week for football on 3G pitches and hockey equates to 0.04 hours of use per week on AGPs. There are also 0.04 match equivalent sessions per week of training for rugby union on a sports lit grass pitch.

Table 14.17: Likely demand for grass pitch sports generated from 110 dwellings

Pitch sport	Estimated demand by sport for 110 dwellings	
	Match demand (MES) per week ⁶⁹	Training demand ⁷⁰
Adult football	0.04	0.39 hours
Youth football	0.1	
Mini soccer	0.06	
Rugby union	0.03	0.04 match equivalent sessions
Adult hockey	0.01	0.03 hours
Junior & mixed hockey	0	0.01 hours
Cricket	1.81	-

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

⁶⁷ Sport England Facilities Costs Third Quarter 2022

⁶⁸ Lifecycle costs are based on the % of the total project cost per annum as set out in Sport England's Life Cycle Costs Natural Turf Pitches and Artificial Surfaces documents (2012)

⁶⁹ As per the PPS Guidance, demand for cricket is considered in terms of match equivalent sessions per season rather than per week.

⁷⁰ Hours equate to access to a full size sports lit 3G pitch or hockey suitable AGP

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Table 14.18: Estimated demand and costs for new pitch provision

Pitch type	Estimated demand and costs for new pitches			Changing rooms	
	Number of pitches to meet demand	Capital cost ⁷¹	Lifecycle Cost (per annum) ⁷²	Number	Capital cost
Adult football	0.04	£3,740	£789	0.07	£13,446
Youth football	0.1	£7,816	£1,641	0.11	£19,872
Mini soccer	0.06	£1,767	£371	0	£0
Rugby union	0.03	£5,237	£1,121	0.07	£12,356
Cricket	0.04	£13,001	£2,626	0.08	£14,873
Sand based AGPs	0	£2,266	£70	0.01	£995
3G	0.01	£10,551	£407	0.02	£3,705

Scenario One – Ludlow

The estimated additional population derived from housing growth from 707 dwellings with an occupancy rate of 2.36 per household is 1,669 people.

This population increase equates to 1.46 match equivalent sessions of demand per week for grass pitch sports, 0.09 match equivalent sessions of demand per week on AGPs for hockey and 11.6 match equivalent sessions of demand per season for cricket.

Training demand equates to 2.49 hours of use per week for football on 3G pitches and hockey equates to 0.27 hours of use per week on AGPs. There are also 0.25 match equivalent sessions per week of training for rugby union on a sports lit grass pitch.

Table 14.19: Likely demand for grass pitch sports generated from 707 dwellings

Pitch sport	Estimated demand by sport for 707 dwellings	
	Match demand (MES) per week ⁷³	Training demand ⁷⁴
Adult football	0.24	2.49 hours
Youth football	0.61	
Mini soccer	0.39	
Rugby union	0.22	0.25 match equivalent sessions
Adult hockey	0.07	0.21 hours
Junior & mixed hockey	0.02	0.06 hours
Cricket	11.6	-

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

Sport England Facilities Costs Third Quarter 2022

⁷² Lifecycle costs are based on the % of the total project cost per annum as set out in Sport England's Life Cycle Costs Natural Turf Pitches and Artificial Surfaces documents (2012)

⁷³ As per the PPS Guidance, demand for cricket is considered in terms of match equivalent sessions per season rather than per week.

⁷⁴ Hours equate to access to a full size sports lit 3G pitch or hockey suitable AGP

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Table 14.20: Estimated demand and costs for new pitch provision

Pitch type	Estimated demand and costs for new pitches			Changing rooms	
	Number of pitches to meet demand	Capital cost ⁷⁵	Lifecycle Cost (per annum) ⁷⁶	Number	Capital cost
Adult football	0.24	£24,008	£5,066	0.48	£86,315
Youth football	0.61	£50,150	£10,532	0.7	£127,256
Mini soccer	0.39	£11,343	£2,382	0	£0
Rugby union	0.22	£33,607	£7,192	0.44	£79,291
Cricket	0.26	£83,443	£16,855	0.53	£95,454
Sand based AGPs	0.02	£14,549	£451	0.04	£6,387
3G	0.07	£67,711	£2,610	0.13	£23,778

Scenario One – Market Drayton

The estimated additional population derived from housing growth from 886 dwellings with an occupancy rate of 2.36 per household 2,091 people.

