



# NORTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL PLAYING PITCH STRATEGY AND ACTION PLAN



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# Abbreviations

3G	Third Generation (artificial grass pitch)
AGP	Artificial Grass Pitch
CIL	Community Infrastructure Levy
CFA	County Football Association
EH	England Hockey
FA	Football Association
FC	Football Club
FF	Football Foundation
CC	Cricket Club
HC	Hockey Club
ECB	England and Wales Cricket Board
LTA	Lawn Tennis Association
MES	Match Equivalent Session
NGB	National Governing Body
ONS	Office of National Statistics
PPS	Playing Pitch Strategy
PQS	Performance Quality Standard
RFU	Rugby Football Union
S106	Section 106
TGR	Team Generation Rate

# 1. Introduction

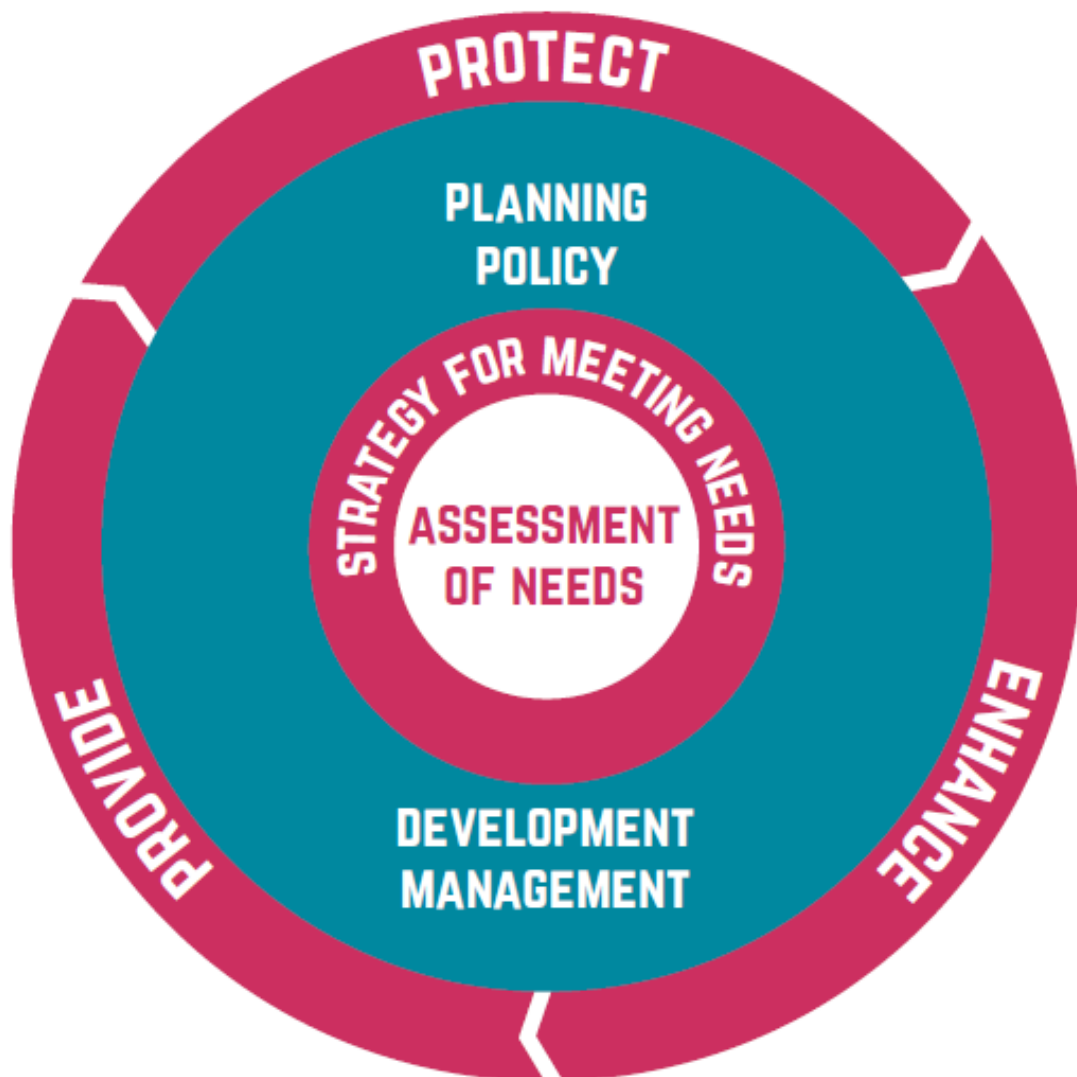
## Introduction

- 1.1 The Playing Pitch Strategy (PPS) Action Plan for North Northamptonshire provides evidence on the supply and demand for sports pitches within the study area, to ensure that suitable provision is made for both the existing population and any future demand up to 2041.
- 1.2 North Northamptonshire is a newly created unitary authority and therefore doesn't have an up to date evidence base for the supply and demand of playing pitches. The previous four local authorities all had individual PPSs that had been adopted at different points in time, as shown below:
  - Corby Playing Pitch Strategy 2017;
  - East Northants Playing Pitch Strategy 2016;
  - Kettering Playing Pitch Strategy 2020;
  - Wellingborough Playing Pitch Strategy 2019.
- 1.3 The strategy has been developed in accordance with Sport England's Playing Pitch Strategy guidance and provides information on the supply and demand for outdoor playing pitches within the study area, covering the public, private, educational, voluntary and commercial sectors. It also considers the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF). The NPPF sets out the government's planning policies for England and how these should be applied. Paragraph 102 emphasises the importance of access to high quality open spaces and opportunities for sport and physical activity for the health and wellbeing of communities. It states that "Planning policies should be based on robust and up-to-date assessments of the need for open space, sports and recreation facilities"
- 1.4 The information contained within the PPS will provide an important element of the evidence base to protect as appropriate, and enhance existing provision, whilst ensuring that future demand can be catered for. It will also help to inform planning decisions and developer contributions regarding playing pitch provision where appropriate. The PPS will also help to secure section 106, Lottery, Levelling Up and decarbonisation funding linked to potential developments coming forward.
- 1.5 The PPS Action Plan provides a clear set of recommendations that are prioritised for each sport and site. This Action Plan should be used by all stakeholders involved in its development, when looking at the future provision of outdoor sports facilities. It should be used to identify where investment needs to be prioritised for each sport in order to meet any of the shortfalls that have been identified. This should also be the case when new provision is being proposed, linked to any housing growth. This will help to ensure that provision is always provided in the right locations to meet demand. This should always be done in conjunction with the relevant National Governing Bodies (NGBs) and Sport England.

## Aims

- 1.6 This PPS will follow the three overarching planning objectives identified by Sport England's Playing Pitch Strategy Guidance, which are:
1. **Protect** - to protect the right opportunities in the right places;
  2. **Enhance** - to enhance opportunities through better use of existing provision;
  3. **Provide** - to provide new opportunities to meet the needs of current and future generations.
- 1.7 This is shown in Figure 1.1 below which is extracted from the Sport England Planning for Sport Guidance June 2019 ([Sport England - Planning for Sport Guidance](#)).

Figure 1.1 - Sport England Planning Objectives



## Vision

- 1.8 A vision for the PPS has been developed, which captures the objectives of the steering in ensuring that demand for access to high quality outdoor sports facilities can be met.
- 1.9 **“To protect and enhance existing outdoor sports facilities, and provide new ones, ensuring that there are enough outdoor sports facilities of the right quality to meet demand from North Northamptonshire residents now, and in the future. Enabling them to live active, happy, and connected lives.”**

## Agreed Scope

- 1.10 The following outdoor sports are captured as part of the strategy:
- Football;
  - Rugby Union;
  - Gaelic Football;
  - Cricket;
  - Hockey; and
  - Other pitch sports (American Football)
- 1.11 Artificial Grass Pitches (AGPs) relevant to the sports noted above are also captured as will multi use games areas (MUGA). Any ancillary provision included on sites containing the above pitches is also included.
- 1.12 The PPS Action plan has been developed in conjunction with the project steering group, which includes representatives from each of the following organisations.
- North Northamptonshire Council;
  - Sport England;
  - Northamptonshire Sport;
  - Northamptonshire FA (NFA);
  - The Football Foundation
  - The Rugby Football Union (RFU);
  - The England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB);
  - Northamptonshire County Cricket Club (NCCC);
  - England Hockey; and
  - Provincial Council of Britain Gaelic Athletic Association (GAA).

1.13 The PPS has been developed in line with Sport England's 'Playing Pitch Strategy Guidance: An approach to developing and delivering a playing pitch strategy', which was published in October 2013.

1.14 The guidance references a 10 step, 5 stage approach as follows:

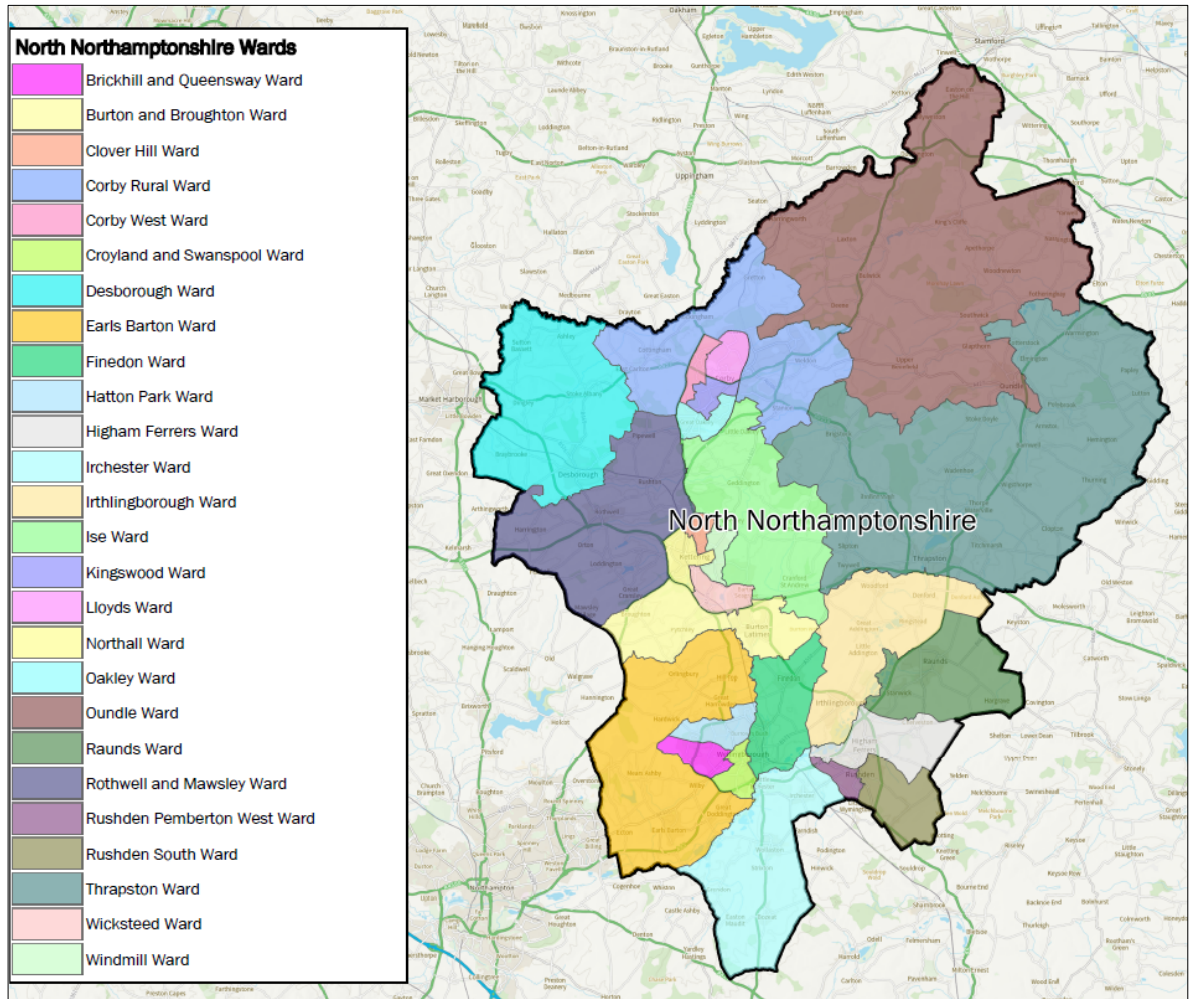
- Stage A: Prepare and tailor the approach (Step 1);
- Stage B: Gather information and views on the supply of and demand for provision (Steps 2 & 3);
- Stage C: Assess the supply and demand information and views (Steps 4, 5 & 6);
- Stage D: Develop the strategy (Steps 7 & 8);
- Stage E: Deliver the strategy and keep it robust and up to date (Steps 9 & 10).

1.15 This PPS Action Plan covers stage D of the approach.

## Study Area

- 1.16 This PPS covers the administrative boundary of North Northamptonshire Council. This is shown in Figure 1.2 below.

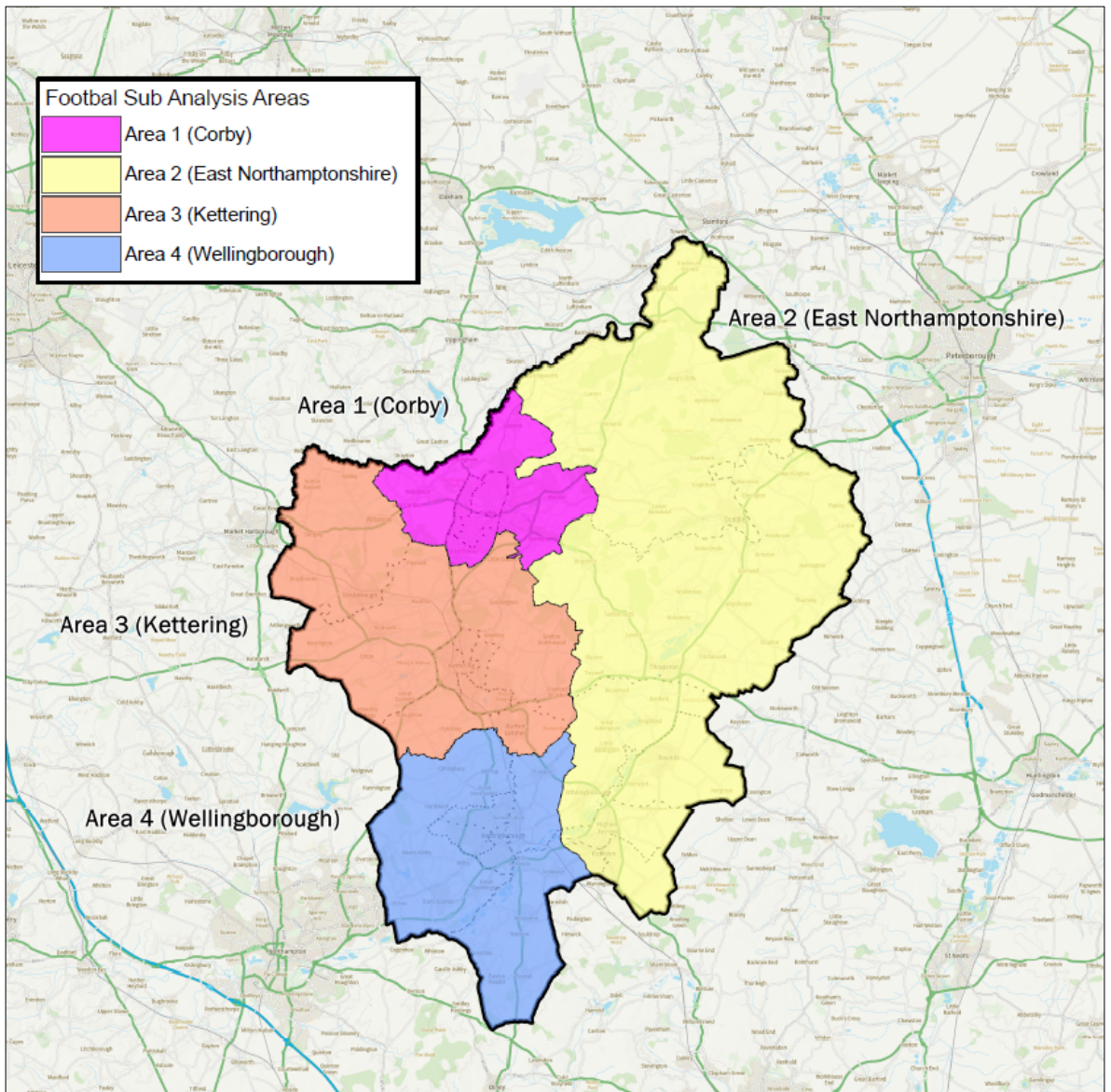
Figure 1.2 – Map of the study area



- 1.17 It has been agreed that no sub analysis areas will be used for the PPS, with the exception of football and 3G Artificial Grass Pitches (AGPs). For football and 3G AGPs, the previous four sovereign authority areas have been used to provide a more detailed analysis of the supply and demand of these pitch types. These sub analysis areas are shown on Figure 1.3.



Figure 1.3 – Sub analysis areas for football and 3G AGPs



## 2. Sport-Specific Issues and Scenarios

### Introduction

- 2.1 This section of the Action Plan looks at the issues that were identified for each sport within the Assessment Report. Certain scenarios have also been applied to each sport to assess the impact that these will have on pitch provision within the study area. These scenarios have been agreed with each NGB beforehand.
- 2.2 Table 2.1 shows current (2023) and future (2041) capacity of playing pitches in North Northamptonshire. The numbers shown in Table 2.1 for grass football pitches and 3G Artificial Grass Pitches (AGPs) are on an authority wide basis. The balance of these differs when assessed on a sub analysis area basis, resulting in some areas having less spare capacity that is shown in the table below, or even having shortfalls on certain pitch types. Spare capacity on pitches doesn't directly relate to there being a surplus of pitches either.

**Table 2.1 - Current (2023) and future (2041) capacity of playing pitches in North Northamptonshire**

Sport	Pitch Type	Current Capacity 2023	Future Capacity 2041
Football - Grass Pitches	Adult pitches	Spare capacity of 19 MES	Spare capacity of 13.5 MES
	Youth Football 11v11	Spare capacity of 11.5 MES	Spare capacity of 11.5 MES
	Youth Football 9v9	Spare capacity of 13.5 MES	Spare capacity of 13.5 MES
	Mini Soccer 7v7	Shortfall of 3 MES	Shortfall of 3 MES
	Mini Soccer 5v5	Shortfall of 7.5 MES	Shortfall of 7.5 MES
3G AGPs	Full size with sports lighting	Shortfall of 8.25 pitches	Shortfall of 8.25 pitches
Rugby Union	Senior	Shortfall of 17.25 MES	Shortfall of 17.75 MES
Hockey AGPs	Full size with sports lighting	Demand is being met	Demand is being met
Cricket - Saturday	Senior grass wickets	Shortfalls of 192 MES per season	Shortfalls of 282 MES per season
Cricket - Sunday		Shortfalls of 12 MES per season	Shortfalls of 112 MES per season
Cricket - Mid-week		Spare capacity of 104MES per season	Spare capacity of 104MES per season
Gaelic Football	Full size	Demand is being met	Demand is being met

American Football	Full size	Demand is being met	Demand is being met
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## Summary

- 2.3 There is currently actual spare capacity on adult, youth 11v11 and youth 9v9 football pitches within North Northamptonshire. Spare capacity on adult pitches does reduce when future demand is considered, whilst youth 11v11 and youth 9v9 pitches remain unaffected. There are currently shortfalls identified on mini soccer 7v7 and mini soccer 5v5 pitches, largely due to the significant amount of overplay on these pitch types as a result of the Weetabix Youth Football League operating on a central venue basis for these age groups. These remain unaffected when future demand is considered.
- 2.4 There are significant shortfalls of 3G AGPs in the study area. This was highlighted as an issue by clubs during the consultation, with all clubs who identified they have unmet demand, stating they would require access to additional training provision. There could also be opportunities for 3G AGPs in the area to meet demand for other sports such as rugby union and American football.
- 2.5 There are significant shortfalls on senior rugby union pitches in the study area. These are primarily caused by pitches catering for significant midweek training demand. These could be alleviated by improving pitch quality through increased maintenance and the provision of additional pitches with sports lighting, this will enable midweek training demand to be spread across more pitches. The provision of World Rugby compliant 3G AGPs could also absorb some midweek training demand and help to alleviate overplay.
- 2.6 There are significant shortfalls on grass cricket pitches. Some of these shortfalls can be alleviated by improved pitch maintenance which will improve pitch quality and increase capacity, but there may need to be consideration for the provision of new pitches along with additional and better use of NTPs.
- 2.7 Demand is currently being met for both Gaelic football and American football, this is likely to remain unaffected in the future.
- 2.8 The following is a summary for each individual sport, which lists the key findings and issues that were identified in the preceding Assessment Report, followed by the agreed scenario testing carried out for each sport.

## Football Summary

- In total there are currently 97 football clubs in the study area who affiliate to NFA. Between them they have 625 teams. This consists of 563 male teams and 62 female teams
- There are currently 98 sites in North Northamptonshire that provide grass football pitches, this equates to 249 pitches in total. There are 222 pitches that are available for community use across 88 sites;
- There were 18% (44) of pitches assessed as good in total, 64% (154) of pitches were assessed as standard and 17% (40) of pitches were assessed as poor;
- There were 24 sites assessed as providing poor quality ancillary facilities, the highest proportion of these, 36%, were on Local Authority sites. There were also 16 sites identified as not providing any facilities. The highest proportion again was Local Authority sites, with 40%.
- There are currently four teams who import demand in to the study area and 15 teams who export demand outside of it;
- If future demand forecast by clubs who took part in the consultation was realised, an additional 101 football teams would be created in the North Northamptonshire, this would generate an additional 50.5 MES of demand.
- TGRs forecasts that there will be 10 new adult male teams created by 2041 and one new female team, this will generate a total of 5.5 MES of additional demand for adult pitches by 2041: Consultation with clubs and Northamptonshire FA has also been used to look at future demand, which is anticipated to be higher than these figures. These are assessed in the scenario testing;
- There is actual spare capacity of all pitch types amounting to 79MES in North Northamptonshire. The highest amount of actual spare capacity is adult pitches, which accounts for 34% of all actual spare capacity. Area 2 has the greatest amount of actual spare capacity, with 23 MES, closely followed by Area 4 with 22.5 MES, then Area 3 with 19 MES and Area 1 has 14.5 MES;
- Mini soccer 7v7 and mini soccer 5v5 pitches currently account for the greatest amount of overplay on football pitches in North Northamptonshire, with a combined total of 26 MES. This is largely due to the Weetabix Youth Football League operating on a central venue basis for its mini soccer provision, that majority of which takes place at North Park Pavilion in Area 3. This accounts for all of the overplay identified in Area 3. This also results in Area 3 currently having the greatest amount of overplay, with 27 MES, Area 2 then has 11 MES, Area 1 has 2.5 MES and Area 4 1 MES;
- There is currently spare capacity on adult, youth 11v11 and youth 9v9 pitches within North Northamptonshire. Spare capacity on adult pitches does reduce when future demand is considered, whilst youth 11v11 and youth 9v9 pitches remain unaffected. There are currently shortfalls identified on mini soccer 7v7 and mini soccer 5v5 pitches, largely due to the significant amount of overplay on these pitch types. These remain unaffected when future demand is considered.

## Football Scenarios – Grass Pitch Supply

### Impact of losing unsecured football pitch provision.

- 2.9 The assessment report identified that there are 16 football clubs using pitches where provision is deemed unsecured, this equates to 69 football teams in total:
- 2.10 Table 2.2 provides an overview of these sites and the amount of football demand they currently cater for.
- 2.11 Where pitch quality is referred to in this section, this has been colour coded as follows:

Good
Standard
Poor

- 2.12 Where pitch balance (MES) is referred to in this section, this has been colour coded as follows:

Spare capacity
At capacity
Overplayed

**Table 2.2 – Current unsecured sites used for football**

Site Name	Sub Area	PPS Site ID	Management Type	Pitch Type	Number of Pitches	Sports Lights	Community use category	Security of community use	Pitch Quality	Carrying capacity	Total Use (MES)
St Patrick's Catholic Primary School (Corby)	Area 1	125	School/ College/ University (in house)	Mini Soccer 5v5	1	No	Available for community use and used	Unsecured	Poor	2	1.5
St Patrick's Catholic Primary School (Corby)	Area 1	125	School/ College/ University (in house)	Mini Soccer 7v7	1	No	Available for community use and used	Unsecured	Poor	2	2.5
Ferrers School	Area 2	39	School/ College/ University (in house)	Adult Football	1	No	Available for community use and used	Unsecured	Standard	2	1
Ferrers School	Area 2	39	School/ College/ University (in house)	Youth Football 11v11	2	No	Available for community use and used	Unsecured	Standard	4	2
Ferrers School	Area 2	39	School/ College/ University (in house)	Youth Football 9v9	1	No	Available for community use and used	Unsecured	Standard	2	3
Ferrers School	Area 2	39	School/ College/ University (in house)	Mini Soccer 7v7	1	No	Available for community use and used	Unsecured	Standard	4	1.5
KC Active	Area 2	67	Community Organisation	Adult Football	2	No	Available for community use and used	Unsecured	Poor	2	2

Site Name	Sub Area	PPS Site ID	Management Type	Pitch Type	Number of Pitches	Sports Lights	Community use category	Security of community use	Pitch Quality	Carrying capacity	Total Use (MES)
Thrapston Primary School	Area 2	138	School/ College/ University (in house)	Youth Football 9v9	1	No	Available for community use but unused	Unsecured	Standard	2	3
Bishop Stopford School	Area 3	6	School/ College/ University (in house)	Adult Football	1	No	Available for community use and used	Unsecured	Standard	2	3
Kettering Buccleuch Academy	Area 3	68	Trust	Youth Football 9v9	1	No	Available for community use and used	Unsecured	Standard	2	3
Kettering Buccleuch Academy	Area 3	68	Trust	Mini Soccer 7v7	1	No	Available for community use and used	Unsecured	Standard	4	0.5
Latimer Arts College	Area 3	79	School/ College/ University (in house)	Adult Football	1	No	Available for community use and used	Unsecured	Standard	2	1.5
Montsaye Academy	Area 3	89	School/ College/ University (in house)	Adult Football	2	No	Available for community use and used	Unsecured	Standard	4	2.5
Montsaye Academy	Area 3	89	School/ College/ University (in house)	Youth Football 11v11	1	No	Available for community use and used	Unsecured	Standard	2	4
Montsaye Academy	Area 3	89	School/ College/ University (in house)	Mini Soccer 5v5	1	No	Available for community use and used	Unsecured	Good	6	1.5
Montsaye Academy	Area 3	89	School/ College/ University (in house)	Mini Soccer 7v7	2	No	Available for community use and used	Unsecured	Standard	8	1

Site Name	Sub Area	PPS Site ID	Management Type	Pitch Type	Number of Pitches	Sports Lights	Community use category	Security of community use	Pitch Quality	Carrying capacity	Total Use (MES)
Oakway Academy	Area 4	93	School/ College/ University (in house)	Youth Football 9v9	3	No	Available for community use and used	Unsecured	Standard	6	2
Sir Christopher Hatton Academy	Area 4	121	School/ College/ University (in house)	Adult Football	2	No	Available for community use and used	Unsecured	Standard	4	2.5
Sir Christopher Hatton Academy	Area 4	121	School/ College/ University (in house)	Youth Football 11v11	1	No	Available for community use and used	Unsecured	Standard	2	2.5
Sir Christopher Hatton Academy	Area 4	121	School/ College/ University (in house)	Mini Soccer 7v7	1	No	Available for community use and used	Unsecured	Standard	4	0.5
Wollaston School	Area 4	162	School/ College/ University (in house)	Adult Football	1	No	Available for community use and used	Unsecured	Good	3	1
Wollaston School	Area 4	162	School/ College/ University (in house)	Youth Football 11v11	2	No	Available for community use and used	Unsecured	Good	8	3.5
Wollaston School	Area 4	162	School/ College/ University (in house)	Youth Football 9v9	2	No	Available for community use and used	Unsecured	Good	8	1
Wollaston School	Area 4	162	School/ College/ University (in house)	Mini Soccer 7v7	1	No	Available for community use and used	Unsecured	Good	6	1



- 2.13 The 11 sites in Table 2.2 cater for 32.5 MES of demand per week from football clubs. Should these site no longer be available for community use, this demand will need to be met on the remaining pitch stock, or it will become unmet demand. Table 2.3 updates the football pitch balance for North Northamptonshire, assuming that this demand is now being met on the remaining pitch stock in the study area.

