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1.1. The Bath and North East Somerset Playing Pitch Strategy 2017 considers the following outdoor sports:

- **Football**
- **Cricket**
- **Rugby Union**
- **Hockey**
- **Tennis**
- **Bowls**
- **Lacrosse**

1.2. The purpose of the Playing Pitch Strategy (PPS) is to look to address a range of fundamental challenges and assess how outdoor pitch and non-pitch facilities such as tennis can be used to meet the needs of a growing Bath and North East Somerset (B&NES) population, which is relatively prosperous and economically stable whilst also catering for areas of higher deprivation which may have different requirements.

1.3. The Strategy has been developed in partnership with a range of agencies including Sport England, national governing bodies of sport including football, cricket, rugby union and tennis and local football, hockey, rugby union, cricket, tennis, bowls and lacrosse clubs.

POLICY CONTEXT

1.4. The development of the Playing Pitch Strategy (PPS) quantifies the present and future need for outdoor pitch provision in the Borough and an approved PPS allows proper planning for the delivery and playing of outdoor pitch sport into the future; as well as informing proposals for the development of new facilities and improvements to existing sites.

1.5. The development and ongoing updating of a PPS is also required to inform the Council's Local Plan, specific planning policies and its responses to individual applications for planning consent.

1.6. The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) requires that planning authorities' Local Plans should meet objectively assessed need and positively seek to meet the development needs of an area. Specifically, planning policies for open spaces and sport and recreation should be based on robust and up to date assessments of the needs for open space, sports and recreation facilities and opportunities for new provision. The information gained from these assessments should be used to determine what open spaces, sports and recreation provision is required which, going forward, will provide an evidence base for Bath and North East Somerset's Local Plan for the revision of Bath and North East Somerset's Local Plan.

1.7. Sport England is a statutory consultee regarding applications for planning consent that have sports pitch and/or recreational green space implications and will develop its consultation responses in the context of the existence and currency of the Council's PPS.

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- 1.8. The Council's Corporate Strategy 2016 – 2020 is the overarching strategic plan which sets out the Council's direction of travel over the next 4 years. It describes how the Council will deliver their 2020 vision for Bath and North East Somerset and how it will build on the progress and create efficiencies through innovation, improving the way it works and increasing income.
- 1.9. The Strategy is not intended to capture everything that the Council does. Nor is it a blueprint detailing precisely how it will go about delivering its work and projects. That is the role of more detailed work plans that flow from and into the document. But it does set out the Council's key priorities and programmes over the medium term.
- 1.10. In order to achieve its ambitious vision for the area, four corporate priorities have been identified which will drive the work of the Council going forward:
- A strong economy and growth
 - A focus on prevention
 - A new relationship with customers and communities
 - An efficient business

Corporate Strategy Priorities

- Improve transport.
- New homes and jobs.
- Cleaner, greener and healthier communities.

- Putting residents first in everything we do.



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- 1.11. The Draft BANES Placemaking Plan – District Wide Strategy and Policies Pre submission document December 2015 states:
- 1.12. Sport plays a key role in the culture of Bath & North East Somerset, with Bath Rugby and Bath City Football clubs prominent forces in the city and the world class training facilities and athlete's resident at the University of Bath. There is a strong culture of sports clubs in the area with well above average membership levels and a large volunteer workforce providing a myriad of sporting and physical activity opportunities.
- 1.13. The Fit for Life Strategy (2014) sets out the Council's ambitions for improving health and wellbeing and reducing health inequalities in Bath and North East Somerset through increasing physical activity levels. It seeks to find ways to make physical activity more central to people's lives and increase participation in Sport and Active Lifestyles.
- 1.14. Active Lifestyles is about increasing opportunities and participation for everyday activity, sport and recreation and preventing as well as treating ill health for all ages and abilities across the locality.
- 1.15. The Council is seeking to develop and support activities that start where people are, are fun and sociable and help to build and strengthen communities.
- 1.16. The recreational and amenity value of school playing fields and other playing fields is considered particularly important and the community use of school playing fields should be encouraged. When not required for their original purpose, these recreational assets may be able to meet the need for recreational land in the wider community.
- 1.17. The NPPF sets out the national planning policy on safeguarding open spaces and sport and recreation facilities. It stresses the importance of having access to high quality open spaces and opportunities for sport and recreation making an important contribution to health and well-being of communities.
- 1.18. It expects planning policies to be underpinned by up-to-date assessment of the needs for open space, sport and recreation facilities and opportunities for new provision. Only then will it become clear whether there are open spaces, buildings or land that are genuinely surplus to requirements and even then their contribution to Green Infrastructure will need to be considered before it is declared truly surplus.
- 1.19. The Green Space Strategy (2015) will help inform such decisions. It was carried out in-line with the NPPF and includes a robust assessment of needs and deficiencies in open spaces.
- 1.20. The Draft B&NES Placemaking Plan Policy LCR5 safeguards against the loss of recreational space, land and buildings used for sport and recreation as shown on the Policies Map.
- 1.21. POLICY LCR5: Safeguarding existing sport and recreational facilities Development involving the loss of open space (amenity green space, parks and recreation grounds, outdoor sports space, outdoor sports space, play space for children and youth, accessible natural green space), land and buildings

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of value for sports and recreation as shown on the Policies Map, will only be permitted provided it can be demonstrated:

1. is a surplus of similar facilities in the area and that the loss would not adversely affect the existing and potential recreational needs of the local population, making allowance for the likely demand generated by allocations in this; or
2. the proposed development only affects land which is incapable of being used for sport and recreation; or
3. suitable replacement facilities of at least equivalent quality, quantity and community value are provided in locations accessible by sustainable transport modes; or
4. the proposed development is for an indoor or outdoor sports facility with at least equal benefit to the development of sport and community access to sport to outweigh the loss of the existing or former recreational use, and
5. 5 in the case of open space, it is not critical component of eco/green infrastructure network and any redevelopment improves habitat connectivity.

1.22. The NPPF highlights the importance of having access to high quality open spaces and opportunities for sport and recreation and having planning policies and up-to-date assessments of the needs for open space, sports and recreation which identify specific needs and quantitative or qualitative deficits or surpluses of open space, sports and recreational facilities in the local area.

METHODOLOGY

1.23. This Strategy is based on a supply and demand assessment of playing pitch facilities in accordance with Sport England's PPS Guidance: An approach to developing and delivering a playing pitch strategy 2013. This methodology has been followed to develop a clear picture of the balance between the local supply of, and demand for, playing pitches and other outdoor sports facilities.

1.24. The Guidance recommends the establishment of a Steering Group to oversee the development of the draft PPS and a collaborative approach with Sport England and relevant National Governing Bodies of Sport. In B&NES case the development of the draft PPS has been overseen by a Steering Group comprised representatives of:

- **Sport England;**
- **England Hockey Board;**
- **Lawn Tennis Association;**
- **England and Wales Cricket Board;**
- **Football Association;**
- **Rugby Football Union;**

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- **B&NES Planning;**
- **B&NES Leisure Service;**

1.25. The Steering Group followed the staged approach, included within the Guidance, to the development of the PPS for B&NES:

- **A: Prepare and tailor the approach;**
- **B: Gather information and views on the supply of and demand for provision;**
- **C: Assess the supply and demand information and views;**
- **D: Develop the strategy.**

1.26. The PPS for B&NES provides:

- **An accurate audit of the supply of pitches and ancillary facilities;**
- **An accurate audit of the current demand for pitches;**
- **An understanding of the future demand for playing pitches;**
- **Detailed views on the adequacy of provision from users and pitch providers;**
- **An understanding of the situation at all sites available to the community;**
- **Whether the current study area is adequate to meet both current and future demand;**
- **The views and opinions of all relevant parties on the adequacy of provision;**
- **The key issues with the supply and demand for provision in the study area.**

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- 1.27. The PPS sets out a significant number of individual pitch, sport and site specific recommendations which, constitutes a useable strategy document which is owned by all relevant parties and which sets out a clear set of recommendations for playing pitch provision into the future together with a prioritised sport, area and site specific action plan.
- 1.28. The aim of developing the Playing Pitch Strategy is to:
- **Identify the current quality and quantity of playing pitch provision and inform the nature and quantity of future playing pitch provision required in B&NES given the anticipated population growth in the area.**
 - **Ensure that the current and future demand for playing pitch facilities are planned for holistically and that the needs of the current and growing population of B&NES can be fully met.**
 - **Provide evidence to support funding bids to National Governing Bodies for Sport, Sport England, and support requests for contributions from Section 106 Planning Obligations and or the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) by identifying playing pitch needs for the B&NES Infrastructure Plan.**
- 1.29. B&NES wishes to understand both the needs of its playing pitch and playing pitch ancillary facilities portfolio, and the future need for provision, driven by increased population, and identification of any gaps in the existing facility network.
- 1.30. The development of this new Playing Pitch Strategy will enable B&NES to shape their future playing pitch facilities offer; this may comprise direct provision and that undertaken with partners in the education, voluntary, community, private sectors and National Governing Bodies.
- 1.31. The Strategy will underpin the contribution that sport, and the facilitation of opportunities to have a healthy lifestyle, make to the local authority's Corporate Plan and priority objectives. It will also help provide a rationale to enable National Governing Bodies to further invest and deliver their working outcomes as outlined in their various strategic development documents.
- 1.32. The development of the Strategy is an opportunity to set out a strategic Vision for future provision of playing pitch facilities, based on robust evidence and a needs assessment. This will guide and inform future investment and partnerships, influence the Local Plan, future proof and increase participation opportunities to 2029 and beyond.

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1.33. The key PPS issues include:

- **England and Wales Cricket Board**
 1. **There is a need to formalise community use agreements where cricket is currently played on school sites and Higher Education establishments. Prioritising the Bath Sub Area initially.**
 2. **Need to protect all cricket pitches across Bath and North East Somerset including education and Higher Education cricket facilities.**
 3. **Improve pavilion and ancillary facilities where required in the action plan by:**
 - Working with Parish Council's, Charitable Trusts, cricket clubs, the ECB, and Somerset Cricket to improve the ancillary cricket facilities across Bath and North East Somerset.
 4. **The Local Authority to work in partnership with the ECB and Somerset Cricket to support clubs applying for funding, and planning, particularly with clubs that can demonstrate long term development plans and have achieved the appropriate accreditations and provide player and sports development pathways.**
 5. **Where possible use CIL or Section 106 funding (match funding) to bring existing facilities up to the required ECB and Sport England Guidance Standards for playing pitches and changing accommodation.**
- **Football**
 1. **Provide for the future playing pitch demand to 2029 for senior adult, junior 11 v 11, 9 v 9, mini soccer 7 v 7 and 5 v 5 football as a result of latent and sports development demand, and an increase in population.**
 2. **There is a need to protect all existing football playing field sites across Bath and North East Somerset including Education and Higher Education facilities.**
 3. **There is a need to introduce formal Community Use Agreements across all unsecured community use sites that have unsecured use. Prioritising the Bath sub Area initially.**
 4. **Improvements need to be made to improve the ongoing maintenance of existing pitches and provision of changing rooms particularly at Local Authority and Parish Council owned sites.**

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- 5. The need for a feasibility study to be undertaken to identify the most suitable location for additional 3G rubber crumb pitches strategically placed to support football clubs for training and matches across Bath and North East Somerset. This should be undertaken in conjunction with the FA, RFU and England Hockey.**
 - 6. Need to ensure sustainability of junior clubs by providing long term security of playing facilities, allowing junior clubs to grow and develop by investing in multi pitch hub sites, where possible e.g. .Larkhall Athletic, Bath Arsenal, Bath City FC**
- **Hockey**
 - 1. Protection of all community use artificial hockey pitches across Bath and North East Somerset and seek to provide a community use artificial turf pitch for hockey on a Bath and North East Somerset Local Authority Playing Pitch Site that would be a home ground for the City of Bath Hockey Club.**
 - 2. Ensure hockey continues to have primary use for mid-week training and match slots at weekends when required.**
 - 3. Ensure that plans are in place to maintain AGP quality in the long term across all Bath and North East Somerset Hockey AGPs and that sink funds are in place to replace carpets and refurbish pitches.**
 - **Rugby**
 - 1. Protection of all community use rugby pitches across Bath and North East Somerset.**
 - 2. Ensure all teams are playing on the right size pitches.**
 - 3. Improve pitch training and playing capacity and ancillary provision by:**
 - Over time address the drainage issues for all clubs to assist with current capacity issues
 - Ensure over time that all clubs have access to two floodlit pitches and the grass rugby pitch at Odd Down remains as a grass rugby pitch
 - Address the quality issues that clubs have with ancillary facilities such as changing room's and club houses.
Secure a long term lease for the use of rugby pitches for Walcot Rugby Club (minimum 25 years) at Lansdown North as part of the Masterplan for Lansdown North, South and Beckford.
 - 4. Ensure the 3G Rubber Crumb pitch that is IRB compliant at Odd Down is accessible for all Bath and North East Somerset Rugby Clubs.**

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- 5. The Local Authority to work with the RFU to support clubs applying for funding, and planning, with clubs that are able to demonstrate long term development plans and have achieved the appropriate accreditations and provide player and sports development pathways.**
 - 6. Where possible use CIL or Section 106 funding to develop (match funding) new playing pitch facilities and bring existing facilities up to the required RFU and Sport England Guidance Standards for playing pitches, clubhouse and changing accommodation.**
- **Tennis**
 1. Protection of community use Tennis courts throughout the Borough;
 2. The Council and the Lawn Tennis Association to work together to develop strong Local Park and other community tennis venue partnerships to deliver inclusive and sustainable Tennis provision for all;
 3. Consider further development of facilities with 3 or more courts;
 4. Upgrade 1 and 2 court sites according to latent demand.
 - **Bowls**
 - 6.3 All existing bowls provision should seek to be protected through an assessment of quantity, quality and accessibility.**
 - 6.4 There is no evidence of increasing membership in clubs in recent years although clubs have been trying to increase their membership and the latent demand is limited. There is therefore no current need to provide additional bowls facilities across Bath and North East Somerset.**
 - **Lacrosse**
 - 6.5 Ensure protection of lacrosse pitches across Bath and North East Somerset at the Recreation Ground and the Medics Pitch at Bath University.**
 - 6.6 If the decision is taken to allow Bath Rugby Club to permanently expand at the Recreation Ground and this impacts on the existing provision for lacrosse then the following Sport England Policy must be met:**
 - Sport England Playing Field Policy 'A Sporting future for the playing fields of England
 - Policy Exception E4:
 - The playing field or playing fields, which would be lost as a result of the proposed development, would be replaced by a playing field or playing fields of an equivalent or better quality and of equivalent or greater quantity, in a suitable location and subject to equivalent or better management arrangements, prior to the commencement of development'.

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1. INTRODUCTION AND CONTEXT

INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Bath & North East Somerset Council (B&NES) commissioned a Playing Pitch Strategy (PPS), which has been developed for grass and all weather pitches, tennis courts and bowls greens. The Playing Pitch Strategy will guide future provision and management of sports pitches, to serve existing and new communities in Bath & North East Somerset.
- 1.2 In line with the Government's National Planning Policy Framework, the PPS sets out to assess existing Playing Pitches, the future need for Playing Pitches, and opportunities for new provision. The key factors for Bath & North East Somerset are:

- **The requirements of the 2012 NPPF and specifically paragraph 73**

'Access to high quality open spaces and opportunities for sport and recreation can make an important contribution to the health and well-being of communities. Planning policies should be based on robust and up-to-date assessments of the needs for open space, sports and recreation facilities and opportunities for new provision. The assessments should identify specific needs and quantitative or qualitative deficits or surpluses of open space, sports and recreational facilities in the local area. Information gained from the assessments should be used to determine what open space, sports and recreational provision is required'

- **and additionally, paragraph 74 of the NPPF** emphasise that existing open space, sports and recreational facilities and land, including playing fields, should not be built on unless:
 - An assessment has been undertaken which has clearly shown the open space, buildings or land to be surplus to requirements; or
 - Any loss would be replaced by equivalent or better provision in terms of quantity and quality in a suitable location; or
 - The development is for alternative recreation or open space facilities, the need for which clearly outweighs the loss.

AIM OF DEVELOPING A PLAYING PITCH STRATEGY

- 1.3 The aim of developing the Playing Pitch Strategy is to:
- **Identify the current quality and quantity of playing pitch provision and inform the nature and quantity of future playing pitch provision required in B&NES given the anticipated population growth in the area**
 - **Ensure that the current and future demand for playing pitch facilities are planned for holistically and that the needs of the current and growing population of B&NES can be fully met.**

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- **Provide evidence to support funding bids to National Governing Bodies for sport, Sport England, and support requests for contributions from Section 106 Planning Obligations and or the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) by identifying playing pitch needs for the B&NES Infrastructure Plan.**

RATIONALE FOR DEVELOPING A PLAYING PITCH STRATEGY

- 1.4 B&NES wishes to understand both the needs of its playing pitch and playing pitch ancillary facilities portfolio, and future need for provision, driven by increased population, and identification of any gaps in the existing facility network.
- 1.5 The development of this new Playing Pitch Strategy (PPS) will enable the Council to shape its future playing pitch facilities offer; this may comprise direct provision and that provided by partners in Parish and Town Councils, education, university, voluntary, community, private sectors and NGBs. Implementing a planned approach to future provision of sport and physical activity facilities in the local authority over the medium term, will ensure that B&NES communities have access to high quality facilities, helping communities improve their health and remain cohesive. Where the local authority and other bodies provide facilities, it is critical that they are as efficient and effective as possible due to continuing financial pressures. New development, section 106 developer contribution funding and Community Infrastructure Levy funding can be used to assist with new provision and improvements to playing pitches and ancillary facilities.
- 1.6 There is a need to protect and safeguard existing grass pitches. It is a known fact that the local authorities' finances are being considerably reduced. This may have an impact on the quality and frequency of maintenance of existing grass pitches in the future.
- 1.7 The PPS will help to protect playing fields from loss and make sure the right type, and quantity, of new pitches are provided as part of new developments and future growth sites. The PPS also recommend enhancements to existing pitches and facilities.
- 1.8 The PPS identifies the formal sports needs for Football, Cricket, Hockey, Rugby Union, Tennis, Bowls and Lacrosse. If the PPS identifies that playing pitches are not currently required for formal pitch sports, then it does not necessarily follow that they are surplus to requirements because, having regard for potential future growth and potential shortfalls in the future, they should be protected.
- 1.9 **In most cases playing pitches are part of the wider park and open space environment enjoyed by the community on a regular basis.** The PPS underpins the contribution that sport, and the facilitation of opportunities to have a healthy lifestyle, make to the Council's Corporate Plans and priority objectives. It also helps provide a rationale to enable National Governing Bodies to further invest and deliver their working outcomes as outlined in their Whole Sport Plans. In addition, the PPS provides evidence to support funding bids from regional funders, whilst also supporting requests for S106 developer contributions following building developments, and thereby will help focus internal revenue and capital spending in the medium term.
- 1.10 It will be used to guide and inform future investment and partnerships, providing an evidence base for the Local Plan, up to 2029 and beyond.