This population increase equates to 1.83 match equivalent sessions of demand per week for grass pitch sports, 0.12 match equivalent sessions of demand per week on AGPs for hockey and 14.54 match equivalent sessions of demand per season for cricket.

Training demand equates to 3.12 hours of use per week for football on 3G pitches and hockey equates to 0.31 hours of use per week on AGPs. There are also 0.31 match equivalent sessions per week of training for rugby union on a sports lit grass pitch.

Table 14.21: Likely demand for grass pitch sports generated from 886 dwellings

Pitch sport	Estimated demand by sport for 886 dwellings	
	Match demand (MES) per week ⁷⁷	Training demand ⁷⁸
Adult football	0.3	3.12 hours
Youth football	0.77	
Mini soccer	0.49	
Rugby union	0.27	0.31 match equivalent sessions
Adult hockey	0.09	0.26 hours
Junior & mixed hockey	0.03	0.07 hours
Cricket	14.54	-

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

⁷⁵ Sport England Facilities Costs Third Quarter 2022

⁷⁶ Lifecycle costs are based on the % of the total project cost per annum as set out in Sport England's Life Cycle Costs Natural Turf Pitches and Artificial Surfaces documents (2012)

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

⁷⁸ Hours equate to access to a full size sports lit 3G pitch or hockey suitable AGP

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Table 14.22: Estimated demand and costs for new pitch provision

Pitch type	Estimated demand and costs for new pitches			Changing rooms	
	Number of pitches to meet demand	Capital cost ⁷⁹	Lifecycle Cost (per annum) ⁸⁰	Number	Capital cost
Adult football	0.3	£30,080	£6,347	0.6	£108,144
Youth football	0.77	£62,828	£13,194	0.88	£159,479
Mini soccer	0.49	£14,212	£2,985	0	£0
Rugby union	0.27	£42,108	£9,011	0.55	£99,348
Cricket	0.33	£104,545	£21,118	0.66	£119,594
Sand based AGPs	0.02	£18,228	£565	0.04	£8,001
3G	0.08	£84,833	£3,270	0.16	£29,790

Scenario One – Much Wenlock

The estimated additional population derived from housing growth from 156 dwellings with an occupancy rate of 2.36 per household is 368 people.

This population increase equates to 0.33 match equivalent sessions of demand per week for grass pitch sports, 0.02 match equivalent sessions of demand per week on AGPs for hockey and 2.56 match equivalent sessions of demand per season for cricket.

Training demand equates to 0.55 hours of use per week for football on 3G pitches and hockey equates to 0.06 hours of use per week on AGPs. There are also 0.05 match equivalent sessions per week of training for rugby union on a sports lit grass pitch.

Table 14.23: Likely demand for grass pitch sports generated from 156 dwellings

Pitch sport	Estimated demand by sport for 156 dwellings	
	Match demand (MES) per week ⁸¹	Training demand ⁸²
Adult football	0.05	0.55 hours
Youth football	0.14	
Mini soccer	0.09	
Rugby union	0.05	0.05 match equivalent sessions
Adult hockey	0.02	0.05 hours
Junior & mixed hockey	0	0.01 hours
Cricket	2.56	-

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

⁷⁹ Sport England Facilities Costs Third Quarter 2022

⁸⁰ Lifecycle costs are based on the % of the total project cost per annum as set out in Sport England's Life Cycle Costs Natural Turf Pitches and Artificial Surfaces documents (2012)

⁸¹ As per the PPS Guidance, demand for cricket is considered in terms of match equivalent sessions per season rather than per week.