**Table 2.3 – Impact of losing unsecured sites for football**

Pitch Type	Actual Spare Capacity (MES)	Overplay (MES)	Total (MES)	Impact of Losing Unsecured Sites
Adult	27	7.5	19.5	11
Youth Football 11v11	18	4.5	13.5	4.5
Youth Football 9v9	18.5	3	15.5	7.5
Mini Soccer 7v7	10	13	-3	-8
Mini Soccer 5v5	5.5	13	-7.5	-9.5

- 2.14 Losing access to these unsecured sites would impact upon all football pitch types in North Northamptonshire. Whilst spare capacity would still exist on adult, youth 11v11 and youth 9v9 pitches, this would reduce significantly. Shortfalls on mini soccer 7v7 and mini soccer 5v5 pitches would also increase further. It is therefore imperative that the steering group works together to secure use of these sites by ensuring that the football clubs using them have an appropriate agreement in place.

**Impact of securing unsecured sites for football**

- 2.15 Sites identified in the previous scenario had any spare capacity discounted, due to the fact the community use was identified as unsecured. Should the PPS steering group be able to work together to secure use on these sites for football, any spare capacity identified would now be counted. Table 2.4 shows the impact of any spare capacity on unsecured sites used for football being realised, by updating the supply and demand analysis of grass football pitches from the Assessment Report. This has added any discounted spare capacity identified on unsecured sites to the spare capacity already identified on each pitch type.

**Table 2.4 – Impact of securing unsecured sites for football**

Pitch Type	Actual Spare Capacity (MES)	Spare Capacity on Unsecured Sites (MES)	Overplay (MES)	Total (MES)
Adult	27	5	8	24
Youth Football 11v11	18	2.5	6.5	14
Youth Football 9v9	18.5	4	5	17.5
Mini Soccer 7v7	10	5	13	2

Pitch Type	Actual Spare Capacity (MES)	Spare Capacity on Unsecured Sites (MES)	Overplay (MES)	Total (MES)
Mini Soccer 5v5	5.5	1.5	13	-6

- 2.16 Securing unsecured football pitches would create additional actual spare capacity on all pitch types in the study area. This would help to alleviate overplay on mini soccer 7v7 pitches (previously 3 MES), resulting in there being 2 MES of actual spare capacity. Overplay would still exist on mini soccer 5v5 pitch, although this has reduced by 1.5 MES to -6 MES.

### Improving poor and standard quality pitches to good

2.17 The Football Foundation have aspirations to improve 20,000 grass pitches to a good standard nationally, using their PitchPower app ([Football Foundation - PitchPower](#)). Where this app is used to assess pitch quality, there is an opportunity for clubs and organisations to apply for funding from the Football Foundation towards maintenance kit and equipment, along with maintenance services and materials, providing they meet the relevant criteria. During the pitch assessments, there were 110 used by football clubs assessed as standard quality and 25 pitches assessed as poor quality.

2.18 Table 2.5 shows the impact on the carrying capacity of each pitch by improving these pitches to a good standard.

**Table 2.5 - Impact of improving poor and standard quality pitches to good**

Site Name	Sub Area	PPS Site ID	Pitch Type	Number of Pitches	Security of Community Use	Pitch Quality	Carrying capacity	Total Use	Balance (MES)	Updated Pitch Quality	Updated Capacity	Updated Balance
Abington Road Playing Fields	Area 1	1	Youth Football 11v11	2	Secured	1 x Standard	3	2	1	Good	8	6
						1 x Poor						
Abington Road Playing Fields	Area 1	1	Youth Football 9v9	2	Secured	Poor	2	1.5	0.5	Good	8	6.5
Amos Lawrence Playing Field	Area 2	2	Youth Football 11v11	2	Secured	1 x Standard	3	2.5	0.5	Good	8	5.5
						1 x Poor						
Bishop Stopford School	Area 3	6	Adult Football	1	Unsecured	Standard	2	3	-1	Good	3	0
Bozeat Playing Field	Area 4	7	Youth Football 11v11	1	Secured	Standard	2	0.5	1.5	Good	4	3.5
Bozeat Playing Field	Area 4	7	Youth Football 9v9	1	Secured	Standard	2	1	1	Good	4	3

Site Name	Sub Area	PPS Site ID	Pitch Type	Number of Pitches	Security of Community Use	Pitch Quality	Carrying capacity	Total Use	Balance (MES)	Updated Pitch Quality	Updated Capacity	Updated Balance
Broughton Recreation Ground	Area 3	11	Youth Football 9v9	1	Secured	Standard	2	4	-2	Good	4	0
Butland Road Playing Field	Area 1	13	Adult Football	1	Secured	Standard	2	1.5	0.5	Good	3	1.5
Butland Road Playing Field	Area 1	13	Youth Football 9v9	2	Secured	1 x Standard	3	1.5	1.5	Good	8	6.5
						1 x Poor						
Castle Playing Field	Area 3	15	Adult Football	1	Secured	Standard	2	1.5	0.5	Good	3	1.5
Castle Playing Field	Area 3	15	Youth Football 11v11	1	Secured	Poor	1	1	0	Good	4	3
Corby Hellenic Fisher YFC	Area 1	20	Youth Football 11v11	3	Secured	2 x Good	10	2	8	Good	12	10
						1 x Standard						
Croyland Park	Area 4	27	Adult Football	2	Secured	Standard	4	1	3	Good	6	5
Desborough Leisure Centre	Area 3	29	Youth Football 9v9	1	Secured	Standard	2	0.5	1.5	Good	4	3.5
Desborough Leisure Centre	Area 3	29	Youth Football 11v11	1	Secured	Standard	2	0.5	1.5	Good	4	3.5
Eastfield Park	Area 4	36	Adult Football	1	Secured	Standard	2	1	1	Good	3	2
Easton On The Hill Playing Fields	Area 2	37	Adult Football	1	Secured	Standard	2	1.5	0.5	Good	3	1.5

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Ferrers School	Area 2	39	Youth Football 11v11	2	Unsecured	Standard	4	2	2	Good	8	6
Ferrers School	Area 2	39	Youth Football 9v9	1	Unsecured	Standard	2	3	-1	Good	4	1
Ferrers School	Area 2	39	Mini Soccer 7v7	1	Unsecured	Standard	4	1.5	2.5	Good	6	4.5
Finedon Recreation Ground	Area 4	41	Adult Football	1	Secured	Standard	2	2	0	Good	3	1
Gladstone Street Recreation Ground	Area 2	44	Youth Football 11v11	1	Secured	Standard	2	0.5	1.5	Good	4	3.5
Great Doddington Recreation Ground	Area 4	47	Youth Football 11v11	1	Secured	Standard	2	1.5	0.5	Good	4	2.5
Grendon Sapphires Football Club	Area 4	52	Adult Football	2	Secured	Standard	4	1	3	Good	6	5
Gretton Recreation Ground	Area 1	53	Youth Football 11v11	1	Secured	Standard	2	1.5	0.5	Good	4	2.5
Hayden Road	Area 2	56	Adult Football	1	Secured	Standard	2	1.5	0.5	Good	3	1.5
Irchester Sports Association	Area 4	59	Adult Football	1	Unsecured	Standard	2	2	0	Good	3	1
Ise-Lodge Youth Football Club	Area 3	63	Adult Football	1	Secured	Standard	2	2.5	-0.5	Good	3	0.5

Site Name	Sub Area	PPS Site ID	Pitch Type	Number of Pitches	Security of Community Use	Pitch Quality	Carrying capacity	Total Use	Balance (MES)	Updated Pitch Quality	Updated Capacity	Updated Balance
Ise-Lodge Youth Football Club	Area 3	63	Youth Football 11v11	2	Secured	Standard	4	4	0	Good	8	4
Isham Cricket Club	Area 4	64	Adult Football	1	Unsecured	Standard	2	1.5	0.5	Good	3	1.5
Islip Playing Field	Area 2	65	Adult Football	2	Secured	Standard	4	0.5	3.5	Good	6	5.5
Islip Playing Field	Area 2	65	Youth Football 9v9	1	Secured	Standard	2	0.5	1.5	Good	4	3.5
Kc Active	Area 2	67	Adult Football	2	Unsecured	Poor	2	2	0	Good	6	4
Kettering Buccleuch Academy	Area 3	68	Youth Football 9v9	1	Unsecured	Standard	2	3	-1	Good	4	1
Kettering Buccleuch Academy	Area 3	68	Mini Soccer 7v7	1	Unsecured	Standard	4	0.5	3.5	Good	6	5.5
Kettering FC Lowther Centre	Area 3	69	Adult Football	2	Secured	1 x Good	5	2.5	2.5	Good	6	3.5
						1 x Standard						
Kettering Sports Club	Area 3	73	Adult Football	1	Secured	Standard	2	1	1	Good	3	2
Kiln Park	Area 2	74	Adult Football	1	Secured	Poor	1	2	-1	Good	3	1
Kiln Park	Area 2	74	Mini Soccer 5v5	3	Secured	Poor	6	11.5	-5.5	Good	12	0.5
Kingswood Neighbourhood Centre Pitch	Area 1	75	Youth Football 11v11	1	Secured	Standard	2	0.5	1.5	Good	4	3.5

Site Name	Sub Area	PPS Site ID	Pitch Type	Number of Pitches	Security of Community Use	Pitch Quality	Carrying capacity	Total Use	Balance (MES)	Updated Pitch Quality	Updated Capacity	Updated Balance
Lancaster Park	Area 2	78	Adult Football	2	Secured	Standard	4	1.5	2.5	Good	6	4.5
Lancaster Park	Area 2	78	Youth Football 9v9	2	Secured	1 x Good 1 x Poor	5	2	3	Good	8	6
Lancaster Park	Area 2	78	Mini Soccer 5v5	1	Secured	Poor	2	0.5	1.5	Good	6	5.5
Latimer Arts College	Area 3	79	Adult Football	1	Unsecured	Standard	2	1.5	0.5	Good	3	1.5
Latimer Park	Area 3	80	Adult Football	3	Secured	1 x Good 2 x Standard	7	1.5	5.5	Good	9	7.5
Loddington Parish Council Recreation Ground	Area 3	83	Youth Football 11v11	1	Secured	Standard	2	0.5	1.5	Good	4	3.5
Montsaye Academy	Area 3	89	Adult Football	2	Unsecured	Standard	4	2.5	1.5	Good	6	3.5
Montsaye Academy	Area 3	89	Youth Football 11v11	1	Unsecured	Standard	2	4	-2	Good	4	0
Montsaye Academy	Area 3	89	Mini Soccer 7v7	2	Unsecured	Standard	8	1	7	Good	12	11
North Park Pavilion	Area 3	91	Mini Soccer 5v5	4	Secured	Standard	16	23.5	-7.5	Good	24	0.5
North Park Pavilion	Area 3	91	Mini Soccer 7v7	4	Secured	Standard	16	28.5	-12.5	Good	24	-4.5

Site Name	Sub Area	PPS Site ID	Pitch Type	Number of Pitches	Security of Community Use	Pitch Quality	Carrying capacity	Total Use	Balance (MES)	Updated Pitch Quality	Updated Capacity	Updated Balance
Oakway Academy	Area 4	93	Youth Football 9v9	3	Unsecured	Standard	6	2	4	Good	12	10
Oundle Town Football Club	Area 2	101	Youth Football 9v9	2	Secured	Poor	2	1	1	Good	8	7
Oundle Town Football Club	Area 2	101	Mini Soccer 7v7	1	Secured	Poor	2	2	0	Good	6	4
Oundle Town Football Club	Area 2	101	Mini Soccer 5v5	3	Secured	Poor	6	4	2	Good	12	8
Rockingham Triangle Sports Complex	Area 1	110	Adult Football	1	Secured	Poor	1	2.5	-1.5	Good	3	0.5
Rockingham Triangle Sports Complex	Area 1	110	Youth Football 9v9	1	Secured	Standard	2	1	1	Good	4	3
Saffron Road Recreation Ground	Area 2	119	Adult Football		Secured	Standard	2	1	1	Good		-1
Sir Christopher Hatton Academy	Area 4	121	Adult Football	2	Unsecured	Standard	4	2.5	1.5	Good	6	3.5
Sir Christopher Hatton Academy	Area 4	121	Youth Football 11v11	1	Unsecured	Standard	2	2.5	-0.5	Good	4	1.5
Sir Christopher Hatton Academy	Area 4	121	Mini Soccer 7v7	1	Unsecured	Standard	4	0.5	3.5	Good	6	5.5
Spencer Park	Area 2	124	Adult Football	1	Secured	Standard	2	0.5	1.5	Good	3	2.5
St Patrick's Catholic	Area 1	125	Mini Soccer 5v5	1	Unsecured	Poor	2	1.5	0.5	Good	6	4.5



Site Name	Sub Area	PPS Site ID	Pitch Type	Number of Pitches	Security of Community Use	Pitch Quality	Carrying capacity	Total Use	Balance (MES)	Updated Pitch Quality	Updated Capacity	Updated Balance
Primary School (Corby)												
St Patrick's Catholic Primary School (Corby)	Area 1	125	Mini Soccer 7v7	1	Unsecured	Poor	2	2.5	-0.5	Good	6	3.5
Stanion Park	Area 1	127	Adult Football	1	Secured	Poor	1	1	0	Good	3	2
Stanwick Recreation Ground	Area 2	129	Adult Football	1	Secured	Standard	2	1	1	Good	3	2
Steel Park	Area 1	130	Adult Football	2	Secured	Standard	4	2	2	Good	6	4
Stewarts & Lloyds Sports Club	Area 1	131	Adult Football	3	Secured	Standard	6	6	0	Good	9	3
The Centre At Mawsley Pitches	Area 3	133	Adult Football	1	Secured	Standard	2	1	1	Good	3	2
The Centre At Mawsley Pitches	Area 3	133	Youth Football 11v11	2	Secured	Standard	4	6	-2	Good	8	2
The Centre At Mawsley Pitches	Area 3	133	Mini Soccer 7v7	1	Secured	Standard	4	1	3	Good	6	5
The Grange Sports Field	Area 4	135	Youth Football 9v9	1	Secured	Poor	1	1	0	Good	4	3
Titchmarsh Playing Field	Area 2	140	Adult Football	1	Secured	Standard	2	0.5	1.5	Good	3	2.5
Titchmarsh Playing Field	Area 2	140	Youth Football 9v9	1	Secured	Standard	2	0.5	1.5	Good	4	3.5

Site Name	Sub Area	PPS Site ID	Pitch Type	Number of Pitches	Security of Community Use	Pitch Quality	Carrying capacity	Total Use	Balance (MES)	Updated Pitch Quality	Updated Capacity	Updated Balance
Weekley Glebe Playing Fields	Area 3	148	Adult Football	3	Secured	Standard	6	5	1	Good	9	4
Weekley Glebe Playing Fields	Area 3	148	Youth Football 11v11	2	Secured	Standard	4	6	-2	Good	8	2
Weekley Glebe Playing Fields	Area 3	148	Youth Football 9v9	2	Secured	Standard	4	1	3	Good	8	7
Wellingborough Old Grammarians Memorial Sports Field	Area 4	151	Adult Football	3	Secured	Standard	6	5	1	Good	9	4
Wellingborough Old Grammarians Memorial Sports Field	Area 4	151	Youth Football 9v9	3	Secured	Standard	6	3	3	Good	12	9
Wellingborough Old Grammarians Memorial Sports Field	Area 4	151	Mini Soccer 7v7	4	Secured	Standard	16	13	3	Good	24	11
Wellingborough Old Grammarians Memorial Sports Field	Area 4	151	Mini Soccer 5v5	1	Secured	Standard	4	1.5	2.5	Good	6	4.5
West Glebe Park	Area 1	155	Adult Football	3	Secured	Standard	6	6.5	-0.5	Good	9	2.5
Whitworth FC (Victoria Mill Ground)	Area 4	157	Adult Football	2	Secured	1 x Good	5	3.5	1.5	Good	6	2.5
						1 x Standard						

Site Name	Sub Area	PPS Site ID	Pitch Type	Number of Pitches	Security of Community Use	Pitch Quality	Carrying capacity	Total Use	Balance (MES)	Updated Pitch Quality	Updated Capacity	Updated Balance
Whitworth FC (Victoria Mill Ground)	Area 4	157	Youth Football 11v11	1	Unsecured	Standard	2	1.5	0.5	Good	4	2.5
Whitworth FC (Victoria Mill Ground)	Area 4	157	Youth Football 9v9	1	Unsecured	Standard	2	1	1	Good	4	3
Wilby Playing Field	Area 4	159	Adult Football	1	Secured	Standard	2	1	1	Good	3	2
Wollaston Playing Field	Area 4	161	Adult Football	1	Secured	Standard	2	2.5	-0.5	Good	3	0.5
Wollaston Playing Field	Area 4	161	Youth Football 11v11	1	Secured	Standard	2	1	1	Good	4	3
Woodford Community and Sports Club	Area 2	163	Adult Football	1	Secured	Standard	2	2	0	Good	3	1
Woodford Community and Sports Club	Area 2	163	Mini Soccer 7v7	1	Secured	Standard	4	3	1	Good	6	3
Woodford Community and Sports Club	Area 2	163	Mini Soccer 5v5	1	Secured	Standard	4	1.5	2.5	Good	6	4.5

2.19 Should all pitches used by football clubs, that are currently standard or poor quality, be improved to a good standard, overplay would reduce from 41.5 MES per week to 12.5 MES per week. Table 2.6 has had overplay from these pitches removed to update the balance of pitch provision in North Northamptonshire. Should this be achieved, all overplay that previously existed on mini soccer 7v7 and mini soccer 5v5 pitch would be alleviated. Several of the sites used by clubs in table 2.5 provide unsecured tenure. These would need to be secured for any spare capacity shown to be counted.

**Table 2.6 – Impact of reducing overplay by improving pitch quality**

Pitch Type	Actual Spare Capacity (MES)	Overplay (MES)	Total (MES)	Future Demand (MES)	Future Total (MES)
Adult	27	3	24	5.5	18.5
Youth Football 11v11	18	0	13.5	0	13.5
Youth Football 9v9	18.5	4	14.5	0	14.5
Mini Soccer 7v7	10	0	10	0	10
Mini Soccer 5v5	5.5	0	5.5	0	5.5

Given that there were shortfalls identified on both mini soccer 7v7 and mini soccer 5v5 pitches, Table 2.7 shows the impact of improving these pitch types used by club, from poor or standard quality to good. As shown in Table 2.7, the only mini soccer pitches that would now be overplayed are the 7v7 pitches located at North Park Pavilion.

**Table 2.7 – Impact of improving poor and standard quality mini soccer 7v7 and mini soccer 5v5 pitches**

Site Name	Sub Area	PPS Site ID	Pitch Type	Number of Pitches	Security of Community Use	Pitch Quality	Carrying capacity	Total Use	Balance (MES)	Updated Pitch Quality	Updated Capacity	Updated Balance
Ferrers School	Area 2	39	Mini Soccer 7v7	1	Unsecured	Standard	4	1.5	2.5	Good	6	4.5
Kettering Buccleuch Academy	Area 3	68	Mini Soccer 7v7	1	Unsecured	Standard	4	0.5	3.5	Good	6	5.5
Kiln Park	Area 2	74	Mini Soccer 5v5	3	Secured	Poor	6	11.5	-5.5	Good	12	0.5

Site Name	Sub Area	PPS Site ID	Pitch Type	Number of Pitches	Security of Community Use	Pitch Quality	Carrying capacity	Total Use	Balance (MES)	Updated Pitch Quality	Updated Capacity	Updated Balance
Lancaster Park	Area 2	78	Mini Soccer 5v5	1	Secured	Poor	2	0.5	1.5	Good	6	5.5
Montsaye Academy	Area 3	89	Mini Soccer 7v7	2	Unsecured	Standard	8	1	7	Good	12	11
North Park Pavilion	Area 3	91	Mini Soccer 5v5	4	Secured	Standard	16	23.5	-7.5	Good	24	0.5
North Park Pavilion	Area 3	91	Mini Soccer 7v7	4	Secured	Standard	16	28.5	-12.5	Good	24	-4.5
Oundle Town Football Club	Area 2	101	Mini Soccer 7v7	1	Secured	Poor	2	2	0	Good	6	4
Oundle Town Football Club	Area 2	101	Mini Soccer 5v5	3	Secured	Poor	6	4	2	Good	12	8
Sir Christopher Hatton Academy	Area 4	121	Mini Soccer 7v7	1	Unsecured	Standard	4	0.5	3.5	Good	6	5.5
St Patrick's Catholic Primary School (Corby)	Area 1	125	Mini Soccer 5v5	1	Unsecured	Poor	2	1.5	0.5	Good	6	4.5
St Patrick's Catholic Primary School (Corby)	Area 1	125	Mini Soccer 7v7	1	Unsecured	Poor	2	2.5	-0.5	Good	6	3.5
The Centre At Mawsley Pitches	Area 3	133	Mini Soccer 7v7	1	Secured	Standard	4	1	3	Good	6	5
Wellingborough Old Grammarians Memorial Sports Field	Area 4	151	Mini Soccer 7v7	4	Secured	Standard	16	13	3	Good	24	11

Site Name	Sub Area	PPS Site ID	Pitch Type	Number of Pitches	Security of Community Use	Pitch Quality	Carrying capacity	Total Use	Balance (MES)	Updated Pitch Quality	Updated Capacity	Updated Balance
Wellingborough Old Grammarians Memorial Sports Field	Area 4	151	Mini Soccer 5v5	1	Secured	Standard	4	1.5	2.5	Good	6	4.5
Woodford Community and Sports Club	Area 2	163	Mini Soccer 7v7	1	Secured	Standard	4	3	1	Good	6	3
Woodford Community and Sports Club	Area 2	163	Mini Soccer 5v5	1	Secured	Standard	4	1.5	2.5	Good	6	4.5

### Football Scenarios – Team Demand

#### Catering for demand identified by clubs

2.20 As part of the consultation, clubs were asked to identify where they saw their future growth. Based on clubs who responded, there was future growth of 101 teams identified, which would equate to 50.5 MES per week of demand. This has been summarised in Table 2.8 below.

**Table 2.8 – Summary of forecast team growth**

Team Type	Number of Teams	MES
Adult	18	9
Youth 11v11	20	10
Youth 9v9	21	10.5
Mini Soccer 7v7	20	10
Mini Soccer 5v5	22	11

Team Type	Number of Teams	MES
<b>Total</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>50.5</b>

2.21 Table 2.9 assesses the impact that this demand would have on the current balance of pitches within North Northamptonshire. Future demand has been calculated on the basis that each new team will generate 0.5 MES of demand each week.

**Table 2.9 – Impact of forecast club demand on pitch balance**

Pitch Type	Curren Balance (MES)	Future Demand Identified by Clubs (MES)	Future Total (MES / week)
Adult	19	9	10
Youth Football 11v11	11.5	10	1.5
Youth Football 9v9	13.5	10.5	3
Mini Soccer 7v7	-3	10	-13
Mini Soccer 5v5	-7.5	11	-18.5

2.22 Table 2.9 shows that if forecast demand identified by football clubs in the study area was realised, spare capacity would be impacted on all pitch types. Whilst there would still be a significant amount of spare capacity on adult pitches, spare capacity on Youth 11v11 and youth 9v9 pitches would now be minimal. Shortfalls on mini soccer 7v7 and mini soccer 5v5 pitches would also increase significantly.

### **Growth in female football**

2.23 Delivery equal opportunities for women and girls to play is one of the five strategic priorities identified in the FA's Grassroots Football Strategy 2024-2028. Insight provided by Northamptonshire FA suggests that female football is expected to grow by 50%. This growth in female football has been applied to the existing number of female teams that play in North Northamptonshire to assess the impact this would have on pitch provision. Table 2.10 shows the current number of female teams in each category, and the increased number of teams, based on a 50% uplift.

**Table 2.10 – current and increased number of female teams**

Team Type	Current Number of Teams	MES	Increased Number of Teams	MES
Adult	17	8.5	26	13
Youth 11v11	18	9	27	13.5
Youth 9v9	18	9	27	13.5
Mini Soccer 7v7	8	4	12	6
Mini Soccer 5v5	1	0.5	2	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>47</b>

2.24 Table 2.10 results in 32 new female teams being generated, which represent an additional 16 MES of demand. This additional growth has been applied to the current balance of pitches within North Northamptonshire. Future demand has been calculated on the basis that each new team will generate 0.5 MES of demand each week.

**Table 2.11 – Impact of 50% growth in female football**

Pitch Type	Current Balance (MES)	Increased Demand (MES)	Future Total (MES / week)
Adult	19	13	6
Youth Football 11v11	11.5	13.5	-2
Youth Football 9v9	13.5	13.5	0
Mini Soccer 7v7	-3	6	-9
Mini Soccer 5v5	-7.5	1	-8.5

2.25 Table 2.11 shows that should this increase in female football be realised, shortfalls on football pitches would increase from 10.5 MES to 19.5 MES. This would result in there now being shortfalls on youth 11v11 pitches, with youth 9v9 pitches being at capacity. Existing shortfalls on mini soccer 7v7 and mini soccer 5v5 pitches would also increase.

#### **Recommendations for football**

- Protect all existing sites used for football;
- Seek to secure sites that have been identified as unsecured for football;



- Explore opportunities to work with clubs who are keen to take on the management and operation of sites to improve their quality. Where this approach is taken, the following need to be considered:
  - ✓ That clubs have the appropriate structure in place to take on management of any site/ pitches;
  - ✓ That clubs have a business plan/ operating model that considers all income and expenditure associated with managing the site/ pitches and demonstrates that it can be sustainable in the long term.
- Seek to improve the quality of poor and standard quality grass pitches to a good standard. It is recommended that this is done in conjunction with use of the PitchPower app and with support provide by the Grounds Management Association (GMA);
- Explore opportunities to work with clubs to improve the quality of ancillary facilities at any sites where provision is assessed as poor and provide facilities at sites that don't currently have ancillary provision, or where provision is limited. As a minimum, access to toilet provision should be provided on all sites with changing rooms provided for sites used by youth 11v11 and adult football teams. This should consider the growth of female football to ensure that ancillary provision meets the needs and requirements of these participants;
- Seek to support any displaced demand to return to the study area by ensuring that there is enough provision of the right quality to meet this demand;
- Where there is demand, consider opportunities to bring disused pitches back in to use for football;
- Work to support clubs currently playing in the National League System (NLS), or on the cusp of playing in the NLS, are able to meet the relevant Stadia Accreditation to progress through the system and also for those clubs just outside the National League System should they have aspirations to do so;
- Work with the Northamptonshire FA and the Football Foundation to update the Local Football Facilities Plan once the PPS has been signed off by Steering Group and approved by Council Executive.