STRATEGY SCOPE

1.11 The project scope includes:

- **Football**
- **Hockey**
- **Lacrosse**
- **Cricket**
- **Tennis**
- **Rugby**
- **Bowls**

1.12 The objectives of the B&NES Playing Pitch Strategy follow the Sport England principles of **PROTECT** sports facilities from loss as result of residential redevelopment; to **ENHANCE** existing facilities through improving their quality, accessibility and management and to **PROVIDE** new facilities that are fit for purpose to meet demands for participation now and in the future.

1.13 The Strategy addresses facilities provided by the following sectors:

- **Local Authority – B&NES**
- **Town and Parish Council’s**
- **Education, (school based, further and Higher Education eg universities – University of Bath and Bath Spa University)**
- **Voluntary and private sectors**

TERMS OF REFERENCE

1.14 The detailed requirements of each element of the study are set out below; these reflect the requirements and structure of the Sport England Playing Pitch Strategy guidance:

1.15 The strategy has been developed in line with guidance by Sport England (Playing Pitch Guidance, An approach to Developing and Delivering a Playing Pitch Strategy) 2013.

7. Stage A: (Step 1) – of the methodology is to prepare and tailor the approach.

8. Stage B: (Steps 2 & 3) - Gather supply and demand information and views. Information was gathered on both the supply of pitches and the demand for these pitches, specifically:

- Supply – site details, see Technical Assessments Football, Cricket, Rugby and Hockey Appendix 1, accessibility and overall quality of current provision, including the use of Sport England’s Active Places database, existing records of pitch provision, Sport England’s non-technical visual quality assessment template, views of Bath and North East Somerset Council, NGBs, schools and user clubs

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- Demand - see Technical Assessments Football, Cricket, Rugby and Hockey Appendix 1- teams and their match and training requirements, casual and educational demand as well as displaced and latent demand, through consultation with clubs.
 - Details of potential changes to the future pitch stock, as well as projected and aspirational increases in participation
- 9. Stage C: (Steps 4, 5 & 6) – Assessing the Supply and Demand Information and Views. The supply and demand information collated has been used to:**
- Understand the situation at individual sites.
 - Develop the current and projected future pictures of provision.
 - Identify the key findings and issues that need to be addressed.
- 10. Stage D: Steps 7 & 8 – Developing the recommendations and action plan and writing and adopting the strategy.**
- 1.16 The Playing Pitch Strategy has divided Bath and North East Somerset into four sub areas at the request of the PPS Steering Group. The four sub areas are made up of the following Wards:
- 11. Bath Sub Area** – Abbey, Lansdown, Odd Down, Bathwick, Combe Down, Lyncombe, Twerton and Lambridge.
 - 12. Keynsham Sub Area** – Keynsham North and Keynsham East
 - 13. Midsomer Norton and Radstock Sub Area** – Midsomer Norton Redfield, Midsomer Norton North, Westfield, Radstock
 - 14. Rural Sub Area** – Publow and Whitchurch, Bathavon North, Bathavon South, Bathavon West, Chew Valley South, Chew Valley North, Clutton, High Littleton, Mendip, Peasedown, Paulton, Saltford and Timsbury.
- 1.17 The large football hubs at Lansdown North, South and Beckford are within Bathavon North Ward and therefore appear under the Rural Sub Area analysis.
- 1.18 The assessment of secured public use was undertaken in the context of the Sport England definition of community use, and embraces:
- 1. All local authority pitches (B&NES, Town and Parish Council's);**
 - 2. Educational facilities whether subject to formal dual use, community use agreements or similar formal hire arrangements with local teams or not;**
 - 3. Any other facilities which are available to the public as a result of formal dual / community use agreements; and**
 - 4. Any facilities owned, used or maintained by clubs/private individuals, which as a matter of policy or practice are available for use by sections of the public through membership of a club or admission fees.**
- 1.19 This document continues on from the needs assessment and aims to:
- 15. Summarise the key findings of the individual sport assessments and sets out the main issues to be addressed in the strategy.**
 - 16. Provides specific proposals for each sport.**

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- 17. Takes into consideration the current and future needs of the individual playing pitch sites.**
- 18. Provides a guide to monitoring and reviewing the Playing Pitch Strategy (PPS).**

BACKGROUND AND POLICY CONTEXT

1.20 Bath & North East Somerset covers an area of 570 km², of which two thirds is green belt. Surrounding local government areas include Bristol, North Somerset, Somerset, South Gloucestershire, Mendip and Wiltshire. It enjoys a strategic location reasonably well served by the M4 and M5 motorways and rail links to London and the rest of the country and Bristol Airport is one of the fastest growing regional airports in the UK. A map of the area is provided below.

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- 1.21 The city of Bath is the principal settlement in the district, but B&NES also covers Keynsham, Midsomer Norton, Radstock and the Chew Valley. Bath lies on the River Avon and its tributaries such as the River Chew and Midford Brook cross the area.
- 1.22 Bath is one of the UK's most liveable cities and offers an excellent quality of life. Its heritage, thermal springs and landscape – encapsulated in its inscription as a World Heritage site. Bath is a key economic centre in the West of England and is also one of the most important places of learning in the

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South West. The city also serves as a regional shopping centre. Bath has a population around 90,000 people of which around 20% are students.

- 1.23 Keynsham is in close proximity to Bristol. Keynsham is surrounded by countryside which is protected by the Bristol / Bath Green Belt. The population is about 15,500 people with a high proportion of adults aged 65 and over.
- 1.24 The Somer Valley covers the urban areas of Midsomer Norton, Westfield and Radstock. Together these urban areas make up the second largest urban area in the District, with a combined population of about 21,000.
- 1.25 Over 90% of the District is Rural and it has 47 rural parishes. The character of villages and landscape varies distinctly across the District, with almost a third of the District lying within the Cotswolds and Mendip Hills Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONBs).
- 1.26 The 2011 census shows the population for B&NES as 176,016 with 89,944 females and 86,072 males. The total population of B&NES is expected to increase by 2029 due to increased life expectancy, natural increase and in-migration. There will be an ageing population (the number of over 80 year olds is projected to increase by 16%), the working age population is predicted to increase and the number of primary school age children will increase (projected 17% increase in number of 4-11 year olds).
- 1.27 The B&NES Core Strategy (2014) assumes a need for about 13,000 new dwellings up to 2029. The table below shows the spatial requirements of new dwellings:

Table 1.1 Spatial Supply of new dwellings 2029

AREA	NO OF NEW DWELLINGS
Bath	7,020
Keynsham	2,150
Somer Valley	2,470
Rural Areas	1,120
Whitchurch Green Belt	200

- 1.28 Bath and North East Somerset is one of the least deprived authorities in the country according to the Indices of Deprivation (2015), ranking 247 out of 326 English authorities (where 1 = most deprived). However, there are **pockets of deprivation** within the district. One area is within the most deprived 10% of the country, Twerton West, which entered this classification for the first time in 2015. Four further areas are in the most deprived 20% of the country, Whiteway, Twerton, Foxhill North and Whiteway West.
- 1.29 **Healthy Life Expectancy** for both males (66.0 years) and females (68.5 years) in B&NES is higher than national levels (63.3 years for males and 63.9

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years for females), and regional levels for (65.3 years for males and 65.5 years for females) . The proportion of life spent in good health in B&NES is higher compared to national levels, at 81.6% for males and 81.1% for females (compared to 79.7% for males and 76.9% for females in England). The proportion of life spent in good health in B&NES is also higher compared to regional levels for females (78.2%), but the same as it is regionally for males (81.6%).

- 1.30 Over half of **adults** (55.7%) in B&NES are estimated to be **overweight or obese**, although this is significantly lower than regional and national figures. Rates of recorded **obesity** are rising in **adults** in B&NES, but are lower than national rates. Around 1 in 4 (23.5%) **Reception aged children (4 to 5 years old)** in B&NES are an unhealthy weight, i.e. either overweight or obese. Around 1 in 10 (9.6%) Reception aged children in B&NES are obese. Around 3 in 10 (27.3%) **Year 6 aged children (10 to 11 years old)** in B&NES are an unhealthy weight, i.e. either overweight or obese. Around 1 in 7 (13.9%) Year 6 aged children in B&NES are obese.
- 1.31 **Trends in childhood unhealthy weight** - including overweight and obesity - have been relatively static since the national measurement programme began in 2006/07, i.e. there has been no long-term significant upward or downward shift. This accords with national findings that demonstrate prevalence rates of overweight and obesity may have stabilised between 2004 and 2013.
- 1.32 Car ownership in B&NES is high, with an average of 72% of households owning one or more cars. In the rural areas this figure is as high as 84%. According to the Local Transport Plan 2 (LTP), more than 80% of trips in B&NES are made by car. As a result of this substantial dependence on the private car for most activity within the area as a whole, the City suffers from congestion. However, in Bath itself two thirds of people who live and work in Bath either walk, cycle or use public transport for their journey to work.

CURRENT PARTICIPATION RATES

- 1.33 The Active People Survey (APS) 10 (2015/16) highlights that of those aged 14+ in the Bath and North East Somerset, 44.8% participates once a week in sport; this is higher than, South West (37.5%) and England (36.9%), and is lower than previous levels of participation in Bath and North East Somerset in 2012/2013 (46.5%). This means that circa 56.2% of Bath and North East Somerset residents over 14, are not physically active at least once a week.
- 1.34 Other key participation performance indicators are shown below in table 1.2.

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Table 1.2 Active People Survey Key Performance Indicators

INDICATOR	BATH & NE SOMERSET				SOUTH WEST				ENGLAND			
	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16
KPI3 - Club Membership in the last 4 weeks	30.5 %	23.7 %	28.4 %	29.5 %	22.7 %	22.4 %	22.6 %	23.2 %	21.0 %	21.6 %	21.8 %	22.2%
KPI4 - Received tuition or coaching in last 12 months	26.6 %	24.9 %	24.9%	23.7 %	17.3 %	16.1 %	18.0 %	18.1 %	15.8 %	16.4 %	15.6 %	15.6%
KPI5 - Took part in organised competition in last 12 months	21.8 %	19.6 %	18.0 %	18.5 %	15.7 %	15.8 %	14.9 %	14.9 %	11.2 %	13.3 %	13.3 %	13.3%
KPI6 - Very/fairly satisfied with local sports provision	68.5 %	71.1 %	69.9 %	66.7%	64.1 %	64.7 %	64.1 %	62.0%	60.3 %	61.6 %	61.8 %	62.1%

Source: Active People Survey. Measure: Active People Survey. Measure: Key Performance Indicators 3,4,5,6. Time Period(s): 2012/13, 2013/14, 2014/15, 2015/16

- 1.35 The table above shows that club membership in the last 4 weeks is slightly lower in Bath and North East Somerset in 2015/2016 (29.5%) than in 2012/2013 (30.5%) but it is higher than the South West and England. Those that have received coaching in the last 12 months (23.7%) is higher than England (15.6%) and higher than the South West (18.1%).
- 1.36 Those that have taken part in organised competition in Bath and North East Somerset in 2015/2016 (18.5%) is also higher than the South West (14.9%) and England (13.3%).
- 1.37 The Very/Fairly satisfied with local sports provision in Bath and North East Somerset is 66.7% in 2015/2016 this slightly lower than the previous year (69.9%) and is higher than the South West (62.0%) and England (62.1%).
- 1.38 Active People Survey 2015/2016 also identifies that:
- **In terms of Latent Demand, 58.2% of all those aged 14+ want to do more sport.**
 - **30.4%% of those aged 14+ in Bath and North East Somerset who are already physically active, want to do more sport.**
 - **27.8% of those who are physically inactive in Bath and North East Somerset want to do more sport**

SPORT ENGLAND MARKET SEGMENTATION

- 1.39 Sport England has developed nineteen sporting segments to provide a better understanding of people's attitudes to sport, their motivations and barriers. The key data sources were Department of Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) 'Taking Part' survey and Active People. Further data was added from Experian Mosaic databases. Population data is used for people aged 18 and over.
- 1.40 Segmentation provides information on who participates in sport and what they want in terms of sport and active recreation provision. In total there are nineteen segments. In England, 21% of all adults regularly take part in sport and active recreation. Half of all segments participate at a level that is below the national average.
- 1.41 The Market Segmentation analysis for Bath and North East Somerset identifies that the dominant segments are Tim, Philip and Roger and Joy.

Table 1.3: Market Segmentation Summary – Dominant 3 Segments Bath and North East Somerset

MARKET SEGMENT AND NUMBER	SEGMENT NAME	DESCRIPTION	TOP PARTICIPATION SPORTS NATIONALLY	BATH AND NORTH EAST SOMERSET COUNCIL	
				NUMBER	RATE
Tim (6)	Settling Down Males	Sporty male professionals (aged 26-45), buying a house and settling down with partner.	Cycling, keep fit/ gym, swimming, football, athletics and golf. Club member and competitive sport.	14,700	10.5%
Philip (1)	Comfortable Mid-life Males	Mid-life professional, sporty males with older children and more time for themselves	Cycling, keep fit/ gym, swimming, football, golf. Club member.	12,600	9.0 %
Roger and Joy	Early retirement couples, free time couples nearing the end of their	The main motivations for Roger & Joy playing sport are enjoyment and keeping fit where their scores are above the national average.	Keep fit/gym, swimming, cycling, golf and angling.	10,400	10.4%

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careers.

Source: Sport England, 2010, Measure: Sport Market Segmentation

- 1.42 There are also quite large groups of: Ben (Competitive male urbanites - who participate in Football, 'keep fit and gym', cycling, and athletics or running); Chloe (Fitness Class Friends, young image conscious female keeping fit and trim) and Elaine (Empty nest career ladies. Mid-life professional who have more time on their hands since their children left home). These are followed by Jamie Sports Team lads who enjoy football.
- 1.43 The market segments with the highest participation rates and which are most likely to play pitch sports are aged from 16 – 34 (segments 1-7 in the scale). Tim is in this group and is the most dominant segment in B&NES. Ben, Chloe and Jamie are in this group. This suggests that a proportion of the population will be keen to play outdoor sports.

2. SPORT SUMMARIES

FOOTBALL - FINDINGS

2.1. The following are the key findings for football in B&NES:

- 19. There are 50 individual grass football pitch sites across Bath and North East Somerset.**
- 20. In total there are 126 secured community use football pitches across Bath and North East Somerset and 34 unsecured community use pitches.**
- 21. The Rural Area has the most pitches 80. In the Rural Area there are 75 pitches with secured community use and 5 unsecured. Keynsham Area has 27 pitches of which all are secured community use, Bath Area has 34 pitches of which 16 are secured for community use and 18 are unsecured and Midsomer Norton & Radstock has 19 pitches of which 8 are secured for community use and 11 are unsecured.**
- 22. Those school sites that do provide community use are not secured for formal use and formal community use agreements need to be put in place.**
- 23. There are 5 pitch sites located within floodplains that are regularly flooded and therefore suffer severe drainage issues.**
- 24. Pitch quality - 60% of football pitches have been rated as poor from data collected from site inspections, these have been discussed and agreed with the FA and B&NES League representatives, 8% are considered good, and 32% standard.**
- 25. There are a number of school sites throughout B&NES that are not currently available for wider community use. No schools, which do not already open their facilities indicated interest in doing so. There is limited scope to increase the pitch stock further through community use of school sites.**
- 26. There are 353 teams, comprising 180 senior men's, 4 women's, 49 junior boys 11 v 11, 5 girls junior 11 v 11, 40 Junior 9 v 9 boys and 2 junior girl's 9 v 9, 40 mini soccer 7 v 7, and 33 mini soccer 5 v 5.**
- 27. Club responses to questionnaires and league representative information have provided information as to aspirations and facility provision needs that need to be considered in the strategy.**
- 28. Current situation:**

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- **The Bath Sub Area:** The impact on the number of match equivalent sessions if unsecured community use pitches are assumed as not available for each pitch typology is shown below:

Adult 11 v 11 - There are 16 match equivalent sessions available for adult 11 v 11 football (secured and unsecured community use). There are only 7 match equivalent sessions in secured community use and there is a need to provide 13.5 match equivalent sessions (13 weekly and 1 every other week) at peak time of play. There would be an under supply of 6.5 match equivalent sessions (6 weekly and 1 every other week) if the unsecured match equivalent sessions were not available.

Junior 11 v 11 – There are 4 match equivalent sessions available and none of these are unsecured. There is demand for an additional 1 junior 11 v 11 match equivalent session at peak time.

Junior 9 v 9 – There are 5 match equivalent sessions available (secured and unsecured community use). There are only 2 match equivalent sessions in secured community use and there is a need to provide 4.5 match equivalent sessions (4 weekly and 1 every other week) at peak time of play. There would be an undersupply of 2.5 match equivalent sessions (2 weekly and 1 every other week) if the unsecured match equivalent sessions were not available.

Mini 7 v 7 - There are 5 match equivalent sessions providing capacity for 18 match equivalent sessions per week (secured and unsecured community use). There are only 2 match equivalent sessions in secured community use providing capacity for 8 match equivalent sessions per week. There is current demand for 2 match equivalent sessions per week. There are sufficient 7 v 7 match equivalent sessions available across the Bath Sub Area.

Mini 5 v 5 - There are 4 match equivalent sessions providing capacity for 22 match equivalent sessions per week (secured and unsecured community use). There is only 1 match equivalent session in secured community use providing capacity for 4 match equivalent sessions per week. There is current demand for 2.5 match equivalent sessions per week. There are sufficient 5 v 5 match equivalent sessions available across the Bath Sub Area.

- **The Keynsham Sub Area:** The impact on the number of match equivalent sessions if unsecured community use pitches are assumed as not available for each pitch typology is shown below:

Adult 11 v 11 - There are 16 match equivalent sessions available for adult 11 v 11 football all are secured community use. There is a demand for 8.5 match equivalent sessions (8 weekly and 1 every other week). There is spare capacity of 7.5 match equivalent sessions (7 weekly 1 every other week).

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Junior 11 v 11 – There are 4 match equivalent sessions available and none of these are unsecured. There is demand for an additional 1 junior 11 v 11 match equivalent at peak time.

Junior 9 v 9 – There are 3 match equivalent sessions available and none of these are unsecured. There is a demand for 3 match equivalent sessions at peak time of play. There is a balanced supply of 9 v 9 match equivalent sessions.

Mini 7 v 7 - There are 2 match equivalent sessions providing capacity for 4 match equivalent sessions per week none of these are unsecured. There is current demand for 4 match equivalent sessions per week. There is a balanced supply of mini 7 v 7 match equivalent sessions.

Mini 5 v 5 - There are 2 match equivalent sessions providing capacity for 4 match equivalent sessions per week none of these are unsecured. There is current demand for 1 match equivalent session per week. There is spare capacity of 1 match equivalent sessions per week.