⁸² Hours equate to access to a full size sports lit 3G pitch or hockey suitable AGP

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Table 14.24: Estimated demand and costs for new pitch provision

Pitch type	Estimated demand and costs for new pitches			Changing rooms	
	Number of pitches to meet demand	Capital cost ⁸³	Lifecycle Cost (per annum) ⁸⁴	Number	Capital cost
Adult football	0.05	£5,294	£1,117	0.11	£19,032
Youth football	0.14	£11,059	£2,322	0.15	£28,035
Mini soccer	0.09	£2,500	£525	0	£0
Rugby union	0.05	£7,408	£1,585	0.1	£17,478
Cricket	0.06	£18,398	£3,716	0.12	£21,047
Sand based AGPs	0	£3,209	£99	0.01	£1,408
3G	0.01	£14,929	£575	0.03	£5,243

Scenario One – Oswestry

The estimated additional population derived from housing growth from 1,417 dwellings with an occupancy rate of 2.36 per household is 3,344 people.

This population increase equates to 2.94 match equivalent sessions of demand per week for grass pitch sports, 0.18 match equivalent sessions of demand per week on AGPs for hockey and 23.25 match equivalent sessions of demand per season for cricket.

Training demand equates to five hours of use per week for football on 3G pitches and hockey equates to 0.53 hours of use per week on AGPs. There are also 0.49 match equivalent sessions per week of training for rugby union on a sports lit grass pitch.

Table 14.25: Likely demand for grass pitch sports generated from 1,417 dwellings

Pitch sport	Estimated demand by sport for 1,417 dwellings	
	Match demand (MES) per week ⁸⁵	Training demand ⁸⁶
Adult football	0.48	5 hours
Youth football	1.23	
Mini soccer	0.79	
Rugby union	0.44	0.49 match equivalent sessions
Adult hockey	0.14	0.42 hours
Junior & mixed hockey	0.04	0.11 hours
Cricket	23.25	-

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

⁸³ Sport England Facilities Costs Third Quarter 2022

⁸⁴ Lifecycle costs are based on the % of the total project cost per annum as set out in Sport England's Life Cycle Costs Natural Turf Pitches and Artificial Surfaces documents (2012)

⁸⁵ As per the PPS Guidance, demand for cricket is considered in terms of match equivalent sessions per season rather than per week.

⁸⁶ Hours equate to access to a full size sports lit 3G pitch or hockey suitable AGP

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Table 14.26: Estimated demand and costs for new pitch provision

Pitch type	Estimated demand and costs for new pitches			Changing rooms	
	Number of pitches to meet demand	Capital cost ⁸⁷	Lifecycle Cost (per annum) ⁸⁸	Number	Capital cost
Adult football	0.48	£48,103	£10,150	0.95	£172,943
Youth football	1.23	£100,498	£21,105	1.41	£255,036
Mini soccer	0.79	£22,728	£4,773	0	£0
Rugby union	0.44	£67,340	£14,411	0.88	£158,880
Cricket	0.53	£167,189	£33,772	1.06	£191,254
Sand based AGPs	0.04	£29,151	£904	0.07	£12,796
3G	0.13	£135,680	£5,229	0.26	£47,646

Scenario One – Shifnal

The estimated additional population derived from housing growth from 280 dwellings with an occupancy rate of 2.36 per household is 661 people.

This population increase equates to 0.58 match equivalent sessions of demand per week for grass pitch sports, 0.04 match equivalent sessions of demand per week on AGPs for hockey and 4.6 match equivalent sessions of demand per season for cricket.

Training demand equates to 0.99 hours of use per week for football on 3G pitches and hockey equates to 0.10 hours of use per week on AGPs. There are also 0.1 match equivalent sessions per week of training for rugby union on a sports lit grass pitch.