### **3G AGP Summary**

- The FA calculate that one full size 3G AGP can support up to 38 teams. This methodology has been applied to Table 4.7 to look at current team numbers and 3G AGP requirements, along with future requirements based upon TGRs previously calculated;
- In order to calculate demand for 3G AGPs in North Northamptonshire, all imported demand (4 teams) has been discounted and all exported demand (15 teams) has been included. On this basis there are 636 teams in North Northamptonshire, which means there is demand for 17 3G AGPs (rounded up from 16.7);
- With the 0.75 full size 3G pitch equivalents contributed by the smaller sized pitches, there is a total of 8.75 full size 3G AGPs in the North Northamptonshire, this leaves a shortfall of 8.25 pitches.

### 3G AGP Scenarios

#### Moving all mini soccer match play to 3G AGPs

- 2.26 The FA have an aspiration for mini soccer games to be played on 3G pitches. This is because of their capacity to provide multiple kick offs on any given match day, plus the quality of experience that they offer the participants. This scenario assesses how many 3G pitches would be required in North Northamptonshire to accommodate all mini soccer match play.
- 2.27 Peak demand for mini soccer matches is Saturday and Sunday mornings, with the majority of teams playing on Saturdays. There are currently 62 mini soccer 7v7 teams and 85 mini soccer 5v5 teams who play on Saturday mornings. Three mini soccer 7v7 teams and 12 mini soccer 5v5 currently play their fixture on 3G pitches, so their teams haven't been included in table 2.9 below. The calculations in Table 2.12 are based on how a full size 3G AGPs can be divided for match play.

**Table 2.12 – Number of 3G AGPs required for mini soccer match play**

Format	Number of teams	Number of matches	3G Match Units Required	Total 3G Units Required	3G Pitches Required
Mini Soccer 7v7	59	29.5	8	236	3.69
Mini Soccer 5v5	73	36.5	4	146	2.28
<b>Total</b>					5.97

- 2.28 In total there would be 6 (rounded up from 5.97) 3G AGPs required to cater for mini soccer match play demand at peak times in North Northamptonshire.

#### Impact of forecast demand from clubs on 3G AGP demand

- 2.29 The Assessment Report calculated demand for 3G AGPs in North Northamptonshire based on the FA's ratio of 1:38 (1 3G pitch per 38 teams). On the basis of there being 636 teams in the study area, there was demand identified for 17 full size 3Gs, rounded up from 16.7. With the 0.75 full size 3G pitch equivalents contributed by the smaller sized pitches, there is a total of 8.75 full size 3G AGPs in the North Northamptonshire, this leaves a shortfall of 8.25 pitches.
- 2.30 During the consultation, football clubs identified future demand for 101 new team to be created. Table 2.13 updates the initial requirement identified for 3G AGPs to show how many additional pitches would be required to meet this additional training demand generated.

**Table 2.13 – Impact of forecast club demand on 3G AGPs**

Current Team Numbers	Current Requirement for 11v11 3G AGPs	Current 11v11 size 3G AGPs	Current Shortfall of 3G AGPs	Future Team Numbers	Future Requirement for 3G AGPs
636	8.25	8.75	8.25	737	19 (rounded down from 19.3)

2.31 If future demand identified by football clubs was realised, there would be a requirement for 19 3G AGPs in the study area. Based on their currently being 8.75, there would be a shortfall of 10.25 pitches.

#### Impact of delivering priority 3G AGPs

2.32 Northamptonshire FA have been working with the Football Foundation to deliver three 3G AGP projects in North Northamptonshire, which have either been submitted for funding or are being developed to be submitted for funding by January 2025. Should these projects all receive a positive funding decision, new 3G AGPs will be delivered at the following sites:

- The Grange Sports Field (Area 4);
- Wollaston School (Area 4); and
- Kettering Pitch and Track (Area 3);

2.33 Table 2.14 shows the supply and demand of 3G AGPs in North Northamptonshire based on these three pitches being delivered.

**Table 2.14 – Updated supply and demand of 3G AGPs**

Sub Analysis Area	Current Team Numbers	Current Demand for 3G AGPs	Current Full Size 3G AGPs	Current Shortfall of 3G AGPs	Updated Current Full Size 3G AGPs	Updated Shortfall of 3G AGPs
Area 1	91	2 (Rounded down from 2.3)	2	0	2	0
Area 2	144	4 (Rounded up from 3.7)	0.75	3.25	0.75	3.25
Area 3	259	7 (Rounded up from 6.8)	4	3	5	2
Area 4	142	4 (Rounded up from 3.7)	2	2	4	0

2.34 Should these three projects be delivered, the overall shortfall of 3G AGPs in North Northamptonshire would reduce from 8.25 pitches to 5 pitches. This would result in demand being met within Area 4 and demand reducing in Area 3 from three pitches to two.

#### Recommendations for 3G AGPs

- Seek to protect the existing stock of 3G AGPs in the study area;
- Seek to maintain quality of existing 3G AGPs;
- Seek to ensure that any pitches currently on the FA 3G Pitch Register are tested when required, so they remain on the register and can cater for competitive football;
- Seek to ensure that any future 3G AGPs that are developed are constructed to the appropriate specification that enables them to be tested for inclusion on the 3G pitch register. Where

appropriate, also consider when pitches can be made World Rugby compliant so they can cater for any rugby union demand. Also explore opportunities where pitches can meet demand for other sports, such as Gaelic football and American football;

- Seek to ensure that any new or existing 3G AGPs have a pitch replacement fund in place, which enables the pitch to be resurfaced when required.
- Encourage sites identified as potentially being able to provide 3G pitches to undertake any necessary feasibility work to understand if a 3G pitch is viable.;
- Seek to ensure that any current or future 3G AGPs developed, have a long term maintenance plan in place to ensure that pitches meet their expected lifespan, and there is no negative impact of their sustainability.
- Seek to ensure than any future 3G AGP developments are delivered strategically to meet the identified shortfalls, this should be done in conjunction with the PPS steering group.

### **Rugby Union Summary**

- There are currently six community rugby union clubs in North Northamptonshire who have a total of 73 teams between them;
- There are currently 43 rugby union pitches identified within the study area across 23 sites. Twenty of these pitches are available for community use, 15 of which are provided on rugby union club sites. The remaining five pitches available for community use are provided on school sites (three) and a Town Council site (two);
- There is one disused site in the study area that previously provided rugby union pitches, that is Corby RFC. The site previously had two senior rugby union pitches, neither of which had sports lights. It was also supported by a changing pavilion with bar and hospitality facilities. The site hasn't been used for rugby union since 2022;
- Security of community use is deemed to be secured at all sites used by community rugby union clubs in North Northamptonshire:
- The majority of rugby union pitches on community club sites were assessed as being standard quality (93%). The one pitch on a community club site assessed as being poor quality is located at Wellingborough Old Grammarians Memorial Sports Field;
- Five sites (50%) were assessed as providing good quality ancillary facilities and five sites (50%) were assessed as providing standard quality ancillary facilities. This trend was the same with community rugby union sites, with 50% also assessed as providing good quality ancillary facilities and 50% assessed as providing standard quality ancillary facilities.
- There is one community rugby union club who import demand into the study area, this is Stoneygate FC. The club are based in Uppingham, which falls within Rutland. The club have one adult team who use the senior rugby union pitch at Corby Business Academy for home fixtures. There is no exported demand from rugby clubs outside of the study area;
- If demand forecast by community rugby union clubs was realised, there could be up to 12 new teams created;
- Based on TGRs there will be one new senior men's team created up to 2041 in the study area;

- No actual spare capacity has been identified on sites used by community rugby union clubs in the study area. Of the remaining rugby union pitches in the study area, one site has been identified as having actual spare capacity, that is Rushden Jubilee Park, which has 1 MES available;
- There is overplay totalling 18.25 MES in North Northamptonshire. Overplay on sites used by community rugby union clubs equates to 15.75 MES, which accounts for 86% of all overplay in the study area.;
- There are current shortfalls of 17.25 MES on senior natural turf rugby union pitches North Northamptonshire, these increase by 0.5 MES when future demand from TGRs are considered.

### Rugby Union Scenarios

- 2.35 All sites currently used by community rugby union clubs in North Northamptonshire were identified as having some degree of overplay on them. The following scenarios look at how overplay on these sites can be reduced or removed completely.

#### Improving maintenance and drainage on community rugby union club sites by one increment

- 2.36 All sites used by community rugby union clubs were allocated a drainage and maintenance (D/M) score when the site assessments were conducted. This score determines how much capacity a pitch has to accommodate midweek training and match play on a weekly basis, in the form of match equivalent sessions (MES). Table 2.15 shows on the drainage and maintenance scores combine to determine pitch capacity.

**Table 2.15 – Rugby union pitch quality base on D/M scores**

Drainage	M0 – Poor (MES)	M1 – Standard (MES)	M2 – Good (MES)
D0	0.5	1.5	2
D1	1.5	2	3
D2	1.75	2.5	3.25
D3	2	3	3.5

- 2.37 Table 2.16 overleaf shows the impact on pitch capacity if the initial D/M score allocated to each site is increased by one increment. For example, if a pitch was initially assessed as D0/M0, it would have capacity for 0.5 MES per week. This would increase to D1/M1, and the pitch capacity would now have capacity for 2 MES per week.

**Table 2.16 – Impact of increasing D/M scores by one increment**

Site Name	PPS Site ID	Management Type	Pitch Type	Number of Pitches	Pitch Quality Rating	D/ M Score	Carrying Capacity (MES)	Match Play (MES)	Training (MES)	Balance (MES)	Updated D/M Score	Updated Capacity	Updated Balance
Kettering Rugby Football Club	71	Sport Club	Senior Rugby Union	3	Standard	D1/M1	6	5	4.25	-3.25	D2/M2	9.75	0.5
Oundle Rugby Football Club	97	Sport Club	Senior Rugby Union	3	Standard	D1/M1	6	4	5	-3	D2/M2	9.75	0.75
Rushden & Higham RFC	113	Sport Club	Senior Rugby Union	2	Standard	D1/M1	4	4.5	4	-4.5	D2/M2	6.5	-2
Stewarts & Lloyds Sports Club	131	Sport Club	Senior Rugby Union	3	Standard	D1/M1	6	3	4.5	-1.5	D2/M2	9.75	2.25
Wellingborough Old Grammarians Memorial Sports Field	151	Community Organisation	Senior Rugby Union	1	Poor	D0/M0	0.5	0.5	0.5	-0.5	D1/M1	2	1
Wellingborough Rugby Football Club	152	Sport Club	Senior Rugby Union	3	Standard	D1/M1	6	4	5	-3	D2/M2	9.75	0.75

- 2.38 Table 2.16 shows that if all senior natural turf rugby union pitches on sites used by community rugby union clubs had their current D/M score increased by one increment, overplay would reduce from 15.75 MES, to just 2 MES. This would result in Rushden & Higham RFC being the only site that is still overplayed. The remaining sites would have a total of 3.25 MES of spare capacity on them.
- 2.39 Table 2.17 overleaf considers the impact of providing additional sports lights on senior rugby union pitches so that mid-week training demand can be catered for across more pitches. It is recognised that this will increase the use of these pitches, and therefore the quality of the pitches will also need to be improved in tandem with this so that there is no negative impact on pitch quality and carrying capacity.

### Providing sports lighting on more senior natural turf rugby union pitches

2.40 One of the factors contributing to all sites used by community rugby union clubs being overplayed is the amount of midweek training demand that pitches with sports lights are accommodating. Table 2.17 assesses the impact of providing an additional pitch with sports lights at each site and assumes that midweek training demand will be split evenly across the pitches. This focuses solely on midweek training and doesn't consider the total site capacity.

**Table 2.17 – Impact of providing additional senior natural turf rugby union pitches with sports lights**

Site Name	PPS Site ID	Pitch Type	Number of Pitches	Sports Lighting	Pitch Quality Rating	D/ M Score	Midweek Training Capacity (MES)	Training (MES)	Midweek Training Balance (MES)	Updated Sports Lighting	Updated Midweek Training Capacity (MES)	Updated Midweek Training Balance (MES)
Kettering Rugby Football Club	71	Senior Rugby Union	3	1 pitch	Standard	D1/M1	2	4.25	-2.25	2 pitches	4	-0.25
Oundle Rugby Football Club	97	Senior Rugby Union	3	1 pitch	Standard	D1/M1	2	5	-3	2 pitches	4	-1
Rushden & Higham RFC	113	Senior Rugby Union	2	1 pitch	Standard	D1/M1	2	4	-2	2 pitches	4	0
Stewarts & Lloyds Sports Club	131	Senior Rugby Union	3	2 pitches	Standard	D1/M1	4	4.5	-0.5	3 pitches	6	1.5
Wellingborough Old Grammarians Memorial Sports Field	151	Senior Rugby Union	1	No	Poor	D0/M0	0	0.5	-0.5	1 pitch	0.5	0
Wellingborough Rugby Football Club	152	Senior Rugby Union	3	1 pitch	Standard	D1/M1	2	5	-3	2 pitches	4	-1

2.41 Table 2.17 shows that providing sports lights on one additional pitch at each site used by community rugby union clubs, would only result in one site having spare capacity, which is Stewarts & Lloyds RFC. Both Rushden & Higham RFC and Wellingborough Old Grammarians Memorial Sports Field would now be at capacity. The remaining three sites would still be overplayed. There is capacity to provide another sports lit pitch at each of these sites, resulting in them all having three pitches with sports lights. If this was achieved the midweek overplay on these sites would be eradicated. There is no capacity to provide any additional pitches with sports lights on the two sites at capacity, beyond what is shown in Table 2.17.

2.42 Table 2.18 below combines both the previous two tables to show the impact of improving pitch quality by one increment and providing an additional pitch with sports lights, on sites used by community rugby union clubs in North Northamptonshire. These two recommendations combined would reduce all of the shortfalls identified on community rugby union pitches in North Northamptonshire.

**Table 2.18 – Improving pitch quality and providing an additional pitch with sports lights**

Site Name	PPS Site ID	Pitch Type	Number of Pitches	Sports Lighting	Pitch Quality Rating	D/ M Score	Carrying Capacity (MES)	Match Play (MES)	Training (MES)	Balance (MES)	Updated Sports Lighting	Updated Midweek Training Capacity (MES)	Updated Midweek Training Balance (MES)	Updated D/M Score	Updated Capacity	Updated Balance
Kettering Rugby Football Club	71	Senior Rugby Union	3	1 pitch	Standard	D1/M1	6	5	4.25	-3.25	2 pitches	4	-0.25	D2/M2	9.75	4.5
Oundle Rugby Football Club	97	Senior Rugby Union	3	1 pitch	Standard	D1/M1	6	4	5	-3	2 pitches	4	-1	D2/M2	9.75	4.75
Rushden & Higham RFC	113	Senior Rugby Union	2	1 pitch	Standard	D1/M1	4	4.5	4	-4.5	2 pitches	4	0	D2/M2	6.5	2
Stewarts & Lloyds Sports Club	131	Senior Rugby Union	3	2 pitches	Standard	D1/M1	6	3	4.5	-1.5	3 pitches	6	1.5	D2/M2	9.75	3.75
Wellingborough Old Grammarians Memorial Sports Field	151	Senior Rugby Union	1	No	Poor	D0/M0	0.5	0.5	0.5	-0.5	1 pitch	0.5	0	D1/M1	2	1.5
Wellingborough Rugby Football Club	152	Senior Rugby Union	3	1 pitch	Standard	D1/M1	6	4	5	-3	2 pitches	4	-1	D2/M2	9.75	1.75



### Impact of providing additional senior rugby union pitches

- 2.43 Providing additional pitches supply is another way that the present shortfalls on senior rugby union pitches could be alleviated. There could be opportunities for this to be provided on existing sites where there is land available, or there may be opportunities for this to be provided at other sites, such as any new pitches delivered as a result of housing developments.
- 2.44 This scenario assumes that any new pitches developed would be constructed and maintained to a standard quality (D1/M1) and would therefore have 2 MES of capacity per week. On the basis that there are currently shortfalls of 15.75 MES on senior rugby union pitches, **there would need to be 8 new senior rugby union pitches provided to eradicate these shortfalls.**

### Recommendations for rugby union

- Protect existing community rugby union pitches;
- Encourage rugby union clubs in partnership with other agencies, to improve the quality of senior rugby union pitches via potential access to the Grass Pitch Maintenance fund for RFU member clubs. Also explore opportunities to provide drainage on sites to help increase capacity and alleviate overplay;
- Support Stewarts & Lloyds RFC to provide a new disabled lift access for their pavilion along with additional changing rooms to cater for female rugby. Also support Kettering RFC to provide additional changing rooms for female players and increase car parking provision at their site and support Wellingborough RFC to refurbish their existing shower provision at their site;
- Explore opportunities where the number of pitches with sports lights on community rugby union sites is increased to help cater for midweek training demand ;
- Explore opportunities for rugby union clubs to use the 3G AGP being developed at Wollaston School for midweek training. The pitch will include a shock pad making it suitable for contact rugby union training;
- Consider opportunities to provide new World Rugby compliant 3G AGPs to help alleviate overplay on community rugby union club sites;
- Explore opportunities where new pitch provision can be developed to cater for demand that is currently contributing to the shortfalls on senior rugby union pitches. This may include new provision being delivered as part of new housing developments.

## Hockey Summary

- There are currently six hockey clubs based in North Northamptonshire who between them have 27 teams.
- There are currently 11 AGPs in North Northamptonshire that are considered to be full size, across eight sites. Eight of these pitches are available for community use. There are four full sized non infilled water based AGPs and seven sand dressed AGPs;
- There are four (36%) full size AGPs assessed as being good quality, all of which are located at Oundle School Sports Centre. Six (54%) as standard quality and one (9%) as poor quality;
- If planned growth from hockey clubs in the study area is realised, there will be an additional four new hockey teams created;
- There will be two additional senior hockey teams created up to 2041 based on TGRs;
- There is spare capacity of 4 hours per for midweek training on hockey AGPs in North Northamptonshire and 10 hours of spare capacity at weekends for match play. This spare capacity identified is on sites where tenure is deemed unsecured and is therefore discounted. A key focus in the strategy for hockey will be securing use on AGPs used by clubs with an appropriate agreement;
- Of the AGPs used by hockey clubs in the area, the pitch at Wrenn School (London Road Site), will likely need to be resurfaced in the next two to three years as it's currently 11 years old. The pitch at Bishop Stopford School is seven years old, so shouldn't require resurfacing for at least five years, providing the appropriate level of maintenance is carried out on the surface. One of the pitches at Oundle School Sports Centre was only resurfaced 18 months ago. The Sports Centre were unsure of the age of the two remaining AGPs available for community use, so they could require resurfacing in the short term.
- There are also five smaller sized AGPs located in the study area, three of these are available for community use. These pitches are not suitable for match play or competition;

## Hockey Scenarios

### Removing unsecured AGPs from the supply

- 2.45 There are four sites that provide AGPs used by hockey clubs in North Northamptonshire, only one of these is deemed to provide secured use, this is the pitch at Corby Business Academy, where there is a community use agreement in place. The three remaining sites are all school sites where there is no community use agreement in place, and the clubs hire the pitches on a seasonal basis. Table 2.19 summaries use of these three sites that are used by hockey clubs.

**Table 2.19 – Hockey club demand on full-sized unsecured sites**

Site Name	PPS Site ID	Number of Pitches	AGP Dimensions (metres)	Sports Lighting	Peak Hours Available	Pitch Quality	Users	Hours of Midweek Peak Use	Hours of Weekend Peak Use
Bishop Stopford School	6	1	105 x 70	Yes	Mid-week - 15 Weekend - 14	Standard	Kettering HC	9	14
Oundle School Sports Centre	99	3	100 x 60	Yes	Mid-week - 10 Weekend - 8	Good	Oundle HC	6	4
Wrenn School (London Road Site)	166	1	100 x 62	Yes	Mid-week - 20 Weekend - 14	Standard	Earls Barton Ladies HC	1	2
							Grammarians Ladies HC	0	2
							Wellingborough HC	3	4
<b>Total Hours</b>								<b>19</b>	<b>26</b>

- 2.46 Table 2.15 identifies that if use of these sites was lost for hockey clubs, there would be 19 hours of midweek training unmet demand and 26 hours of weekend match play unmet demand. A total of 45 hours during the two peak periods across the week. Securing use on these sites for hockey clubs will be a key recommendation for these sites in the action plan.

### **Remove any pitches over five years old from the supply**

- 2.47 During the consultation, the age of AGPs, or when they were last resurfaced was confirmed with site operators where possible. This identified that there is currently only one AGP for hockey in the study area that is less than 5 years old, that is one of the AGPs at Oundle School Sports Centre, which was resurfaced in 2022. England Hockey requested that that a scenario be conducted that assesses the impact of losing any pitches over five years old.
- 2.48 There was a total 20 hours midweek training demand, and 26 hours of weekend match play identified by clubs in North Northamptonshire. Oundle School Sports Centre currently caters for 6 hours of midweek training demand and 4 hours of weekend match play. There were also 4 hours of spare capacity for weekend match play identified, meaning that it could cater for 14 hours of hockey demand across the two peak periods. This would leave 32 hours of unmet hockey demand across the week that wouldn't be able to be met.

### **AGP conversions**

- 2.49 Given the information that's provided in Table 2.14, all AGPs currently used for hockey should be protected.
- 2.50 Since 2012 Hockey has seen a 65% increase of U16 players taking up Hockey within the club environment. This increase across all age groups is expected to continue, especially with the attention given to GB team at recent Olympics. Unlike some sports, hockey can only be played competitively on sand or water based Artificial Grass Pitches (AGPs). Water based AGPs are not common and only found at elite sites, whereas sand based/sand dressed AGPs can be found on secondary school sites, leisure centres and higher education establishments.
- 2.51 Its popularity on school sites was due to the surface being able to be used for a number of sports to be played and taught. However, a large majority of these facilities did not financially plan to replace the surface, or carpets as they are known. A carpet has roughly a 12-15 year life span dependant on use and maintenance.
- 2.52 Since the introduction of the 3G surfaces, and its popularity with football, schools in particular have seen this as a way of replacing their tired carpets with 3G pitches and generating money from the hire to football clubs/ commercial football providers. This is at the expense of hockey, and in some areas in England, hockey players are travelling over 40 minutes to get to a suitable AGP (in some cases this is doubling the travel time). Additionally, because of the conversion to 3G surfaces some local authorities no longer have hockey teams playing within their areas and they have been displaced to different areas or had to disband all together.
- 2.53 The 3G surface is limited in the range of sports which can be played or taught on it and has a range of piles. Those proposing to change the carpets should take advice from the appropriate sports' NGB or refer to Sport England's guidance on artificial grass pitches ([Sport England - Outdoor Surface Guidance](#))
- 2.54 Due to the impact on hockey, it is appropriate to ensure that sufficient sand based AGPs are retained for the playing development of hockey within the local authority administrative area. To that end, a change of an Artificial Grass Pitch's surface or carpet will require a planning application, and as part of it the applicants will have to show that there is sufficient AGP provision available for hockey in the locality if the surface is changed. Otherwise planning permission will not be granted. Advice from Sport England and England Hockey should be sought prior to any planning application being submitted. On education sites, curricular hockey should also be considered, even if there is no use from hockey clubs, as this plays an important role in introducing players to the sport and generating demand.

- 2.55 It should also be noted that if a surface is changed, it could require the existing sports lights to be changed and in some instances noise attenuation measures may need to be put in place.
- 2.56 During the consultation it was identified that several football clubs in the study area were using sand AGPs for their midweek training, due to a lack of 3G pitch provision. Should 3G pitch demand be met through delivery of the Action Plan, this could help create additional midweek capacity for hockey clubs to grow. The consultation identified that there were 56 football teams using sand AGPs in the study area for midweek training.

#### **Recommendations for hockey**

- Protect existing AGPs used for hockey;
- Explore how best to secure use at all sites currently used by hockey clubs;
- Encourage all hockey AGPs providers to have a long-term maintenance plan and pitch replacement fund in place to resurface pitches when required;
- Encourage hockey AGPs providers, that when pitches are resurfaced, they are done so to the appropriate standard to meet the requirement for the NGB:
- Encourage hockey AGPs providers that their pitches are maintained to the relevant standards so that their lifespan can be maximised;
- Support sites that provide AGPs for hockey to replace their existing sports lights with LEDs to improve sustainability;
- Explore how football demand currently catered for on how AGPs, can be transferred to 3G AGPs when delivered to create additional capacity for hockey clubs;
- Work with clubs, sites and England hockey to explore how to create sufficient capacity to allow for the future growth of hockey in North Northamptonshire, including match play, training and recreational programmes;

## Cricket Summary

- There are currently 39 sites in North Northamptonshire that provide grass cricket pitches, this equates to 51 grass cricket pitches in total. Only one site provides cricket pitches that aren't available for community use, that is Wellingborough School that has five cricket pitches;
- There are currently 18 NTPs in North Northamptonshire provided across 17 sites;
- There are three sites in North Northamptonshire where security of use is deemed an issue for clubs;
- There were 32 cricket pitches assessed as good in North Northamptonshire, 12 as standard and six as poor;
- The majority of sites that provide community access to cricket pitches have ancillary provision assessed as good quality, this equates to 17 in total (42.5%). There were 15 sites assessed as providing standard quality facilities (37.5%) and eight as poor quality (20%);
- There are currently 35 cricket clubs in North Northamptonshire who between them have 207 teams Junior teams currently account for 47% of all cricket demand in the study area, with senior men's teams accounting for 45% of all demand and senior women's teams accounting for 8%;
- TGRs show that there will be up to nine new senior men's teams and one (rounded up from 0.9) senior women's teams created up to 2041 in the study area. No new junior teams are forecast to be created based on TGRs;
- There are currently three sites in North Northamptonshire that have actual spare capacity for Saturday cricket, which equates to four teams of actual spare capacity in total. Sixteen sites have actual spare capacity for Sunday cricket, which equates to 22 teams of actual spare capacity in total, and nineteen sites have actual spare capacity for midweek cricket, which equates to 56 teams of actual spare capacity in total;

## Cricket Scenarios

### Impact of losing access to unsecured sites used by cricket clubs

- 2.57 The Assessment Report identified that there are three cricket clubs currently accessing provision that's deemed to be unsecured. These are shown in Table 2.20.

**Table 2.20 – Unsecured sites used by cricket clubs**

Site Name	PPS Site ID	Club Name	Ownership Type	Management Type	Agreement in Place
Great Oakley Cricket Club	48	Great Oakley CC	Private	Sport Club	Rented from the Great Oakley Estate

Site Name	PPS Site ID	Club Name	Ownership Type	Management Type	Agreement in Place
Old Eastonians Cricket Club	94	Old Eastonians CC	Private	Sport Club	Annual hire agreement with Rockingham Castle.
Oundle School Sports Centre	99	Oundle Town CC	School/ College/ University (in house)	School/ College/ University (in house)	Annual hire agreement.