- **The Midsomer Norton and Radstock Sub Area:** The impact on the number of match equivalent sessions if unsecured community use pitches are assumed as not available for each pitch typology is shown below:

Adult 11 v 11 - There are 11 match equivalent sessions available for adult 11 v 11 football (secured and unsecured community use). There are only 6 match equivalent sessions in secured community use and there is a need to provide 7.5 match equivalent sessions (7 weekly and 1 every other week) at peak time of play. There would be an under supply of 1.5 match equivalent sessions (1 weekly and 1 every other week) if the unsecured match equivalent sessions were not available.

Junior 11 v 11 – There are 3 match equivalent sessions available (secured and unsecured community use). There is only 1 match equivalent sessions in secured community use and there is a need to provide 1 match equivalent session at peak time of play. There is a balanced supply of junior 11 v 11 match equivalent sessions.

Junior 9 v 9 – There are 3 match equivalent sessions available (secured and unsecured community use). There is only 1 match equivalent session in secured community use and there is a need to provide 2 match equivalent sessions at peak time of play. There would be an undersupply of 1 match equivalent session weekly if the unsecured match equivalent sessions were not available.

Mini 7 v 7 - There is 1 match equivalent session providing capacity for 2 match equivalent sessions per week. This is unsecured community use. There is demand for 0.5 match equivalent session every other week. There would be an under supply of 0.5 match equivalent sessions (1 every other week) if the unsecured match equivalent sessions were not available.

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Mini 5 v 5 - There is 1 match equivalent session providing capacity for 2 match equivalent sessions per week. This is unsecured community use. There is demand for 0.5 match equivalent session every other week. There would be an under supply of 0.5 match equivalent sessions (1 every other week) if the unsecured match equivalent sessions were not available.

- **Rural Sub Area:** The impact on the number of match equivalent sessions if unsecured community use pitches are assumed as not available for each pitch typology is shown below:

Adult 11 v 11 - There are 43 match equivalent sessions available for adult 11 v 11 football (secured and unsecured community use). There are 41 match equivalent sessions in secured community use and there is a need to provide 31.5 match equivalent sessions (31 weekly and 1 every other week) at peak time of play. There would be spare capacity of 9.5 match equivalent sessions (9 weekly and 1 every other week) if the unsecured match equivalent sessions were not available.

Junior 11 v 11 – There are 13 match equivalent sessions available (secured and unsecured community use). There are 12 match equivalent sessions in secured community use and there is a need to provide 11.5 match equivalent sessions at peak time of play. There is spare capacity of 0.5 match equivalent sessions (1 every other week) if the unsecured match equivalent sessions were not provided.

Junior 9 v 9 – There are 7 match equivalent sessions available all secured community use. There is demand for 5 match equivalent sessions at peak time of play. There is spare capacity of 2 match equivalent sessions.

Mini 7 v 7 - There are 9 match equivalent session providing capacity for 28 match equivalent sessions per week. (Secured and unsecured community use). There are 8 match equivalent sessions providing capacity for 26 match equivalent sessions in secured community use and there is a need to provide 7.5 match equivalent sessions at peak time of play. There is spare capacity of 0.5 match equivalent sessions (1 every other week) if the unsecured match equivalent sessions were not provided.

Mini 5 v 5 - There are 8 match equivalent session providing capacity for 24 match equivalent sessions per week. (Secured and unsecured community use). There are 7 match equivalent sessions providing capacity for 22 match equivalent sessions in secured community use and there is a need to provide 9 match equivalent sessions at peak time of play. There would be an undersupply Of 2 match equivalent sessions if the unsecured match equivalent sessions were available.

- **There are some clubs that have to play on multiple sites when they would ideally like to be located at one venue for easier club development and clubs forced to play fixtures away from their preferred ground.**

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29. Future implications (2029) on pitch demand in B&NES at present, the worst case scenario is when unsecured community use pitches are excluded from the future supply:

The tables below consider the current spare capacity of match equivalent sessions at peak times, latent demand and future population growth and the match equivalent sessions required in 2029 in the context of secured and unsecured community use and only secured community use.

Table 2.1: Bath Sub Area - Current and Future Demand Football Match Equivalent Sessions

	SENIOR	JUNIOR	JUNIOR	MINI	MINI
		11 V 11	9 V 9	7 V 7	5 V 5
Current Spare Capacity – Secured and Unsecured Community Use	2.5	1	0.5	3	1.5
Latent and Sports Development Demand	0	4	2	2	2
Future Population Growth 2029	3	-3	2	1	1
Match Equivalent Requirements to 2029	0.5	2	- 3.5	0	1.5
Current Spare Capacity excluding unsecured community use	7	1	2.5	0	1.5
Match Equivalent requirements to 2029 Excluding Unsecured Community Use	7.5	3	5.5	0	3

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Pitches					
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Key:

Spare Capacity
Balanced Play
Under Capacity

Table 2.1 above identifies the Bath Sub Area Best and Worst Case Scenario 2016 – 2029. The best case scenario is If community use agreements have been put in place there will be a deficit of 1 adult match equivalent session every other week, 2 junior 11 v 11 match equivalent sessions weekly, 3 junior 9 v 9 match equivalent sessions weekly and 1 every other week and 1 mini soccer 5 v 5 match equivalent session weekly and 1 match equivalent session every other week.

The worst case scenario is If community use agreements are not put in place there will be a deficit of 7 adult match equivalent session every week and 1 every other week, 3 junior 11 v 11 match equivalent sessions weekly, 5 junior 9 v 9 match equivalent sessions weekly and 1 every other week and 3 mini soccer 5 v 5 match equivalent session weekly and 1 match equivalent session every other week.

Table 2.2: Keynsham Sub Area - Current and Future Demand Football Match Equivalent Sessions

	SENIOR	JUNIOR	JUNIOR	MINI	MINI
		11 V 11	9 V 9	7 V 7	5 V 5
Current Spare Capacity – Secured and Unsecured Community Use	7.5	1	0	0	1
Latent and Sports Development Demand	0	1	0	2	1
Future Population Growth 2029	1	- 1	1	0	0
Match Equivalent	6.5	1	1	2	0

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Requirements to 2029					
Current Spare Capacity excluding unsecured community use	0	0	0	0	0
Match Equivalent requirements to 2029 Excluding Unsecured Community Use Pitches	6.5	1	1	2	0

Key:

Spare Capacity
Balanced Play
Under Capacity

Table 2.2 above identifies the Keynsham Sub Area Best and Worst Case Scenario 2016 – 2029. There are no sites that are unsecured in the Keynsham Sub Area. In 2029 there will be spare capacity of 6 adult match equivalent sessions every week and 1 every other week. There will be a deficit of 1 junior 11 v 11 match equivalent session weekly, 1 junior 9 v 9 match equivalent session weekly and 2 mini soccer 7 v 7 match equivalent sessions weekly.

Table 2.3: Midsomer Norton & Radstock Sub Area - Current and Future Demand Football Match Equivalent Sessions

	SENIOR	JUNIOR	JUNIOR	MINI	MINI
		11 V 11	9 V 9	7 V 7	5 V 5
Current Spare Capacity – Secured and Unsecured Community Use	3.5	2	1	0.5	0.5
Latent and Sports	1	1	1	1	1

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Development Demand					
Future Population Growth 2029	1	- 1	1	1	1
Match Equivalent Requirements to 2029	1.5	2	1	1.5	1.5
Current Spare Capacity excluding unsecured community use	1.5	0	1	0.5	0.5
Match Equivalent requirements to 2029 Excluding Unsecured Community Use Pitches	0	2	2	2	2

Key:

Spare Capacity
Balanced Play
Under Capacity

Table 2.3 above identifies the Midsomer Norton & Radstock Sub Area Best and Worst Case Scenario 2016 – 2029. The best case scenario is If community use agreements have been put in place there will be spare capacity of 1 adult match equivalent session weekly and 1 every other week and 2 junior 11 v 11 match equivalent sessions weekly. There will be a deficit Of 3 junior 9 v 9 match equivalent session weekly, 1 mini soccer 7 v 7 match equivalent session weekly and 1 match equivalent session every other week and 1 mini soccer 5 v 5 match equivalent session weekly and 1 match equivalent session every other week.

The worst case scenario is If community use agreements are not put in place there will be spare capacity 2 junior 11 v 11 match equivalent sessions weekly and a deficit of 3 junior 9 v 9 match equivalent sessions weekly, 2 mini soccer 7 v 7 match equivalent session weekly and 2 mini soccer 5 v 5 match equivalent session weekly

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Table 2.4: Rural Sub Area - Current and Future Demand Football Match Equivalent Sessions

	SENIOR	JUNIOR	JUNIOR	MINI	MINI
		11 V 11	9 V 9	7 V 7	5 V 5
Current Spare Capacity – Secured and Unsecured Community Use	11.5	1.5	2	1.5	1
Latent and Sports Development Demand	2	2	2	1	0
Future Population Growth 2029	1	- 1	0	0	0
Match Equivalent Requirements to 2029	8.5	0.5	0	0.5	1
Current Spare Capacity excluding unsecured community use	9.5	0.5	2	0.5	2
Match Equivalent requirements to 2029 Excluding Unsecured Community Use Pitches	6.5	0	0	0	3

Key:

Spare Capacity

Balanced Play
Under Capacity

Table 2.4 above identifies the Rural Sub Area Best and Worst Case Scenario 2016 – 2029. The best case scenario is if community use agreements have been put in place there will be spare capacity of 8 adult match equivalent session weekly and 1 every other week, 1 junior 11 v 11 match equivalent session every other week and 1 mini soccer 7 v 7 match equivalent session every other week. There will be a deficit of 1 mini soccer 5 v 5 match equivalent session weekly.

The worst case scenario is If community use agreements are not put in place there will be spare capacity of 6 adult 11 v 11 match equivalent sessions weekly and 1 adult match equivalent session every other week and a deficit of 3 mini soccer 5v 5 match equivalent sessions weekly.

30. Artificial grass pitches:

- Bath Sub Area: Existing 3G pitch at Beechen Cliffe School – 40m x 35m Small Size, Existing 3G pitch at Odd Down full size FA registered and Rugby compliant with floodlights. There are 2 other 3G rubber crumb pitches at Monkton Combe Junior School both are for school use only. There are a number of sand dressed and sand filled AGPs on school sites that are used for football training - Beechen Cliffe School, Saint Gregory's and St Marks Schools. Kingswood School is mainly used for hockey. St Edwards School has no floodlights but has a planning application submitted to the local authority.
- Keynsham Sub Area: Existing 3G pitch at Keynsham FC full size and FA registered there is also a smaller 3G pitch at Keynsham FC 30 x 20. In addition to the 2 3G rubber crumb pitches above there is a sand dressed artificial turf pitch at Wellsway School mainly used by Keynsham Hockey Club and the school.
- Midsomer Norton and Radstock Sub Area: 2 existing 3G rubber crumb pitches both full size and FA registered at Writhlington School and Somervale School.
- Rural Area: There are no 3G rubber crumb pitches in the rural area and 1 sand dressed full size pitch at Chew Valley School. Lansdown North and South and Beckford, which are key sports facilities all have post codes in the rural area. These sites are however heavily used and are on the border of the Bath Sub Area and are potential sites for 3G rubber crumb pitches.

31. There are no purpose built commercially run 5/7 a side football centres in Bath and North East Somerset.

32. On the basis of providing for training requirements on 3G rubber crumb pitches 42 teams to 1 3G rubber crumb pitch has been used. The number of 3G rubber crumb pitches required in the sub areas when considering current, latent and future population demand is:

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- Bath Sub Area 2 3G rubber crumb pitches –currently 1. Pitch at Odd Down. This would mean an additional 3G rubber crumb pitch in this area.
- Keynsham 1 3G rubber crumb pitch – this sub area has 1 3G rubber crumb pitch but the sub area also suffers heavily due to flooding and the existing 3G pitch is heavily used by senior and junior teams. There is a possibility a 2nd 3G pitch could be provided.
- Midsomer Norton and Radstock – this sub area currently has 2 3G rubber crumb pitches on school sites and only requires 1 3G rubber crumb pitch.
- Rural Sub Area – this sub area has no current 3G rubber crumb pitches. There is a requirement for 4 3G rubber crumb pitches. Lansdown, North and South and Beckford are all in the Rural Sub Area but are all placed on the border of the Bath Sub Area and the teams that play in Bath.

33. The following identifies the requirements for 3G rubber crumb pitches using the Football Association scenario if 50% of 9 v 9, 7 v 7 and 5 v 5 teams were to play competitive games on 3G rubber crumb pitches:

- Bath Sub Area – To cater for 50% of all 5 v 5 games 0.075 x 3G rubber crumb pitches would be required, 7 v 7 0.25 x 3G rubber crumb pitches would be required and 9 v 9 0.085 x 3G rubber crumb pitches would be required. The required number of 3G rubber crumb pitches required would be 1 (rounded up).
- Keynsham Sub Area - To cater for 50% of all 5 v 5 games 0.03 x 3G rubber crumb pitches are required, 7 v 7 0.25 x 3G rubber crumb pitches are required and 9 v 9 0.43 x 3G rubber crumb pitches are required. The required number of 3G rubber crumb pitches required would be 1 (rounded up).
- Midsomer Norton Sub Area – To cater for 50% of all 5 v 5 games 0.09 x 3G rubber crumb pitches are required, 7 v 7 0.06 x 3G rubber crumb pitches are required and 9 v 9 0.15 x 3G rubber crumb pitches are required. The required number of 3G rubber crumb pitches required would be 1 (rounded up).
- Rural Sub Area - To cater for 50% of all 5 v 5 games 0.355 x 3G rubber crumb pitches would be required, 7 v 7 0.685 x 3G rubber crumb pitches would be required and 9 v 9 0.465 x 3G rubber crumb pitches would be required. The required number of 3G rubber crumb pitches required would be 2 (rounded up).

STRATEGY ISSUES FOR FOOTBALL

2.2. The key issues to address across Bath and North East Somerset are:

1. **Future playing pitch demand to 2029 for senior adult, junior 11 v 11, 9 v 9, mini soccer 7 v 7 and 5 v 5 football as a result of latent and sports development demand, and an increase in population.**
2. **There is a need to protect all existing playing pitch sites across Bath and North East Somerset.**
3. **The need to introduce formal Community Use Agreements across all unsecured community use sites that have unsecured use.**
4. **Improvements need to be made to improve the ongoing maintenance of existing pitches and provision of changing rooms particularly at Local Authority and Parish Council owned sites.**

5. **The need for a feasibility study to be undertaken to identify the most suitable location for additional 3G rubber crumb pitches strategically placed to support football clubs for training and matches across Bath and North East Somerset.**
6. **Need to ensure sustainability of junior clubs by providing long term security of playing facilities, allowing junior clubs to grow and develop by investing in multi pitch hub sites, where possible e.g. .Larkhall Athletic, Bath Arsenal, Bath City FC**

CRICKET

2.3. The key findings for cricket are:

- **Of the 34 sites providing community cricket club usage in Bath and North East Somerset, 27 provide secured community use and 7 provide unsecured community use. There are 38 cricket squares providing 364 grass pitches and 7 non turf pitches.**
- **In general pitches and ancillary facilities are considered to be of a standard condition. – 9 are considered to be good, 24 standard and 1 poor.**
- **There are 46 cricket clubs using cricket facilities across Bath and North East Somerset providing for 199 teams. Some of these clubs are imported in the rural sub area from Bristol. Fry's, Wellsway School and East Harptree Recreation Ground offer Bristol cricket clubs use of their facilities.**
- **Bath Cricket Club (18 teams) and Hampset Cricket Club (13 teams) have the highest number of teams across the whole of Bath and North East Somerset.**
- **There are a number of teams that have to use alternative home grounds due to insufficient cricket squares at their home ground.**
- **There are issues with leases that could impact on security of tenure for some clubs.**
- **Cricket Pitch supply meets current pitch demand.**
- **At present there is no overriding need for additional cricket pitches overall. However, there are a number of clubs where existing facilities are at or over capacity, and clubs are forced to play fixtures away from their preferred ground.**
- **Due to the lack of security of grounds in the Bath Sub Area there could be an under supply in the future.**
- **Based on future population growth and latent demand, by 2029. The existing supply can meet future demand. However, this could change if unsecured sites in the Bath Sub Area were not to continue to provide community use.**

- **There is a need to invest in quality pitches and ancillary facilities which is vital to the continued sustainability of cricket.**
- **There are some cricket grounds such as Glasshouse where cricket outfielders are over run by football pitches and this can cause issues with maintenance at the beginning of the cricket season.**

STRATEGY ISSUES

2.4. The key issues for the strategy to address are therefore:

- 1. There is a need to formalise community use agreements where cricket is currently played on school sites and Higher Education establishments.**
- 2. Protection of all secured and unsecured community use and education cricket pitches across Bath and North East Somerset. The Bath Sub Area is particularly at risk.**
- 3. Improve pavilion and ancillary facilities where required in the action plan by:**
 - Working with Parish Council's, Charitable Trusts, cricket clubs, the ECB, and Somerset Cricket to improve the ancillary cricket facilities across Bath and North East Somerset.
- 4. The Local Authority to work with the ECB and Somerset Cricket to support clubs applying for funding, and planning, particularly with clubs that can demonstrate long term development plans and have achieved the appropriate accreditations and provide player and sports development pathways.**
- 5. Where possible use CIL or Section 106 funding (match funding) to bring existing facilities up to the required ECB and Sport England Guidance Standards for playing pitches and changing accommodation.**

RUGBY UNION

2.4 The key findings for Rugby are:

- **There are 18 club sites providing 26 senior pitches non-floodlit, 11 floodlit senior pitches, 2 mini/midi pitches, 1 RFU compliant AGP with floodlights and 2 sites that provide an additional 3 grass floodlit training areas between them.**
- **Lansdown North has provided 4 additional rugby pitches for Walcot Rugby club during 2016 (1 x 66 x 100 and 3 60 x 100 pitches).**
- **All the club sites with the exception of Bath Saracens provide for secure community use. Bath Saracens currently use the Sulis Club which is in the ownership of the University of Bath. The Sports Training Village at the University of Bath has 3 rugby pitches used by the University rugby teams.**
- **There is one site, Odd Down Sports Hub that is owned by B&NES District Council.**
- **There are two pitches leased 1 from the Duchy of Cornwall and 1 from Portals' Paper Mill.**
- **There are 11 school sites providing 30 rugby pitches for schools rugby.**
- **There are 16 rugby clubs providing 126 teams across Bath and North East Somerset.**
- **There is a current over play of rugby pitches across Bath and North East Somerset. This is due to training taking place on match pitches. This requires attention to providing additional floodlighting and training pitches.**
- **With current, latent and future population demand there is an under capacity of 43 match and training equivalents by 2029.**
- **There are currently 45 senior rugby teams playing at peak time of play on a Saturday afternoon. This will increase by 1 team in 2029 due to population growth and 4 teams due to latent demand. This totals 50 senior rugby teams playing on 33 senior pitches every other week. At peak time there are sufficient rugby pitches (surplus of 8).**