Table 14.27: Likely demand for grass pitch sports generated from 280 dwellings

Pitch sport	Estimated demand by sport for 280 dwellings	
	Match demand (MES) per week ⁸⁹	Training demand ⁹⁰
Adult football	0.09	0.99 hours
Youth football	0.24	
Mini soccer	0.16	
Rugby union	0.09	0.1 match equivalent sessions
Adult hockey	0.03	0.08 hours
Junior & mixed hockey	0.01	0.02 hours
Cricket	4.6	-

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

⁸⁷ Sport England Facilities Costs Third Quarter 2022

⁸⁸ Lifecycle costs are based on the % of the total project cost per annum as set out in Sport England's Life Cycle Costs Natural Turf Pitches and Artificial Surfaces documents (2012)

⁸⁹ As per the PPS Guidance, demand for cricket is considered in terms of match equivalent sessions per season rather than per week.

⁹⁰ Hours equate to access to a full size sports lit 3G pitch or hockey suitable AGP

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Table 14.28: Estimated demand and costs for new pitch provision

Pitch type	Estimated demand and costs for new pitches			Changing rooms	
	Number of pitches to meet demand	Capital cost ⁹¹	Lifecycle Cost (per annum) ⁹²	Number	Capital cost
Adult football	0.09	£9,508	£2,006	0.19	£34,184
Youth football	0.24	£19,874	£4,174	0.28	£50,418
Mini soccer	0.16	£4,492	£943	0	£0
Rugby union	0.09	£13,311	£2,849	0.17	£31,406
Cricket	0.1	£33,048	£6,676	0.21	£37,805
Sand based AGPs	0.01	£5,761	£179	0.01	£2,529
3G	0.03	£26,825	£1,034	0.05	£9,420

Scenario One – Shrewsbury

The estimated additional population derived from housing growth from 5,136 dwellings with an occupancy rate of 2.36 per household is 12,121 people.

This population increase equates to 10.64 match equivalent sessions of demand per week for grass pitch sports, 0.66 match equivalent sessions of demand per week on AGPs for hockey and 84.26 match equivalent sessions of demand per season for cricket.

Training demand equates to 18.11 hours of use per week for football on 3G pitches and hockey equates to 1.57 hours of use per week on AGPs. There are also 1.79 match equivalent sessions per week of training for rugby union on a sports lit grass pitch.

Table 14.29: Likely demand for grass pitch sports generated from 5,136 dwellings

Pitch sport	Estimated demand by sport for 5,136 dwellings	
	Match demand (MES) per week ⁹³	Training demand ⁹⁴
Adult football	1.73	18.11 hours
Youth football	4.46	
Mini soccer	2.86	
Rugby union	1.59	1.79 match equivalent sessions
Adult hockey	0.51	1.53 hours
Junior & mixed hockey	0.15	0.4 hours
Cricket	84.26	-

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

⁹¹ Sport England Facilities Costs Third Quarter 2022

⁹² Lifecycle costs are based on the % of the total project cost per annum as set out in Sport England's Life Cycle Costs Natural Turf Pitches and Artificial Surfaces documents (2012)

⁹³ As per the PPS Guidance, demand for cricket is considered in terms of match equivalent sessions per season rather than per week.

⁹⁴ Hours equate to access to a full size sports lit 3G pitch or hockey suitable AGP

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Table 14.30: Estimated demand and costs for new pitch provision

Pitch type	Estimated demand and costs for new pitches			Changing rooms	
	Number of pitches to meet demand	Capital cost ⁹⁵	Lifecycle Cost (per annum) ⁹⁶	Number	Capital cost
Adult football	1.73	£174,362	£36,790	3.46	£626,872
Youth football	4.46	£364,246	£76,492	5.1	£924,385
Mini soccer	2.86	£82,377	£17,299	0	£0
Rugby union	1.59	£244,086	£52,234	3.18	£575,890
Cricket	1.91	£606,006	£122,413	3.83	£693,234
Sand based AGPs	0.13	£105,663	£3,276	0.26	£46,381
3G	0.48	£491,769	£18,954	0.95	£172,691

Scenario One – Wem

The estimated additional population derived from housing growth from 320 dwellings with an occupancy rate of 2.36 per household is 755 people.