2.58 These three sites currently cater for 66 MES of cricket demand per season across the three peak periods, which could be lost if use isn't secured. This consist of 36 MES of Saturday cricket demand per season, 18 MES of Sunday cricket demand per season and 12 MES of midweek demand per season. Table 2.21 updates the current balance of cricket pitches in each of the three peak periods to show the impact that losing these three sites would have.

**Table 2.21 – impact of losing unsecured cricket pitches**

Peak Period	Current Capacity (MES)	Loss of Unsecured Sites
Cricket - Saturday	-192	-228
Cricket - Sunday	-12	-130
Cricket - Midweek	104	92

2.59 Shortfalls for both Saturday and Sunday cricket would increase based on this scenario, whilst spare capacity for midweek cricket would reduce. Securing use of these sites for cricket club will be a key recommendation for cricket within the action plan.

#### **Catering for demand identified by cricket clubs**

2.60 During the consultation, cricket clubs identified future growth of four teams. Table 2.22 shows in which age groups this growth is forecast. Match equivalent sessions per season have been calculated by senior teams playing eight home games per season and junior teams playing six home games per season.

**Table 2.22 – forecast team growth**

Team Type	Team Numbers	MES Per Season
Senior Mens	0	0
Senior Womens	2	20
Junior	2	12

- 2.61 Table 2.23 below updates the balance of cricket pitches in North Northamptonshire for each of the peak periods based on the demand identified in Table 2.16. Demand from senior women’s teams has been applied to Sunday cricket and demand generated from junior teams has been applied to midweek cricket.

**Table 2.23 – Impact of forecast club demand on pitch balance**

Peak Period	Actual Spare Capacity (MES / season)	Overplay (MES / season)	Current Total (MES / season)	Future Demand (MES / season)	Future Total (MES / season)
Saturday	40	232	-192	0	-192
Sunday	220	232	-12	20	-132
Midweek	336	232	104	12	92

- 2.62 Table 2.23 shows that forecast demand identified by clubs for senior womens teams cannot be catered for on the current pitch stock and would contribute to the initial shortfalls identified increasing. There is currently sufficient spare capacity for midweek cricket to cater for the two new teams forecast to be generated.

**Impact of growth in female cricket**

- 2.63 The ECB’s Inspiring Generations Strategy (2020 – 20204) set’s out six priorities, one of which is to transform women’s and girl’s cricket by increasing representation at every level. This is an area of the game that NCCC have witnessed growth in recent years and are keen to continue to support this growth. NCC have forecast a 15% growth in female cricket over the next five years. Table 2.24 shows the number of new teams this would generate based on the team of female teams currently playing.

**Table 2.24 – Current and future female cricket team numbers**

Team Type	Current Team Numbers	Team Numbers with Forecast Growth
Senior Women's Teams	16	2 (rounded down from 2.4)
Junior Girl's Teams	13	2 (rounded up from 1.95)

- 2.64 Table 2.24 shows that there would four new female teams created if this forecast growth was realised. Table 2.25 shows the impact this would have on the current balance of cricket pitches in North Northamptonshire. This assumes that new senior women’s teams will generate 10 MES of demand per season and new junior girls' teams will generate 6 MES of demand per season. Peak demand for senior women’s cricket is Sunday and peak demand for junior cricket is midweek.



**Table 2.25 – Impact of forecast growth in female cricket on pitch balance**

Peak Period	Actual Spare Capacity (MES / season)	Overplay (MES / season)	Current Total (MES / season)	Future Demand (MES / season)	Future Total (MES / season)
Saturday	40	232	-192	0	-192
Sunday	220	232	-12	20	-132
Midweek	336	232	104	12	92

2.65 Table 2.25 shows that additional demand for senior women’s teams couldn’t be catered for based on the current shortfalls that exist. This additional demand would contribute to these shortfalls increasing further. There would be sufficient capacity to cater for the forecast growth in junior girls teams though, as they would play midweek.

**Improving poor quality cricket pitches**

2.66 There are six sites currently being used by cricket clubs that provide poor quality grass cricket pitches. All six of these sites are overplayed due to the limited capacity offered by the poor pitches. Table 2.26 shows the impact of improving these pitches from poor quality to standard quality.

**Table 2.26 – Improving quality of pitches used by clubs to standard quality**

Site Name	PPS Site ID	Number of wickets	Quality Rating	Carrying Capacity	Total Use (MES)	Balance (MES)	Updated Quality Rating	Updated Capacity	Updated Balance
Barton Seagrave Cricket Club	3	9	Poor	0	59	-59	Standard	36	-23
Burton Latimer Town Cricket Club	12	7	Poor	0	33	-5	Standard	28	-5
Gretton Recreation Ground	53	5	Poor	0	10	-10	Standard	20	10

Site Name	PPS Site ID	Number of wickets	Quality Rating	Carrying Capacity	Total Use (MES)	Balance (MES)	Updated Quality Rating	Updated Capacity	Updated Balance
Kettering Sports Club	73	5	Poor	0	22	-22	Standard	20	-2
Pytchley Cricket Club	106	6	Poor	0	17	-17	Standard	24	7
Stewarts & Lloyds Sports Club	131	4	Poor	0	17	-17	Standard	16	-1

2.67 Whilst improving the quality of these sites to a standard quality has reduced the level of overplay, four sites still remain overplayed. Table 2.27 shows the impact of improving pitch quality on these sites further, to a good standard.

**Table 2.27 – Improving quality of pitches used by clubs to good quality**

Site Name	PPS Site ID	Number of wickets	Quality Rating	Carrying Capacity	Total Use (MES)	Balance (MES)	Updated Quality Rating	Updated Capacity	Updated Balance
Barton Seagrave Cricket Club	3	9	Poor	0	59	-59	Good	45	-14
Burton Latimer Town Cricket Club	12	7	Poor	0	33	-5	Good	35	2
Gretton Recreation Ground	53	5	Poor	0	10	-10	Good	25	15
Kettering Sports Club	73	5	Poor	0	22	-22	Good	25	3
Pytchley Cricket Club	106	6	Poor	0	17	-17	Good	30	13
Stewarts & Lloyds Sports Club	131	4	Poor	0	17	-17	Good	20	3

2.68 Improving pitch quality on these sites to a good standard would result in all of them having spare capacity, with the exception of Barton Seagrave Cricket Club, which would still be overplayed by 14 MES. Spare capacity on these sites would now total 36 MES.

### **Recommendations for cricket**

- Protect existing cricket pitches to meet demand;
- Work to support Great Oakley CC, Old Eastonians CC and Oundle Town CC to secure use at sites they currently use, where use is deemed unsecured;
- Seek to improve the pitch quality at sites used by cricket clubs where pitches have been identified as poor quality, or standard quality pitch site that are currently overplayed, to help reduce overplay. Identify clubs who may be eligible to apply to the new ECB Grass Pitch Improvement Fund;
- Explore how any proposed housing developments can meet demand for cricket in North Northamptonshire by providing additional pitch provision;
- Seek to support clubs with poor quality ancillary provision to improve the quality of their facilities. Also support clubs who have aspirations to enhance their facilities in order to cater for additional demand, such as increase female cricket;
- Seek to support Rushton CC provide new cricket nets and Gretton CC and Wellingborough CC to add additional lanes. Seek to support Desborough CC to replace their existing practise nets;
- Seek to support NCCC to implement programmes such as Allstars, Dynamo's and softball cricket;

### **Gaelic Football Summary**

- O'Rahilly's are the only Gaelic football club in North Northamptonshire.
- There is one Gaelic football pitch provided in North Northamptonshire, this is located at the Rockingham Triangle Sports Complex and is where O'Rahilly's are based;
- O'Rahilly's still have 63 years remaining on their lease from the Council, therefore their tenure at this site is deemed secured. All three of their existing teams are based at this site;
- The Gaelic football pitch at the Rockingham Triangle Sports Complex was assessed as being good quality. During the consultation O'Rahilly's didn't express any concerns with the quality of the pitch either;
- There are no ancillary facilities provided directly by the Gaelic football pitch. The club has historically accessed changing and hospitality facilities provided at Corby RFC, which is located just over the road to the west of where the Gaelic football pitch is provided. During the consultation the club didn't identify any issues with this. Since the consultation was conducted, the pitches at Corby RFC have stopped being made available for community use. It's not been possible to confirm with O'Rahilly's if they still have access to the pavilion on site, although Warwickshire GAA suggested that they aren't accessing these facilities anymore;
- O'Rahilly's currently have three teams, one senior men's team and two junior boys teams;
- No future growth in team numbers was identified by O'Rahilly's during the consultation;
- No issues have been identified with the quality of the pitch provide for O'Rahilly's at the Rockingham Triangle Sports Complex. This provides sufficient capacity for their three teams as fixtures split over the weekend with juniors playing on Saturdays and seniors playing on

Sunday's. They also pay home and away fixtures so there is also never more than two home games played across a weekend.

#### **Recommendations for Gaelic football**

- Protect the existing Gaelic football pitch used by O'Rahilly's at the Rockingham Triangle Sports Complex;
- Support O'Rahilly's so that demand can continue to be met at their existing ground, and they have capacity to grow, if needed;
- If the ancillary facilities previously used at Corby RFC are no longer accessible, support O'Rahilly's to identify where alternative facilities can be accessed by the club.

#### **Other Sports**

##### **American Football Summary**

- There is one American football club who are located in North Northamptonshire, who have three teams, that is Northants Knights;
- There is currently one grass American football pitch in the study area, this is located at Wellingborough Old Grammarians Memorial Sport Field;
- The American football pitch at Wellingborough Old Grammarians Memorial Sport Field was assessed as being standard quality. Although, during the site assessment, it was noted that the site as a whole does experience issues with waterlogging during prolonged periods of wet weather. This resulted in the club having to train offsite from January to April this year. The clubs accessed the 3G AGP at Manor Sport and Leisure Ltd;
- The ancillary provision at Wellingborough Old Grammarians Memorial Sport Field was assessed as being good quality;
- All American football demand in the study area takes place at one site where the pitch quality has been assessed as standard. This is sufficient for the current demand from Northants Knights who currently have three teams who play on a home and away basis. There is some capacity for the club to grow using the existing pitch at Wellingborough Old Grammarians Memorial Sports Field.

##### **Recommendations for American football**

- Protect the American football pitch at Wellingborough Old Grammarians Memorial Sport Field;
- Support Northants Knights so that demand can continue to be met at their existing ground, and they have capacity to grow, if needed;

## Housing Growth

- 2.69 There are strategic housing developments planned within the North Northamptonshire that will result in an increase in the population and demand for outdoor sports facilities. To understand what this demand might look like, population growth, based on the number of houses delivered within any planned development has been entered into the Sport England Playing Calculator to assess what facilities may be required to meet this demand. In order to calculate the population generated by any new development, a ratio of 2.4 people per household has been used. Any completed, or partially completed developments haven't been included within these calculations, as it is assumed that demand for sports pitches has already been determined.
- 2.70 Some of the developments in this section may have outline permissions agreed that have now expired. On this basis the Council will be seeking to obtain new outline, or full applications. On this basis these sites have been included within the scenario testing so that any changes in requirements can be assessed. In some instances off site contributions have been looked at as well as, or instead of onsite contributions. This has been looked at where there isn't an opportunity to provide any, or sufficient onsite contributions. The requirements have been based on demand identified by the Sport England Playing Pitch Calculator.

### Land South of Brooke Weston – Oakley Vale phase 8 and 9

- 2.71 Land South of Brooke Weston – Oakley Vale phase 8 and 9 is a planned development located in Corby that will provide 530 new homes. On this basis a new population of 1,272 people has been used to determine the additional demand generated by the development.
- 2.72 Table 2.28 shows the likely match play demand generated from this housing development, this is represented in match equivalent sessions (MES) per week, with the exception of cricket, which is MES per season.

**Table 2.28 – Match play demand from new housing**

Sport	Match Demand (MES)
Adult Football	0.19
Youth Football (Y11v11 & 9v9)	0.43
Mini Soccer (7v7 & 5v5)	0.34
Senior Rugby Union	0.09
Senior Hockey	0.03
Junior & Mixed Hockey	0.01
Cricket Open Age & Junior	6.06
<b>Total</b>	<b>7.15</b>

- 2.73 Table 2.28 shows that the greatest amount of match play demand generated per week will come from youth football teams. There is also a significant amount of match play demand per season generated for cricket. There is an estimated total of 7.15 MES of demand generated from this development.
- 2.74 Table 2.29 shows the estimated number of pitches required to meet demand from this new population, along with the capital costs and lifecycle costs that are required. Capital Costs are taken from Sport England Facilities Costs Third Quarter 2023 ([Sport England Facility Cost Guidance](#)). Lifecycle Costs are based on a % of the total project cost per annum as set out in Sport England's Life Cycle Costs Natural Turf Pitches and Artificial Surfaces documents (2023 Q2).

**Table 2.29 – Facility costs to meet demand**

Pitch Type	Number of pitches required to meet the estimated demand	Capital Cost	Lifecycle Cost (per annum)
Adult Football	0.19	£21,951	£4,324
Youth Football (Y11v11& 9v9)	0.43	£41,167	£8,316
Mini Soccer (7v7 & 5v5)	0.34	£10,997	£2,177
Rugby Union	0.09	£15,430	£2,854
Cricket	0.13	£49,448	£9,098
<b>Total</b>	<b>1.18</b>	<b>£138,993</b>	<b>£26,770</b>
Sand AGP	0.01	£7,032	£183
3G AGP	0.05	£63,778	£1,788
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.06</b>	<b>£70,811</b>	<b>£1,971</b>

- 2.75 Based on the potential demand generated from this development, and shortfalls identified within the assessment report, the following offsite contributions have been identified as priorities:
- Improvements to grass football pitches as identified in the PPS Action Plan in consultation with Northamptonshire FA and the Football Foundation; and
  - Cricket pitch improvements as identified in the PPS Action Plan.

#### **Priors Hall Park**

- 2.76 Priors Hall Park in development in Corby that includes three developments, Zone1, Zone 2 and Zone3. Zone 1 of the development is already being delivered; this will provide 1,852 new homes when completed. On this basis, this hasn't been included in this scenario. Zones 2 & 3 will provide 1,852 new dwellings, on this basis a new population of 4,444 people has been used to determine the additional demand generated by the development.

2.77 Table 2.30 shows match demand is generated from this housing development, this is represented in match equivalent sessions (MES) per week, with the exception of cricket, which is MES per season.

**Table 2.30 – Match play demand from new housing**

Sport	Match Demand (MES)
Adult Football	0.65
Youth Football (Y11v11 & 9v9)	1.49
Mini Soccer (7v7 & 5v5)	1.20
Senior Rugby Union	0.31
Senior Hockey	0.10
Junior & Mixed Hockey	0.04
Cricket Open Age & Junior	21.18
<b>Total</b>	<b>24.97</b>

2.78 Table 2.30 shows that the greatest amount of match play demand generated per week will come from youth football teams. There is also considerable demand per season for cricket. There is an estimated total of 24.97 MES of demand generated from this development.

2.79 Table 2.31 shows the estimated number of pitches required to meet demand from this new population, along with the capital costs and lifecycle costs that are required. Capital Costs are taken from Sport England Facilities Costs Third Quarter 2023 ([Sport England Facility Cost Guidance](#)). Lifecycle Costs are based on a % of the total project cost per annum as set out in Sport England's Life Cycle Costs Natural Turf Pitches and Artificial Surfaces documents (2023 Q2).

**Table 2.31 – Facility costs to meet demand**

Pitch Type	Number of pitches required to meet the estimated demand	Capital Cost	Lifecycle Cost (per annum)
Adult Football	0.65	£76,685	£15,107
Youth Football (Y11v11& 9v9)	1.49	£143,847	£29,057
Mini Soccer (7v7 & 5v5)	1.20	£38,417	£7,607
Rugby Union	0.31	£53,911	£9,973
Cricket	0.47	£172,764	£31,789
<b>Total</b>	<b>4.12</b>	<b>£485,625</b>	<b>£93,533</b>
Sand AGP	0.02	£24,567	£639
3G AGP	0.18	£222,829	£6,248
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.21</b>	<b>£247,396</b>	<b>£6,886</b>

2.80 Based on the potential demand generated from this development, and shortfalls identified within the assessment report, the following onsite provision has been identified as a priority:

- One adult football pitch, one youth football pitch and one mini soccer pitch
- One cricket pitch (minimum of eight wickets); and
- A changing pavilion that meets NGB and Sport England guidelines.



### West Corby SUE

- 2.81 West Corby SUE is a proposed housing development located in Corby that will provide 4,500 new homes. On this basis a new population of 10,800 people has been used to determine the additional demand generated by the development.
- 2.82 Table 2.32 shows the likely match play demand generated from this housing development, this is represented in match equivalent sessions (MES) per week, with the exception of cricket, which is MES per season.

**Table 2.32 – Match play demand from new housing**

Sport	Match Demand (MES)
Adult Football	0.66
Youth Football (Y11v11 & 9v9)	1.51
Mini Soccer (7v7 & 5v5)	1.21
Senior Rugby Union	0.31
Senior Hockey	0.10
Junior & Mixed Hockey	0.05
Cricket Open Age & Junior	21.44
<b>Total</b>	<b>25.28</b>

- 2.83 Table 2.32 shows that the greatest amount of match play demand generated per week will come from youth football teams. There is also considerable demand per season for cricket. There is an estimated total of 25.28 MES of demand generated from this development.
- 2.84 Table 2.33 shows the estimated number of pitches required to meet demand from this new population, along with the capital costs and lifecycle costs that are required. Capital Costs are taken from Sport England Facilities Costs Third Quarter 2023 ([Sport England Facility Cost Guidance](#)). Lifecycle Costs are based on a % of the total project cost per annum as set out in Sport England's Life Cycle Costs Natural Turf Pitches and Artificial Surfaces documents (2023 Q2).

**Table 2.33 – Facility costs to meet demand**

Pitch Type	Number of pitches required to meet the estimated demand	Capital Cost	Lifecycle Cost (per annum)
Adult Football	0.66	£77,654	£15,298
Youth Football (Y11v11& 9v9)	1.51	£145,667	£29,425
Mini Soccer (7v7 & 5v5)	1.21	£38,901	£7,702
Rugby Union	0.31	£54,590	£10,099
Cricket	0.47	£174,943	£32,190
<b>Total</b>	<b>4.17</b>	<b>£491,755</b>	<b>£94,714</b>
Sand AGP	0.02	£24,877	£647
3G AGP	0.18	£225,643	£6,326
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.21</b>	<b>£250,520</b>	<b>£6,973</b>

2.85 Based on the potential demand generated from this development, and shortfalls identified within the assessment report, the following onsite provision has been identified as a priority:

- 2 x adult football pitches;
- 1 x cricket pitch (minimum of 8 wickets); and
- Changing pavilion that meets NGB and Sport England guidelines.

2.86 Offsite contributions have been identified as follows:

- 1 x 3G AGP identified in the PPS Action Plan in consultation with Northamptonshire FA and the Football Foundation; and
- Rugby union pitch improvements as identified in the PPS Action Plan.

#### **Rushden East**

2.87 Rushden East is a proposed housing development located in East Northamptonshire that will provide 2,200 new homes. On this basis a new population of 5,280 people has been used to determine the additional demand generated by the development.

2.88 Table 2.34 shows the likely match play demand generated from this housing development, this is represented in match equivalent sessions (MES) per week, with the exception of cricket, which is MES per season.

**Table 2.34 – Match play demand from new housing**

<b>Sport</b>	<b>Match Demand (MES)</b>
Adult Football	0.77
Youth Football (Y11v11 & 9v9)	1.77
Mini Soccer (7v7 & 5v5)	1.42
Senior Rugby Union	0.36
Senior Hockey	0.11
Junior & Mixed Hockey	0.05
Cricket Open Age & Junior	25.16
<b>Total</b>	<b>29.64</b>

- 2.89 Table 2.34 shows that the greatest amount of match play demand generated per week will come from youth football teams. There is also considerable demand per season for cricket. There is an estimated total of 29.64 MES of demand generated from this development.
- 2.90 Table 2.35 shows the estimated number of pitches required to meet demand from this new population, along with the capital costs and lifecycle costs that are required. Capital Costs are taken from Sport England Facilities Costs Third Quarter 2023 ([Sport England Facility Cost Guidance](#)). Lifecycle Costs are based on a % of the total project cost per annum as set out in Sport England's Life Cycle Costs Natural Turf Pitches and Artificial Surfaces documents (2023 Q2).

**Table 2.35 – Facility costs to meet demand**

Pitch Type	Number of pitches required to meet the estimated demand	Capital Cost	Lifecycle Cost (per annum)
Adult Football	0.77	£91,115	£17,950
Youth Football (Y11v11& 9v9)	1.77	£170,899	£34,522
Mini Soccer (7v7 & 5v5)	1.42	£45,645	£9,038
Rugby Union	0.36	£64,052	£11,850
Cricket	0.56	£205,265	£37,769
<b>Total</b>	<b>4.89</b>	<b>£576,976</b>	<b>£111,127</b>
Sand AGP	0.03	£29,189	£759
3G AGP	0.22	£264,746	£7,423
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.25</b>	<b>£293,934</b>	<b>£8,182</b>

2.91 Based on the potential demand generated from this development, and shortfalls identified within the assessment report, the following onsite provision has been identified as a priority:

- 1 x Youth 11v11 pitch and 2 x mini soccer pitches;
- 1 x cricket pitch (minimum of 8 wickets); and
- Changing pavilion that meets NGB and Sport England guidelines.

2.92 Offsite contributions have been identified as follows:

- 1 x 3G AGP as identified in the PPS Action Plan in consultation with Northamptonshire FA and the Football Foundation; and
- Rugby union pitch improvements as identified in the PPS Action Plan.

### **Desborough North**

2.93 Desborough North is a proposed housing development located in Kettering that will provide 700 new homes. On this basis a new population of 1,680 people has been used to determine the additional demand generated by the development.

2.94 Table 2.36 shows the likely match play demand generated from this housing development, this is represented in match equivalent sessions (MES) per week, with the exception of cricket, which is MES per season.

**Table 2.36– Match play demand from new housing**

Sport	Match Demand (MES)
Adult Football	0.25
Youth Football (Y11v11 & 9v9)	0.56
Mini Soccer (7v7 & 5v5)	0.45
Senior Rugby Union	0.12
Senior Hockey	0.04
Junior & Mixed Hockey	0.02
Cricket Open Age & Junior	8.01
<b>Total</b>	<b>9.45</b>

- 2.95 Table 2.36 shows that the greatest amount of match play demand generated per week will come from youth football teams. There is an estimated total of 9.45 MES of demand generated from this development.
- 2.96 Table 2.37 shows the estimated number of pitches required to meet demand from this new population, along with the capital costs and lifecycle costs that are required. Capital Costs are taken from Sport England Facilities Costs Third Quarter 2023 ([Sport England Facility Cost Guidance](#)). Lifecycle Costs are based on a % of the total project cost per annum as set out in Sport England's Life Cycle Costs Natural Turf Pitches and Artificial Surfaces documents (2023 Q2).

**Table 2.37 – Facility costs to meet demand**

Pitch Type	Number of pitches required to meet the estimated demand	Capital Cost	Lifecycle Cost (per annum)
Adult Football	0.25	£28,992	£5,711
Youth Football (Y11v11& 9v9)	0.56	£54,380	£10,985
Mini Soccer (7v7 & 5v5)	0.45	£14,525	£2,876
Rugby Union	0.12	£20,380	£3,770
Cricket	0.18	£65,314	£12,018
<b>Total</b>	<b>1.56</b>	<b>£183,591</b>	<b>£35,360</b>
Sand AGP	0.01	£9,288	£241
3G AGP	0.07	£84,242	£2,362
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.08</b>	<b>£93,530</b>	<b>£2,603</b>

2.97 Based on the potential demand generated from this development, and shortfalls identified within the assessment report, the following offsite provision has been identified as a priority:

- Improvements to grass football pitches as identified in the PPS Action Plan in consultation with Northamptonshire FA and the Football Foundation;
- Cricket pitch improvements at Kettering Sports Club; and
- Rugby union pitch improvements as identified in the PPS Action Plan in consultation with the RFU.

#### **Hanwood Park**

2.98 Hanwood Park is a proposed housing development located in Kettering that will provide 5,500 new homes. On this basis a new population of 13,200 people has been used to determine the additional demand generated by the development.

2.99 Table 2.38 shows the likely match play demand generated from this housing development, this is represented in match equivalent sessions (MES) per week, with the exception of cricket, which is MES per season.

**Table 2.38 – Match play demand from new housing**

Sport	Match Demand (MES)
Adult Football	1.94
Youth Football (Y11v11 & 9v9)	4.44
Mini Soccer (7v7 & 5v5)	3.55
Senior Rugby Union	0.91
Senior Hockey	0.29
Junior & Mixed Hockey	0.13
Cricket Open Age & Junior	62.90
<b>Total</b>	<b>74.16</b>

- 2.100 Table 2.38 shows that the greatest amount of match play demand generated per week will come from youth football teams. There is also considerable demand per season for cricket. There is an estimated total of 74.16 MES of demand generated from this development.
- 2.101 Table 2.39 shows the estimated number of pitches required to meet demand from this new population, along with the capital costs and lifecycle costs that are required. Capital Costs are taken from Sport England Facilities Costs Third Quarter 2023 ([Sport England Facility Cost Guidance](#)). Lifecycle Costs are based on a % of the total project cost per annum as set out in Sport England's Life Cycle Costs Natural Turf Pitches and Artificial Surfaces documents (2023 Q2).

**Table 2.39 – Facility costs to meet demand**

Pitch Type	Number of pitches required to meet the estimated demand	Capital Cost	Lifecycle Cost (per annum)
Adult Football	1.94	£227,783	£44,873
Youth Football (Y11v11& 9v9)	4.44	£427,256	£86,306
Mini Soccer (7v7 & 5v5)	3.55	£114,113	£22,594
Rugby Union	0.91	£160,126	£29,623
Cricket	1.39	£513,156	£94,421
<b>Total</b>	<b>12.22</b>	<b>£1,442,434</b>	<b>£277,817</b>
Sand AGP	0.07	£72,971	£1,897
3G AGP	0.54	£661,869	£18,557
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.61</b>	<b>£734,840</b>	<b>£20,454</b>

2.102 Based on the potential demand generated from this development, and shortfalls identified within the assessment report, the following onsite provision has been identified as a priority:

- 1 x Adult football pitch, 3 x Youth 11v11 pitches and 2 x mini soccer pitches;
- 1 x full size 3G AGP that is World Rugby compliant;
- 1 x full size sand based AGP;
- 1 x cricket pitch (minimum of 8 wickets); and
- Changing pavilion that meets NGB and Sport England guidelines.

#### **Rothwell North**

2.103 Rothwell North is a proposed housing development located in Kettering that will provide 700 new homes. On this basis a new population of 1,680 people has been used to determine the additional demand generated by the development.

2.104 Table 2.35 shows the likely match play demand generated from this housing development, this is represented in match equivalent sessions (MES) per week, with the exception of cricket, which is MES per season.



**Table 2.40 – Match play demand from new housing**

<b>Sport</b>	<b>Match Demand (MES)</b>
Adult Football	0.25
Youth Football (Y11v11 & 9v9)	0.56
Mini Soccer (7v7 & 5v5)	0.45
Senior Rugby Union	0.12
Senior Hockey	0.04
Junior & Mixed Hockey	0.02
Cricket Open Age & Junior	8.01
<b>Total</b>	<b>9.45</b>

- 2.105 Table 2.40 shows that the greatest amount of match play demand generated per week will come from youth football teams. There is also considerable demand per season for cricket. There is an estimated total of 9.45 MES of demand generated from this development.
- 2.106 Table 2.41 shows the estimated number of pitches required to meet demand from this new population, along with the capital costs and lifecycle costs that are required. Capital Costs are taken from Sport England Facilities Costs Third Quarter 2023 ([Sport England Facility Cost Guidance](#)). Lifecycle Costs are based on a % of the total project cost per annum as set out in Sport England's Life Cycle Costs Natural Turf Pitches and Artificial Surfaces documents (2023 Q2).