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2.5 The key issues for the strategy to address are therefore:

1. **Protection of all community use rugby pitches across Bath and North East Somerset.**
2. **Ensure all teams are playing on the right size pitches.**
3. **Improve pitch training and playing capacity and ancillary provision by:**
 - Over time address the drainage issues for all clubs to assist with current capacity issues
 - Ensure over time that all clubs have access to two floodlit pitches and the grass rugby pitch at Odd Down remains as a grass rugby pitch
 - Address the quality issues that clubs have with ancillary facilities such as changing room's and club houses.
 - Secure a long term lease for the use of rugby pitches for Walcot Rugby Club (minimum 25 years) at Lansdown North as part of the Masterplan for Lansdown North, South and Beckford.
4. **Ensure the 3G Rubber Crumb pitch that is IRB compliant at Odd Down is accessible for all Bath and North East Somerset Rugby Clubs.**
5. **The Local Authority to work with the RFU to support clubs applying for funding, and planning, with clubs that are able to demonstrate long term development plans and have achieved the appropriate accreditations and provide player and sports development pathways.**
6. **Where possible use CIL or Section 106 funding to develop (match funding) new playing pitch facilities and bring exiting facilities up to the required RFU and Sport England Guidance Standards for playing pitches, clubhouse and changing accommodation.**

HOCKEY

2.6 The key findings for hockey are:

- **There are 15 artificial turf pitches on 14 sites. All pitches are in Education or Higher Education ownership. There are 3 artificial turf pitches on school sites that are not available for community use and do not have floodlights. There are a further 2 school sites that do not have floodlights and so restricts the use of the pitch for training midweek and competitive play. There are a further 2 artificial turf pitches that are too small for competitive hockey play. This leaves 8 artificial grass pitches that are used by hockey clubs.**

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- **3 artificial turf pitches are of a 'Good' quality; the sand dressed and water based pitches at the University of Bath and the newly laid carpet at Chew Valley Leisure centre. One is of 'Poor' quality; Norton Hill High School, and the remaining pitches are currently of a 'Standard' quality.**
- **All facilities will require their carpets to be replaced during the lifetime of this strategy. The most urgent is Norton Hill High School.**
- **There are currently 5 hockey clubs across Bath and North East Somerset providing for 52 teams. 22 men's adult teams, 20 ladies teams, 2 Mixed Team (Play Friendlies) and 31 Junior and Badger teams. In addition to the teams above Keynsham Hockey Club run a Junior Academy midweek and Team Bath Buccaneers , City of Bath HC and Mendip Hockey Club hold junior training on Sunday mornings and have mid-week sessions. Bath Spa University have 2 teams that play in the BUCs Leagues midweek one of these teams, the Women's team currently plays outside B&NES at Merchants Academy School Bristol. University of Bath currently have 9 BUCS teams (5 men and 4 ladies teams) and are applying for a further ladies team to be admitted to the BUCS league.**
- **There are a number of independent schools that generate higher usage of artificial hockey pitches across Bath and North East Somerset and provide a team for each year group and play competitively on Saturdays and Sundays, using pitches at the same time as required by community hockey clubs. The schools teams naturally have first choice of use of their AGPs over community club use.**
- **There is an increase of match slots from latent demand but not from future population growth to 2029**
- **Since 2011 England Hockey has seen a 36% growth in the total number of club players. This is especially noted at U/18 club level where there has been an 80% increase in members. As part of the new England Hockey Strategy 'A Nation where Hockey matters' 2017-2021 a long term aspiration is to double the number of people playing hockey in clubs by 2028. If this aspiration was achieved in BANES this would equate to a possible future increase in club membership to 2790 from 1395 based on 2015/16 affiliation data; 1510 adults and 1,280 juniors (U/16).**
- **Whilst recognising the importance of maintaining current club and match structure, England Hockey is actively promoting new initiatives such as Pay and Play, Back to Hockey and Walking hockey that may engage and retain new participants in the sport. Currently, the University of Bath play informal 6—side sessions for students on Friday evenings and are currently involving over 150 students in the programme.**
- **The growth of junior hockey is presently accommodated in training sessions at clubs however it is anticipated that this will lead to a growth in match play and an increase in the number of teams requiring pitch time.**

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- **None of the hockey clubs have facilities to provide match hospitality at their pitches. This leads to them having to travel off site to provide refreshment's following a game. This lack of on-site social provision may impact on potential for clubs to generate revenue and develop a club social and family infrastructure if players and away teams chose not to travel to an off-site venue and facilities cannot be provided for juniors at the pitch.**
- **The Palyre Pathway is the England Hockey talent development programme. 3 pitches (at the University of Bath and Kingswood School and Royal High School are used by Avon for Development activity.**

2.7 The key issues for hockey to be addressed in any strategy are as follows:

1. **Protection of all community use artificial hockey pitches across Bath and North East Somerset and seek to provide a community use artificial turf pitch for hockey on a Bath and North East Somerset Local Authority Playing Pitch Site that would be a home ground for the City of Bath Hockey Club, preferably with an adjacent clubhouse with social and changing facilities.**
2. **Ensure hockey continues to have primary use for mid-week training and match slots at weekends when required. Pursue long term security of tenure for all clubs through community Use Agreements.**
3. **Ensure that plans are in place to maintain AGP quality in the long term across all Bath and North East Somerset Hockey AGPs and that sink funds are in place to replace carpets and refurbish pitches.**

OTHER SPORTS

TENNIS

2.8 The key findings for tennis are:

- **There are 34 sites providing 7 grass tennis courts, 23 all-weather tennis courts, and 102 tarmacadam tennis courts across Bath and North East Somerset.**
- **No grass courts have been identified as having floodlights. Of the 23 all weather and 102 tarmacadam tennis courts 30 courts are identified as having floodlights.**

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- **There are 18 indoor courts. 10 indoor courts are provided at the University of Bath for Team Bath Tennis. In addition 4 courts are provided under a Dome at the Excel Tennis Club in Bath in the winter months. The Combe Grove Manor Hotel provides for 2 indoor tennis courts and Writhlington Tennis Centre provides 4 indoor courts.**
- **Bloomfield Tennis Club provides 1 junior short tennis court, Bishop Sutton Tennis Club provides for 2 mini red tennis courts and Camvale Tennis Club has a mini tennis Court. Bloomfield Tennis Club is the only known club to provide a practice wall.**
- **The University of Bath (Team Bath) tennis programme is one of just four LTA International High Performance Centres in the UK.**
- **Bath has a strong tradition of well-run traditional member's tennis clubs. Two particular examples are Lansdowne Tennis Club and Bath Lawn Tennis Club whom support participation for well over 1000 players in the city of Bath.**
- **Courts at clubs are in generally good state or clubs have made sinking fund provision to resurface courts without the need for outside grants.**
- **The courts at Sydney Gardens are in poor state and Alice Park is not far from needing resurfacing.**
- **The LTA with a longer term view would be supportive of the additional facilities in public parks or clubs, if the capacity of the existing facility was reached.**
- **All facilities operators must be considering how they can make the facilities self-sustaining as the capital investment opportunities in the current environment are limited.**
- **Current supply seems adequate to cope with current demand across the three LTA playing environments.**

2.9 The key issues for tennis to be addressed in the strategy are as follows:

1. **Protection of all community use tennis courts across Bath and North East Somerset.**
2. **Need to focus with the LTA on the facilities in public parks with 3 or more courts to develop further.**
3. **Need to prioritise opportunities to invest or seek capital investment into the parks tennis facilities.**
4. **There needs to be a broad understanding of the state and needs of the facilities based at clubs and the university.**
5. **Where demand exists, there is a need to improve court quantity/quality and/or install floodlighting (in order to increase the capacity) of existing tennis court provision.**

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- 6. The LTA needs to lead on the delivery aspect of the partnership with Team Bath to support and encourage junior development in order to increase participation levels in the sport. However, Bath and North East Somerset need to be aware of this work.**
 - 7. Bath and North East Somerset need to broadly encourage and support the work to link between venues, coaches and schools to ensure the young people in B&NES have an opportunity to participate in tennis.**
 - 8. Need to develop opportunities for growth in the tennis workforce to support the three tennis environments.**
- 2.10 Need to support the profile of mass marketing campaigns (e.g. Great British Tennis Weekend) to raise the profile of tennis across parks – focusing on allowing people to choose the venue where the customer wishes to play tennis.

BOWLS

2.11 The key findings for Bowls are:

- **There are 13 bowls greens and 15 bowls clubs across Bath and North East Somerset.**
- **7 bowls greens are in private ownership**
- **2 are leased from parish Council's or the Miners Welfare Trust.**
- **Stothert and Pitt Bowls Club lease from Western Properties and have a six month seasonal lease. The club doesn't know if it will be in existence from season to season.**
- **Bath and North East Somerset Council own 4 bowls sites and lease these to clubs. Alexander Park Bowls Club Lease is currently being renegotiated with BANES. The Sydney Gardens Bowls Club will not be renewing their lease at the end of September 2016 due to dwindling numbers and members of both clubs using the bowls green at Sydney Gardens will play elsewhere in the coming seasons. A Master Plan for the whole park is the subject of a Heritage Lottery Parks for Peoples funding bid. The intention if the bid is successful is for the bowls pavilion to become a café and the bowls green will provide a venue for informal play and activities such as yoga, tai chi and salsa. Victoria Park Bowls Club also has dwindling membership down from 21 to 19 in the last two years. The club has no access to a pavilion and has stated that they just about survive.**
- **Keynsham Bowls Club has the largest membership of men and women (110) across all the bowls clubs and leases from BANES and Keynsham Town Council.**

2.12 The key issues for bowls to be addressed in the strategy are:

- **All existing provision should seek to be protected through an assessment of quantity, quality and accessibility.**
- **There is no evidence of increasing membership in clubs in recent years although clubs have been trying to increase their membership and the latent demand is limited.**

LACROSSE

2.13 The key findings for Lacrosse are:

- **Participation in Lacrosse in Bath and North East Somerset is provided by:**
 - Bath Lacrosse Club,
 - Bath Ladies Lacrosse and
 - University of Bath Lacrosse Women's and Men's Teams.
- **Bath Lacrosse Club** field 2 men's teams. The first and second team currently play in the West Division 1 League on Saturday afternoons. The ladies team plays in the South West Women's Senior League on Sundays. The junior teams are entered into the various age group specific competitions and teams are entered into, the Southern Flag, Holder Trophy (6 aside), Harrow Cup (U17) and National U12's. These games tend to be on Sundays.
- **Bath Ladies Lacrosse** play in the South West Women's Senior League on Sundays.
- **University of Bath** field a men's team in the BUCs Premier South League on Wednesday afternoons. There is also a men's development squad. Players new to the game will go straight into the development squad, and compete in all of the coming season's FresherFest tournaments against fresher teams from other universities across the South of England. The University of Bath women field 2 teams. The Women's First and Second XII competing in the BUCs Southern Premiership and the BUCs Western Conference respectively on Wednesday afternoons.
- The University team's male and female have a close relationship with Bath Lacrosse Club, and university players see regular game time for the Bath Lacrosse Club.
- The University of Bath offers mixed teams from different university houses to compete in an internal league competition.
- **It is not expected that there will be any major impact on participation through population increases. However,** Bath Lacrosse club employs a full time Local Development Officer in order to take the game into schools in the South West, the current crop of young people now playing seniors have been representative on the English and Welsh University squads, South of England Squad at U19, U16 and U14 at various times. This

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work may well have an impact on team numbers in the future. However, teams may be formed outside of the Bath area through this work as well eg Trowbridge.

- The possible largest impact on lacrosse could be the loss of the pitches at the Recreation Ground. This at the moment is unknown but should be considered as part of this Playing Pitch Strategy. Bath Rugby Club intends to bring forward permanent development proposals of the ground at the Recreation Ground.

2.14 The key issues for lacrosse are:

- **Both the Recreation Ground and the University of Bath pitch have spare capacity.**
- **Ensure protection of lacrosse pitches across Bath and North East Somerset at the Recreation Ground and the Medics Pitch at Bath University.**
- **If the decision is taken to allow Bath Rugby Club to permanently expand at the Recreation Ground and this impacts on the existing provision for lacrosse then the following Sport England Policy must be met:**
 - Sport England Playing Field Policy 'A Sporting future for the playing fields of England
 - Policy Exception E4:
 - The playing field or playing fields, which would be lost as a result of the proposed development, would be replaced by a playing field or playing fields of an equivalent or better quality and of equivalent or greater quantity, in a suitable location and subject to equivalent or better management arrangements, prior to the commencement of development'.

3. STRATEGY FRAMEWORK AND ACTION PLAN TO ENABLE DELIVERY OF PLAYING PITCH PROVISION

- 3.1 This section sets out a strategy to enable the delivery of football, cricket, Hockey, Rugby Union, Tennis, Bowls and Lacrosse for Bath and North East Somerset. The strategy framework focuses on the following three principles:
- **PROTECT:** The strategy seeks to make sure that the right amount of playing pitches and ancillary facilities of the right quality are in the right place. It promotes the protection of existing provision and recognises the benefits of multi pitch sites. The strategy will do this by:
 - **Highlighting sites which have a particular significance for sport and seek to designate them as a local recreational space through the Development Plan process (see NPPF paragraphs 76 and 77).**
 - **Negotiate security of tenure for clubs at leased sites.**
 - **Developing and securing community use of school pitch sport facilities through formal community use agreements.**
 - **ENHANCE:** Key partners such as Bath and North East Somerset Council, local schools, Private and Voluntary Sector Sports Clubs, and NGBs must work together to maximise the full potential of playing pitch assets and the long term sustainability of these assets and recognise that an improvement in quality and ongoing maintenance can have an impact on the capacity of use. The strategy will do this by:
 - **Improving the quality of the playing surface by providing improved maintenance and as a last resort drainage, by undertaking and supporting improvements and enhancement at sites that do not meet required quality standards, supporting clubs that require improved facilities in order to play at a higher standard, ensuring that pitches have a period of rest and recovery where appropriate.**
 - **Provision of enhanced ancillary facilities where they are required – floodlighting and changing.**
 - **Ensure that clubs have access to sufficient training facilities.**
 - **Identification of hub sites for further development.**
 - **PROVIDE:** In times of public sector austerity, investment needs to be directed at sites which will provide the best impact and highest increase in participation. It is the policy of Bath and North East Somerset Council to support projects and sports clubs that are able to demonstrate sustainable long term development, increase participation and support those clubs that have achieved the appropriate accreditations e.g. Clubmark and or Charter Standard and provide player and sports development pathways. The strategy will do this by:
 - **Where adult football pitches are not currently in use for adult football, the Council should re-designate these as junior and mini pitches, but only where it will not displace an adult club using the site.**
 - **Addressing the need for artificial grass pitches to meet increasing and changing demand for AGP surfaces for both training and competition in football, hockey and rugby and other pitch sports.**
 - **Providing the required number and type of pitches on-site, or appropriate provision off-site, to meet the specific needs of residential development proposals.**

PRIORITY SPORT SPECIFIC ACTIONS

- 3.2 All existing playing field land is protected by the Bath and North East Somerset Council Local Plan, Sport England policies and the NPPF to deliver current and future needs.
- 3.3 As a priority for all partners on the Steering Group there is a need for the Local Authority B&NES, Football Association, Somerset Football Association, England Hockey, ECB and Somerset Cricket, Rugby Football Union and Sport England to work together to provide a local investment plan to ensure the successful implementation of this Playing Pitch Strategy.
- 3.4 The Football, Cricket, Rugby Union, Hockey, Tennis, Bowls and Lacrosse Individual Sport Specific actions are shown in the table below.
- 3.5 Clubmark and equivalent NGB accreditations: B&NES fully supports the Clubmark model and encourages all clubs within the District to work towards Clubmark (or their NGB equivalent accreditation e.g. Charter Standard) and adopt the good practice framework and approaches to club development and governance and associated support that is available from their respective NGBs and Sport England. This has been included here as an overarching action for all clubs rather than including it within the sport specific sections of the action plan listed below.
- 3.6 The action plans are given a priority:
- **High. Delivered against or worked towards within three years (ahead of the first full review of the Playing Pitch Strategy)**
 - **Medium. Delivered within 6 years**
 - **Ongoing. No specific date – In many instances the action is a general support for clubs or other bodies to progress with ground improvements and is not necessarily an action the Council or the Playing Pitch Steering Group have control over.**

3.7 The Football, Cricket, Rugby and Hockey individual Sport Specific actions are shown in the table below.

Table 3.1: Individual Sport Specific Action Plans

OBJECTIVE	RECOMMENDATION	STRATEGIC RECOMMENDATION	PRIORITY SITES/ CLUBS/ACTIONS	PRIORITY	TIMESCALE	RESPONSIBILITY	COST
FOOTBALL							
PROTECT	Football 1.	All football pitches in Bath and North East Somerset should be protected unless sport England's Policy Exemption 4 is met. Sport England's Playing Fields Policy - 'A Sporting Future for the Playing Fields of England' Policy Exception E4: 'The playing field or playing fields, which would be lost as a result of the proposed development, would be replaced by a playing field or playing fields of an equivalent or better quality and of equivalent or greater quantity, in a suitable location and subject to equivalent or better management arrangements, prior to the commencement of development'.	All existing pitches and sites that have been previously used as playing fields and remain of potential value,	High	Ongoing	Local Planning Authority	£0
PROTECT	Football 2.	Ensure formal Community Use Agreements are in place with Education and Higher Education establishments providing football pitches and 3G rubber crumb pitches for community use	All schools, colleges and Higher Education facilities used by clubs. The priority is to set up a working group and discuss and agree with the University of Bath how to maintain the Sulis sports Ground and improve it for continued community use. The second priority is to work with smaller sites to obtain community use agreements particularly in Midsomer Norton and Radstock Sub Area and encourage current users to progress with increasing security of tenure.	High	Ongoing	Local Planning Authority/ Schools/Academies/Colleges and Higher Education/ Clubs/ NGBs	£0
PROTECT	Football 3.	Ensure clubs have appropriate levels of security of tenure at playing pitch sites where feasible to secure the long term future of the club.	All relevant clubs	High	Ongoing	Local Authority/ Owners/ Tenants.	£0
ENHANCE	Football 4.	Increase the quality and playing capacity of pitches that are classified as 'Poor' in the assessment for junior 9 v 9 and mini soccer	The following site owners should work with the Somerset FA Pitch Improvement Programme to identify the pitch improvements required and then establish how they are going to implement the improvements. Keynsham Town FC Crown Fields,	High	Short Term	Site Owners /Schools/Somerset FA	