This population increase equates to 0.67 match equivalent sessions of demand per week for grass pitch sports, 0.04 match equivalent sessions of demand per week on AGPs for hockey and 5.25 match equivalent sessions of demand per season for cricket.

Training demand equates to 1.13 hours of use per week for football on 3G pitches and hockey equates to 0.13 hours of use per week on AGPs. There are also 0.11 match equivalent sessions per week of training for rugby union on a sports lit grass pitch.

Table 14.31: Likely demand for grass pitch sports generated from 320 dwellings

Pitch sport	Estimated demand by sport for 320 dwellings	
	Match demand (MES) per week ⁹⁷	Training demand ⁹⁸
Adult football	0.11	1.13 hours
Youth football	0.28	
Mini soccer	0.18	
Rugby union	0.1	0.11 match equivalent sessions
Adult hockey	0.03	0.1 hours
Junior & mixed hockey	0.01	0.03 hours
Cricket	5.25	-

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

⁹⁵ Sport England Facilities Costs Third Quarter 2022

⁹⁶ Lifecycle costs are based on the % of the total project cost per annum as set out in Sport England's Life Cycle Costs Natural Turf Pitches and Artificial Surfaces documents (2012)

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

⁹⁸ Hours equate to access to a full size sports lit 3G pitch or hockey suitable AGP

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Table 14.32: Estimated demand and costs for new pitch provision

Pitch type	Estimated demand and costs for new pitches			Changing rooms	
	Number of pitches to meet demand	Capital cost ⁹⁹	Lifecycle Cost (per annum) ¹⁰⁰	Number	Capital cost
Adult football	0.11	£10,861	£2,292	0.22	£39,047
Youth football	0.28	£22,686	£4,764	0.32	£57,586
Mini soccer	0.18	£5,129	£1,077	0	£0
Rugby union	0.1	£15,208	£3,254	0.2	£35,880
Cricket	0.12	£37,747	£7,625	0.24	£43,180
Sand based AGPs	0.01	£6,581	£204	0.02	£2,889
3G	0.03	£30,626	£1,180	0.06	£10,755

Scenario One – Whitchurch

The estimated additional population derived from housing growth from 1,261 dwellings with an occupancy rate of 2.36 per household is 2,976 people.

This population increase equates to 2.61 match equivalent sessions of demand per week for grass pitch sports, 0.14 match equivalent sessions of demand per week on AGPs for hockey and 20.69 match equivalent sessions of demand per season for cricket.

Training demand equates to 4.45 hours of use per week for football on 3G pitches and hockey equates to 0.48 hours of use per week on AGPs. There are also 0.44 match equivalent sessions per week of training for rugby union on a sports lit grass pitch.

Table 14.33: Likely demand for grass pitch sports generated from 1,261 dwellings

Pitch sport	Estimated demand by sport for 1,261 dwellings	
	Match demand (MES) per week ¹⁰¹	Training demand ¹⁰²
Adult football	0.42	4.45 hours
Youth football	1.1	
Mini soccer	0.7	
Rugby union	0.39	0.44 match equivalent sessions
Adult hockey	0.13	0.38 hours
Junior & mixed hockey	0.04	0.1 hours
Cricket	20.69	-

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

⁹⁹ Sport England Facilities Costs Third Quarter 2022

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

¹⁰¹ As per the PPS Guidance, demand for cricket is considered in terms of match equivalent sessions per season rather than per week.

¹⁰² Hours equate to access to a full size sports lit 3G pitch or hockey suitable AGP

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Table 14.34: Estimated demand and costs for new pitch provision

Pitch type	Estimated demand and costs for new pitches			Changing rooms	
	Number of pitches to meet demand	Capital cost ¹⁰³	Lifecycle Cost (per annum) ¹⁰⁴	Number	Capital cost
Adult football	0.42	£42,812	£9,033	0.85	£153,920
Youth football	1.1	£89,416	£18,777	1.25	£226,916
Mini soccer	0.7	£20,227	£4,248	0	£0
Rugby union	0.39	£59,929	£12,825	0.78	£141,395
Cricket	0.47	£148,792	£30,056	0.94	£170,209
Sand based AGPs	0.03	£25,943	£804	0.06	£11,388
3G	0.12	£120,734	£4,653	0.23	£42,397

Scenario One – Shropshire Total

The estimated additional population derived from housing growth from 13,443 dwellings with an occupancy rate of 2.36 per household is 31,725 people.