**Table 2.41 – Facility costs to meet demand**

Pitch Type	Number of pitches required to meet the estimated demand	Capital Cost	Lifecycle Cost (per annum)
Adult Football	0.25	£28,992	£5,711
Youth Football (Y11v11& 9v9)	0.56	£54,380	£10,985
Mini Soccer (7v7 & 5v5)	0.45	£14,525	£2,876
Rugby Union	0.12	£20,380	£3,770
Cricket	0.18	£65,314	£12,018
<b>Total</b>	<b>1.56</b>	<b>£183,591</b>	<b>£35,360</b>
Sand AGP	0.01	£9,288	£241
3G AGP	0.07	£84,242	£2,362
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.08</b>	<b>£93,530</b>	<b>£2,603</b>

2.107 Based on the potential demand generated from this development, and shortfalls identified within the assessment report, the following offsite provision has been identified as a priority:

- Improvements to grass football pitches as identified in the PPS Action Plan in consultation with Northamptonshire FA and the Football Foundation;
- Rugby Union pitch improvements at Kettering Rugby Football Club; and
- Cricket pitch improvements at Burton Latimer Town Cricket Club or Geddington Sports Ground.

**WEAST - Overall anticipated delivery Irthlingborough Grange – Stanton Cross (Phase 1)**

2.108 WEAST is a proposed housing development located in Wellingborough; the first phase will provide 3,650 new homes. On this basis a new population of 8,760 people has been used to determine the additional demand generated by the development.

2.109 Table 2.42 shows the likely match play demand generated from this housing development, this is represented in match equivalent sessions (MES) per week, with the exception of cricket, which is MES per season.

**Table 2.42 – Match play demand from new housing**

Sport	Match Demand (MES)
Adult Football	1.28

Sport	Match Demand (MES)
Youth Football (Y11v11 & 9v9)	2.94
Mini Soccer (7v7 & 5v5)	2.36
Senior Rugby Union	0.60
Senior Hockey	0.19
Junior & Mixed Hockey	0.09
Cricket Open Age & Junior	41.74
<b>Total</b>	<b>49.21</b>

2.110 Table 2.42 shows that the greatest amount of match play demand generated per week will come from youth football teams. There is also considerable demand per season for cricket. There is an estimated total of 49.21 MES of demand generated from this development.

2.111 Table 2.43 shows the estimated number of pitches required to meet demand from this new population, along with the capital costs and lifecycle costs that are required. Capital Costs are taken from Sport England Facilities Costs Third Quarter 2023 ([Sport England Facility Cost Guidance](#)). Lifecycle Costs are based on a % of the total project cost per annum as set out in Sport England's Life Cycle Costs Natural Turf Pitches and Artificial Surfaces documents (2023 Q2).

**Table 2.43 – Facility costs to meet demand**

Pitch Type	Number of pitches required to meet the estimated demand	Capital Cost	Lifecycle Cost (per annum)
Adult Football	1.28	£151,167	£29,780
Youth Football (Y11v11& 9v9)	2.94	£283,542	£57,276
Mini Soccer (7v7 & 5v5)	2.36	£75,730	£14,995
Rugby Union	0.60	£106,267	£19,659
Cricket	0.92	£340,554	£62,662
<b>Total</b>	<b>8.11</b>	<b>£957,260</b>	<b>£184,371</b>
Sand AGP	0.05	£48,427	£1,259
3G AGP	0.36	£439,242	£12,315
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.41</b>	<b>£487,669</b>	<b>£13,574</b>

2.112 Based on the potential demand generated from this development, and shortfalls identified within the assessment report, the following onsite provision has been identified as a priority:

- 2 x Adult football pitches, 2 x Youth 11v11 pitch and 2 x mini soccer 7v7 pitches;
- 1 x cricket pitch (minimum of 8 wickets); and
- Changing pavilion that meets NGB and Sport England guidelines.

2.113 Offsite contributions have been identified as follows:

- Rugby union pitch improvements as identified in the PPS Action Plan; and
- Upgrade sports lights at Wrenn School (London Road Site) to LED.

#### **WEAST - Overall anticipated delivery Irthlingborough Grange – Stanton Cross (Phase 2)**

2.114 WEAST is a proposed housing development located in Wellingborough; the second phase will provide 1,000 new homes. On this basis a new population of 2,400 people has been used to determine the additional demand generated by the development.

2.115 Table 2.44 shows the likely match play demand generated from this housing development, this is represented in match equivalent sessions (MES) per week, with the exception of cricket, which is MES per season.

**Table 2.44 – Match play demand from new housing**

<b>Sport</b>	<b>Match Demand (MES)</b>
Adult Football	0.35
Youth Football (Y11v11 & 9v9)	0.81
Mini Soccer (7v7 & 5v5)	0.65
Senior Rugby Union	0.16
Senior Hockey	0.05
Junior & Mixed Hockey	0.02
Cricket Open Age & Junior	11.44
<b>Total</b>	<b>13.48</b>

- 2.116 Table 2.44 shows that the greatest amount of match play demand generated per week will come from youth football teams. There is also considerable demand per season for cricket. There is an estimated total of 13.48 MES of demand generated from this development.
- 2.117 Table 2.45 shows the estimated number of pitches required to meet demand from this new population, along with the capital costs and lifecycle costs that are required. Capital Costs are taken from Sport England Facilities Costs Third Quarter 2023 ([Sport England Facility Cost Guidance](#)). Lifecycle Costs are based on a % of the total project cost per annum as set out in Sport England's Life Cycle Costs Natural Turf Pitches and Artificial Surfaces documents (2023 Q2).

**Table 2.45 – Facility costs to meet demand**

Pitch Type	Number of pitches required to meet the estimated demand	Capital Cost	Lifecycle Cost (per annum)
Adult Football	0.35	£41,415	£8,159
Youth Football (Y11v11& 9v9)	0.81	£77,684	£15,692
Mini Soccer (7v7 & 5v5)	0.65	£20,748	£4,108
Rugby Union	0.16	£29,114	£5,386
Cricket	0.25	£93,301	£17,167
<b>Total</b>	<b>2.22</b>	<b>£262,263</b>	<b>£50,513</b>
Sand AGP	0.01	£13,268	£345
3G AGP	0.10	£120,341	£3,374
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.11</b>	<b>£133,609</b>	<b>£3,719</b>

2.118 Based on the potential demand generated from this development, and shortfalls identified within the assessment report, the following offsite provision has been identified as a priority:

- Football pitch improvements as identified in the PPS Action Plan in consultation with Northamptonshire FA and the Football Foundation; and
- Rugby union pitch improvements as identified in the PPS Action.

**Land off the A509 Niort Way and A510 Northen Way and south of Great Harrowden Wellingborough (Phase 1)**

2.119 This proposed housing development located in Wellingborough will provide 3,000 new homes within the first phase of delivery. On this basis a new population of 7,200 people has been used to determine the additional demand generated by the development.

2.120 Table 2.46 shows the likely match play demand generated from this housing development, this is represented in match equivalent sessions (MES) per week, with the exception of cricket, which is MES per season.

**Table 2.46 – Match play demand from new housing**

Sport	Match Demand (MES)
Adult Football	1.06

Sport	Match Demand (MES)
Youth Football (Y11v11 & 9v9)	2.42
Mini Soccer (7v7 & 5v5)	1.94
Senior Rugby Union	0.49
Senior Hockey	0.16
Junior & Mixed Hockey	0.07
Cricket Open Age & Junior	34.31
<b>Total</b>	<b>40.45</b>

2.121 Table 2.46 shows that the greatest amount of match play demand generated per week will come from youth football teams. There is also considerable demand per season for cricket. There is an estimated total of 40.45 MES of demand generated from this development.

2.122 Table 2.47 shows the estimated number of pitches required to meet demand from this new population, along with the capital costs and lifecycle costs that are required. Capital Costs are taken from Sport England Facilities Costs Third Quarter 2023 ([Sport England Facility Cost Guidance](#)). Lifecycle Costs are based on a % of the total project cost per annum as set out in Sport England's Life Cycle Costs Natural Turf Pitches and Artificial Surfaces documents (2023 Q2).

**Table 2.47 – Facility costs to meet demand**

Pitch Type	Number of pitches required to meet the estimated demand	Capital Cost	Lifecycle Cost (per annum)
Adult Football	1.06	£124,246	£24,476
Youth Football (Y11v11& 9v9)	2.42	£233,052	£47,076
Mini Soccer (7v7 & 5v5)	1.94	£62,243	£12,324
Rugby Union	0.49	£87,344	£16,159
Cricket	0.76	£279,908	£51,503
<b>Total</b>	<b>6.67</b>	<b>£786,792</b>	<b>£151,539</b>
Sand AGP	0.04	£39,803	£1,035
3G AGP	0.30	£361,020	£10,122
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.34</b>	<b>£400,823</b>	<b>£11,157</b>

2.123 Based on the potential demand generated from this development, and shortfalls identified within the assessment report, the following onsite provision has been identified as a priority:

- 1x adult football pitch, 2 x youth 11v11 pitches and 2 x mini soccer 7v7 pitches;
- 1 x cricket pitch (minimum of 8 wickets); and
- Changing pavilion that meets NGB and Sport England guidelines.

2.124 Offsite contributions have been identified as follows:

- Rugby union pitch improvements at Wellingborough RFC or Wellingborough Old Grammarians Memorial Sports Field.

**Land off the A509 Niort Way and A510 Northen Way and south of Great Harrowden Wellingborough (Phase 2)**

2.125 This proposed housing development located in Wellingborough will provide 250 new homes within the second phase of delivery. On this basis a new population of 600 people has been used to determine the additional demand generated by the development.

2.126 Table 2.48 shows the likely match play demand generated from this housing development, this is represented in match equivalent sessions (MES) per week, with the exception of cricket, which is MES per season.



**Table 2.48 – Match play demand from new housing**

<b>Sport</b>	<b>Match Demand (MES)</b>
Adult Football	0.09
Youth Football (Y11v11 & 9v9)	0.20
Mini Soccer (7v7 & 5v5)	0.16
Senior Rugby Union	0.04
Senior Hockey	0.01
Junior & Mixed Hockey	0.01
Cricket Open Age & Junior	2.86
<b>Total</b>	<b>3.37</b>

2.127 Table 2.48 shows that the greatest amount of match play demand generated per week will come from youth football teams. There is also considerable demand per season for cricket. There is an estimated total of 3.37 MES of demand generated from this development.

2.128 Table 2.49 shows the estimated number of pitches required to meet demand from this new population, along with the capital costs and lifecycle costs that are required. Capital Costs are taken from Sport England Facilities Costs Third Quarter 2023 ([Sport England Facility Cost Guidance](#)). Lifecycle Costs are based on a % of the total project cost per annum as set out in Sport England's Life Cycle Costs Natural Turf Pitches and Artificial Surfaces documents (2023 Q2).

**Table 2.49 – Facility costs to meet demand**

Pitch Type	Number of pitches required to meet the estimated demand	Capital Cost	Lifecycle Cost (per annum)
Adult Football	0.09	£10,354	£2,040
Youth Football (Y11v11& 9v9)	0.20	£19,420	£3,923
Mini Soccer (7v7 & 5v5)	0.16	£5,189	£1,027
Rugby Union	0.04	£7,278	£1,346
Cricket	0.06	£23,326	£4,292
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.56</b>	<b>£65,567</b>	<b>£12,629</b>
Sand AGP	0.00	£3,317	£86
3G AGP	0.02	£30,089	£844
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.03</b>	<b>£33,406</b>	<b>£930</b>

2.129 Based on the potential demand generated from this development, and shortfalls identified within the assessment report, the following offsite provision has been identified as a priority:

- Football pitch improvements as identified in the PPS Action Plan in consultation with Northamptonshire FA and the Football Foundation; and
- Rugby union pitch improvements as identified in the PPS Action Plan.

#### **Park Farm/ Shelley Way**

2.130 Park Farm/ Shelley Way is a proposed housing development located in Wellingborough that will provide 600 new homes. On this basis a new population of 1,440 people has been used to determine the additional demand generated by the development.

2.131 Table 2.50 shows the likely match play demand generated from this housing development, this is represented in match equivalent sessions (MES) per week, with the exception of cricket, which is MES per season.

**Table 2.50 – Match play demand from new housing**

Sport	Match Demand (MES)
Adult Football	0.21
Youth Football (Y11v11 & 9v9)	0.48

Sport	Match Demand (MES)
Mini Soccer (7v7 & 5v5)	0.39
Senior Rugby Union	0.10
Senior Hockey	0.03
Junior & Mixed Hockey	0.01
Cricket Open Age & Junior	6.86
<b>Total</b>	<b>8.08</b>

2.132 Table 2.50 shows that the greatest amount of match play demand generated per week will come from youth football teams. There is also considerable demand per season for cricket. There is an estimated total of 8.08 MES of demand generated from this development.

2.133 Table 2.51 shows the estimated number of pitches required to meet demand from this new population, along with the capital costs and lifecycle costs that are required. Capital Costs are taken from Sport England Facilities Costs Third Quarter 2023 ([Sport England Facility Cost Guidance](#)). Lifecycle Costs are based on a % of the total project cost per annum as set out in Sport England's Life Cycle Costs Natural Turf Pitches and Artificial Surfaces documents (2023 Q2).

**Table 2.51 – Facility costs to meet demand**

Pitch Type	Number of pitches required to meet the estimated demand	Capital Cost	Lifecycle Cost (per annum)
Adult Football	0.21	£24,850	£4,895
Youth Football (Y11v11& 9v9)	0.48	£46,608	£9,415
Mini Soccer (7v7 & 5v5)	0.39	£12,446	£2,464
Rugby Union	0.10	£17,468	£3,232
Cricket	0.15	£55,980	£10,300
<b>Total</b>	<b>1.33</b>	<b>£157,352</b>	<b>£30,306</b>
Sand AGP	0.01	£7,961	£207
3G AGP	0.06	£72,197	£2,024
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.07</b>	<b>£80,158</b>	<b>£2,231</b>

2.134 Based on the potential demand generated from this development, and shortfalls identified within the assessment report, the following offsite provision has been identified as a priority:

- Football pitch improvements as identified within the PPS Action Plan in consultation with Northamptonshire FA and the Football Foundation.

## 3. Strategic Recommendations

- 3.1 The strategic recommendations within this strategy are based on the aims set out by Sport England within their Playing Pitch Strategy Guidance (2013). These are Protect, Enhance and Provide. These recommendations have been informed by consultation and research that has been carried out throughout the process of developing this strategy.

### **Protect**

#### **Protect sites through planning policy**

- 3.2 The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) sets out the governments planning policies for England and how these should be applied. Paragraph 102 states that access to a network of high-quality open spaces and opportunities for sport and physical activity is important for the health and well-being of communities and can deliver wider benefits for nature and support efforts to address climate change. Planning policies should be based on robust and up-to-date assessments of the need for open space, sport and recreation facilities (including quantitative or qualitative deficits or surpluses) and opportunities for new provision. Information gained from the assessments should be used to determine what open space, sport and recreational provision is needed, which plans should then seek to accommodate.
- 3.3 Paragraph 103 states existing open space, sports and recreational buildings and land, including playing fields, should not be built on unless:
- (a) an assessment has been undertaken which has clearly shown the open space, buildings or land to be surplus to requirements; or
  - (b) the loss resulting from the proposed development would be replaced by equivalent or better provision in terms of quantity and quality in a suitable location; or
  - (c) the development is for alternative sports and recreational provision, the benefits of which clearly outweigh the loss of the current or former use.
- 3.4 The PPS has identified shortfalls on several pitch types for different sports, and therefore pitches should not be deemed surplus to requirements, unless one of the aforementioned can be demonstrated.

#### **Disused sites**

- 3.5 A disused site is one that has previously provided pitches but no longer exists, as it may have been redeveloped, closed down or now has an alternative use. There are also sites that still exist but no longer provide pitches, or provide less pitches than they have previously, as a result in change in demand.
- 3.6 Table 3.1 provides an overview of sites and pitches that have been identified as disused.

**Table 3.1 - Disused sites and pitches**

Site Name	PPS Site ID	Facility Status	Pitches Previously Provided
Bassetts Close	4	Disused site	1 x Adult football pitch.
Castle Fields	14	Disused pitches	2 x Adult football pitches. 1 x Youth 11v11 pitch.
Cecil Street Playing Field	16	Disused site	1 x Adult football pitch.
Corby Community College	19	Disused site	3 x Adult football pitches. 1 x Youth 11v11 pitch.
Corby RFC	22	Disused site	1 x Adult football pitch. 1 x Youth 11v11 pitch. 3 x Youth 9v9 pitches. 2 x Mini soccer 7v7 pitches. 2 x Mini Soccer 5v5 pitches. 2 x Senior Rugby union pitches 1 x 46m x 35m sand filled AGP with sports lights.
Desborough Leisure Centre	30	Disused site	1 x Youth 11v11 pitch. 1 x Cricket pitch
Falco Subbuteo Training Ground	38	Disused site	3 x Adult football pitches.
Gladstone Street Recreation Ground	44	Disused pitch	1 x Mini soccer 7v7 pitch.
Glamis Hall	45	Disused pitch	1 x Youth 11v11 pitch.
Grendon Playing Field	51	Disused pitch	1 x Adult football pitch.
Hazel Leys Academy	57	Disused pitch	1 x Youth 11v11 pitch.
Islip Recreation Field	66	Disused pitch	1 x Youth 11v11 pitch.
Kettering Pitch and Track	70	Disused pitch	1 x 102m x 66m sand dressed AGP with sports lights.
Northampton Road Recreation Ground	92	Disused pitch	1 x Adult football pitch.
Oundle Road	96	Disused site	1 x Adult football pitch.
Oundle School (South Road Playing Fields)	98	Disused pitches	2 x Adult football pitches. 2 x Youth 11v11 football pitches.
Our Lady and Pope John School	102	Disused site	1 x Adult football pitches. 1 x Youth 11v11 football pitch.
Pythley Village Playing Field	107	Disused pitch	1 x Youth 11v11 pitch.

Site Name	PPS Site ID	Facility Status	Pitches Previously Provided
Redwell Leisure Centre	109	Disused pitch	1 x Adult football pitch.
Rothwell Recreation Ground	111	Disused pitch	1 x Adult football pitch.
Rushden Primary Academy	116	Disused pitch	1 x Mini soccer 7v7 pitch.
South End Junior School	122	Disused pitch	1 x Mini soccer 7v7 pitch.
Sywell Playing Field	132	Disused pitch	1 x Youth 11v11 pitch.
Tower Sports Ground	141	Disused site	2 x Adult football pitches. 1 x Youth 11v11 pitch 1 x Cricket Pitch
Tresham College (Kettering Campus)	143	Disused pitch	1 x Youth 11v11 pitch.
Weldon Church of England Primary School	149	Disused pitch	1 x Mini soccer 7v7 pitch.
Yarwell Playing Field	168	Disused pitch	1 x Mini soccer 7v7 pitch.

3.7 In total there are 27 sites in North Northamptonshire that have been identified as providing disused pitches, this equates to 52 pitches in total, 46 of which are football pitches. There are also two rugby union pitches, two cricket pitches and two hockey AGPs.

3.8 There are also six sites that have been identified as providing unmarked pitches cricket pitches. These are sites that have previously provided pitches but no longer do. They are still operational, and the pitches could be brought back in to use to meet demand if required. With the exception of North Park Pavilion and Wrenn School (Doddington Road Site), these were sites recently used by cricket clubs who have now folded.

**Table 3.2 – Current unmarked pitches**

Site Name	PPS Site ID	Facility Status	Pitches Previously Provided
Braybrooke Cricket Club (The Castle Club)	8	Unmarked pitch	1 x Cricket pitch
Easton on the Hill Playing Fields	37	Unmarked pitch	1 x Cricket pitch
Grendon Cricket Club	50	Unmarked pitch	1 x Cricket pitch
Little Harrowden	82	Unmarked pitch	1 x Cricket pitch
North Park Pavilion	91	Unmarked pitch	1 x Cricket pitch

Site Name	PPS Site ID	Facility Status	Pitches Previously Provided
Wrenn School (Doddington Road Site)	165	Unmarked pitch	1 x Cricket pitch

3.9 Given the shortfalls that have been identified, disused sites and unmarked pitches shouldn't be deemed surplus to requirements, and opportunities to bring them back in to use should be explored further so that they can contribute to the supply of provision within North Northamptonshire to meet demand, unless one of Sport England's policy exceptions can be met, these are:

- Exception 1 - A robust and up-to-date assessment has demonstrated, to the satisfaction of Sport England, that there is an excess of playing field provision in the catchment, which will remain the case should the development be permitted, and the site has no special significance to the interests of sport;
- Exception 2 - The proposed development is for ancillary facilities supporting the principal use of the site as a playing field, and does not affect the quantity or quality of playing pitches or otherwise adversely affect their use;
- Exception 3 - The proposed development affects only land incapable of forming part of a playing pitch and does not reduce the size of any playing pitch. It does not result in the inability to use any playing pitch (including the maintenance of adequate safety margins and run-off areas), reduce the sporting capacity of the playing field to accommodate playing pitches or the capability to rotate or reposition playing pitches to maintain their quality or result in the loss of other sporting provision or ancillary facilities on the site. It does not prejudice the use of any part of a playing field and any of its playing pitches;
- Exception 4 - The area of playing field to be lost as a result of the proposed development will be replaced, prior to the commencement of development, by a new area of playing field of equivalent or better quality, of equivalent or greater quantity, in a suitable location that is subject to equivalent or better accessibility and management arrangements;
- Exception 5 - The proposed development is for an indoor or outdoor facility for sport, the provision of which would be of sufficient benefit to the development of sport as to outweigh the detriment caused by the loss, or prejudice the use, of the area of playing field.

#### **Secure tenure on unsecured sites**

3.10 Several sites are currently being used by clubs within North Northamptonshire where tenure is deemed unsecured. This means that clubs using these sites could lose access to them at short notice. Where possible the Council and the relevant NGB should look to work with those clubs to seek to provide an agreement that helps to secure use of the site for that club. This should be through the provision of a formal lease or license agreement. This should also be the case should the Council look to provide long term lease or license agreements on any of its sites through a Community Asset Transfer (CAT). If this is progressed on any sites, it is recommended that a minimum of 25 years is provided to the club or organisation who are taking on management of the site. This is often seen by external funders as the minimum term required for them to invest in any capital developments. This will optimise any opportunities for sites to meet the recommendations set out in the Action Plan. When this process is carried out it is recommended that all parties refer to the Sport England Community Asset Transfer Toolkit ([Sport England - Community Asset Toolkit](#)).



- 3.11 Clubs who currently have agreements in place with sites should be supported to renew these when required to ensure that use of that site remains secured.
- 3.12 Where any new sites are developed, or facilities at existing sites are enhanced, efforts should be made to ensure that clubs are provided with the right level of tenure to use that site, and where possible a community use agreement should be secured.

#### **Review management arrangements at Council sites**

- 3.13 Review existing management arrangements on Council sites to assess if the current structure is the most suitable to maintain the existing provision and deliver any improvements. This will include a review of pavilions provided on Council sites, many of which fall under different management arrangements based on the previous structure before the unitary Authority was formed. This could present opportunities to explore community asset transfers with clubs and organisations. There may also be opportunities to provide management or license agreements for pitches

#### **Enhance**

##### **Improve pitch quality**

- 3.14 The Ground Management Association (GMA) runs a pitch improvement programme that covers football, rugby union and cricket. Through this programme clubs can seek advice on how to better manage and maintain their pitches. There is also funding available through each of the relevant NGBs to support clubs deliver the recommendations identified within their report.
- 3.15 Where possible, clubs should be supported to access this programme and follow the recommendations that have been identified. This may relate to increasing the amount or frequency of maintenance that is carried out on pitches. In certain instances, improving pitch quality will help to alleviate overplay on sites. The initial focus should be pitches that have been identified as poor quality or as overplayed. A number of sites where this could be achieved have been identified within the Action Plan.
- 3.16 Where any new natural turf pitches are developed, the relevant NGB should also be consulted with to ensure that the pitches provided are to the required standard, and that appropriate ongoing maintenance is also considered. This should also be the case when a club is considering taking on management of a site through a CAT. This will ensure that any club is fully aware of the requirements to maintain the pitches appropriately and also the costs that are associated with this.

##### **Improve ancillary provision**

- 3.17 A number of sites have been identified where ancillary provision either isn't available, is insufficient or of poor quality. The Action Plan also identifies a number of sites where new or improved ancillary provision is required to meet demand. Clubs or sites that have been identified as having poor quality or insufficient ancillary facilities should be supported to improve or develop ancillary provision where appropriate, to ensure that they can meet current and future demand. This should focus on improving club house and ancillary provision for key adult participation sites, key girls and women's development sites and multi-team club managed sites.
- 3.18 Where new sites are developed, and ancillary provision is proposed, the relevant NGB and Sport England should be consulted, to ensure that it meets NGB guidance as well as the needs of local clubs and users.

### **Securing funding**

- 3.19 Where possible, any funding secured should be directed to priorities identified within the action plan. Members of the steering group should work collaboratively to identify funding opportunities and align them to the strategic priorities identified within the action plan.

### **Developer contributions**

- 3.20 This strategy should inform planning policies relating to any new housing developments and requirement for playing pitches and facilities. The Council should endeavour to work with Sport England to secure developer contributions via Section 106 or Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL). Where new developments are provided Sport England's Facility Calculator may also be used to determine the level of provision required. ([Sport England Playing Pitch Calculator](#)). This has already been used within the scenario testing section of this strategy document.
- 3.21 To determine the nature and amount of provision required, it is imperative that the PPS is used, and that consultation is carried out with the relevant NGBs and Sport England as part of the planning process. This will ensure that facilities adequately meet demand and avoid provision becoming unsustainable and unused.

### **Sustainability**

- 3.22 Where possible, identify opportunities where enhancements can make sites more sustainable and environmentally friendly, such as providing LED sports lights on AGPs, or solar panels provided on pavilions. There may also be opportunities where irrigation and water harvesting systems can be implemented to support this, whilst also improving pitch quality. Opportunities to explore alternative infill options other than rubber crumb on 3G AGPs may also be explored where suitable. These opportunities should be discussed with relevant steering group members when facilities are being upgraded, or new facilities and sites are being developed, to better understand how they can contribute to making facilities more sustainable.

### **Provide**

#### **Improve facilities to meet demand**

- 3.23 The Action Plan identifies several sites where improvements can be made to facilities in order to meet current and future demand. This may include improving pitch quality to increase capacity or providing sports lights to cater for training demand. It is important that the steering group work together to help deliver these actions and ensure that current and future demand can be catered for.
- 3.24 The steering group should also work together to update the PPS, identifying where actions have been delivered and the impact this has on supply and demand locally.