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			Fry's, Fosseyway School, St John's Primary School, Midsomer Norton Primary School, Lansdown, North, South and Beckford, Plainham Larkhall, Winterfield Road Paulton, Wedmore Road Salford, Eastharptree Recreation Ground, St Mary's School Timsbury and Lansdown Cricket Club.				
ENHANCE	Football 5.	<p>Improve the standard of non-playing pitch facilities including access and car parking and the quality of changing rooms to provide segregated changing for male and females where feasible.</p> <p>Priority sites would be those that are used more than once or twice per week and there is local club demand to drive projects forward.</p>	<p>Sites where appropriate</p> <p>Crown Fields Keynsham – Keynsham FC support funding bids for changing rooms</p> <p>Newton Memorial Ground – Changing rooms</p> <p>Sulis University of Bath – discuss with University of Bath improvements to changing. Impacts on cricket and rugby.</p> <p>Millards Way – Consider improvements to changing rooms</p> <p>Lansdown, North, South and Beckford carry out an AGP feasibility study and master plan for this Sports Hub. This must include new changing facilities.</p> <p>Wedmore Road – Development of changing facilities. Impacts on cricket.</p> <p>Bristol Spartak – Develop and improve changing facilities.</p> <p>Cameley Village Hall seek funding for changing room roof repair</p> <p>Miners Welfare Ground Peasedown – Development of changing facilities.</p> <p>Purnell FC – Development of changing facilities.</p>	Medium	Ongoing	Football clubs FA and Somerset FA, Parish and Town Councils supported by B&NES.	
	Football 6.	Where necessary, realign existing pitches and remark to meet with FA guidelines ensuring that juniors play on suitable sized pitches. Consider the re-designation of some adult pitches for junior, and 9v9 use	Sites where appropriate	Medium	Ongoing	B&NES to provide direction to Parish and Town Councils working with clubs and Somerset FA.	
	Football 7.	Work with junior football clubs that meet the Councils and NGBs priorities and support clubs to achieve Charter Standard	Clubs where appropriate	Medium	Ongoing	B&NES, Clubs and Somerset FA	

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		accreditation as a minimum kite mark for the Council to provide future support and funding and support those clubs that wish to achieve community or development club standards.					
	Football 8.	Support junior clubs to develop with the management and improvement of facilities and ensure security of tenure of playing facilities for junior clubs either through leasing or community asset transfers so clubs can become sustainable in the future.	Larkhall FC, Bath City FC, Bath Arsenal FC	High	2	All site owners, Somerset FA. FA	
PROVIDE	Football 9.	Carry out a feasibility study to identify the appropriate site locations for additional 3G rubber crumb pitches strategically placed across Bath and North East Somerset.	Include the following sites in the feasibility - Lansdown, North, South and Beckford, Wellsway School and Fry's Club and University of Bath	High	1	B&NES to commission the feasibility study	
PROVIDE	Football 10.	Provide a solution for under and oversupply in the future to 2029.	<p>Bath Sub Area</p> <p>Best Case Scenario – 2016 - 2029 Community Use agreements have been put in place.</p> <p>Feasibility Study identifies a site for a second 3G pitch and this second 3G rubber crumb pitch caters for 50% junior 9 v 9, 50% 7 v 7 and 50% 5 v 5 match equivalents.</p> <p>– 2 adult match equivalents played on the 2 x 3G pitches releases 2 adult 11 v 11 match equivalents to be remarked to provide for 2 junior 11 v 11 match equivalent sessions.</p> <p>Worst Case Scenario - 2016 - 2029 Community use agreements are not in place.</p> <p>The under provision of 7.5 adult match equivalent sessions and 3 junior 11 v 11 match equivalent sessions, would require playing pitch space to be identified. This could be the Rural Area but on the border with Bath Sub Area at Lansdown North and South and Beckford.</p> <p>The need for 1 junior 9 v 9 and 3 x mini soccer match equivalent sessions can be met by the second 3G rubber crumb pitch.</p>	1	3	B&NES other site owners, Clubs, FA and Somerset FA	

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			<p>Keynsham Sub Area 2016 – 2029.</p> <p>Artificial 3G rubber crumb pitches - The Keynsham Sub Area is prone to flooding and should be considered as an area that requires a second 3G rubber crumb pitch to promote junior and mini soccer central venue games and assist with the cancellation of games on a regular basis.</p> <p>Wellsway School is a site which would need to be considered within the Feasibility study for the provision of 3G pitches across B&NES.</p> <p>Best and Worst Case Scenario One adult pitch could be remarked as 1 junior 11 v 11 pitch to meet the required junior match equivalent session needs. The second 3G rubber crumb pitch would cater for the match equivalent session needs for junior 9 v 9, 7 v 7 and 5 v 5.</p> <p>Midsomer Norton and Radstock 2016 - 2029</p> <p>Artificial 3G rubber crumb pitches - There are 2 full size floodlit and 3G rubber crumb pitches in Midsomer Norton and Radstock Sub Area both FA registered. These pitches should be used for 9 v 9, 7 v 7 and 5 v 5 league games as central venues in the future if accessible.</p> <p>Best Case Scenario – Community Use agreements have been put in place and the under supply of junior 9 v 9, 7 v 7, and 5 v 5 match equivalent sessions can be accommodated on the 3G rubber crumb pitches in the sub area.</p> <p>Worst Case Scenario Community use agreements not in place – Under supply of junior 9 v 9, mini soccer 7 v 7 pitches and mini soccer 5 v</p>				

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			<p>5 pitches can be met by the existing 3G rubber crumb pitches.</p> <p>Rural Sub Area 2016 – 2029</p> <p>Artificial 3G rubber crumb pitches - There are no 3G rubber crumb pitches in the rural area. 1 3G pitch could be used for 9 v 9, 7 v 7 and 5 v 5 league games as central venues in the future if accessible. Lansdown North/South and Beckford should be considered as potential sites for location as part of a B&NES wide feasibility study into 3G provision.</p> <p>Best Case Scenario Community Use agreements have been put in place. The oversupply of adult pitches can accommodate the deficit pitches or all junior 9 v 9 and mini soccer games can be played on a 3G rubber crumb pitch.</p> <p>Worst Case Scenario Community use agreements not in place. Spare capacity of adult match equivalent sessions means pitches can be reconfigured to meet the needs of junior and mini soccer match equivalent sessions.</p>				
PROVIDE	Football 11.	Provide off site payments to enhance football facilities across Bath and North East Somerset for use by residents of new developments.	Consideration should be given to improving pitches and ancillary facilities particularly in the Bath Sub Area and Keynsham with the use of off-site developer contributions from new developments but only once sites have secure community use.	High	Ongoing	B&NES, Partners and other Stakeholders.	
CRICKET							
PROTECT	Cricket 1.	<p>All cricket pitches in Bath and North East Somerset should be protected unless sport England's Policy Exemption 4 is met.</p> <p>Sport England's Playing Fields Policy - 'A Sporting Future for the Playing Fields of England'</p> <p>Policy Exception E4: 'The playing field or playing fields, which would</p>	All existing pitches and sites that have been previously used as playing fields and remain of potential value,	High	Ongoing	Local Planning Authority	£0

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		be lost as a result of the proposed development, would be replaced by a playing field or playing fields of an equivalent or better quality and of equivalent or greater quantity, in a suitable location and subject to equivalent or better management arrangements, prior to the commencement of development’.					
PROTECT	Cricket 2.	Ensure formal Community Use Agreements are in place with Education and Higher Education establishments providing cricket pitches and non-turf pitches for community use.	<p>All schools, colleges and Higher Education facilities used by clubs.</p> <p>Sulis Sports Ground (University of Bath), and school facilities currently providing community use eg Wellsway School, Somervale and Norton Hill High School and St Mary’s Timsbury.</p> <p>The priority is to set up a working group and discuss and agree with the University of Bath how to maintain the Sulis sports Ground and improve it for continued community use.</p> <p>The second priority is to work with smaller sites to obtain community use agreements particularly in Midsomer Norton and Radstock Sub Area and encourage current users to progress with increasing security of tenure</p>	High	Ongoing	Local Planning Authority/ Schools/Academies/Colleges and Higher Education	£0
PROTECT	Cricket 3.	Ensure clubs have appropriate levels of security of tenure at playing pitch sites where feasible to secure the long term future of the club.	All relevant clubs	High	Ongoing	Local Authority/ Owners/ Tenants.	£0
ENHANCE	Cricket 4.	<p>Work in partnership with the ECB and Somerset Cricket Board to support clubs and schools in improving the quality of pitches, and in accessing funding through the ECB Grant Aid and Pitch Advisory Scheme.</p> <p>Any improvements undertaken should seek to ensure that facilities are in line with ECB standards as well as meeting specifications for the local leagues</p>	Withies Lane – Improve the saddle ends of the square	High	Short Term	Site Owners /Schools	
ENHANCE	Cricket 5.	Ensure that ancillary facilities meet club needs and requirements to ensure sustainability of use.	<p>Keynsham Cricket Club (Wellesley Cricket Ground) – New cage and nets</p> <p>Wedmore Road – Improvements to changing facilities (Impact on cricket_</p>	Medium	Ongoing	Site Owners , clubs, Somerset Cricket, ECB	<p>Low</p> <p>Medium</p>

OBJECTIVE	RECOMMENDATION	STRATEGIC RECOMMENDATION	PRIORITY SITES/ CLUBS/ACTIONS	PRIORITY	TIMESCALE	RESPONSIBILITY	COST
			<p>Sulis Sports Ground (University of Bath) Discuss improvements to changing facilities with the University (Impact on rugby and football)</p> <p>Hinton Charterhouse CC – Cricket cage and nets</p> <p>Chew Magna – Cricket cage and practise nets</p> <p>Temple Cloud CC – New nets</p> <p>Bathford CC – non turf pitch for junior use.</p> <p>Whitchurch CC – drainage improvements due to water pooling.</p> <p>Midsomer Norton CC – need to develop pavilion and net facilities</p>				<p>Medium</p> <p>Low</p>
PROVIDE	Cricket 6.	<p>Work with clubs to identify satellite facilities of appropriate quality when demand exceeds supply at the club base.</p> <p>This may include use of Parish Council pitches where clubs have folded or sites on school; or Higher Education ownership</p>	Appropriate Clubs				
PROVIDE	Cricket 7.	Provide a solution for under and oversupply in the future to 2029.	<p>Cricket requirements 2016 – 2029.</p> <p>Bath Sub Area Ensure community use agreements at the Sulis Club (Bath University) and Prior Park College are in place. As a minimum requirement ensure protection of the Sulis Club and provide continued use as a minimum a 16 pitch square and non-turf pitch.</p> <p>Keynsham Sub Area Wellsway School is required to be used by Keynsham CC 3rd X1 on a Saturday as the clubs own pitches are constantly used. There is a need for a community use agreement to be put in place to safeguard the use of the Wellsway School cricket pitch by Keynsham.</p>				

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			<p>Rural Sub Area</p> <p>Both Somervale and Norton Hill High School are required to meet the demand for cricket in the sub area.</p> <p>There is a need for a community use agreement to be put in place to safeguard the use of the Somervale and Norton Hill High School cricket pitches.</p>				
PROVIDE	Cricket 8.	Provide off site payments to enhance cricket facilities across Bath and North East Somerset for use by residents of new developments.	Consideration should be given to improving pitches and ancillary facilities particularly in the Bath Sub Area and Keynsham with the use of off-site developer contributions from new developments but only once sites have secure community use.	High	Ongoing	B&NES, Partners and other Stakeholders.	
PROVIDE	Cricket 9.	Increase participation	<p>All Star Cricket - Cricket Clubs will start to work with schools with the aim to bring about a 60% growth that will be played on cricket outfield.</p> <p>Womens and girls – Lansdown Cricket Club have started girl’s cricket and the ECB and Somerset Cricket will work the Operator at Odd Down to increase participation in girls and women’s cricket.</p> <p>T20 cricket – intention is to set up a community league in Bath which will be a work based league – no additional facility required but utilising existing sites.</p>	High	1 – 3	ECB / Somerset Cricket / Cricket Clubs	Low
				High	1 – 3	ECB / Somerset Cricket / Cricket Clubs	Low
				High	1 - 3	ECB / Somerset Cricket / Cricket Clubs	Low
RUGBY UNION							
PROTECT	Rugby 1.	All Rugby pitches in Bath and North East Somerset should be protected unless suitable equivalent or better replacements are provided.	All existing pitches and sites that have been previously used as playing fields and remain of potential value,	High	Ongoing	Local Planning Authority	£0
PROTECT	Rugby 2.	Odd Down - There is a need to continually monitor use of the 3G AGP and ensure discussion on use is held between the FA and the RFU	Odd Down				
ENHANCE	Rugby 2	The quality, availability and carrying capacity of existing rugby pitches to meet current and	Rugby Requirements 2016 – 2029				

OBJECTIVE	RECOMMENDATION	STRATEGIC RECOMMENDATION	PRIORITY SITES/ CLUBS/ACTIONS	PRIORITY	TIMESCALE	RESPONSIBILITY	COST
		future needs of clubs. Particular emphasis on improving maintenance and installing drainage and access to floodlit training facilities.	<p>Bath Sub Area</p> <p>Ensure community use agreements at the Sulis Club (Bath University).</p> <p>As a minimum requirement ensure protection of the Sulis Club and provide continued use as a minimum of 1 rugby adult pitch.</p> <p>Odd Down – Continue to provide the grass rugby pitch at Odd Down its loss would stifle rugby development.</p> <p>Oldfield Old Boys RFU – Work with the club to improve floodlights and maintenance of the pitch to improve playing capacity.</p> <p>Coombe Down RFC - Work with the club to improve floodlights and maintenance of the pitch to improve playing capacity.</p> <p>Avon RFC - Work with the club to improve floodlights and maintenance of the pitch to improve playing capacity.</p> <p>Bath Rugby Club (Lambridge) - Work with the club to improve floodlights and maintenance of the pitch to improve playing capacity.</p> <p>Keynsham Sub Area</p> <p>Keynsham Rugby Club - Work with the club to improve floodlights and maintenance of the pitch to improve playing capacity.</p> <p>Midsomer Norton and Radstock Sub Area</p> <p>Midsomer Norton Rugby Club</p> <p>Midsomer Norton RFC - Work with the club to improve floodlights and maintenance of the pitch to improve playing capacity and provide additional pitches for mini and midis adjacent to cub ground.</p> <p>Rural Sub Area</p>				

OBJECTIVE	RECOMMENDATION	STRATEGIC RECOMMENDATION	PRIORITY SITES/ CLUBS/ACTIONS	PRIORITY	TIMESCALE	RESPONSIBILITY	COST
			<p>Avon Vale RFC - Work with the club to improve floodlights and maintenance of the pitch to improve playing capacity.</p> <p>Stothert and Pitt Rugby Club Work with the club to address the needs of additional floodlighting to improve mid-week training capacity, improve maintenance of pitches and drainage and soakaways at the south end of the playing field.</p> <p>Walcott Rugby Club – B&NES to work with the club to continue to provide 4 rugby pitches at Lansdown North and discuss a long term lease (minimum 25 years) as part of the master plan for Lansdown North, South and Beckford. This will reduce overplay of current club pitches.</p> <p>The continuation of the use of the 4 pitches at Lansdown North reduces the play on the existing pitches and with the use of the Odd Down IRB compliant 3G pitch will reduce the overplay of pitches.</p> <p>Chew Valley Rugby Cub - Work with the club to seek additional floodlighting and work with the club to improve maintenance to increase capacity of mid - week training and ensure continued use of Chew Valley School Rugby Pitches through a Formal Community Use Agreement.</p> <p>Club to provide additional floodlighting and improve maintenance of playing pitches to improve capacity of play and reduce overplay.</p> <p>Club to seek funding for clubhouse improvements</p> <p>Bristol Barbarians - Club to provide additional floodlighting and improve maintenance of playing pitches to improve capacity of play and reduce overplay.</p>				
ENHANCE	Rugby 3.	Support the improvement of all ancillary facilities to the required NGB standard.	Sulis Ground University of Bath – Need to discuss improvements of changing facilities (Impacts on football and				

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			cricket). Coombe Down RFC (Clubhouse improvements) Bath Rugby Club – Lambridge Training Ground (Clubhouse Improvements) Keynsham Rugby Club (Clubhouse Development) Midsomer Norton RFC (Clubhouse Development) Stothert and Pitt Rugby Club (Car Park - Re Tarmac) Bristol Barbarians RFC (Clubhouse Development)				
PROVIDE	Rugby 5.	Provide off site payments to enhance rugby facilities across Bath and North East Somerset for residents of new developments.					
HOCKEY							
PROTECT	Hockey 1.	All hockey suitable sand-based AGPs in Bath and North East Somerset Council area are required to be protected.	All existing pitches and sites that have been previously used as hockey AGPs and remain of potential value,	High	Ongoing	Local Planning Authority	£0
PROTECT	Hockey 2.	It is important to ensure that those AGPs used for hockey and provide community use have prioritised peak time match slots and training slots for hockey use.	All schools, colleges and Higher Education facilities used by clubs.	High	Ongoing	Clubs/ Local Authority/ NGB/Schools/Academies/Colleges and Higher Education	£0
PROTECT	Hockey 3.	Ensure Community Use Agreements are in place with Education Establishments providing hockey – sand based - artificial grass pitches for community use.	All schools, colleges and Higher Education facilities used by clubs.	High	Ongoing	Local Authority/ Clubs/Schools/Colleges/ Higher Education	£0
ENHANCE	Hockey 4.	The quality, availability and carrying capacity of existing sand-based AGPs. Particular emphasis on ensuring sink funds are in place for sand based AGPs.	All sand based and sand filled facilities.	High	Short Term	Site Owners /Schools	
PROVIDE	Hockey 5.	Work with the City of Bath Hockey Club and consider provision of a sand based AGP away from an independent school facility that can be called the clubs home facility for competitive matches and training, preferably with an adjacent clubhouse with changing and social facilities. Work to free up Hayesfield AGP School facilities for use in the future.	Bath City Hockey Club are often chasing pitches for alternative use. To provide the club with sustainability and security of a playing pitch and a home base. Consideration should be given to a sand filled AGP for hockey at Lansdown. As part of the 3G rubber crumb feasibility study a sand filled AGP should be considered alongside an all-weather	High	Medium Term	Local Authority, England Hockey, City of Bath Hockey Club	