This population increase equates to 27.86 match equivalent sessions of demand per week for grass pitch sports, 1.71 match equivalent sessions of demand per week on AGPs for hockey and 220.54 match equivalent sessions of demand per season for cricket.

Training demand equates to 47.39 hours of use per week for football on 3G pitches and hockey equates to 5.05 hours of use per week on AGPs. There are also 4.7 match equivalent sessions per week of training for rugby union on a sports lit grass pitch.

Table 14.35: Likely demand for grass pitch sports generated from 13,443 dwellings

Pitch sport	Estimated demand by sport for 13,443 dwellings	
	Match demand (MES) per week ¹⁰⁵	Training demand ¹⁰⁶
Adult football	4.53	47.39 hours
Youth football	11.68	
Mini soccer	7.49	
Rugby union	4.16	4.7 match equivalent sessions
Adult hockey	1.33	4 hours
Junior & mixed hockey	0.38	1.05 hours
Cricket	220.54	-

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

¹⁰³ Sport England Facilities Costs Third Quarter 2022

¹⁰⁴ Lifecycle costs are based on the % of the total project cost per annum as set out in Sport England's Life Cycle Costs Natural Turf Pitches and Artificial Surfaces documents (2012)

¹⁰⁵ As per the PPS Guidance, demand for cricket is considered in terms of match equivalent sessions per season rather than per week.

¹⁰⁶ Hours equate to access to a full size sports lit 3G pitch or hockey suitable AGP

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Table 14.36: Estimated demand and costs for new pitch provision

Pitch type	Estimated demand and costs for new pitches			Changing rooms	
	Number of pitches to meet demand	Capital cost ¹⁰⁷	Lifecycle Cost (per annum) ¹⁰⁸	Number	Capital cost
Adult football	4.53	£456,366	£96,293	9.05	£1,640,744
Youth football	11.68	£953,352	£200,204	13.35	£2,419,411
Mini soccer	7.49	£215,607	£45,277	0	£0
Rugby union	4.16	£638,856	£136,715	8.32	£1,507,301
Cricket	5.01	£1,586,130	£320,398	10.01	£1,814,436
Sand based AGPs	0.33	£276,558	£8,573	0.67	£121,396
3G	1.25	£1,287,122	£49,608	2.49	£451,990

Scenario Two – Tern Hill Barracks

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

This population increase equates to 1.55 match equivalent sessions of demand per week for grass pitch sports, 0.09 match equivalent sessions of demand per week on AGPs for hockey and 12.3 match equivalent sessions of demand per season for cricket.

Training demand equates to 2.64 hours of use per week for football on 3G pitches and hockey equates to 0.28 hours of use per week on AGPs. There are also 0.26 match equivalent sessions per week of training for rugby union on a sports lit grass pitch.

Table 14.37: Likely demand for grass pitch sports generated from 750 dwellings

Pitch sport	Estimated demand by sport for 750 dwellings	
	Match demand (MES) per week ¹⁰⁹	Training demand ¹¹⁰
Adult football	0.25	2.64 hours
Youth football	0.65	
Mini soccer	0.42	
Rugby union	0.23	0.26 match equivalent sessions
Adult hockey	0.07	0.22 hours
Junior & mixed hockey	0.02	0.06 hours
Cricket	12.3	-

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

¹⁰⁷ Sport England Facilities Costs Third Quarter 2022

¹⁰⁸ Lifecycle costs are based on the % of the total project cost per annum as set out in Sport England's Life Cycle Costs Natural Turf Pitches and Artificial Surfaces documents (2012)

¹⁰⁹ As per the PPS Guidance, demand for cricket is considered in terms of match equivalent sessions per season rather than per week.