#### **Reconfigure pitches**

- 3.25 If disused or unmarked pitches are brought back in to use, there could be opportunities to remark these pitches in order to meet the shortfalls that have been identified in demand. This could also be the case for any sites that have been identified as having spare capacity. Some opportunities where this could be achieved have been identified within the Action Plan. Relevant members of the steering group should work together to look at where this can be implemented to reduce any of the shortfalls identified for that sport. This should be reviewed as part of the Stage E process as it is likely to be impacted upon by any changes in supply or demand.

### **Provide new provision**

- 3.26 Whilst there will be opportunities identified to improve the quality of provision on existing sites, the Action Plan has also identified opportunities where new provision can be developed in order to meet shortfalls that have been identified, for example, developing new 3G AGPs. This will help to meet training and match play demand from clubs but can also help to alleviate overplay on certain sites, such as reducing the amount of midweek training that grass rugby union pitches cater for. There may also be opportunities where 3G AGPs can accommodate significant demand for mini soccer match play, and grass pitches can then be reconfigured to meet shortfalls identified on other pitch types.
- 3.27 Where new AGPs are considered, it is recommended that Sport England's [Selecting the Right Artificial Grass Surface](#) guidance is reviewed, ([Sport England - Selecting the Right Artificial Grass Surface](#)).
- 3.28 There are also opportunities where new housing developments within the study area can meet current and future demand through the provision of sports facilities. These developments have been identified in the housing growth section of this report. The PPS steering group should work collaboratively to ensure that these developments, and any future development can support meeting current and future demand of pitch provision.

# 4. Action Plan

## Introduction

- 4.1 This section of the report provides an action plan that looks at recommendations on a site-by-site basis. As North Northamptonshire Council only manages a proportion of the sites listed in the Action Plan, it is the responsibility of the Steering Group to work collaboratively to ensure that the recommendations identified can be delivered. Relevant steering group members who have been assigned responsibility for supporting each recommendation have been noted in the responsibility column of the Action Plan.
- 4.2 Not all of the recommendations listed in the Action Plan have undertaken any form of feasibility work, therefore, some of recommendations may prove to be undeliverable. This should be reviewed as part of the Stage E process.
- 4.3 The key priorities that the Action Plan will look to deliver are:
- Improve pitch quality on poor quality or overplayed pitches where possible;
  - Meet 3G AGP shortfalls by identifying sites that could potentially provide a 3G AGP. These sites have been identified through consultation conducted with the steering group and aligned to where there have been shortfalls identified where possible;
  - Secure community use on sites that are used by clubs but unsecured;
  - Ensure that strategic development sites contribute to meeting shortfalls that have been highlighted for playing pitch provision and also contribute to future demand for provision in the study area.
- 4.4 The action plan columns are set out as follows:
- Site name – the name of the site that is being referred to including its post code. For the assessment of football pitches and 3G AGPs, sub analysis areas were used. These are Area 1 (Corby), Area 2 (East Northants), Area 3 (Kettering) and Area 4 (Wellingborough). These have also been included within the site name column for sites that include football pitches and, or 3G AGPs;
  - Sub analysis area – the sub analysis area within the Local Authority where the site is located;
  - PPS site ID – the unique ID number that has been allocated to the site for the PPS;
  - Management type – the current management arrangement;
  - Current status – the pitches / courts located at the site including their quality and current status, i.e. overplayed, at capacity or spare capacity;
  - Recommendation – what has been recommended to help meet the priorities identified within the PPS;

- Responsibility – which partners will be responsible for delivering any outcomes and outputs at the sites;
- Priority – if the recommendation is a **High, Medium** or **Low** priority. Priorities have been determined through consultation with the PPS steering group;
- Timescale - whether the recommendation is a short term priority (1-2 years) medium term priority (3-5 years) or long term priority (6 years +);
- Aim – which of the aims does the site fall under. Protect, Enhance or Provide (a site could meet all three of these aims);
- Costs – have been identified as **Low** (up to £50,000), **Medium**, (£50,000 to £250,000) or **High** (£250,000 and above). This is based on Sport England’s Facility Cost Guidance ([Sport England Facility Cost Guidance](#)).

4.5 Where a full size 3G AGP is referenced as a recommendation in the Action Plan, the recommended dimensions for a full size 3G artificial grass pitch for football are 100 x 64 metres. This extends to an area of 106 x 70 metres with the recommended minimum three metre run off area included. These dimensions allow for all age group match play to take place including adults, youth under 17/18 and younger age groups via overmarked pitches, e.g. the marking out of two 9v9 pitches for under 11/12s. If a new pitch is proposed to measure below the recommended dimensions, then justification must be provided for this in relation to the identified needs it will provide for and/or site constraints. In doing so, the impacts of a reduced pitch size in meeting current and future needs must be considered, e.g. a pitch not providing the recommended dimensions for adult match play and/or only being able to accommodate one rather than two overmarked 9v9 pitches. This justification needs to be included in the planning application details submitted to the relevant Local Planning Authority for the new pitch. Unless otherwise stated and justified for an individual pitch, proposals in this PPS for any new 3G artificial grass pitches are based on providing them to the recommended dimensions.

Table 4.1 – North Northamptonshire PPS Action Plan

Site Name	PPS Site ID	Sport	Community use category	Security of community use	Current Status	Recommendations	Responsibility	Priority	Timescale	Cost	Aim(s)
Abington Road Playing Fields, NN17 2SF (Area 1)	1	Football	Available for community use and used	Secured	One poor quality and one standard quality youth 11v11 with spare capacity of 0.5 MES discounted due to poor quality. Two poor quality youth 9v9 pitches with spare capacity of 0.5 MES discounted due to poor quality. One youth 9v9 pitch has historically been used as a training pitch as it accommodates Corby Fair. Poor quality ancillary provision on site.	Improve pitch quality to increase capacity, with the exception of the youth 9v9 pitch that accommodates Corby Fair. Improve quality of the ancillary provision depending on demand of the users.	NNC, NFA, Football Foundation	High	Short	Low	Protect, Enhance

Site Name	PPS Site ID	Sport	Community use category	Security of community use	Current Status	Recommendations	Responsibility	Priority	Timescale	Cost	Aim(s)
Amos Lawrence Playing Field, NN9 6DG (Area 2)	2	Football	Available for community use and used	Secured	One poor quality and one standard quality youth 11v11 pitch with spare capacity of 0.5 MES discounted due to poor pitch quality. No ancillary provision provided.	Improve pitch quality to increase capacity and provide ancillary provision depending on demand of the users.	Parish Council, NFA, Football Foundation	High	Short	Low	Protect, Enhance
Barton Seagrave Cricket Club, NN15 6RX	3	Cricket	Available for community use and used	Secured	One poor quality grass cricket pitch with nine wickets overplayed by 59 MES. Standard quality ancillary provision on site.	Improve pitch quality to alleviate overplay.	Club, NCC, ECB	High	Short	Low	Protect, Enhance
Becks Green Play Area, NN18 0JX	189	MUGA	Available for community use and used	Secured	Standard quality 22m x 10m MUGA without sports light marked for basketball and football.	Maintain for recreational use	Council	Low	Long	Low	Protect

Site Name	PPS Site ID	Sport	Community use category	Security of community use	Current Status	Recommendations	Responsibility	Priority	Timescale	Cost	Aim(s)
Benefield Cricket Club, PE8 5AN	5	Cricket	Available for community use and used	Secured	Good quality grass pitch with nine wickets and spare capacity of 38 MES. Standard quality ancillary provision provided on site.	Maintain pitch quality for club use	Club	High	Long	Low	Protect
Bishop Stopford School, NN15 6BJ (Area 3)	6	Football	Available for community use and used	Unsecured	One standard quality adult football pitch overplayed by 1 MES. Standard quality ancillary provision on site.	Improve pitch quality to alleviate overplay and work to secure community use.	School, NFA, Football Foundation	High	Short	Low	Protect, Enhance, Provide
		AGP	Available for community use and used		One standard quality 105m x 70m sand filled AGP with sports lights.	Maintain quality through appropriate maintenance and ensure that there is a pitch replacement fund to resurface when required. Explore opportunities to replace the existing sports lights with LEDs. Work to secure community use.	School, England Hockey	High	Long	Medium	Protect



Site Name	PPS Site ID	Sport	Community use category	Security of community use	Current Status	Recommendations	Responsibility	Priority	Timescale	Cost	Aim(s)
		Rugby Union	Not available for community use		One poor quality senior rugby union pitch, without sports lights. Spare capacity of 0.5 MES discounted as not available for community use.	Maintain for educational use.	School	Low	Long	Low	Protect
Bozeat Playing Field, NN29 7LP (Area 4)	7	Football	Available for community use and used	Secured	One standard quality adult football pitch with spare capacity of 1 MES. One standard quality youth 11v11 pitch with spare capacity of 1 MES. One standard youth 9v9 pitch with spare capacity of 1 MES. Standard quality ancillary provision on site.	Maintain quality for club use.	Parish Council, NFA, Football Foundation	High	Long	Low	Protect
Braybrooke Cricket Club (The Castle Ground), LE16 8LE	8	Cricket	Not available for community use	N/A	Unmarked cricket pitch currently not being used.	Explore opportunities to bring back in to use to meet shortfalls	NCC, ECB	Medium	Medium	Low	Protect

Site Name	PPS Site ID	Sport	Community use category	Security of community use	Current Status	Recommendations	Responsibility	Priority	Timescale	Cost	Aim(s)
Brooke Weston Academy, NN18 8LA (Area 1)	9	Football	Available for community use but unused	Unsecured	One standard quality adult football pitch with spare capacity of 1 MES discounted as unsecured. Standard quality ancillary provision on site.	Maintain for educational use.	School	Low	Long	Low	Protect
		Rugby Union	Not available for community use	Unsecured	One poor quality senior rugby union pitch without sports lights and spare capacity of 0.5 MES discounted as not available for community use.	Maintain for school use.	School	Low	Long	Low	Protect
		AGP	Available for community use and used	Unsecured	One standard quality 100m x 60m sand filled AGP with sports lights.	Maintain quality through appropriate maintenance and ensure that there is a pitch replacement fund to resurface when required. Work to secure community use.	School, England Hockey	High	Medium	Low	Protect, Provide

Site Name	PPS Site ID	Sport	Community use category	Security of community use	Current Status	Recommendations	Responsibility	Priority	Timescale	Cost	Aim(s)
		AGP	Not available for community use	Unsecured	One standard quality 32m x 27m sand dressed AGP with sports lights.	Maintain quality through appropriate maintenance and ensure that there is a pitch replacement fund to resurface when required. Work to secure community use..	School	Low	Long	Low	Protect
Broughton Primary School, NN14 1NB (Area 3)	10		Available for community use but unused	Unsecured	One standard quality youth 9v9 pitch with spare capacity of 1 MES discounted as unsecured. Standard quality ancillary provision on site.	Maintain for educational use.	School	Low	Long	Low	Protect

Site Name	PPS Site ID	Sport	Community use category	Security of community use	Current Status	Recommendations	Responsibility	Priority	Timescale	Cost	Aim(s)
Broughton Recreation Ground, NN14 1ND (Area 3)	11	Football	Available for community use and used	Secured	One poor quality and one standard quality adult football pitch overplayed by 0.5 MES. One standard quality youth 9v9 pitch overplayed by 2 MES. One poor mini soccer 5v5 pitch with spare capacity of 1 MES discounted due to poor quality. Poor quality ancillary provision on site.	Improve pitch quality to alleviate overplay and improve quality of ancillary provision on site.	Parish Council, NFA, Football Foundation	High	Medium	Medium	Protect, Enhance

Site Name	PPS Site ID	Sport	Community use category	Security of community use	Current Status	Recommendations	Responsibility	Priority	Timescale	Cost	Aim(s)
Burton Latimer Town Cricket Club, NN15 5LW	12	Cricket	Available for community use and used	Secured	One good quality grass cricket pitch with 15 wickets and an NTP and one poor quality grass cricket pitch with an NTP. No spare capacity for Saturday, Sunday or midweek cricket. Good quality ancillary provision on site. Burton Latimer Town CC have 8 years remaining on their lease.	Maintain good quality grass cricket pitch and improve poor quality grass cricket pitch to alleviate overplay. Ensure that a new lease is provided in advance of the current one expiring.	Club, NCC, ECB	High	Short	Low	Protect

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Butland Road Playing Field, NN18 8QA (Area 1)	13	Football	Available for community use and used	Secured	One standard quality adult football pitch at capacity. One standard quality and one poor quality youth 9v9 pitch at capacity. One poor quality mini soccer 7v7 pitch with spare capacity of 1 MES discounted due to poor quality. No ancillary provision provided.	Improve poor quality pitch provision to increase capacity. Explore providing ancillary provision depending on demand of the users.	NNC, NFA, Football Foundation	Medium	Medium	High	Protect, Enhance, Provide
		MUGA	Available for community use and used	Secured	One standard quality 20m x 12m MUGA without sports lights. Marked for basketball and football.	Maintain for recreational use	Council	Low	Long	Low	Protect
Carey Street	190	MUGA	Available for community use and used	Secured	One poor quality 27m x 18m MUGA without sports lights. Marked for basketball and football.	Maintain for recreational use	Council	Low	Long	Low	Protect

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Castle Fields, NN8 1NE (Area 4)	14	Football	Not available as disused	N/A	Two disused adult football pitches and one disused youth 11v11 pitch.	Explore opportunities to bring back in to use to meet shortfalls	Town Council, NFA, Football Foundation	Medium	Medium		Protect
Castle Playing Field, NN14 4JL (Area 3)	15	Football	Available for community use and used	Secured	One standard quality adult football pitch with spare capacity of 0.5 MES. One poor quality youth 11v11 pitch at capacity. Standard quality ancillary provision on site.	Improve poor quality pitch provision to increase capacity.	Town Council, NFA, Football Foundation	High	Short	Low	Protect, Enhance
		Cricket	Available for community use and used	Secured	One good quality grass cricket pitch with 12 wickets and a good quality NTP. No spare capacity for Saturday, Sunday or midweek cricket. Thrapston CC have 23 years remaining on their lease.	Maintain pitch quality for club use.	Club	High	Long	Low	Protect

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		MUGA	Available for community use and used	Secured	Poor quality MUGA with sports light marked for basketball and football.	Improve quality for recreational use.	Town Council	Low	Long	Low	Protect Enhance
Central Recreation Ground, NN9 5TT (Area 2)	17	Football	Available for community use and used	Secured	One standard quality adult football pitch with spare capacity of 1 MES. Poor quality ancillary provision on site.	Maintain pitch quality and explore improving quality of ancillary provision depending on demand from users.	Town Council	Medium	Medium	Low	Protect, Enhance
Corby Business Academy, NN17 5EB (Area 1)	18	Football	Available for community use and used	Secured	Two good quality adult football pitches with spare capacity of 2 MES. Standard quality ancillary provision on site.	Maintain pitch quality for educational and community use.	School	High	Long	Low	Protect
		AGP	Available for community use and used	Secured	One poor quality 101m x 63m sand dressed AGP with sports lights	Explore opportunities to resurface the AGP.	School, NFA, England Hockey	High	Medium	High	Protect, Enhance, Provide
		Cricket	Not available for community use	N/A	One standard quality NTP that is not available for community use.	Maintain for educational use.	School	Low	Long	Low	Protect



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		Rugby Union	Available for community use and used	Secured	One poor quality senior rugby union pitch without sports lights at capacity.	Improve pitch quality for educational and community use	School	Medium	Short	Low	Protect, Enhance
Corby Hellenic Fisher YFC, NN18 9NH (Area 1)	20	Football	Available for community use and used	Secured	Two good and one standard quality youth 11v11 pitches with spare capacity of 2 MES. One good quality youth 9v9 pitch with spare capacity of 1 MES. No ancillary provision on site provided.	Maintain pitch quality for club use. Provide new ancillary provision to meet clubs demand.	Council, NFA, Football Foundation	High	Short	High	Protect, Provide
Corby RFC, NN17 2AE (Area 1)	22	Football	Not available for community use	Unsecured	Disused site that previously provided one youth 11v11 pitches, three youth 9v9 pitches, two mini soccer 7v7 pitch and two mini soccer 5v5 pitches during the 2023/2024 season. Ancillary provision also provided on site.	Consider demand to bring the site back in to use and explore opportunities to provide a full size 3G AGP. If provided, ensure that the pitch is tested for inclusion on the 3G Pitch Register and that there is a pitch replacement fund in place.	Site owner NFA, Football Foundation	Medium	Medium	Medium	Protect, Provide

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		AGP	Not available for community use	Unsecured	Disused site that previously provided a 46m x 35m sand filled AGP with sports lights.	Consider demand to bring the site back in to use.	Site owner	Low	Medium	Medium	Protect, Enhance, Provide
		Rugby Union	Not available for community use	Unsecured	Disused site that previously provided two senior rugby union pitches without sports lights. Previously used by Corby RFC who folded in 2022	Consider demand to bring the site back into use.	Site owner	Low	Medium	Medium	Protect
Corby Technical School, NN17 1TD (Area 1)	23	Football	Not available for community use	Unsecured	One adult football pitch.	Maintain for school use.	School	Low	Long	Low	Protect
Cottingham C of E Primary School, LE16 8XB (Area 1)	24	Football	Not available for community use	Unsecured	One mini soccer 7v7 pitch.	Explore opportunities to make available for community use to meet shortfalls identified.	School, NFA, Football Foundation	High	Medium	Low	Protect, Provide
Crowhill Recreation Ground, NN9 5XG (Area 2)	25	Football	Available for community use but unused		One poor quality adult football pitch with spare capacity of 1 MES discounted due to poor quality. Poor quality ancillary provision on site.	Improve pitch quality to increase capacity and improve quality of ancillary provision depending on demand of the users.	Town Council, NFA, Football Foundation	High	Short	Low	Protect, Enhance

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Croyland Park, NN8 2JY (Area 4)	27	Football	Available for community use and used	Secured	Two standard quality adult pitches with spare capacity of 2 MES. One standard quality youth 11v11 pitch with spare capacity of 1 MES. Poor quality ancillary provision on site.	Maintain pitch quality to meet demand and consider improving quality of the ancillary provision depending on demand from current users.	Town Council NFA, Football Foundation	Medium	Long	Low	Protect, Enhance
		MUGA	Available for community use and used	Unsecured	One poor quality 18m x 10m MUGA without sports lights. Marked for basketball and football	Improve quality for recreational use.	Town Council	Low	Medium	Low	Protect, Enhance
Danes Holme Infant Academy, NN18 9DT (Area 1)	28	Football	Available for community use but unused	Unsecured	One poor quality mini soccer 7v7 pitch with spare capacity of 1 MES discounted as unsecured. No ancillary provision provided on site.	Explore opportunities for pitch to meet shortfalls identified. Secure use and improve pitch quality.	School, NFA, Football Foundation	High	Medium	Low	Protect, Provide

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Danesholme Junior Academy, NN18 9DT (Area 1)	174	Football	Available for community use but unused	Unsecured	One poor quality mini soccer 7v7 pitch with spare capacity of 1 MES discounted as unsecured. No ancillary provision provided on site.	Explore opportunities for pitch to meet shortfalls identified. Secure use and improve pitch quality.	School, NFA, Football Foundation	High	Medium	Low	Protect, Provide
Danesholme Park, NN18 9EJ (Area 1)	175	Football	Available for community use and used	Secured	One good quality youth 11v11 pitch with spare capacity of 1 MES. No ancillary provision provided on site.	Maintain pitch quality to meet demand. Consider providing ancillary provision depending on demand from users.	Town Council, NFA, Football Foundation	Medium	Medium	Low	Protect, Provide
Desborough Leisure Centre, NN14 2JJ (Area 3)	29	Football	Available for community use and used	Secured	One standard quality youth 11v11 pitch with spare capacity of 1 MES. One standard quality youth 9v9 pitch with spare capacity of 1 MES. Standard quality ancillary provision on site.	Maintain pitch quality to meet demand	Council	High	Long	Low	Protect

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Desborough Leisure Centre, NN14 2JJ (Area 3)	29	3G - AGP	Available for community use and used	Secured	One standard quality 36m x 32m 3G AGP with sports lights not currently on the FA 3G Pitch Register	Maintain pitch quality to meet demand. Ensure that there is a pitch replacement fund in place to resurface the pitch when required.	NNC	High	Long	Low	Protect
Desborough Recreation Ground, NN14 2RG (Area 2)	31	Football	Available for community use but unused	Secured	One standard quality adult football pitch with spare capacity of 1 MES. No ancillary provision provided on site.	Maintain pitch quality and consider reconfiguring to meet shortfalls on mini soccer 7v7 and 5v5 pitches. Consider providing ancillary provision depending on demand from users.	Town Council, NFA, Football Foundation	High	Medium	Low	Protect
Desborough Town Cricket Club, NN14 2SH	32	Cricket	Available for community use and used	Secured	One good quality cricket pitch with 17 wickets. No spare capacity for Saturday cricket. Spare capacity for Sunday and midweek cricket. Good quality ancillary provision on site. Desborough Town CC have seven years remaining on their lease.	Maintain pitch quality to for club use. Refurbish shower provision on site and replace the practice nets. Ensure use remains secured for Desborough Town CC	Club, NCC, ECB	High	Medium	Medium	Protect, Enhance

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Desborough Town F.C, NN14 2LJ (Area 3)	33	Football	Available for community use and used	Secured	Good quality stadia adult football pitch with sports lights. Spare capacity of 1 MES discounted due to the level the first team play at. Good quality ancillary provision on site,	Maintain pitch quality to meet demand. Ensure that the club are able to progress through the National League System if required.	Club, NFA, Football Foundation	High	Long	Low	Protect
Dog and Duck Ground, NN8 2DP (Area 4)	34	Football	Available for community use and used	Secured	One good quality stadia adult football pitch with sports lights that's at capacity. Good quality ancillary provision provided on site.	Maintain pitch quality to meet demand. Ensure that the club are able to progress through the National League System if required.	Club, NFA, Football Foundation	High	Long	Low	Protect

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East Carlton Cricket Club, LE16 8YD	35	Cricket	Available for community use and used	Secured	One good quality cricket pitch with four wickets that has spare capacity for Saturday, Sunday and midweek cricket. Standard quality ancillary provision provided on site. East Carlton CC have 16 years remaining on their lease.	Maintain pitch quality for club use. Ensure use remains secured for East Carlton CC	Club	High	Long	Low	Protect
Eastfield Park, NN8 4EB (Area 4)	36	Football	Available for community use and used	Secured	One standard quality adult football pitch with spare capacity of 1 MES. One standard quality youth 11v11 pitch with spare capacity of 1 MES. Standard quality ancillary provision provided on site.	Maintain pitch quality to meet demand.	Council	Medium	Long	Low	Protect

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Easton on The Hill Playing Fields, PE9 3LL (Area 2)	37	Football	Available for community use and used	Secured	One standard quality adult football pitch with spare capacity of 0.5 MES. One standard quality youth 9v9 pitch with spare capacity of 0.5 MES. Poor quality ancillary provision provided on site.	Maintain pitch quality to meet demand. Consider improving quality of ancillary provision depending on demand of the users.	Parish Council, NFA, Football Foundation	Medium	Medium	Medium	Protect, Enhance
		Cricket	Available for community use but unused	Secured	One standard quality cricket pitch with 7 wickets and spare capacity of 28 MES per season.	Maintain pitch quality and explore how the pitch can be used to address shortfalls.	Parish Council, NCC, ECB	High	Medium	Low	Protect
Ennerdale Play Area, NN17 2EA	186	MUGA	Available for community use and used	Secured	One standard quality 20m x 11m MUGA without sports lights. Marked for basketball and football	Maintain for recreational use.	Council	Low	Low	Low	Protect
Exeter Neighbourhood Centre, NN18 8BH	188	MUGA	Available for community use and used	Secured	One standard quality 30m x 15m MUGA with sports lights. Marked for basketball and football	Maintain for recreational use.	Council	Low	Low	Low	Protect



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Falco Subbuteo Training Ground, NN9 5QF (Area 2)	38		Available for community use and used	Unsecured	One standard quality 35m x 25m 3G AGP with sports lights. Not on the FA 3G Pitch Register. No ancillary provision provided on site.	Maintain pitch quality to meet demand. Ensure that there is a pitch replacement fund in place to resurface the pitch when required.	Operator	High	Long	Low	Protect

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Ferrers School, NN10 8LF (Area 2)	39	Football	Available for community use and used	Unsecured	One standard quality adult football pitch with spare capacity of 1 MES discounted as unsecured. Two youth 11v11 pitches with spare capacity of 1 MES discounted as unsecured. One standard quality youth 9v9 pitch overplayed by 1 MES. One standard quality mini soccer 7v7 pitch with spare capacity of 1 MES discounted as unsecured. Standard quality ancillary provision provided on site.	Improve quality of the youth 9v9 pitch to alleviate overplay and maintain all other pitch quality to meet demand. Secure community use.	School, NFA, Football Foundation	High	Short	Low	Protect, Enhance, Provide

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		3G - AGP	Available for community use and used	Unsecured	One standard quality 89m x 45m 3G AGP with sports lights that's currently on the FA 3G Pitch Register.	Maintain pitch quality to meet demand. Ensure that the remains on the FA 3G Pitch Register to accommodate competitive football. Ensure that there is a pitch replacement fund in place to resurface the pitch when required.	School, NFA, Football Foundation	High	Long	Low	Protect
		Rugby Union	Not available for community use	Unsecured	One poor quality senior rugby union pitch without sports lights that is overplayed by 0.5 MES.	Improve quality to meet school demand.	School	Low	Short	Low	Protect
Finedon Dolben Cricket Club, NN9 5JJ	40	Cricket	Available for community use and used	Secured	One good quality cricket pitch with 16 wickets and spare for Sunday and midweek cricket. Good quality ancillary provision provided on site. Finedon Dolben CC own the freehold.	Maintain pitch quality for club use.	Club, NCC, ECB	High	Long	Low	Protect

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Finedon Recreation Ground, NN9 5LG (Area 4)	41	Football	Available for community use and used	Secured	One standard quality adult football pitch at capacity. Good quality ancillary provision provided on site.	Maintain pitch quality to meet demand	Town Council, NFA, Football Foundation	Medium	Long	Low	Protect
Geddington Sports Ground, NN14 1AZ (Area 3)	43	Football	Available for community use and used	Secured	One standard quality mini soccer 7v7 pitch with spare capacity of 1 MES. One standard quality youth 9v9 pitch with spare capacity of 1 MES. Good quality ancillary provision provided on site.	Maintain pitch quality to meet demand.	Community Organisation	Medium	Long	Low	Protect
		Cricket	Available for community use and used	Secured	One good quality cricket pitch with 12 wickets and a poor quality NTP that is overplayed by 17 MES.	Maintain grass pitch quality to meet demand and consider resurfacing NTP to create additional capacity.	Club, NCC, ECB	High	Medium	Low	Protect, Enhance

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Gladstone Street Recreation Ground, NN14 4DE (Area 2)	44	Football	Available for community use and used	Secured	One standard quality youth 11v11 pitch with spare capacity of 1 MES. One disused mini soccer 7v7 pitch. Standard quality ancillary provision provided on site.	Maintain quality of the youth 11v11 pitch and explore opportunities to bring the mini soccer 7v7 pitch back in to use to meet shortfalls.	Parish Council, NFA, Football Foundation	High	Short	Low	Protect, Provide
Glamis Hall, NN8 3RU (Area 4)	45	Football	Available for community use but unused	Unsecured	One standard quality adult football pitch with spare capacity of 1 MES and one disused youth 11v11 pitch. Poor quality ancillary provision provided on site.	Maintain pitch quality to meet demand. Explore bringing disused pitch back in to use and reconfiguring to meet shortfalls. Improve quality of the ancillary provision depending on demand from users.	Community organisation, NFA, Football Foundation	Medium	Medium	Low	Protect, Enhance, Provide
Great Doddington Recreation Ground, NN29 7TQ (Area 4)	47	Football	Available for community use and used	Secured	One standard quality youth 11v11 pitch overmarked with a youth 9v9 pitch with spare capacity of 0.5 MES. Poor quality ancillary provision provided on site.	Maintain pitch quality to meet demand. Improve quality of ancillary provision depending on demand from users.	NFA, Football Foundation	Medium	Medium	Low	Protect, Enhance