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			pitch at Lansdown.				
ARTIFICIAL GRASS PITCHES (AGPs)							
PROTECT	AGP 1.	Protect all existing AGPs currently in use for hockey and football	All existing pitches	High	Ongoing	Local Planning Authority	£0
PROTECT	AGP 2,	Ensure that there remain sufficient sand based/dressed facilities to fulfil hockey need at both the current time and in the future by retaining sand based facilities that are strategically important for hockey	All existing sand based/dressed facilities.	High	Ongoing	Clubs/ Local Authority/ NGB/Schools/Academies/Colleges and Higher Education	£0
ENHANCE	AGP 3.	Ensure that the quality of AGPs is sufficient and that a sinking fund is in place for the refurbishment of existing facilities.	All AGPs	High	Ongoing	Local Authority/ Clubs/Schools/Colleges/ Higher Education	£0
PROVIDE	AGP 4.	Carry out a feasibility study to identify the best location for provision of additional 3G rubber crumb pitches across the 4 Bath & north East Somerset sub Areas'. Wherever possible provide floodlit artificial grass surfaces in close proximity to playing pitch sites to enable training without wear and tear on the pitches. Ensure new sites can accommodate floodlights, changing, toilets, car parking and shelters.	Feasibility to be undertaken across B&NES but should include sites at Wellsway School, Bath University, Lansdown, North, South and Beckford and Odd Down.	High	Short Term	B&NES, Site Owners, The FA and Somerset FA	
PROVIDE	Hockey 5. (See Hockey above)	Work with the City of Bath Hockey Club and consider provision of a sand based AGP away from an independent school facility that can be called the clubs home facility for competitive matches and training, preferably with an adjacent clubhouse with changing and social facilities. Work to free up Hayesfield AGP school facilities in the future.	Action as part of the Artificial Grass Pitch facility plan and provide an assessment within the Master Plan for a new pitch at Lansdown North, South and Beckford.	High	Medium Term	Local Authority, England Hockey, City of Bath Hockey Club	
TENNIS							
PROTECT	Tennis 1.	Protect all existing AGPs currently in use for hockey and football	All existing pitches	High	Ongoing	Local Planning Authority	£0
ENHANCE	Tennis 2.	B&NES to focus its work with the LTA on the facilities in public parks with 3 or more courts to further develop and prioritise any opportunities to invest or seek capital investment into the parks tennis facilities.	Tennis facilities in Parks with 3 or more courts	High	Ongoing	BANES and the LTA	

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ENHANCE	Tennis 3.	BANES to Work with the LTA to ensure there is a broad understanding of the state and needs of the facilities based at clubs and the university	Tennis Clubs and University	High	Ongoing	BANES and the LTA	
PROVIDE	Tennis 4.	Where demand exists, improve court quantity/quality and/or install floodlighting (in order to increase the capacity) of existing tennis court provision.	Carry out an update on court demand with the LTA to identify possible locations.	High	Ongoing	BANES and the LTA	
ENHANCE	Tennis 5.	B&NES to be aware of but allow the LTA to lead on the delivery aspect of the partnership with Team Bath to support and encourage junior development in order to increase participation levels in the sport.	Team Bath	Medium	Ongoing	BANES and the LTA	
ENHANCE	Tennis 6.	Broadly encourage and support the work to link between venues, coaches and schools to ensure the young people in B&NES have an opportunity to participate in tennis	Club venues, schools and coaches	Medium	Ongoing	BANES and the LTA – venues, schools, coaches.	
ENHANCE	Tennis 7.	B&NES to work with LTA to develop opportunities for growth in workforce to support the three tennis environments.	Workforce	High	Ongoing	BANES and the LTA	
ENHANCE	Tennis 8.	B&NES to support the profile of mass marketing campaigns (e.g. Great British Tennis Weekend) to raise the profile of tennis across parks – focusing on allowing people to choose the venue where the customer wishes to play tennis.	Parks Tennis	High	Ongoing		
BOWLS							
PROTECT	Bowls 1.	All existing provision should seek to be protected through an assessment of quantity, quality and accessibility.	All B&NES Bowls Greens	High	Ongoing	B&NES	
LACROSSE							
PROTECT	Lacrosse 1.	Ensure protection of lacrosse pitches across Bath and North East Somerset at the Recreation Ground and the Medics Pitch at Bath University. If the decision is taken to allow Bath Rugby Club to permanently expand at the Recreation Ground and this impacts on the existing provision for lacrosse then the following Sport England Policy must be met: Sport England Playing Field Policy ‘A Sporting future for the playing fields of England	Recreation Ground Bath and Medics Pitch University of Bath	High	Ongoing	B&NES	

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OBJECTIVE	RECOMMENDATION	STRATEGIC RECOMMENDATION	PRIORITY SITES/ CLUBS/ACTIONS	PRIORITY	TIMESCALE	RESPONSIBILITY	COST
		<p>Policy Exception E4:</p> <p>The playing field or playing fields, which would be lost as a result of the proposed development, would be replaced by a playing field or playing fields of an equivalent or better quality and of equivalent or greater quantity, in a suitable location and subject to equivalent or better management arrangements, prior to the commencement of development’.</p>					

GENERAL ACTIONS

- 3.8 The tables below identify the general Planning Policy recommendations, Playing Pitch Strategy Development recommendations, the general actions which are followed by the sub area site by site action plan.
- 3.9 The actions are given priorities and relevant potential delivery partners are highlighted. By being highlighted as a potential delivery partner, partners are not obligated to fund or facilitate the action but they should be involved in the project.
- 3.10 The action plans are given a priority:
- **Priority 1. Delivered against or worked towards within three years (ahead of the first full review of the Playing Pitch Strategy)**
 - **Priority 2. Delivered within 6 years**
 - **Priority 3. No specific date – In many instances the action is a general support for clubs or other bodies to progress with ground improvements and is not necessarily an action the Council or the Playing Pitch Steering Group have control over.**

MONITORING AND REVIEW

- 3.11 It is important that the Playing Pitch Strategy Steering group keep this strategy alive. This will be achieved by:
- **Monitoring the delivery of the recommendations and actions.**
 - **Providing up to date annual supply and demand for pitch stock.**
 - **Addressing changing trends and formats for the different pitch sports as they develop and monitoring participation of these changes and trends.**
- 3.12 The on-going monitoring of the strategy will be led by B&NES and will be linked to the Playing Pitch Strategy Steering Group. The Strategy will be updated every 3 – 5 years to fit in with Planning Policy reviews.

- 3.13 Sport England recommends that a process should be put in place to ensure regular monitoring of how the recommendations and action plan are being delivered. This monitoring should be led by the local authority and supported by all members of, and reported back to, the steering group. Understanding and learning lessons from how the Playing Pitch strategy has been applied should also form a key component of monitoring its delivery. This should form an on-going role of the steering group.
- 3.14 As a guide, if no review and subsequent update has been carried out within three years of the PPS being signed off by the Steering Group, then Sport England and the NGBs would consider the PPS and the information on which it is based to be out of date.
- 3.15 Once the PPS is complete the role of the steering group should evolve so that it:
- **Acts as a focal point for promoting the value and importance of the PPS and playing pitch provision in the area.**
 - **Monitors, evaluates and reviews progress with the delivery of the recommendations and action plan.**
 - **Shares lessons learnt from how the PPS has been used and how it has been applied to a variety of circumstances.**
 - **Ensures the PPS is used effectively to input into any new opportunities to secure improved provision and influence relevant programmes and initiatives.**
 - **Maintains links between all relevant parties with an interest in playing pitch provision in the area.**
 - **Reviews the need to update the PPS along with the supply and demand information and assessment work on which it is based. Further to review the group should either:**
 - Provide a short annual progress and update paper;
 - Provide a partial review focussing on particular sport, pitch type and/or sub area; or
 - Lead a full review and update of the PPS document (including the supply and demand information and assessment details).
- 3.16 The steering group should meet at relevant points throughout the year to ensure that this role is progressed. This could be at six months and a year on from when the steering group signed off the PPS and/or arranged to tie in with the different seasons of the sports and any meetings with the NGBs.
- 3.17 Ideally the PPS could be reviewed on an annual basis from the date it is formally signed off by the Steering Group. This will help to maintain the momentum and commitment that would have been built up when developing the PPS. Taking into account the time to develop the PPS this should also help to ensure that the original supply and demand information is no more than two years old without being reviewed.

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

- **How the delivery of the recommendations and action plan has progressed and any changes required to the priority afforded to each action (e.g. the priority of some may increase following the delivery of others)**
- **How the PPS has been applied and the lessons learnt**
- **Any changes to particularly important sites and/or clubs in the area (e.g. the most used or high quality sites for a particular sport) and other supply and demand information, what this may mean for the overall assessment work and the key findings and issues**
- **Any development of a specific sport or particular format of a sport or recent information e.g. the FA modelling for 3G pitch requirements.**
- **Any new or emerging issues and opportunities.**

3.19 There is further information in Section E of Sport England's Playing Pitch Strategy guidance.

3.20 The table below provides general Planning Policy recommendations and Playing Pitch Strategy Development recommendations.

Table 3.2: General Recommendations

GENERAL PLANNING & PLAYING PITCH STRATEGY DEVELOPMENT	ACTION
GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PLANNING	<p>Agree the following Actions for the Local Plan</p> <p>‘Objective 1 - To protect the existing supply of playing pitch facilities where it is needed for meeting current or future needs</p> <p>The PPS Assessment shows that all currently used playing field sites require protection and therefore cannot be deemed surplus to requirements because of shortfalls now and in the future. Therefore, based on the outcomes of the PPS, local planning policy should reflect this situation.</p> <p>Lapsed and disused – playing field sites that formerly accommodated playing pitches but are no longer used for formal or informal sports use within the last five years (lapsed) or longer (disused).</p> <p>The PPS Assessment shows that all currently used playing field sites require protection and therefore cannot be deemed surplus to requirements because of shortfalls now and in the future. Lapsed, disused, underused and poor quality sites should also be protected from development or replaced as there is a requirement for playing field land to accommodate more pitches to meet the identified shortfalls.</p> <p>Objective 2 –Secure tenure and access to sites for clubs through a range of solutions and partnership agreements and maximise community use of education sites where there is demand</p> <p>A number of sites are being used in B&NES but do not have security of tenure or a short lease and there are also school sites where there is no community agreement in place. The Council should undertake further works to ensure an appropriate Community Use Agreement (CUA) is in place (including access to changing provision where required).</p> <p>NGBs can often help to negotiate and engage with schools, particularly academies where the local authority may not have direct influence.</p> <p>Sport England has also produced guidance, online resources and toolkits to help open up and retain school sites for community use and can be found at: http://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/accessing-schools/</p> <p>There is a need to set up a working group to review community use of schools in the local area and seek to improve access.</p> <p>As well as improving the quality of well-used, local authority sites, there are a number of sites which have poor quality (or no) ancillary facilities. The Council should further explore opportunities where security of tenure could be granted to the clubs playing on these sites (minimum 25 years as recommended by Sport England and NGBs) so the clubs are in a position to apply for external funding to improve the ancillary facilities.</p> <p>There could be examples in the local authority area where long term leases could be put into place for the continued use of a site. Each club should be required to meet service and/or strategic recommendations. However, an additional set of criteria should be considered, which takes into account the quality of the club, aligned to its long-term development objectives and sustainability.</p> <p>Following central government cuts, it is important for the Council to work with sports clubs in order that they may be able to take greater levels of ownership and support the wider development and maintenance of facilities.</p> <p>Local sports clubs should be supported by partners including the Council, NGBs or the County Sports Partnership (CSP) to achieve sustainability across a range of areas including management, membership, funding, facilities, volunteers and partnership working. For example, support club development and encourage clubs to develop evidence of business and sports development plans to generate an income through their facilities.</p> <p>All clubs could be encouraged to look at different management models such as registering as Community Amateur Sports Clubs (CASC). Clubs should also be encouraged to work with partners locally whether volunteer support agencies or linking with local businesses.</p> <p>Sport England has also produced the following guidance on Community rights for Sport guidance to help Clubs; https://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/tools-guidance/community-assets-guidance/</p>

**GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS
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DEVELOPMENT**

Bath and North East Somerset Council will work in partnership with the:

- Football Association Regional Investment and Facilities manager and Somerset Football Association.
- England and Wales Cricket Board Facilities and Investment Manager and Somerset Cricket
- Rugby Football Union Investment and Facilities Manager
- England Hockey Relationship Manager for Somerset
- Sport England
- Lawn Tennis Association
- Lacrosse
- Bowls England

Short Term Action By September 2017

Bath and North East Somerset Council will continue working with the Playing Pitch Strategy Steering Group. The Steering Group will monitor and review the PPS and site action plans on a six monthly basis.

Short Term Action September 2017 - Long Term Action May 2020:

The action plan from the PPS should be implemented by Bath and North East Somerset with the assistance of the Steering Group.

It is important that the Playing Pitch Strategy Steering group keep this Strategy alive. This will be achieved by:

- Monitoring the delivery of the recommendations and actions.
- Providing up to date annual supply and demand for pitch stock.
- Addressing changing trends and formats for the different pitch sports as they develop and monitoring participation of these changes and trends.

The on-going monitoring of the strategy will be led by Bath and North East Somerset Council and will be linked to the Playing Pitch Strategy Group. The Strategy will be updated every 3-5 years.

INDIVIDUAL SITE ACTION PLANS

3.21 The following provides information on individual sites.

COSTS

3.22 The strategic actions have also been ranked as low, medium or high based on cost. The brackets in which these sit are:

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

3.23 These are based on Sport England's estimated facility costs Quarter 2 2016 and costs supplied by the Lawn Tennis Association.

Table 3.2: Individual Site Action Plans

SITE NAME / OWNERSHIP	STRATEGY	ACTION	PRIORITY	RESPONSIBILITY	APPROXIMATE COST
BATH SUB AREA					
University of Bath Sulis Club – Bath Sub Area Sports – Football, Cricket and Rugby.	PROTECT	Ensure protection of this site as a playing field in the Local Plan A formal community use agreement is required for this site. This site appears to be being run down and there are concerns from clubs over its future. Any future plans for development would have to meet Sport England's Policy Exemption 4 below: Sport England's Playing Fields Policy - 'A Sporting Future for the Playing Fields of England' Policy Exception E4: 'The playing field or playing fields, which would be lost as a result of the proposed development, would be replaced by a playing field or playing fields of an equivalent or better quality and of equivalent or greater quantity, in a suitable location and subject to equivalent or better management arrangements, prior to the commencement of development'.	1	B&NES	Low
	ENHANCE	Discuss with the University of Bath enhancement of the changing/pavilion and the continued provision of football, cricket and rugby at this site	1	B&NES	Low
	PROVIDE				
Odd Down – Bath Sub Area Sports: Football, Cricket, Rugby, Lacrosse	PROTECT	This site needs to be protected as a playing field site in the Local Plan. There is a need to continually monitor use of the 3G AGP and ensure discussion on use is held between the FA and the RFU	1	B&NES	Low

SITE NAME / OWNERSHIP	STRATEGY	ACTION	PRIORITY	RESPONSIBILITY	APPROXIMATE COST
BATH SUB AREA					
	ENHANCE	<p>The grass pitch area needs to be continually used as a flexible space to be able to provide a number of different size pitches for different sports when required.</p> <p>There is a need to promote Last Man Stands (cricket) and women's and girls' cricket</p> <p>The FA will use this site to target girls and women's football</p>	1 - 3	<p>B&NES</p> <p>ECB – Somerset Cricket. Operator and B&NES</p> <p>Somerset Operator B&NES FA/ and</p>	Low
	PROVIDE	There is a need to continue to provide the grass rugby pitch for future use – if this pitch was to be lost this could stifle demand for rugby.		B&NES /RFU	Low
Twerton Park – Bath Sub Area Football Stadia Pitch	PROTECT	<p>This site needs to be protected as a playing field in the Local Plan. However, the Local Plan identifies the site as housing development.</p> <p>Must meet Sport England E4 exception if the ground is developed</p> <p>Sport England's Playing Fields Policy - 'A Sporting Future for the Playing Fields of England'</p> <p>Policy Exception E4:</p> <p>'The playing field or playing fields, which would be lost as a result of the proposed development, would be replaced by a playing field or playing fields of an equivalent or better quality and of equivalent or greater quantity, in a suitable location and subject to equivalent or better management arrangements, prior to the commencement of development'.</p>	1 1 - 3	B&NES B&NES/ England Sport	Low
	ENHANCE				
	PROVIDE	Any new facilities provided if development was to take place must meet National Governing Body and Sport England Guidelines.	1 - 3	B&NES	High
Low Hill Memorial Ground – Bath Sub Area Football	PROTECT	<p>This site needs to be protected as a playing field in the Local Plan. However, the Local Plan identifies the site as housing development. The site is currently owned Odd Down FC.</p> <p>Must meet Sport England E4 exception if the ground is developed</p>	1 1 - 3	B&NES B&NES/ England Sport	Low
	ENHANCE	Club has requested a visit from the Pitch improvement service	1	Club / Somerset FA	Low
	PROVIDE	Any new facilities provided if development was to take place must meet National Governing Body and Sport England Guidelines.	1 - 3	B&NES	High
University of Bath – Sports Training Village – Bath Sub Area. Sports: Football, Rugby, Hockey, Cricket, Lacrosse and Tennis	PROTECT	Ensure protection of this site as a playing field in the Local Plan Seek to provide a community use agreement to access 3G pitch and football pitches.	1	B&NES B&NES	Low
	ENHANCE	<p>1 AGP 92 x 70 Sand Dressed AGP carpet due for renewal 2021</p> <p>1 AGP 100 x 75 water based AGP due for renewal 2021</p>	3	University of Bath	High
	PROVIDE	Consider Bath University in the 3G rubber crumb pitch Feasibility study to be undertaken.	1	B&NES	

SITE NAME / OWNERSHIP	STRATEGY	ACTION	PRIORITY	RESPONSIBILITY	APPROXIMATE COST
BATH SUB AREA					
Kingswood Upper School – Bath Sub Area Sports: Football, Hockey, Cricket and Tennis	PROTECT	This site needs to be protected as a playing pitch site in the Local Plan The site requires a formal community use agreement to provide for community use football and hockey.	1 1	B&NES B&NES	Low
	ENHANCE				
	PROVIDE				
Bath Community Academy Sports: Cricket (non- turf pitch only), Rugby	PROTECT	This site needs to be protected as a playing field within the Local Plan. The site requires a formal community use agreement.	1	B&NES	Low
	ENHANCE				
	PROVIDE				
Bloomfields Rise Cricket Ground – Hampset Cricket Club. – Bath Sub Area Sports: Cricket	PROTECT	This site needs to be protected as a playing filed site in the Local Plan.	1	B&NES	Low
	ENHANCE				
	PROVIDE	Continue the use of Odd Down cricket pitch by Hampset Cricket club this will relieve over play pressure on the Bloomfield Rise Cricket Pitch.	1 - 3	B&NES, Hampset Cricket Club.	
North Parade, Bath Cricket Club – Bath Sub Area. Sports: Cricket	PROTECT	This site needs to be protected as a playing filed site in the Local Plan.	1	B&NES	Low
	ENHANCE				
	PROVIDE				
Brownsword – Bath Cricket Club – Bath Sub Area Sports: Cricket	PROTECT	This site needs to be protected as a playing filed site in the Local Plan.	1	B&NES	Low
	ENHANCE				
	PROVIDE				
Prior Park College – Bath Sub area Cricket, Hockey, Rugby and Tennis	PROTECT	This site needs to be protected as a playing filed site in the Local Plan The site requires a formal community use agreement.	1	B&NES	Low
	ENHANCE				
	PROVIDE				