¹¹⁰ Hours equate to access to a full size sports lit 3G pitch or hockey suitable AGP

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Table 14.38: Estimated demand and costs for new pitch provision

Pitch type	Estimated demand and costs for new pitches			Changing rooms	
	Number of pitches to meet demand	Capital cost ¹¹¹	Lifecycle Cost (per annum) ¹¹²	Number	Capital cost
Adult football	0.25	£25,462	£5,372	0.51	£91,542
Youth football	0.65	£53,182	£11,168	0.74	£134,981
Mini soccer	0.42	£12,031	£2,527	0	£0
Rugby union	0.23	£35,646	£7,628	0.46	£84,102
Cricket	0.28	£88,495	£17,876	0.56	£101,233
Sand based AGPs	0.02	£15,430	£478	0.04	£6,773
3G	0.07	£71,810	£2,768	0.14	£25,217

Scenario Three – Tasley Garden Development

The estimated additional population derived from housing growth from 1,050 dwellings with an occupancy rate of 2.36 per household is 2,478 people.

This population increase equates to 2.16 match equivalent sessions of demand per week for grass pitch sports, 0.13 match equivalent sessions of demand per week on AGPs for hockey and 17.23 match equivalent sessions of demand per season for cricket.

Training demand equates to 3.7 hours of use per week for football on 3G pitches and hockey equates to 0.39 hours of use per week on AGPs. There are also 0.37 match equivalent sessions per week of training for rugby union on a sports lit grass pitch.

Table 14.39: Likely demand for grass pitch sports generated from 1,050 dwellings

Pitch sport	Estimated demand by sport for 1,050 dwellings	
	Match demand (MES) per week ¹¹³	Training demand ¹¹⁴
Adult football	0.35	3.7 hours
Youth football	0.91	
Mini soccer	0.58	
Rugby union	0.32	0.37 match equivalent sessions
Adult hockey	0.1	0.31 hours
Junior & mixed hockey	0.03	0.08 hours
Cricket	17.23	-

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

¹¹¹ Sport England Facilities Costs Third Quarter 2022

¹¹² Lifecycle costs are based on the % of the total project cost per annum as set out in Sport England's Life Cycle Costs Natural Turf Pitches and Artificial Surfaces documents (2012)

¹¹³ As per the PPS Guidance, demand for cricket is considered in terms of match equivalent sessions per season rather than per week.

¹¹⁴ Hours equate to access to a full size sports lit 3G pitch or hockey suitable AGP

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Table 14.40: Estimated demand and costs for new pitch provision

Pitch type	Estimated demand and costs for new pitches			Changing rooms	
	Number of pitches to meet demand	Capital cost ¹¹⁵	Lifecycle Cost (per annum) ¹¹⁶	Number	Capital cost
Adult football	0.35	£35,647	£7,522	0.71	£128,160
Youth football	0.91	£74,467	£15,638	1.04	£188,967
Mini soccer	0.58	£16,842	£3,537	0	£0
Rugby union	0.32	£49,900	£10,679	0.65	£117,733
Cricket	0.39	£123,894	£25,027	0.78	£141,727
Sand based AGPs	0.03	£21,602	£670	0.05	£9,482
3G	0.1	£100,540	£3,875	0.19	£35,306

Scenario Four – Mytton Oak Road

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

This population increase equates to 3.11 match equivalent sessions of demand per week for grass pitch sports, 0.19 match equivalent sessions of demand per week on AGPs for hockey and 24.61 match equivalent sessions of demand per season for cricket.

Training demand equates to 5.29 hours of use per week for football on 3G pitches and hockey equates to 0.57 hours of use per week on AGPs. There are also 0.52 match equivalent sessions per week of training for rugby union on a sports lit grass pitch.