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Great Oakley Cricket Club, NN18 8JS	48	Cricket	Available for community use and used	Unsecured	One standard quality cricket pitch with 11 wickets and a good quality NTP that is overplayed by 5 MES. Standard quality ancillary provision provided on site. Great Oakley CC hire the pitches from the Great Oakley Estate.	Improve pitch quality to increase capacity and alleviate overplay. Work to secure tenure for Great Oakley CC.	Parish Council, Club, NCC, ECB	High	Short	Low	Protect, Enhance, Provide
Greenfields Primary School, NN15 6HY (Area 3)	49	Football	Not available for community use	Unsecured	One youth 9v9 football pitch, one mini soccer 7v7 pitch and one mini soccer 5v5 pitch.	Maintain for school use. Explore opportunities to make pitches available for community use to meet the shortfalls identified on mini soccer 7v7 and mini soccer 5v5 pitches through an appropriate agreement.	NFA, Football Foundation	Medium	Medium	Low	Protect, Provide
Grendon Cricket Club, NN7 1JL	50	Cricket	Not available as disused	N/A	Previously provided a cricket pitch, now disused.	Explore opportunities to bring the pitch back in to use to meet the shortfalls identified.	NCC, ECB	Medium	Medium	Low	Protect

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Grendon Playing Field, NN7 1JW (Area 4)	51	Football	Not available as disused		Previously provided an adult football pitch which is now disused.	Explore opportunities to bring the pitch back in to use and reconfigure to meet the shortfalls identified on mini soccer 7v7 and mini soccer 5v5 pitches.	NFA, Football Foundation	Medium	Medium	Low	Protect, Provide
Grendon Sapphires Football Club, NN7 1JH (Area 4)	52	Football	Available for community use and used	Secured	Two standard quality adult football pitches with spare capacity of 1 MES. One standard quality youth 11v11 pitch with spare capacity of 1 MES. Standard quality ancillary provision provided on site.	Maintain pitch quality to meet demand.	Club	High	Long	Low	Protect
Gretton Recreation Ground, NN17 3DB (Area 1)	53	Cricket	Available for community use and used	Secured	One poor quality cricket pitch with five wickets that is overplayed by 5 MES. Standard quality ancillary provision provided on site. Gretton CC have an annual hire agreement with the Parish Council.	Improve pitch quality to increase capacity and alleviate overplay. Work to secure tenure for Gretton CC.	Parish Council, Club, NCC, ECB	High	Short	Low	Protect, Enhance, Provide

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		Football	Available for community use and used	Secured	One standard quality youth 11v11 pitch with spare capacity of 0.5 MES. One standard quality youth 9v9 pitch with spare capacity of 1 MES.	Maintain pitch quality to meet demand	Parish Council	Medium	Long	Low	Protect
		MUGA	Available for community use and used	Secured	One good quality 38m x 20m MUGA with sports lights. Marked for basketball and football.	Maintain for recreational use.	Council	Low	Long	Low	Protect
Greys Field, NN15 6ST	176	MUGA	Available for community use and used	Secured	One standard quality 30m x 15m MUGA without sports lights marked for basketball and football.	Maintain for recreational use.	Parish Council	Low	Long	Low	Protect
Hall Meadow Primary School, NN15 7RP (Area 3)	55	Football	Not available for community use	Unsecured	One mini soccer 5v5 pitch.	Maintain for school use.	School	Low	Long	Low	Protect
Hayfield Cross School, NN15 5FJ	171	MUGA	Not available for community use	Unsecured	One 36m x 18m MUGA with sports lights marked for football.	Maintain for school use.	School	Low	Long	Low	Protect



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Hayden Road, NN10 OHX (Area 2)	56	Football	Available for community use and used	Secured	One standard quality stadia adult football pitch with sports lights with spare capacity of 0.5 MES discounted due to level the first team play at. Standard quality ancillary provision provided on site.	Maintain pitch quality to meet demand. Ensure that the first team can progress through the National League System if required. Explore opportunities to provide a full size stadia 3G AGP to meet the shortfalls identified. Ensure that if a pitch is provided, it is tested for inclusion on the FA 3G Pitch Register and that there is a pitch replacement fund place to resurface the pitch when required.	Club	Medium	Medium	High	Protect, Enhance
Hazel Leys Academy, NN18 OQF (Area 1)	57	Football	Not available as disused		Previously provided a youth 11v11 football pitch.	Consider bringing back in to use for school demand	School	Low	Long	Low	Protect
Hazelwood Neighbourhood Centre, NN18 OQF	181	MUGA	Available for community use and used	Secured	One poor quality 30m x 20m MUGA with sports lights. Marked for football	Improve quality for recreational use	Council	Low	Medium	Low	Protect, Enhance

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Higham Ferrers Junior School, NN10 8ED	172	MUGA	Not available for community use	Unsecured	one good quality 28m x 20m MUGA without sports lights marked for athletics and football	Maintain for school use.	School	Low	Long	Low	Protect
Huxlow Science College, NN9 5TY (Area 2)	58	Football	Available for community use and used	Unsecured	One good quality youth 11v11 pitch with spare capacity of 0.5 MES. One good quality youth 9v9 pitch with spare capacity of 1 MES. One good quality mini soccer 7v7 pitch with spare capacity of 1 MES. Poor quality ancillary provision provided. Finedon Volta Juniors have a lease on the pitches until 2026.	Maintain pitch quality for school and club use. Ensure that Finedon Volta Juniors have their lease renewed so that their use remains secured. Improve quality of the ancillary provision depending on demand from users.	School, Club, NFA, Football Foundation	High	Medium	Low	Protect, Enhance, Provide

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		Rugby Union	Not available for community use	Unsecured	One standard quality senior rugby union pitch, without sports lights. Spare capacity of 0.5 MES discounted as not available for community use.	Maintain for school use.	School	Low	Long	Low	Protect
Irchester Sports Association, NN29 7DR (Area 4)	60	Football	Available for community use and used	Secured	One standard quality stadia adult football pitch with sports lights at capacity. Standard quality ancillary provision provided on site. Irchester United FC have a lease that is due to expire in 2025.	Maintain pitch quality to meet demand. Ensure that the club can progress through the National League System if required. Support the club to sign a new lease to ensure their use of the site remains secured.	Club, Parish Council, NFA, Football Foundation	High	Short	Low	Protect, Provide
		Cricket	Available for community use and used	Secured	One standard quality cricket pitch with 10 wickets that has spare capacity for Saturday, Sunday and midweek cricket. Irchester CC have five years remaining on their lease.	Maintain pitch quality for club use. Support the club to sign a new lease when required to ensure their use of the pitch remains secured.	Club, Parish Council, NCC, ECB	High	Medium	Low	Protect, Provide

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Irthlingborough Town Cricket Club, NN9 5RJ	62	Cricket	Available for community use and used	Secured	One good quality cricket pitch with 12 wickets and a good quality NTP. No spare capacity for Saturday, Sunday or Midweek cricket. Good quality ancillary provision on site.	Maintain pitch quality to meet demand.	Club	High	Long	Low	Protect
Ise-Lodge Youth Football Club, NN15 5DR (Area 3)	63	Football	Available for community use and used	Secured	One standard quality adult football pitch overplayed by 0.5 MES. Two standard quality youth 11v11 pitches at capacity. Poor quality ancillary provision on site.	Improve pitch quality to increase capacity and alleviate overplay. Improve quality of the ancillary provision depending on demand from users.	Club, NFA, Football Foundation	High	Short	Low	Protect, Enhance

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Isham Cricket Club, NN14 1HW (Area 4)	64	Football	Available for community use and used	Secured	One standard quality adult football pitch at capacity. Good quality ancillary provision provided on site.	Maintain pitch quality to meet demand	Club	High	Long	Low	Protect
		Cricket	Available for community use and used	Secured	One good quality cricket pitch with ten wickets and a good quality NTP. Spare capacity for Sunday and midweek cricket. Isham CC own the freehold for the pavilion and have 20 years remaining on a lease for the pitch.	Maintain pitch quality to meet demand.	Club	High	Long	Low	Protect
Islip Playing Field, NN14 3LH (Area 2)	65	Football	Available for community use and used	Secured	Two standard quality adult football pitches with spare capacity of 2 MES. One standard quality youth 9v9 pitch with spare capacity of 1 MES. Poor quality ancillary provision provided on site.	Maintain pitch quality to meet demand. Consider improving quality of ancillary provision depending on demand of the users.	Club, NFA, Football Foundation	High	Long	Low	Protect, Enhance

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		Cricket	Available for community use and used	Secured	One good quality cricket pitch with seven wickets that has spare capacity for midweek cricket. Thrapston CC have 24 years remaining on their lease from Islip Parish Council.	Maintain pitch quality for club use. Ensure use remains secured for Thrapston CC.	Club	High	Long	Low	Protect, Enhance
Islip Recreation Field, NN14 3LQ (Area 3)	66	Football	Available for community use and used	Secured	One poor quality mini soccer 7v7 pitch with spare capacity of 1 MES discounted due to poor quality. Also previously provided a youth 11v11 pitch. Poor quality ancillary provision provided on site.	Improve pitch quality to increase capacity. Consider providing additional mini soccer 5v5 and mini soccer 7v7 pitch where the youth 11v11 pitch was provided, to meet shortfalls.	Parish Council, NFA, Football Foundation	High	Short	Low	Protect, Enhance, Provide

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KC Active, PE8 6YH (Area 2)	67	Football	Available for community use and used	Unsecured	Two poor quality adult football pitches overmarked with a youth 9v9 pitch and a mini soccer 5v5 pitch, at capacity. Standard quality ancillary provision provided on site.	Improve pitch quality to increase capacity. Work to secure use for Kings Cliffe United Juniors.	Club, NFA, Football Foundation	High	Short	Low	Protect, Enhance, Provide
		3G - AGP	Available for community use and used	Unsecured	One standard quality 60m x 40m 3G AGP with sports lights. On the FA 3G Pitch Register.	Maintain pitch quality and ensure that there is a pitch replacement fund in place to resurface when required. Work with the site to ensure that the pitch remains on the FA 3G Pitch Register.	NFA, Football Foundation	Medium	Medium	Low	Protect

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Kettering Buccleuch Academy, NN16 9NS (Area 3)	68	Football	Available for community use and used	Unsecured	One standard quality adult football pitch overplayed by 1 MES. One standard quality mini soccer 7v7 pitch overmark within a senior rugby union pitch, with spare capacity of 1 MES discounted as unsecured. Good quality ancillary provision on site.	Improve pitch quality to alleviate overplay and work to secure use for clubs. Explore opportunities to provide a second 11v11 3G AGP with sports lights. If provided, ensure that the pitch is on the FA 3G Pitch Register and has a pitch replacement fund in place. One additional 3G AGP to be provided on this site or Weekly Glebe Playing Fields.	School, NFA, Football Foundation	High	Short	Low	Protect, Enhance, Provide
		3G - AGP	Available for community use and used	Secured	One standard quality 106m x 70m 3G AGP with sports lights on the FA 3G Pitch Register.	Support the school with a funding application to the Football Foundation to resurface the pitch. Ensure that the pitch remains on the FA 3G Pitch Register and that there is a pitch replacement fund in place to resurface the pitch when required.	School, NFA, Football Foundation	High	Short	High	Protect, Enhance,



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		Cricket	Available for community use and used	Unsecured	One standard quality NTP with spare capacity discounted an unsecured	Secure use to increase capacity.	School, NCC, ECB	Medium	Medium	Low	Protect Provide
		MUGA	Not available for community use	Unsecured	One standard quality 30m x 15m MUGA without sports lights marked for netball and football.	Maintain for school use.	School	Low	Long	Low	Protect
		Rugby Union	Not available for community use	Unsecured	One poor quality senior rugby union pitch without sports lights that has 0.5 MES of spare capacity discounted as not available for community use.	Maintain for school use.	School	Low	Long	Low	Protect

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Kettering FC Lowther Centre, NN14 1QF (Area 3)	69	Football	Available for community use and used	Secured	One good quality adult football pitch and one standard quality adult football pitch with spare capacity of 1 MES. Good quality ancillary provision on site. Kettering FC Youth have a lease from Prologis until November 2042 but there is a break clause in November 2032.	Maintain pitch quality to meet demand. Ensure use for Kettering FC Youth remains secured.	Club, NFA, Football Foundation	High	Long	Low	Protect,
			Available for community use and used	Secured							
Kettering Pitch and Track, NN15 6PB	70	AGP	Not available for community use	Secured	One disused 102m x 66m sand dressed AGP with sports lights.	Support NFA submit a funding application to the Football Foundation to resurface the pitch to a 3G surface. Ensure that the pitch is on the FA 3G Pitch Register and has a pitch replacement fund in place to resurface when required.	NFA, Football Foundation	High	Short	High	Protect, Enhance, Provide

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Kettering Rugby Football Club, NN15 6NT	71	Rugby Union	Available for community use and used	Secured	Three standard quality senior rugby union pitches, one with sports lights, overplayed by 3.25 MES. Kettering RFC have a lease NNC until 2060.	Improve pitch quality to alleviate overplay. Support the club to provide additional changing rooms to increase female team numbers. Ensure use remains secured.	Club, RFU	High	Medium	Medium	Protect, Enhance, Provide
Kettering Science Academy, NN15 7AA (Area 3)	72	Football	Available for community use and used	Unsecured	One standard quality youth 11v11 pitch at capacity. Two mini soccer 7v7 pitches with spare capacity of 2 MES discounted as unsecured. Good quality ancillary provision provided on site.	Maintain pitch quality and secure community use.	School NFA Football Foundation	High	Medium	Low	Protect Provide

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		3G - AGP	Available for community use but unused	Unsecured	One poor quality 48m x 30m 3G AGP with sports lights. Two poor quality 30m x21m 3G AGPs with sports lights. None of the pitches are currently on the FA 3G Pitch Register.	Ensure that there is a pitch replacement fund in place to resurface the pitches when required. Explore opportunities to provide a full size 3G AGP to meet the shortfalls identified. Ensure that if a pitch is provided it is tested for inclusion on the FA 3G Pitch Register and that there is a pitch replacement fund place to resurface the pitch when required.	School NFA Football Foundation	Medium	Medium	High	Protect
		Rugby Union	Available for community use and used	Unsecured	One standard quality senior rugby union pitch, without sports lights, with spare capacity of 0.5 MES discounted as unsecured.	Maintain for school use.	School	Low	Long	Low	Protect

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Kettering Sports Club, NN15 7JT (Area 3)	73	Cricket	Available for community use and used	Secured	One good quality cricket pitch with 17 wickets that is overplayed by 1 MES. One poor quality cricket pitch with five wickets that is overplayed by 22 MES. Standard quality ancillary provision provided on site. Kettering CC own the freehold.	Improve poor quality pitch to alleviate overplay.	Club, NCCC, ECB	High	Short	Low	Protect, Enhance
		Football	Available for community use and used	Secured	One standard quality adult football pitch overmarked with a youth 9v9 pitch that has spare capacity of 1 MES. One standard quality mini soccer 7v7 pitch with spare capacity of 1 MES. One standard quality mini soccer 5v5 pitch with spare capacity of 1 MES	Maintain pitch quality and explore opportunities to use spare capacity on mini soccer 7v7 and 5v5 pitches to meet shortfalls.	NFA, Football Foundation	Medium	Medium	Low	Protect

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Kiln Park, NN9 6EQ (Area 2)	74	Football	Available for community use and used	Secured	One poor quality stadia adult pitch with sports lights overplayed by 1 MES. Three poor quality mini soccer 5v5 pitches overplayed by 5.5 MES. Poor quality ancillary provision provided on site.	Improve pitch quality to alleviate overplay. Ensure that Raunds Town First can progress through the National League System if required. Explore opportunities to improve ancillary provision.	Club, NFA, Football Foundation	High	Short	Low	Protect, Enhance
King George V Recreation Ground (Burton Latimer), NN15 5LJ (Area 3)	74	Football	Available for community use and used	Secured	One good quality adult football pitch at capacity. Two good quality mini soccer 5v5 pitches with spare capacity of 2 MES. Standard quality ancillary provision provided on site.	Maintain quality to meet demand.	Town Council, NFA, Football Foundation	High	Long	Low	Protect
			Available for community use and used	Secured							
			Available for community use and used	Secured							
		MUGA	Available for community use and used	Secured	One standard quality 30m x 17 MUGA with sports lights. Marked for basketball and football.	Maintain for recreational use.	Town Council	Low	Long	Low	Protect

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Kingswood Neighbourhood Centre Pitch, NN18 9HU (Area 1)	75	Football	Available for community use and used	Secured	One standard quality youth 11v11 pitch with spare capacity of 1 MES. One standard quality mini soccer 7v7 pitch with spare capacity of 1 MES. Standard quality ancillary provision provided on site.	Maintain pitch quality.	Town Council	Medium	Long	Low	Protect
		MUGA	Available for community use and used	Secured	One poor quality 40m x 22m MUGA with sports lights. Marked for football.	Maintain for recreational use.	Town Council	Low	Long	Low	Protect
Kingswood Secondary Academy, NN18 9NS (Area 1)	77	AGP - 3G	Not available for community use	Unsecured	One poor quality 100m x 63x 3G AGP with sports lights. Ensure that there is a pitch replacement fund in place to resurface the pitch when required.	Maintain for school use.	School	Low	Long	High	Protect

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Lancaster Park, NN10 8HN (Area 2)	78	Football	Available for community use and used	Secured	Two standard quality adult football pitches with spare capacity of 1MES. One good quality youth 11v11 pitch with spare capacity of 1 MES. One good quality and one poor quality youth 9v9 pitch with spare capacity of 1 MES. One standard quality mini soccer 7v7 pitch with spare capacity of 1 MES. One poor quality mini soccer 5v5 pitch with spare capacity of one MES discounted due to poor quality. Higham Town FC have 27 years remaining on their lease. Poor quality ancillary provision provided on site.	Improve quality of the mini soccer 5v5 pitch to increase capacity. Maintain quality on all other pitches to meet demand. Explore opportunities to provide a full size 3G AGP to meet the shortfalls identified. Ensure that if a pitch is provided it is tested for inclusion on the FA 3G Pitch Register and that there is a pitch replacement fund place to resurface the pitch when required. Explore opportunities to improve the quality of ancillary provision on site. Ensure use of the site remains secured for Higham Town FC.	Club, NFA, Football Foundation	High	Medium	Medium	Protect, Enhance



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Latimer Arts College, NN15 6SW (Area 3)	79	Football	Available for community use and used	Unsecured	One standard quality adult football pitch overmarked with a youth 9v9 pitch that has spare capacity of 0.5 MES discounted as unsecured. Good quality ancillary provision on site.	Maintain pitch quality and secure community use.	School, NFA, Football Foundation	High	Long	Low	Protect, Provide
		3G - AGP	Available for community use and used	Secured	One good quality full size 3G AGP with sports lights that is on the FA 3G Pitch Register.	Maintain quality and ensure that the pitch remains on the FA 3G Pitch Register. Ensure that there is a pitch replacement fund in place to resurface the pitch when required.	School, NFA, Football Foundation	High	Long	Low	Protect,
		Rugby Union	Not available for community use	Unsecured	One poor quality senior rugby union pitch without sports lights that is overplayed by 0.5 MES.	Improve pitch quality to reduce overplay for school use.	School	Low	Long	Low	Protect, Enhance

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Latimer Park, NN15 5PS (Area 3)	80	Football	Available for community use and used	Secured	One good quality adult football pitch and two standard quality stadia adult football pitch with sports lights and two standard quality adult pitches overmarked with two mini soccer 7v7 pitches with spare capacity of 3 MES. Good quality ancillary provision provided on site. Kettering Town FC have a lease on the site until 2042 with a break clause in 2032.	Maintain pitch quality and ensure that use of the site remains secured for Kettering Town FC. Ensure that the club can progress through the National League System if required. Explore opportunities to provide a full size 3G AGP to meet the shortfalls identified. Ensure that if a pitch is provided it is tested for inclusion on the FA 3G Pitch Register and that there is a pitch replacement fund place to resurface the pitch when required.	Club, NFA, Football Foundation	Medium	Long	Low	Protect

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Laxton Park Cricket Club, NN17 3AY	81	Cricket	Available for community use and used	Secured	One good quality cricket with 7 wickets that has spare capacity for Saturday, Sunday and midweek cricket. Standard quality ancillary provision provided on site. Laxton Park CC own the freehold	Maintain pitch quality for club use.	Club	High	Long	Low	Protect
Little Harrowden, NN9 5BX	82	Cricket	Not available for community use	Secured	Previously provided a cricket pitch.	Explore opportunities to bring the pitch back in to use to meet the shortfalls identified.	Parish Council, NCC, ECB	Medium	Medium	Low	Protect
		MUGA	Available for community use and used	Secured	One standard quality 20m x 10m MUGA without sports lights. Marked for basketball and football.	Maintain for recreational use.	Parish Council	Low	Long	Low	Protect

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Loddington Parish Council Recreation Ground, NN14 1LB (Area 3)	83	Cricket	Available for community use and used	Secured	One good quality cricket pitch with nine wickets that includes a good quality NTP and is overplayed by 3 MES. Standard quality ancillary provision on site. Loddington and Mawsley CC have a annual hire agreement in place with Loddington Parish Council.	Maintain pitch quality and work to secure a long term agreement for Loddington and Mawsley CC on site.	Parish Council, NCCC, ECB	High	Long	Low	Protect, Provide
		Football	Available for community use and used	Secured	One standard quality adult football pitch with spare capacity of 1 MES.	Maintain pitch quality.	Parish Council	High	Long	Low	Protect
Lodge Park Academy, NN17 2JH (Area 1)	84	Football	Available for community use but unused	Unsecured	One standard quality youth 11v11 pitch with spare capacity of 1 MES discounted as unsecured. Standard quality ancillary provision provided on site.	Maintain for school use.	School	Low	Long	Low	Protect

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Lodge Park Sports Centre, NN17 2SG (Area 1)	85	3G - AGP	Available for community use and used	Secured	One good quality 100m x 60m 3G AGP with sports lights on the FA 3G Pitch Register. Standard quality ancillary provision provided on site.	Maintain quality and ensure that the pitch remains on the FA 3G Pitch Register. Ensure that there is a pitch replacement fund in place to resurface the pitch when required.	NNC School, NFA, Football Foundation	High	Long	Low	Protect
Manor Sport and Leisure Ltd, NN9 6PA (Area 4)	86	3G - AGP	Available for community use and used	Unsecured	One standard quality 106m x 71m 3G AGP with sports lights on the FA 3G Pitch Register. Standard quality ancillary provision provided on site.	Maintain quality and ensure that the pitch remains on the FA 3G Pitch Register. Ensure that there is a pitch replacement fund in place to resurface the pitch when required.	NFA, Football Foundation	High	Long	Low	Protect
		AGP	Available for community use and used	Unsecured	One standard quality 49m x 36m sand filled AGP with sports lights.	Maintain quality and ensure that there is a pitch replacement fund in place.	School	High	Long	Low	Protect
		Rugby Union	Available for community use but unused	Unsecured	quality senior rugby union pitch, without sports lights. Spare capacity of 0.5 MES discounted as unsecured	Explore opportunities to secure use and improve quality to meet shortfalls identified.	School, RFU	Medium	Medium	Low	Protect, Enhance

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Manor School, NN9 6PA	170	MUGA	Not available for community use	Unsecured	One standard quality 46m x 34m MUGA with sports lights. Marked for football	Maintain for school use.	School	Low	Long	Low	Protect
Maplefields Academy, NN18 0QP	87	AGP	Available for community use and used	Unsecured	One poor quality 88m x 52m sand dressed AGP with sports lights.	Ensure that there is a pitch replacement fund in place to resurface the pitch when required.	School	Medium	Long	Low	Protect
Mears Ashby Playing Field, NN6 6EP (Area 4)	88	Football	Available for community use but unused	Secured	One standard quality adult football pitch with spare capacity of 1 MES. Standard quality ancillary provision provided on site.	Consider reconfiguring the pitch to meet the shortfalls identified on mini soccer pitches.	Parish Council, NFA, Football Foundation	High	Short	Low	Protect
		Cricket	Available for community use and used	Secured	One good quality cricket pitch with eight wickets that has spare capacity for Sunday and midweek cricket. Poor quality ancillary provision on site. Mears Ashby CC have an annual hire agreement in place with Mears Ashby Parish Council.	Maintain pitch quality and work to secure long term use for Mears Ashby CC. Improve the quality of the ancillary provision provided.	Parish Council, NCCC, ECB	High	Short	Medium	Protect Provide

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Montsaye Academy, NN14 6BB (Area 3)	89	Football	Available for community use and used	Unsecured	Two standard quality adult football pitches with spare capacity of 1.5 discounted as unsecured. One standard quality youth 11v11 pitch overplayed by 2 MES. Two standard quality mini soccer 7v7 pitches with spare capacity of 1 MES discounted as unsecured. One good quality mini soccer 5v5 pitch with spare capacity of 1 MES discounted as unsecured. Standard quality ancillary provision provided on site.	Improve pitch quality to alleviate overplay. Work to secure use for local clubs.	School, NFA, Football Foundation	High	Medium	Low	Protect, Enhance, Provide

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		3G - AGP	Available for community use and used	Unsecured	One standard quality 105m x 55m 3G AGP with sports lights not of the FA 3G Pitch Register.	Maintain quality and work to have the pitch tested for inclusion on the FA 3G Pitch Register. Ensure that there is a pitch replacement fund in place to resurface the pitch when required.	School, NFA, Football Foundation	High	Medium	Low	Protect,
Nassington Cricket Field, PE8 6QU	90	Cricket	Available for community use and used	Secured	One good quality cricket pitch with 12 wickets. Spare capacity for midweek cricket. Good quality ancillary provision provided on site. Nassington CC have 29 years remaining on their lease.	Maintain pitch quality. Ensure that use remains secure for Nassington CC.	Club, NCC, ECB	High	Long	Low	Protect
Nest Farm Crescent, NN8 4TY	180	MUGA	Available for community use and used	Secured	One standard quality 20m x 14m MUGA without sports lights. Marked for basketball and football.	Maintain for recreational use.	Council	Low	Long	Low	Protect



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North Park Pavilion, NN16 9JT (Area 3)	91	Cricket	Not available for community use	N/A	One unmarked cricket pitch no longer in use.	Consider remarking subject to demand	Council, NCCC, ECB	Low	Long	Low	Protect
		Football	Available for community use and used	Secured	Four standard quality mini soccer 7v7 pitches overplayed by 7.5 MES. Four standard quality mini soccer 5v5 pitches overplayed by 12.5 MES. Poor quality ancillary provision provided on site. Site used as a central venue for mini soccer by the Weetabix Youth Football League.	Improve pitch quality to alleviate overplay. Explore opportunities for mini soccer demand to be met on 3G AGPs and pitches to be reconfigured. Improve quality of the ancillary provision to meet demand of users.	Council, NFA, Football Foundation	High	Medium	Low	Protect, Enhance
Northampton Road Recreation Ground, NN15 7LW (Area 3)	92	Football	Not available for community use.	N/A	Unmarked pitch. Previously provided an adult football pitch.	Explore opportunities to bring the pitch back in to use and reconfigure to meet shortfalls identified.	NNC, NFA, Football Foundation	Medium	Medium	Low	Protect