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BATH SUB AREA					
The Recreation Ground Bath – Bath Sub Area Sports: Cricket, Professional Rugby, Tennis, Lacrosse.	PROTECT	This site needs to be protected as a playing field site in the Local Plan. Any proposed development of the Rugby Stadium on this site will need to meet Sport England's Policy Exemption 4 below: Sport England's Playing Fields Policy - 'A Sporting Future for the Playing Fields of England' Policy Exception E4: 'The playing field or playing fields, which would be lost as a result of the proposed development, would be replaced by a playing field or playing fields of an equivalent or better quality and of equivalent or greater quantity, in a suitable location and subject to equivalent or better management arrangements, prior to the commencement of development'.	1	B&NES	Low
	ENHANCE				
	PROVIDE				
Oldfield Od Boys Rugby Club – Bath Sub Area Sports: Rugby	PROTECT	This site needs protecting as a playing field site in the local plan.	1	B&NES	Low
	ENHANCE	The club to provide signage to encourage dog owners to prevent dog fouling on the pitches. Work with the club to provide additional floodlighting and improve maintenance of pitches.	1 3	Rugby Club B&NES, RFU, Rugby Club	Low
	PROVIDE				
Combe Down RFC – Bath Sub Area Sports: Rugby	PROTECT	This site needs protecting as a playing field site in the local plan.	1	B&NES	Low
	ENHANCE	Work with the club to provide additional floodlighting and work with the club to improve maintenance. Club to seek funding for clubhouse improvements to meet requirements for women and girl's	2 3	B&NES, RFU, Rugby Club B&NES, RFU, Rugby Club	Medium
	PROVIDE				
Avon RFC – Hicks Field Sports: Rugby	PROTECT	This site needs protecting as a playing field site in the local plan.	1	B&NES	Low
	ENHANCE	Work with the club to provide additional floodlighting and work with the club to improve maintenance.	1	Rugby Club/RFU	Low
	PROVIDE				
Bath Rugby Club – Lambridge Training Ground – Bath Sub Area Sports: Rugby	PROTECT	This site needs protecting as a playing field site in the local plan.	1	B&NES	Low
	ENHANCE	Work with the club to provide additional floodlighting and work with the club to improve maintenance. Club to seek funding for clubhouse improvements	1 3	Rugby Club/ RFU B&NES, RFU, Rugby Club	Medium
	PROVIDE				
Glasshouse Playing Fields – Bath Sub Area Sports: Football, Rugby and Cricket	PROTECT	This site needs protecting as a playing field site in the local plan.	1	B&NES	Low

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BATH SUB AREA					
	ENHANCE				
	PROVIDE	Look to provide 9 v 9 pitches for use by Glasshouse Trust nearby to the facility. This would stop the over laying of 9 v 9 pitches on a Sunday PM on adult football and adult rugby pitches. There is land available across the road corner of Entry Hill and Bradford Road.	1	B&NES – Glasshouse Trust	Low
Bath Old Edwardians Rugby Club – King Edwards School Playing Fields - Bath Sub Area Sports: Rugby, Football and Cricket	PROTECT	This site needs protecting as a playing field site in the local plan.	1	B&NES	Low
	ENHANCE				
	PROVIDE				
Lansdown Tennis Club – Tennis Courts	PROTECT	Tennis courts need to be protected as a sports facility in the local plan.	1	B&NES	Low
	ENHANCE				
	PROVIDE				
Bath Tennis Club – Tennis Courts	PROTECT	Tennis courts need to be protected as a sports facility in the local plan.	1	B&NES	Low
	ENHANCE				
	PROVIDE				
Bath Sports Centre – Tennis Courts	PROTECT	Tennis courts need to be protected as a sports facility in the local plan.	1	B&NES	
	ENHANCE				
	PROVIDE				
Sydney Gardens – Tennis Courts	PROTECT	Tennis courts need to be protected as a sports facility in the local plan.	1	B&NES	
	ENHANCE				
	PROVIDE				
Bloomfield Tennis Club	PROTECT	Tennis courts need to be protected as a sports facility in the local plan.	1	B&NES	
	ENHANCE				
	PROVIDE				
Excell Tennis Club	PROTECT	Tennis courts need to be protected as a sports facility in the local plan.	1	B&NES	
	ENHANCE				

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BATH SUB AREA					
	PROVIDE				
Old Field Community Tennis Club	PROTECT	Tennis courts need to be protected as a sports facility in the local plan.	1	B&NES	
	ENHANCE				
	PROVIDE				
Beechen Cliffe School Sports: Tennis, Hockey, Rugby and Cricket	PROTECT	Tennis courts need to be protected as a sports facility in the local plan. The Hockey pitch needs protecting as a playing field.	1	B&NES	
	ENHANCE				
	PROVIDE	The school wish to enlarge the school field and there is an opportunity to have a pitch for community use.			
Alice Park Sports: Tennis	PROTECT	Tennis courts need to be protected as a sports facility in the local plan.	1	B&NES	
	ENHANCE				
	PROVIDE				

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KEYNSHAM SUB AREA					
AJN Stadium Keynsham Town FC – Keynsham Sub Area Sports: Football	PROTECT	This site needs protecting as a playing field site in the local plan.	1	B&NES	
	ENHANCE				
	PROVIDE	AGP carpet will require replacement – due 2021. There is a requirement to ensure that the 3G rubber crumb pitch has an annual performance test due to the level of football played.	3	Keynsham Town FC / FA	
Fry Club – Keynsham Sub Area Sports: Football, Cricket and Tennis	PROTECT	This site needs to be protected as a playing field in the Local Plan	1	B&NES	
	ENHANCE	There is a need to promote this site to the community to increase usage. Discuss with the operator the opportunity to work with the Somerset FA Pitch Improvement Service to identify improvements to address and improve pitch performance and put in place pitch improvements.	1	Site Management Operator/ Trust/ B&NES/ Somerset FA	
	PROVIDE	Provide and market the facilities to Bristol based clubs.	ongoing	Site Management /Operator	

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KEYNSHAM SUB AREA					
Keynsham Town FC – Crown Fields/Broadlands School – Keynsham Sub Area Sports: Football, Rugby and Cricket	PROTECT	The site needs to be protected as a playing pitch site in the Local Plan	1	B&NES	
	ENHANCE	BANES and FA to support Keynsham Town FC and Broadlands Academy in applying for funding for refurbished extended changing rooms. This is a key site and discussions need to be had with the school re opening up additional pitches. Discuss with the operator the opportunity to work with the Somerset FA Pitch Improvement Service to identify improvements to address and improve pitch performance and put in place pitch improvements.	2	B&NES/ FA/ Keynsham Town FC/ Broadlands Academy B&NES / Somerset FA/ Operator	
	PROVIDE				
Manor Road = Keynsham Sub Area Sports: Football	PROTECT	This site needs to be protected as a playing field site in the Local Plan	1	B&NES	
	ENHANCE	Provision of signage to stop dog fouling Discuss with the operator the opportunity to work with the Somerset FA Pitch Improvement Service to identify improvements to address and improve pitch performance and put in place pitch improvements.		Keynsham Town Council/ B&NES B&NES / Somerset FA/ Keynsham Town council	
	PROVIDE				
Wellsway Cricket Ground – Keynsham Cricket Club Sports: Cricket	PROTECT	This site needs protecting as a playing field site in the Local Plan.	1	B&NES	
	ENHANCE				
	PROVIDE	Provision of a new cage and nets	3	Keynsham Cricket Club/ ECB/Somerset Cricket/B&NES	
Wellsway school – Keynsham Sub Area Sports: Cricket, Hockey, Rugby and Tennis	PROTECT	This site needs protecting as a playing field site in the local plan. Need to work with the school to ensure the continuation of a sand filled AGP for use by hockey in the future.(School is looking to provide 3G rubber crumb pitch)	1	B&NES	
	ENHANCE				
	PROVIDE	The AGP sand filled carpet will require replacement in 2018. The site should be included in the B&NES Feasibility study as a possible site to provide 3G rubber crumb pitch (Not to the detriment of hockey or cricket).	2 1	Wellsway School B&NES	
Keynsham Rugby Club – Keynsham Sub Area Sports: Rugby	PROTECT	Ensure protection of this site as a playing field in the Local Plan	1	B&NES	
	ENHANCE	Work with the club to provide additional floodlighting and to improve maintenance. Club to seek funding for clubhouse improvements	2 3	Keynsham Rugby Club/RFU Keynsham Rugby Club/ RFU	

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	PROVIDE				

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MIDSOMER NORTON AND RADSTOCK SUB AREA					
Millard's Way (White City) – Midsomer Norton and Radstock Sub Area Sports: Football	PROTECT	This site needs to be protected as a playing field within the Local Plan.	1	B&NES	
	ENHANCE	B&NES to consider changing room improvements and car parking improvements.	2	B&NES	
		Need to engage with Somerset FA Pitch Improvement Service to identify requirements to improve the pitch and then find a way to implement the recommendations.	1	B&NES / Somerset FA	
	PROVIDE				
Southfield's Recreation Ground – Midsomer Norton and Radstock Sub Area Sports: Football	PROTECT	This site needs to be protected as a playing field within the Local Plan	1	B&NES	
	ENHANCE				
	PROVIDE				
Norton Hill Recreation Ground – Midsomer Norton and Radstock Sub Area Sports: Football	PROTECT	This site needs to be protected as a playing field within the Local Plan.	1	B&NES	
	ENHANCE	Seek to work with the Parish Council to improve the maintenance of pitches to raise the capacity of play on the junior pitch.	1	B&NES/ FA	
	PROVIDE				
Westhill Gardens Recreation Ground – Midsomer Norton and Radstock Sub Area – Midsomer Norton and Radstock Sub Area Sports: Football	PROTECT	This site needs to be protected as a playing field within the Local Plan.	1	B&NES	
	ENHANCE	Enhance the maintenance to improve the quality rating of the pitch to a standard rating carrying capacity of 2 games per week.	2	Parish Council/ FA	
	PROVIDE	Provide signage to deter dog walkers from committing dog fouling on the pitch.	1	Parish Council	
Writhlington School – Midsomer Norton and Radstock Sub Area Sports: Football, Rugby, Cricket and Tennis	PROTECT	This site needs to be protected as a playing field within the Local Plan. There is a need to secure a formal community use agreement with this site.		B&NES	
	ENHANCE	Broker a meeting with the football leagues and Writhlington Leisure to discuss the fees and charges for the 3G pitch with the intention of ensuring ease of accessibility in the future. FA pitch registration needs to be kept up to date.	1	B&NES / FA/ Leagues	

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MIDSOMER NORTON AND RADSTOCK SUB AREA					
	PROVIDE	Local Authority to work with football leagues with the aim towards using the 3G rubber crumb pitch.	1	B&NES / FA Somerset	
		School to maintain registration of the 3G pitch on the FA Pitch Register.	2	FA/Leagues/Writhlington School Writhlington School	
West Clewes - Midsomer Norton and Radstock Sub Area	PROTECT	This site needs to be protected as a playing field within the Local Plan.	1	B&NES	
Sports: Football	ENHANCE	Welton Rovers FC to seek funding for improvements to changing rooms.	3	Welton Rovers /FA/Somerset FA	
	PROVIDE				
Fosseway School - Midsomer Norton and Radstock Sub Area	PROTECT	This site needs to be protected as a playing field within the Local Plan.	1	B&NES	
Sports: Football		This site needs to be secured with a community use agreement	1	B&NES	
	ENHANCE	Ensure correct size pitches are being used	2	Fosseway School	
	PROVIDE				
St John's Primary School - Midsomer Norton and Radstock Sub Area	PROTECT	This site needs to be protected as a playing field within the Local Plan.	1	B&NES	
Sports: Football		This site needs to be secured use with a community use agreement.	1	B&NES	
	ENHANCE				
	PROVIDE				
Midsomer Norton primary School - Midsomer Norton and Radstock Sub Area	PROTECT	This site needs to be protected as a playing field within the Local Plan.	1	B&NES	
Sports: Football		The site needs to be secured for use with a community use agreement	1	B&NES	
	ENHANCE				
	PROVIDE				
Norton Hill School (Academy) - Midsomer Norton and Radstock Sub Area	PROTECT	Ensure protection of the playing pitches at this site in the Local Plan	1	B&NES	
Sports: Football, Rugby, Cricket and Hockey		The site needs to be secured for use with a community use agreement.	1	B&NES	
	ENHANCE	The AGP carpet is due for refurbishment. The last recorded work was carried out in 2001.		Norton Hill School	
	PROVIDE	Open discussion with the school and Midsomer Norton Youth Football Club to consider providing a junior club with a home ground using the existing pitches and additional pitches on site.	2	FA/Norton Hill School/ Midsomer Norton Junior Football Club	
Roundhill, Radstock - Midsomer Norton and Radstock Sub Area	PROTECT	Ensure protection of the playing pitches at this site in the Local Plan	1	B&NES	

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MIDSOMER NORTON AND RADSTOCK SUB AREA					
Sport: Football	ENHANCE				
	PROVIDE				
Somervale School - Midsomer Norton and Radstock Sub Area Sports: Football and Cricket	PROTECT	There is a need to protect this site as a playing field site in the Local Plan.	1	B&NES	
		The site needs to be secured for use with a community use agreement.	1	B&NES	
	ENHANCE	The 3G rubber crumb carpet will be due for replacement in 2024. FA registration needs to be kept up to date.	3	Somervale School	
	PROVIDE	Local authority needs to work with football leagues and the school to open up the 3G rubber crumb for matches. School to maintain registration of the 3G pitch on the FA Pitch Register	1 1	B&NES/FA/Football Leagues/Somervale School Somervale School	
Withies Lane - Midsomer Norton and Radstock Sub Area Sports: Cricket	PROTECT	This site needs to be protected as a playing field site in the Local Plan	1	B&NES	
	ENHANCE	Look long term to improve the saddle ends on the square. Signs should be erected to reduce the level of dog fouling Need to enhance pavilion and nets.	3 1	Midsomer Norton CC/Somerset Cricket /ECB/B&NES	
	PROVIDE				
Midsomer Norton Rugby FC - Midsomer Norton and Radstock Sub Area Sports: Rugby	PROTECT	This site needs protecting as a playing field site in the local plan.	1	B&NES	
	ENHANCE	Work with the club to provide additional floodlighting and work with the club to improve maintenance of pitches. Club to seek funding for clubhouse improvements	2 3	B&NES, RFU, Midsomer Norton Rugby Club. Midsomer Norton Rugby Club	
	PROVIDE	Club to provide additional training facilities for minis and midis on adjacent land and a football pitch.	2	Midsomer Norton RFC/Sport England	
Fosseway Recreation Ground - Tennis	PROTECT	This site needs protecting as a playing field site in the local plan.	1	B&NES	
	ENHANCE				
	PROVIDE				
RURAL SUB AREA					
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RURAL SUB AREA					
Lansdown North and South and Beckford – Rural Sub Area (These sites are within the Ward Boundary that sits within the Rural Area for the PPS). The sites are bordering on the Bath Sub Area. Sports: Football Lansdown South and Beckford, Cricket and Rugby Lansdown North	PROTECT	Both the North and South Lansdown sites and Beckford need to be protected as playing fields within the Local Plan.	1	B&NES	
		Bath Exiles Cricket Club Lease is currently being renegotiated – the lease needs to be agreed to safeguard the club.	1	B&NES /Exiles CC	
		BANES to continue allowing Walcot Rugby Club the use of 4 rugby pitches at Lansdown North. The club would like to be considered as a stakeholder in the future master plan of the three sites and would seek a 25 year lease as part of the master plan with the support of the RFU.	1	B&NES/ Walcot Rugby Club	
		Following discussion between the FA, Larkhall FC and B&NES. B&NES need to consider if it would be possible to lease part of Lansdown to Larkhall FC.	1	B&NES/ Larkhall FC	
	ENHANCE	Lansdown North and South require new changing facilities. As a temporary measure B&NES will decorate the current changing facilities.	1	B&NES.	
		The Beckford site has no toilet facilities nearby for youth or mini players or spectators – these need to be considered in any master plan exercise.	1	B&NES	
		There is a need to provide signage to deter dog walkers at Beckford from leaving dog excrement.	1	B&NES	
	PROVIDE	BANES are considering undertaking a master plan approach to develop the Lansdown South, North and Beckford sites as a sports complex (Hub) providing for outdoor sports in the future. A planning consultant will be engaged by B&NES to advise what uses the facilities may be able to provide.	1	B&NES All NGBs B&NES B&NES All NGBs.	
		The site needs to be considered as a possible 3G rubber crumb pitch site and a site for a hockey AGP to provide a home ground facility for City of Bath Hockey Club, preferably with a clubhouse with social and changing facilities.			
	Hengrove Athletic, Norton Lane – Rural Sub Area Sports: Football	PROTECT	This site needs to be protected as a playing field within the Local Plan.	1	B&NES
ENHANCE		Club to raise the pitch quality to good this will provide additional capacity of 1 game per week.	3	Club	
PROVIDE		If the club requires additional pitches – it should approach Fry’s to identify availability	1	Club/ Somerset FA	
Newton Memorial ground – Rural Sub Area Sports: Football, Cricket and Tennis	PROTECT	This site needs to be protected as a playing field in the Local Plan. The site has been purchased by Bath Spa University. Currently football teams that were playing on this site have been moved to Landsdown.	1	B&NES	
	ENHANCE	Pitch maintenance needs to be enhanced to improve quality of pitches for football. The operator should discuss the use of the Pitch Improvement Programme with Somerset FA.	2	Site Owner/ Somerset FA	
The changing rooms require refurbishment and improvement.		3	Stoothert and Pitt Cricket Club		

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RURAL SUB AREA					
	PROVIDE	Need to provide measures to prevent cars from accessing the pitch	1	Site Owner	
Coalpit Road - Batheaston – Rural Sub Area Sports: Football	PROTECT	This site needs to be protected as a playing field in the Local Plan	1	B&NES	
	ENHANCE	The Parish Council will work to provide developer contributions to improve turf maintenance as stated in the Parish Council Plan	2	Parish Council	
	PROVIDE				
Bath Spa University Newton Park – Rural Sub Area Sports: Football and Rugby	PROTECT	This site needs to be protected as a playing field within the Local Plan.	1	B&NES	
	ENHANCE				
	PROVIDE				
Lakeview Wick Road Bishop Sutton – Rural Sub Area Sports: Football	PROTECT	This site needs to be protected as a playing field within the Local Plan.	1	B&NES	
	ENHANCE				
	PROVIDE				
Hursley Lane, Bristol Spartak – Rural Sub Area Sports: Football	PROTECT	This site needs to be protected as a playing field within the Local Plan.	1	B&NES	
	ENHANCE	Need to improve changing rooms.	3	Bristol Spartak	
	PROVIDE	Investigate if the football club could purchase or lease additional land to expand junior football.	3	Bristol Spartak, Somerset FA, B&NES	
Hursley Lane, Stockwood Green - Sub Area Sports: Football	PROTECT	This site needs to be protected as a playing field within the Local Plan.	1	B&NES	
	ENHANCE				
	PROVIDE	Require 9 v 9 markings to provide for 9 v 9 junior teams.	1	Stockwood Green FC	
Cameley Village Hall Playing Fields – Rural Sub Area Sports: Football	PROTECT	Ensure protection of the playing pitches at this site in the Local Plan	1	B&NES	
	ENHANCE	Parish Council to seek funding for repair of changing room roof or to consider alternative arrangements eg new roof or porta cabin changing rooms.	2	Cameley Parish Council	
	PROVIDE				
Chew Valley School and Leisure Centre– Rural Sub Area Rugby, Hockey, Tennis and Cricket	PROTECT	Ensure protection of the playing pitches at this site in the Local Plan	1	B&NES	
		The site needs to be secured for use with a community use agreement.	1	B&NES	
	ENHANCE	Ensure a sink fund is in place to replace the AGP carpet in the future 2026.	1	School	High
	PROVIDE				