Table 14.41: Likely demand for grass pitch sports generated from 1,500 dwellings

Pitch sport	Estimated demand by sport for 1,500 dwellings	
	Match demand (MES) per week ¹¹⁷	Training demand ¹¹⁸
Adult football	0.51	5.29 hours
Youth football	1.3	
Mini soccer	0.84	
Rugby union	0.46	0.52 match equivalent sessions
Adult hockey	0.15	0.45 hours
Junior & mixed hockey	0.04	0.12 hours
Cricket	24.61	-

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

¹¹⁵ Sport England Facilities Costs Third Quarter 2022

¹¹⁶ Lifecycle costs are based on the % of the total project cost per annum as set out in Sport England's Life Cycle Costs Natural Turf Pitches and Artificial Surfaces documents (2012)

¹¹⁷ As per the PPS Guidance, demand for cricket is considered in terms of match equivalent sessions per season rather than per week.

¹¹⁸ Hours equate to access to a full size sports lit 3G pitch or hockey suitable AGP

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Table 14.42: Estimated demand and costs for new pitch provision

Pitch type	Estimated demand and costs for new pitches			Changing rooms	
	Number of pitches to meet demand	Capital cost ¹¹⁹	Lifecycle Cost (per annum) ¹²⁰	Number	Capital cost
Adult football	0.51	£50,923	£10,745	1.01	£183,079
Youth football	1.3	£106,386	£22,341	1.49	£269,983
Mini soccer	0.84	£24,056	£5,052	0	£0
Rugby union	0.46	£71,286	£15,255	0.93	£168,191
Cricket	0.56	£176,988	£35,752	1.12	£202,463
Sand based AGPs	0.04	£30,859	£957	0.07	£13,546
3G	0.14	£143,623	£5,535	0.28	£50,435

Conclusions

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

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

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

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

Overall housing growth, based on figures provided in scenario one, there is a need for five adult football pitches, 12 youth football pitches, seven mini football pitches, four rugby union pitches, five cricket squares and one full size floodlit 3G pitch. It should be noted that this is the total demand for all housing growth across Shropshire. When analysed by Place Plan area this demand dissipates.

The Sport England New Development Pitch Calculator indicates the following Place Plan areas have enough growth in new population across the lifespan of the Local Plan to warrant new provision: Bridgnorth, Market Drayton, Oswestry, Shrewsbury and Whitchurch.

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

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

¹¹⁹ Sport England Facilities Costs Third Quarter 2022

¹²⁰ Lifecycle costs are based on the % of the total project cost per annum as set out in Sport England's Life Cycle Costs Natural Turf Pitches and Artificial Surfaces documents (2012)

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This document, and in particular the updated Action Plan, should be used to identify those specific sites in need of investment.

Creation of new provision

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

- ◀ **Central Analysis Area** – Sports lit 3G provision and additional cricket provision.
- ◀ **North East Analysis Area** – One full size floodlit hockey suitable pitch (Market Drayton), potential relocation of Greenfields Sports Ground, creation of football and rugby union pitch and Sports lit 3G provision.
- ◀ **North West Analysis Area** – Additional cricket provision and the relocation of Oswestry RUFC.
- ◀ **South Analysis Area** – Rugby union provision
- ◀ **South East Analysis Area** – Sports lit 3G provision and additional cricket and rugby union provision.
- ◀ **South West Analysis Area** – Sports lit 3G provision.

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

Scenario Two – Clive Barrack, Tern Hill (North East Analysis Area)

The growth anticipated from this development suggests there is not a requirement to create new provision. Therefore, developer contributions should be obtained to either improve current provision located on the site or to enhance the quality of nearby facilities within Tern Hill's proximity.

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

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

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

Please also note that the calculator only includes the main pitch sports. There may also be a requirement to improve or provide facilities for other pitch and non-pitch sports such as netball, tennis, bowls, cycling and athletics. Securing developer contributions to deliver improvements or to provide new provision for these should be guided by the PPOSS and in consultation with the relevant NGBs through the PPOSS Steering Group.