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RURAL SUB AREA					
Pensford Playing Fields – Rural Sub Area Sports: Football and Tennis	PROTECT	There is a need to protect this site as a playing field site in the Local Plan.	1	B&NES	
	ENHANCE				
	PROVIDE				
Warwick Fields, Clutton – Rural Sub Area Sports: Football	PROTECT	This site needs to be protected as a playing field site in the Local Plan	1	B&NES	
	ENHANCE				
	PROVIDE				
Cutters Club, Stockwood Lane- Rural Sub Area Sports: Football	PROTECT	This site needs protecting as a playing field site in the local plan.	1	B&NES	
	ENHANCE				
	PROVIDE				
Farrington Recreation Ground – Rural Sub Area Sports: Football. Cricket and Tennis	PROTECT	This site needs to be protected as a playing field within the Local Plan.	1	B&NES	
	ENHANCE				
	PROVIDE				
Browns Field, Freshford United – Rural Sub Area Sports: Football	PROTECT	This site needs to be protected as a playing field in the Local Plan	1	B&NES	
	ENHANCE	Consider providing mini soccer pitches on site to meet demand.	1	Freshford FC United	
	PROVIDE				
Plainham Larkhall – Rural Sub Area Sports: Football	PROTECT	This site needs to be protected as a playing field in the Local Plan	1	B&NES	
	ENHANCE	BANES to continue to work with Larkhall FC and support aspirations for a 3G pitch and development of facilities for their junior and mini teams. There is a need to discuss the position of leasing Lansdown pitches to Larkhall FC to assist the clubs development and sustainability. This would take pressure of pitches at Plainham.	2	B&NES/FA/Larkhall FC	
	PROVIDE	There is a requirement for a feasibility study to look at the best location for an additional 3G rubber crumb pitch – Lansdown, Odd Down, the University of Bath, Fry's or Wellsway School.	1	B&NES	
Timsbury Recreation Ground – Rural Sub Area	PROTECT	This site needs to be protected as a playing field within the Local Plan.	1	B&NES	

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RURAL SUB AREA					
Sports: Football and Cricket	ENHANCE	Need for greater protection of the square for cricket and football pitches and dog fouling signage for dog owners.	1	Timsbury Parish Council	
		Timsbury Athletic football club need to look at placing barriers around the pitch	1	Timsbury Parish Council / Club	
	PROVIDE				
Winterfield Road, Paulton – Rural Sub Area Sports: Football	PROTECT	This site needs to be protected as a playing field within the Local Plan.	1	B&NES	
	ENHANCE				
	PROVIDE				
Greyfields/Purnell FC – Rural Sub Area Sports: Football separate from Cricket Facilities, Bowls and Tennis	PROTECT	This site needs to be protected as a playing field within the Local Plan.	1	B&NES	
	ENHANCE				
	PROVIDE	There is a need to provide on-site changing facilities for football	3	Purnell Somerset FC/ FA, supported by B&NES	
Miner's welfare Ground. Peasedown – Rural Sub Area Sport: Football	PROTECT	This site needs to be protected as a playing field within the Local Plan.	1	B&NES	
	ENHANCE	Peasedown Athletic FC need to consider improvement to changing rooms	3	Peasedown Athletic FC. Somerset FA, B&NES	
	PROVIDE				
Wedmore Road, Saltford – Rural Sub Area Sport: Football, Cricket and Tennis	PROTECT	Ensure protection of the playing pitches at this site in the Local Plan	1	B&NES	
	ENHANCE	Signage to be provided to advise dog owners not to leave their dogs excrement on the playing pitches.	1	Saltford FC	
		Provide an agronomist report on drainage issues at the grounds.	1	B&NES. Somerset FA. Saltford FC.	
		Need to enhance changing and pavilion the football club should concentrate on developing one hub building rather than develop an old set of changing rooms.	3	Saltford FC, B&NES, Somerset FC	
PROVIDE					
Tunley Recreation Centre – Rural Sub Area Sports: Football	PROTECT	Ensure protection of the playing pitches at this site in the Local Plan	1	B&NES	
	ENHANCE				
	PROVIDE				

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RURAL SUB AREA					
East Harptree Recreation Ground – Rural Sub Area Sports: Football, Cricket and Tennis	PROTECT	There is a need to protect this site as a playing field site in the Local Plan.	1	B&NES	
	ENHANCE				
	PROVIDE	May need to consider possible provision of football to an alternative site. There is a dispute between football and cricket.	1	East Harptree FC	
Peasedown Red Post Ground, Whitebrook Lane – Rural Sub Area Sports: Football and Cricket	PROTECT	This site needs to be protected as a playing field site in the Local Plan.	1	B&NES	
		Peasedown Albion FC require a secure lease to be in place.	1	Peasedown Albion FC and Peasedown St John Parish Council	
	ENHANCE	Peasedown Albion FC would like to operate a tea room from the site to assist with funding and enhance the clubs sustainability	1	Peasedown Albion FC	
	PROVIDE		1		
St Mary’s School. Timsbury - Rural Sub Area Sports: Football and Cricket	PROTECT	This site needs protecting as a playing field site in the local plan.	1	B&NES	
		There is a need for a community use agreement to be in place to secure the long term use of the playing fields for community use.	1	B&NES	
	ENHANCE				
	PROVIDE				
Lansdown Cricket Club, Combe Park – Rural Sub Area Cricket and Mini Soccer	PROTECT	Ensure protection of the playing pitches at this site in the Local Plan	1	B&NES	Low
	ENHANCE				
	PROVIDE	Somerset Cricket to support continued growth of girls cricket at the Club	1	Somerset Cricket / Club	Low
Bishop Sutton Recreation Ground – Rural Sub Area Sports: Cricket	PROTECT	There is a need to protect this site as a playing field site in the Local Plan.	1	B&NES	
	ENHANCE				
	PROVIDE				
Branch Road, Hinton Charterhouse Cricket Club – Rural Sub Area Sports: Cricket	PROTECT	This site needs to be protected as a playing field site in the Local Plan	1	B&NES	
	ENHANCE	Signage is required to deter dog walkers and their dogs from fouling on the ground.	1	Hinton Charterhouse CC	
	PROVIDE	Need to provide a cricket cage and nets.	3	Hinton Charterhouse CC	
Chew Court, Chew Magna Cricket Club- Rural Sub Area Sports: Cricket	PROTECT	This site needs protecting as a playing field site in the local plan.	1	B&NES	
	ENHANCE				

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RURAL SUB AREA					
	PROVIDE	Chew Magna CC to need new practise nets and cage (club is currently seeking funding).	2	Chew Magna Cricket Club	
Hawthorn Cricket Field – Rural Sub Area Sports: Cricket	PROTECT	This site needs to be protected as a playing field within the Local Plan.	1	B&NES	
	ENHANCE	There is a need to ensure the pitch is maintained to ensure continued safety of the pitch.	1	Stanton Drew Cricket Club	
	PROVIDE	The pitch is currently over played and alternative pitches need to be provided.			
Miners Welfare Ground, Farmborough – Rural Sub Area Sports: Cricket	PROTECT	This site needs to be protected as a playing field in the Local Plan	1	B&NES	
	ENHANCE				
	PROVIDE				
Norton Lane, Whitchurch Cricket Club – Rural Sub Area Sports: Cricket	PROTECT	This site needs to be protected as a playing field in the Local Plan	1	B&NES	
	ENHANCE	Need to improve drainage due to water pooling.			
	PROVIDE				
Pagan Hill, Chew Stoke Cricket Club – Rural Sub Area Sports: Cricket	PROTECT	This site needs to be protected as a playing field within the Local Plan.	1	B&NES	
	ENHANCE				
	PROVIDE				
Stowey Road, Temple Cloud Cricket Club– Rural Sub Area Sports: Cricket	PROTECT	This site needs to be protected as a playing field within the Local Plan.	1	B&NES	
	ENHANCE	The unevenness of the outfield needs to be improved through maintenance.	2	Temple Cloud Cricket Club/Somerset Cricket, B&NES	
	PROVIDE	Need to provide nets and a mobile net	2	Temple Cloud Cricket Club/Somerset Cricket	
The Village Ground Dunkerton, Dunkerton Cricket Club – Rural Sub Area Sports: Cricket	PROTECT	This site needs to be protected as a playing field within the Local Plan.	1	B&NES	
	ENHANCE				
	PROVIDE				
Wynn Wilson Memorial Ground Bathford Cricket Club and Avon vale Rugby Club – Rural Sub Area Sports: Rugby and Cricket	PROTECT	This site needs to be protected as a playing field within the Local Plan.	1	B&NES	
	ENHANCE	There is a need to provide floodlighting and improve maintenance of rugby pitches to reduce over play of the 2 pitches.	2	Avonvale Rugby Club/RFU	

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RURAL SUB AREA					
	PROVIDE	Bathford Cricket Club require a non-turf pitch to assist with junior training.	3	Bathford Cricket Club/Somerset Cricket	
Stothert and Pitt Rugby Club – Rural Sub Area Sports: Rugby	PROTECT	Ensure protection of the playing pitches at this site in the Local Plan	1	B&NES	
	ENHANCE	Work with and assist the club to address the needs of additional floodlighting to improve mid-week training capacity, improve maintenance of pitches and drainage and soakaways at the south end of the playing field. Improve the car park by tarmacking.	3	Stothert and Pitt Rugby Club, RFU, B&NES	
	PROVIDE				
Walcot Rugby Club – Rural Sub Area Sport: Rugby	PROTECT	Ensure protection of the playing pitches at this site in the Local Plan	1	B&NES	
	ENHANCE	BANES to work with the club to provide facilities for minis and midis on a Sunday at Lansdown North (Lease arrangement). This will reduce overplay of current club pitches. The leasing of pitches for minis and midis will reduce the play on the existing pitches and with the use of the Odd Down IRB compliant 3G pitch will reduce the overplay of pitches.	1	B&NES / Walcot Rugby Club and RFU.	
	PROVIDE				
Chew Valley Rugby Club – Rural Sub Area Sports: Rugby	PROTECT	There is a need to protect this site as a playing field site in the Local Plan.	1	B&NES	
		Seek community use agreement for use of rugby pitches at Chew Valley School for use by Chew Valley Rugby Club.	1	B&NES	
	ENHANCE	Work with the club to seek additional floodlighting and work with the club to improve maintenance to increase capacity of mid - week training.	2	B&NES, RFU and Chew Valley Rugby Club	
	PROVIDE				
Old Sullians Rugby Club, Lansdown – Rural Sub Area Sports: Rugby	PROTECT	This site needs to be protected as a playing field site in the Local Plan.	1	B&NES	
	ENHANCE				
	PROVIDE				
Bristol Barbarians Rugby Club - Rural Sub Area Sports: Rugby and Football	PROTECT	This site needs protecting as a playing field site in the local plan.	1	B&NES	
	ENHANCE	Club to provide additional floodlighting and improve maintenance of playing pitches to improve capacity of play and reduce overplay. Club to seek funding for clubhouse improvements	3 3	Bristol Barbarians Rugby Club, RFU, B&NES	
	PROVIDE				
Bishop Sutton Tennis Club Wick Road - Rural Sub Area	PROTECT	This site needs to be protected as a sports facility in the Local Plan.	1	B&NES	

SITE NAME / OWNERSHIP	STRATEGY	ACTION	PRIORITY	RESPONSIBILITY	APPROXIMATE COST
RURAL SUB AREA					
Sports: Tennis	ENHANCE				
	PROVIDE				
Combe Grove Manor - Rural Sub Area Sports: Tennis	PROTECT	This site needs to be protected as a sports facility in the Local Plan.	1	B&NES	
	ENHANCE				
	PROVIDE				
Freshford and District Tennis Club Abbey lane - Rural Sub Area Sports: Tennis	PROTECT	This site needs to be protected as a sports facility in the Local Plan.	1	B&NES	
	ENHANCE				
	PROVIDE				
Barcello Combe Grove Manor Hotel Brassknocker Hill - Rural Sub Area Sports: Tennis	PROTECT	This site needs to be protected as a sports facility in the Local Plan.	1	B&NES	
	ENHANCE				
	PROVIDE				
Wellow Tennis Club, Wellow - Rural Sub Area Sports: Tennis	PROTECT	This site needs protecting as a playing field site in the local plan.	1	B&NES	
	ENHANCE				
	PROVIDE				
Monkton Combe Senior School Church Lane - Rural Sub Area Sports: Tennis, Football, Rugby and Cricket	PROTECT	This site needs protecting as a playing field site in the local plan and the tennis courts need protecting as sports facilities	1	B&NES	
	ENHANCE				
	PROVIDE				
Bishop Sutton Tennis Club Wick Road - Rural Sub Area Sports: Tennis	PROTECT	This site needs to be protected as a sports facility in the Local Plan..	1	B&NES	
	ENHANCE				
	PROVIDE				

In addition to the above sites there are sites that provide playing pitches that are not available for community use but still require protecting. The majority of these sites are on Education sites and are identified in the table below:

SITE NAME / OWNERSHIP	STRATEGY	ACTION	PRIORITY	RESPONSIBILITY	APPROXIMATE COST
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OTHER – NOT AVAILABLE FOR COMMUNITY USE OR DISUSED SITES.				
Bathampton Primary School	PROTECT	This site needs protecting as a playing field site in the local plan		
Sports: Football	ENHANCE			
	PROVIDE			
Bishop Sutton Primary School	PROTECT	This site needs protecting as a playing field site in the local plan		
Sports : Football	ENHANCE			
	PROVIDE			
Farmborough C of E Primary School	PROTECT	This site needs protecting as a playing field site in the local plan		
Sports: Football	ENHANCE			
	PROVIDE			
Hayesfield Lower School	PROTECT	This site needs protecting as a playing field site in the local plan		
Sports: Football	ENHANCE			
	PROVIDE			
Oldfield School	PROTECT	This site needs protecting as a playing field site in the local plan		
Sports: Football	ENHANCE			
	PROVIDE			
Saint Gregory's Catholic School	PROTECT	This site needs protecting as a playing field site in the local plan		
Sports: Football, hockey, cricket and rugby	ENHANCE			
	PROVIDE			
Ralph Allen School	PROTECT	This site needs protecting as a playing field site in the local plan		
Sports: Football, Rugby	ENHANCE			
	PROVIDE			
Longvernall Primary School	PROTECT	This site needs protecting as a playing field site in the local plan		
Sports: Football	ENHANCE			
	PROVIDE			
Saltford C of E Primary School	PROTECT	This site needs protecting as a playing field site in the local plan		
Sports: Football	ENHANCE			
	PROVIDE			
Southdown Junior School	PROTECT	This site needs protecting as a playing field site in the local plan		
Sports: Football	ENHANCE			
	PROVIDE			
Moorlands Junior School	PROTECT	This site needs protecting as a playing field site in the local plan		
Sports: Football	ENHANCE			

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OTHER – NOT AVAILABLE FOR COMMUNITY USE OR DISUSED SITES.					
Newbridge Junior School	PROVIDE PROTECT	This site needs protecting as a playing field site in the local plan			
Sports: Football	ENHANCE				
St Martins Garden Primary School	PROVIDE PROTECT	This site needs protecting as a playing field site in the local plan			
Sports: Football	ENHANCE				
St Michaels C of E Primary School	PROVIDE PROTECT	This site needs protecting as a playing field site in the local plan			
Sports: Football	ENHANCE				
St Nicholas Primary School	PROVIDE PROTECT	This site needs protecting as a playing field site in the local plan			
Sports: Football	ENHANCE				
St Stephen's C of E Primary School	PROVIDE PROTECT	This site needs protecting as a playing field site in the local plan			
Sports: Football	ENHANCE PROVIDE				
Whitchurch Primary School	PROTECT	This site needs protecting as a playing field site in the local plan			
Sports: Football	ENHANCE PROVIDE				
Hayesfield Girls School	PROTECT	This site needs protecting as a playing field site in the local plan			
Sports: Hockey ATP	ENHANCE PROVIDE				
Kingswood Lower School	PROTECT	This site needs protecting as a playing field site in the local plan			
Sports: Hockey ATP	ENHANCE				
Royal High school	PROVIDE PROTECT	This site needs protecting as a playing field site in the local plan			
Sports: Hockey	ENHANCE PROVIDE				
St Marks Church of England School	PROTECT	This site needs protecting as a playing field site in the local plan			
Sports: Hockey ATP	ENHANCE PROVIDE				
Miners Welfare Ground – Paulton	PROTECT	This site needs protecting as a playing field site in the local plan			
Sports: Disused Football Pitches 3 junior 11 v 11	ENHANCE				

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SITE NAME / OWNERSHIP	STRATEGY	ACTION	PRIORITY	RESPONSIBILITY	APPROXIMATE COST
OTHER – NOT AVAILABLE FOR COMMUNITY USE OR DISUSED SITES.					
pitches	PROVIDE				
Welton Recreation Ground	PROTECT	This site needs protecting as a playing field site in the local plan			
Sports: Disused Football 1 junior 9 v 9	ENHANCE				
	PROVIDE				
Hinton Charterhouse	PROTECT	This site needs protecting as a playing field site in the local plan			
Sports: Disused Football 1 adult 11 v 11 pitch	ENHANCE				
	PROVIDE				
Corston Playing Fields Farmborough	PROTECT	This site needs protecting as a playing field site in the local plan			
Sports: Disused 1 adult 11 v 11 pitch	ENHANCE				
	PROVIDE				
Farmborough Recreation ground	PROTECT	This site needs protecting as a playing field site in the local plan			
Sports: Disused 1 adult 11 v 11 pitch	ENHANCE				
	PROVIDE				
Monkton combe Prep School	PROTECT	This site needs protecting as a playing field site in the local plan			
Sports: Rugby and Cricket	ENHANCE				
	PROVIDE				
Camerton Cricket Ground	PROTECT	This site needs protecting as a playing field site in the local plan			
Sport: Cricket disused site	ENHANCE				
	PROVIDE				
Miners Welfare Ground Shoscombe	PROTECT	This site needs protecting as a playing field site in the local plan			
Sport: Disused cricket square	ENHANCE				
	PROVIDE				