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Oakway Academy, NN8 4SD (Area 4)	93	Football	Available for community use and used	Unsecured	Three standard quality youth 9v9 pitches with spare capacity of 2 MES discounted as unsecured. Poor quality ancillary provision provided on site.	Maintain quality and work to secure use for users. Explore opportunities to improve the quality of ancillary provision subject to demand from users.	School, NFA, Football Foundation	Medium	Medium	Low	Protect, Enhance, Provide
Old Eastonians Cricket Club, LE16 8TH	94	Cricket	Available for community use and used	Unsecured	One good quality cricket pitch with seven wickets. Spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure. Poor quality ancillary provision provided on site.	Maintain pitch quality and work to secure use for Old Eastonians CC. Improve the quality of the ancillary provision on site.	Club, NCC, ECB	High	Medium	Low	Protect, Enhance
Oundle Church of England Primary School, PE8 5HA	95	Cricket	Not available for community use	Unsecured	One standard quality NTP with spare capacity discounted as not available for community use. No ancillary provision provided on site.	Maintain for school use.	School	Low	Long	Low	Protect

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		Rugby Union	Not available for community use	Unsecured	One poor quality junior rugby union pitch with spare capacity of 0.5 MES discounted as not available for community use.	Maintain for school use.	School	Low	Long	Low	Protect
Oundle Rugby Football Club, PE8 4RU	97	Rugby Union	Available for community use and used	Secured	Three standard quality senior rugby union pitches, one with sports lights, overplayed by 3 MES. Standard quality ancillary provision provided on site. Oundle RFC have a 20 year lease from Oundle Town Council / Grocers Association.	Improve pitch quality to increase capacity and alleviate overplay. Explore opportunities to provide sports lights on an additional pitch to meet training demand.	Club, RFU	High	Short	Low	Protect, Enhance
Oundle School (South Road Playing Fields), PE8 4BP (Area 2)	98	Football	Not available for community use.	N/A	Unmarked pitches. Previously provided two adult and two youth 11 v 11 pitches,	Explore opportunities to bring the pitches back in to use and reconfigure to meet shortfalls identified. Secure use for users.	School, NFA, Football Foundation	Medium	Medium	Medium	Protect

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Oundle School Sports Centre, PE8 4AE	99	AGP	Three pitches available for community use and used. One pitch unavailable for community use.	Unsecured	Four good quality sand filled AGPs with sports lights. Three pitches used by Oundle HC. Good quality ancillary provision provided on site.	Maintain quality and ensure that there is a pitch replacement fund in place to resurface the pitches when required. Work to secure use for Oundle HC.	School, England Hockey	High	Long	Low	Protect

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		Cricket	Available for community use and used	Unsecured	One good quality cricket pitch with 16 wickets. One good quality cricket pitch with 11 wickets. One good quality cricket pitch with 8 wickets. One good quality cricket pitch with 11 wickets. One pitch used by Oundle Town CC. All spare capacity discounted as unsecured.	Maintain pitch quality and work to secure use for Oundle CC	School, NCCC, ECB	High	Short	Low	Protect
		Rugby Union	Not available for community use	Unsecured	One standard quality senior rugby union pitch with sports lights and two standard quality junior rugby union pitches without sports lights.	Maintain for school use.	School	Low	Long	Low	Protect

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Oundle Town Cricket Club, PE8 4AG	100	Cricket	Available for community use and used	Secured	One good quality cricket pitch with nine wickets at capacity. Good quality ancillary provision provided on site. Oundle Town CC have 13 years remaining on their lease.	Maintain pitch quality and ensure that use remains secure for Oundle CC.	Club, NCCC, ECB	High	Long	Low	Protect

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Oundle Town Football Club, PE8 4BZ (Area 2)	101	Football	Available for community use and used	Secured	One standard quality and one poor quality adult football pitch overmarked with a 5v5 mini soccer pitch and a youth 9v9 pitch, overplayed by 2.5 MES. One poor quality youth 9v9 pitch overmarked with a mini soccer 7v7 pitch with spare capacity of 1 MES discounted due to poor quality. One poor quality mini soccer 7v7 pitch at capacity. One poor quality mini soccer 5v5 pitch at capacity. Poor quality ancillary provision provided on site. Oundle Town FC have 29 years remaining on their lease.	Improve poor quality pitches to increase capacity. Improve quality of the ancillary provision on site. Ensure that Oundle Town FC's use remains secured.	Club, NFA, Football Foundation	High	Medium	Medium	Protect, Enhance

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Overstone Park Cricket Club, NN16 08W	103	Cricket	Available for community use and used	Secured	One good quality grass cricket pitch with 16 wickets overplayed by 12 MES. One good quality cricket pitch with 6 wickets overplayed by 2 MES. Standard quality ancillary provision on site. Overstone Park CC own the freehold.	Maintain quality of the good pitch and improve quality of the standard pitch to alleviate overplay.	Club, NCC, ECB	High	Short	Low	Protect



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Pioneer Sports Ground, NNG ORB (Area 4)	104	Football	Available for community use and used	Secured	One good quality adult football pitch overmarked with a youth 9v9 pitch with spare capacity of 1 MES. One good quality youth 11v11 pitch with spare capacity of 1 MES. One good quality youth 9v9 pitch overmarked with a mini soccer 5v5 pitch at capacity. Good quality ancillary provision provided on site. Earls Barton FC have 6 years remaining on their lease.	Maintain pitch quality. Ensure that use remains secured for Earls Barton FC.	Club NFA, Football Foundation	High	Long	Low	Protect

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Prince William School, PE8 4BS (Area 2)	105	Football	Available for community use but unused	Unsecured	One standard quality adult football pitch with spare capacity of 1 MES discounted as unsecured. One standard quality youth 11v11 pitch with spare capacity of 1 MES discounted as unsecured. Standard quality ancillary provision provided on site.	Maintain for school use.	School	Low	Long	Low	Protect
		AGP	Available for community use and used	Unsecured	One standard quality 98m x 61m sand filled AGP with sports lights.	Maintain quality and ensure that there is a pitch replacement fund in place to resurface the pitch when required.	School	Medium	Long	Medium	Protect
		Rugby Union	Not available for community use	Unsecured	One poor quality senior rugby union pitch, without sports lights, overplayed by 1 MES.	Maintain for school use.	School	Low	Long	Medium	Protect

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Pytchley Cricket Club, NN14 1ET	106	Cricket	Available for community use and used	Secured	One poor quality cricket pitch with 6 wickets overplayed by 17 MES. Poor quality ancillary provision provided on the site. Pytchley CC own the freehold.	Improve pitch quality to increase capacity and alleviate overplay. Improve quality of the ancillary provision on site.	Club, NCCC, ECB	High	Short	Medium	Protect, Enhance
Pytchley Village Playing Field, NN14 1EL (Area 3)	107	Football	Not available for community use	N/A	Unmarked pitch. Previously provided a youth 11v11 football pitch.	Consider remarking pitch to meet the shortfalls identified on mini soccer pitches.	Parish Council, NFA, Football Foundation	Medium	Medium	Low	Protect
Raunds Cricket Club, NN9 6EU	108	Cricket	Available for community use and used	Secured	One standard quality cricket pitch with nine wickets and spare capacity for Sunday and midweek cricket. Standard quality ancillary provision provided. Raunds CC own the freehold.	Maintain pitch quality. Support the clubs to provide disabled toilet provision.	Club, NCCC, ECB	High	Long	Low	Protect, Enhance

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Redwell Leisure Centre, NN8 5LP (Area 4)	109	Football	Not available for community use	N/A	Unmarked pitch, previously provide an adult football pitch	Consider remarking pitch to meet the shortfalls identified on mini soccer pitches.	Council, NFA, Football Foundation	Medium	Medium	Low	Protect, Enhance
		3G - AGP	Available for community use and used	Secured	One good quality 106m x 70m 3G AGP with sports lights. Currently on the FA 3G Pitch Register.	Maintain quality and ensure that the pitch remains on the FA 3G Pitch Register. Ensure that there is a pitch replacement fund in place to resurface the pitch when required.	Council, NFA, Football Foundation	High	Long	Low	Protect
Rockingham Triangle Sports Complex, NN17 2FB (Area 1)	110	Football	Available for community use and used	Secured	One poor quality adult football pitch overplayed by 1.5 MES. One standard quality youth 11v11 pitch with spare capacity of 1 MES. No ancillary provision available on site.	Improve quality of the adult pitch to increase capacity and alleviate overplay. Explore opportunities to provide ancillary provision subject to demand from users.	Council, NFA, Football Foundation	High	Short	Medium	Protect, Enhance, Provide

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		Gaelic Football	Available for community use and used	Secured	One good quality Gaelic football pitch used by O'Rahilly's who have 63 years remaining on their lease from NNC. Club access ancillary provision at Corby RFC.	Maintain pitch quality. Ensure that the club continue to access the ancillary provision at Corby RFC.	Council, Club, GAA	High	Long	Low	Protect
Rothwell Recreation Ground, NN14 6TB (Area 3)	111	Football	Not available for community use	N/A	Unmarked pitch. Previously provided an adult football pitch.	Consider remarking pitch to meet the shortfalls identified on mini soccer pitches.	Town Council, NFA, Football Foundation	Medium	Medium	Low	Protect, Enhance
Rothwell Town Cricket Club, NN14 6JF	112	Cricket	Available for community use and used	Secured	One good quality grass cricket pitch with 9 wickets that has spare capacity for Sunday and midweek cricket. Poor quality ancillary provision provided on site. Rothwell CC own the freehold.	Maintain pitch quality and explore opportunities to improve quality of the ancillary facilities.	Club, NCCC, ECB	Medium	Medium	Low	Protect, Enhance

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Rushden & Higham RFC, NN10 OSA	113	Rugby Union	Available for community use and used	Secured	Two standard quality senior rugby union pitches, one with sports lights, overplayed by 4.5 MES. Standard quality ancillary provision provided on site. Rushden & Higham RFC have a lease with Rushden Town Council until 2036 for the clubhouse. Partnership agreement in place for use and maintenance of the pitches.	Improve pitch quality to alleviate overplay. Explore opportunities to provide sports lights on an additional pitch to meet training demand. Ensure that Rushden & Higham RFC's use remains secured.	Club, Council, RFU	High	Short	Low	Protect, Enhance
Rushden Academy, NN10 6AG (Area 2)	114	Football	Available for community use but unused	Unsecured	One standard quality adult football pitch with spare	Maintain for school use.	School	Low	Long	Low	Protect

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			Available for community use but unused	Unsecured	capacity of 1 MES discounted as unsecured. One standard quality youth 11v11 pitch with spare capacity of 1 MES discounted as unsecured. Good quality ancillary provision provided on site.						
Rushden Jubilee Park, NN10 ONB (Area 2)	115	Football	Available for community use but unused	Secured	One standard quality adult football pitch with spare capacity of 1 MES. Good quality ancillary provision provided on site	Maintain quality and explore how site can better meet demand.	Town Council, NFA, Football Foundation	Medium	Medium	Low	Protect
		Rugby Union	Available for community use but unused	Secured	Two poor quality senior rugby union pitch, without sports lights, spare capacity of 1 MES.	Explore how the site can better meet demand.	Town Council, RFU	Medium	Medium	Low	Protect
Rushden Primary Academy, NN10 OYK (Area 2)	116	Football	Not available for community use	Unsecured	Previously provided a mini soccer 7v7 pitch for school use.	Maintain area for school use.	School	Low	Long	Low	Protect

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Rushden Town Cricket Club, NN10 OEB	117	Cricket	Available for community use and used	Secured	One good quality grass cricket pitch with 14 wickets, that also includes a good quality NTP with spare capacity for Sunday cricket. Good quality ancillary provision provided on site. Rushden & Higham Town CC have 24 years remaining on their lease	Maintain pitch quality and ensure that use remains secure for Rushden & Higham Town CC.	Club, NCCC, ECB	High	Long	Low	Protect
Rushton Cricket Club, NN14 1RL	118	Cricket	Available for community use and used	Secured	One standard quality grass cricket pitch with 13 wickets, that also includes a good quality NTP. Spare capacity for Sunday and midweek cricket. Standard quality ancillary provision provided on site. Rushton CC have 47 years remaining on their lease.	Maintain pitch quality and ensure that use remains secure for Rushton CC. Support the club to provide new practise nets.	Club, NCCC, ECB	High	Medium	Low	Protect, Enhance



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Saffron Road Recreation Ground, NN10 8EP (Area 2)	119	Football	Available for community use and used	Secured	One standard quality adult football pitch with spare capacity of 1 MES. Standard quality ancillary provision provided on site. Poor quality ancillary provision provided on site.	Maintain pitch quality and explore opportunities to improve quality of the ancillary facilities.	Parish Council, NFA, Football Foundation	Medium	Medium	Medium	Protect, Enhance
		Cricket	Available for community use and used	Secured	One good quality cricket pitch with eight wickets that also has a poor quality NTP. Spare capacity for Sunday and midweek cricket. Rushden & Higham Town CC and Wellingborough Town CC both hire the pitch on an annual basis.	Maintain quality of the grass pitch and explore opportunities to replace the NTP. Work to secure use for both Rushden & Higham Town CC and Wellingborough Town CC.	Parish Council, NCCC, ECB	High	Medium	Low	Protect, Enhance

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Sergeants Lawn, NN14 6JQ (Area 3)	120	Football	Available for community use and used	Secured	One good quality stadia adult pitch with sports lights. Spare capacity of 1 MES discounted due to the level the 1 team play at. One good quality youth 9v9 pitch with spare capacity of 1 MES. Standard quality ancillary provision provided on site.	Maintain pitch quality and ensure that Rothwell Corinthians can progress through the National League System if required.	Club, NFA, Football Foundation	High	Long	Low	Protect
Shelley Road Park, NN8 3LL	179	MUGA	Available for community use and used	Secured	One standard quality 17m x 9m MUGA without sports lights. Marked for basketball and football.	Maintain for recreational use.	Council	Low	Long	Low	Protect
Shetland Road Play Area, NN17 2HR	187	MUGA	Available for community use and used	Secured	One standard quality 21m x 9m MUGA without sports lights. Marked for basketball and football.	Maintain for recreational use.	Council	Low	Long	Low	Protect

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Sir Christopher Hatton Academy, NN8 4RP (Area 4)	121	Football	Available for community use and used	Unsecured	Two standard quality adult football pitch with spare capacity of 1 MES discounted as unsecured. One standard quality youth 11v11 pitch overplayed by 0.5 MES. One standard quality mini soccer 7v7 with spare capacity of 1 MES discounted as unsecured. Standard quality ancillary provision provided on site.	Improve pitch quality to alleviate overplay on the youth 11v11 pitch. Work to secure use for clubs.	School, NFA, Football Foundation	High	Short	Low	Protect, Enhance
		Rugby Union	Not available for community use	Unsecured	One poor quality junior rugby union pitch, without sports lights, overplayed by 1 MES.	Improve pitch quality to alleviate overplay for school use.	School	Low	Long	Low	Protect, Enhance
South End Junior School, NN10 9JU (Area 2)	122	Football	Not available for community use	Unsecured	Previously provided a mini soccer 7v7 pitch for school use.	Considers remarking for school use.	School	Low	Long	Low	Protect

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Southfield School, NN15 6HE (Area 3)	123	Football	Available for community use but unused	Unsecured	One standard quality youth 11v11 pitch with spare capacity of 1 MES discounted as unsecured. Standard quality ancillary provision provided on site.	Explore opportunities to provide a full size 3G AGP to meet the shortfalls identified. Ensure that if a pitch is provided it is tested for inclusion on the FA 3G Pitch Register and that there is a pitch replacement fund place to resurface the pitch when required. Also ensure that it is made available for community use and secured with a CUA.	School	Medium	Medium	High	Protect, Provide
Spencer Park, NN10 6UR (Area 2)	124	Football	Available for community use and used	Secured	One standard quality adult football pitch with spare capacity of 1 MES. Poor quality ancillary provision provided on site.	Maintain pitch quality. Explore opportunities to improve quality of the ancillary provision, subject to demand from users.	Town Council, NFA, Football Foundation	Medium	Long	Low	Protect, Enhance
		MUGA	Available for community use and used	Secured	One good quality 30m x 35m MUGA with sports lights. Marked for basketball, football and netball.	Maintain for recreational use.	Town Council	Low	Long	Low	Protect

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Spring Rise Park, NN15 6DP	177	MUGA	Available for community use and used	Secured	One standard quality 30m x 16m MUGA with sports lights. Marked for basketball and football.	Maintain for recreational use.	Council	Low	Long	Low	Protect
St Patrick's Catholic Primary School (Corby), NN18 9NT (Area 1)	125	Football	Available for community use and used	Unsecured	One poor quality mini soccer 5v5 pitch with spare capacity of 0.5 MES discounted as unsecured. One poor quality mini soccer 7v7 pitch overplayed by 0.5 MES. No ancillary provision provided on site.	Improve pitch quality to alleviate overplay. Work to secure use for clubs. Consider providing ancillary provision subject to demand from users.	School NFA, Football Foundation	High	Short	Low	Protect, Enhance
Stanion Park, NN14 1BU (Area 1)	127	Football	Available for community use and used	Secured	One standard quality adult football pitch with spare capacity of 1 MES. Good quality ancillary provision provided on site.	Maintain pitch quality,	Parish Council	Medium	Long	Low	Protect
Stanton Cross Primary School, NN81GN	128	MUGA	Not available for community use	Unsecured	One standard quality 38m x 25m MUGA without sports lights, marked for netball.	Maintain for school use.	School	Low	Long	Low	Protect

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Stanwell Park, NN8 3DU	178	MUGA	Available for community use and used	Secured	One standard quality 18m x 10m MUGA without sports lights. Marked for basketball and football.	Maintain for recreational use.	Council	Low	Long	Low	Protect
Stanwick Recreation Ground, NN9 6PP (Area 2)	129	Football	Available for community use and used	Secured	One standard quality adult football pitch with spare capacity of 1 MES. Poor quality ancillary provision provided on site.	Maintain pitch quality and explore opportunities to improve quality of the ancillary facilities subject to demand from users.	Parish Council, NFA, Football Foundation	Medium	Medium	Low	Protect, Enhance
Steel Park, NN17 2FB (Area 1)	130	Football	Available for community use and used	Secured	One standard quality stadia adult football pitch with sports lights and one standard quality adult football pitch with spare capacity of 2 MES discounted due to the level the first team play at. Good quality ancillary provision provided on site.	Maintain pitch quality and ensure that Corby Town FC can progress through the National League System if required.	Club	High	Long	Low	Protect

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Stewarts & Lloyds Sports Club, NN17 1EH (Area 1)	131	Football	Available for community use and used	Secured	Three standard quality adult football pitches, one overmarked with a youth 9v9 pitch, at capacity. Good quality ancillary provision provided. Stewarts & Lloyds FC have a 5 year lease in place.	Improve pitch quality to ensure that they don't become overplayed. Ensure that use remains secure for Stewart & Lloyds FC	Club, NFA, Football Foundation	High	Short	Low	Protect, Enhance
		Cricket	Available for community use and used	Unsecured	One standard quality cricket pitch with 17 wickets that also has a poor quality NTP, at capacity. One poor quality cricket pitch with four wickets overplayed by 17 MES. Standard quality ancillary provision provided. Stewarts & Lloyds CC have a 20 years remaining on their lease.	Improve pitch quality to increase capacity and alleviate overplay. Ensure that Stewarts & Lloyds CC use remains secure.	Club, NCCC, ECB	High	Short	Low	Protect, Enhance

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		Rugby Union	Available for community use and used	Secured	Three standard quality senior rugby union pitches, two with sports lights, overplayed by 1.5 MES. Good quality ancillary provision provided. Stewarts & Lloyds RFC have a 99 year lease in place.	Improve pitch quality to alleviate overplay. Explore opportunities to provide sports lights on an additional pitch to meet training demand. Ensure that use for Stewarts & Lloyds RFC remains secure. Support the club to improve disability access and provide additional changing rooms for female rugby.	Club, RFU	High	Medium	High	Protect, Enhance, Provide
Sywell Playing Field, NN6 0AY (Area 4)	132	Football	Not available for community use	N/A	Previously provided a youth 11v11 pitch.	Consider remarking pitch to meet the shortfalls identified on mini soccer pitches.	Council, NFA, Football Foundation	Medium	Medium	Low	Protect
Talisman Play Area, NN18 9EJ	185	MUGA	Available for community use and used	Secured	One poor quality 20m x 12m MUGA with sports lights. Marked for football and basketball.	Improve for recreational use.	Council	Low	Long	Low	Protect, Enhance



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The Centre at Mawsley Pitches, NN14 1GY (Area 3)	133	Football	Available for community use and used	Secured	One standard quality adult football pitch with spare capacity on 1 MES. Two standard quality youth 11v11 pitches overplayed by 2 MES. One standard quality mini soccer 7v7 pitch with spare capacity of 1 MES. Good quality ancillary provision provided on site.	Improve quality of the youth 11v11 pitches to alleviate overplay, maintain quality of the remaining pitches	Centre, NFA, Football Foundation	High	Short	Low	Protect, Enhance
		MUGA	Available for community use and used	Secured	One poor quality 20m x 10m MUGA without sports lights, marked for Basketball and football.	Improve quality for recreational use.	Centre	Low	Long	Low	Protect, Enhance

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The Crescent Community Centre, NN16 9QE (Area 3)	134	Football	Available for community use but unused	Secured	One poor quality youth 11v11 pitch with spare capacity of 1 MES discounted due to poor quality. No ancillary provision provided on site.	Consider remarking the pitch to meet the shortfalls identified on mini soccer pitches and improving pitch quality. Also consider providing ancillary facilities subject to demand.	Centre, NFA, Football Foundation	Medium	Medium	Low	Protect

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The Grange Sports Field, NN6 OHF (Area 4)	135	Football	Available for community use and used	Secured	One good quality adult football pitch with spare capacity of 0.5 MES. One poor quality youth 9v9 pitch, overmarked with a mini soccer 5v5 pitch at capacity. Two good quality mini soccer 7v7 pitches with spare capacity of 2 MES. Poor quality ancillary provision provided on site. Earls Barton United FC have 48 years remaining on their lease.	Improve the quality of the youth 9v9 pitch so that it doesn't become overplayed. Maintain quality of the remaining pitches. Support the club to deliver a full size 3G AGP on site to meet the shortfalls identified. Ensure that the pitch is tested for inclusions on the FA 3G Pitch Register and that there is a pitch replacement fund in place. Ensure that new ancillary provision is provided through investment from the Football Foundation. Ensure that Earls Barton United FC's use of the site remains secure.	Club, NFA, Football Foundation	High	Short	High	Protect, Enhance, Provide

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		Cricket	Available for community use and used	Secured	One standard quality cricket pitch with 12 wickets at capacity. Earls Barton CC have an annual hire agreement in place.	Improve pitch quality to increase capacity. Work to provide a long term agreement for Earls Barton CC to use the site.	Club, NCCC, ECB	High	Short	Low	Protect, Enhance
The Meadow, NN14 3ET	137	Cricket	Available for community use and used	Secured	One good quality cricket pitch with 11 wickets with spare capacity for Sunday and midweek cricket. Good quality ancillary provision provided on site. Brigstock CC have 16 years remaining on their lease	Maintain pitch quality and ensure that use for Brigstock CC remains secure.	Club NCC, ECB	High	Long	Low	Protect
		MUGA	Available for community use and used	Secured	One standard quality 18m x 10m MUGA without sports lights. Marked for basketball and football.	Maintain for recreational use.	Parish Council	Low	Long	Low	Protect

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The Pemberton Centre, NN10 9YP	182	MUGA	Available for community use and used	Secured	One standard quality 27m x 10m MUGA without sports lights. Marked for basketball, football and netball.	Maintain for recreational use.	Operator	Low	Long	Low	Protect
Thrapston Primary School, NN14 4JU (Area 2)	138	Football	Available for community use and used	Unsecured	One standard quality youth 9v9 pitch overplayed by 1 MES. Poor quality ancillary provision provided on site.	Improve pitch quality to alleviate overplay.	School	Low	Long	Low	Protect, Enhance
Titchmarsh Playing Field, NN14 3DD (Area 2)	140	Football	Available for community use and used Available for community use and used	Secured	One standard quality adult football pitch with spare capacity of 1 MES. One standard quality youth 9v9 pitch with spare capacity of 1 MES. Poor quality ancillary provision provided on site.	Maintain quality and explore opportunities to improve the quality of the ancillary provision, subject to demand from users.	Playing Field Association, NFA, Football Foundation	Medium	Long	Low	Protect

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Tower Sports Ground, NN9 5EJ, (Area 2)	141	Football	Not available for community use	N/A	Disused site that previously provided two adult football pitches and one youth 11v11 pitch. Now an events space	Protect for any future demand.	Council, NFA, Football Foundation	Low	Long	Low	Protect
		Cricket	Not available for community use	N/A	Disused site that previously provided a cricket pitch. Now an events space	Protect for any future demand.	Council, NCC, NFA	Low	Long	Low	Protect
Tresham College (Corby Campus), NN17 1NE (Area 1)	142	3G - AGP	Available for community use and used	Unsecured	One good quality 100m x 60m 3G AGP with sports lights on the FA 3G Pitch Register. Good quality ancillary provision provided on site.	Maintain quality and ensure that the pitch remains on the FA 3G Pitch Register. Ensure that there is a pitch replacement fund in place to resurface the pitch when required.	School, NFA, Football Foundation	High	Long	Low	Protect

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Tresham College (Kettering Campus), NN15 6ER (Area 3)	143	3G - AGP	Available for community use and used	Unsecured	One good quality 100m x 60m 3G AGP with sports lights on the FA 3G Pitch Register. Good quality ancillary provision provided on site.	Maintain quality and ensure that the pitch remains on the FA 3G Pitch Register. Ensure that there is a pitch replacement fund in place to resurface the pitch when required.	School, NFA, Football Foundation	High	Long	Low	Protect
		Football	Not available as disused	Unsecured	Previously marked out for a youth 11v11 pitch	Maintain for school use.	School	Low	Long	Low	Protect
		Rugby Union	Not available for community use	Unsecured	One poor quality junior rugby union pitch, without sports lights, overplayed by 1 MES.	Improve pitch quality for school use.	School	Low	Long	Low	Protect

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Warmington Recreation Ground, PE8 6TN (Area 2)	144	Football	Available for community use but unused	Secured	One standard quality adult football pitch with spare capacity of 1 MES and one poor quality mini soccer 7v7 with spare capacity of 1 MES discounted as unsecured. Standard quality ancillary provision provided on site.	Explore opportunities for the site to meet demand. Improve the quality of the mini soccer 7v7 pitch.	Parish Council, NFA, Football Foundation	Medium	Medium	Low	Protect, Enhance
Warwick Academy, NN8 2PS (Area 4)	145	Football	Not available for community use	Unsecured	One mini soccer 7v7 pitch.	Maintain for school use.	School	Low	Long	Low	Protect



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Weavers Academy, NN8 3JH (Area 4)	169	Football	Not available for community use	Unsecured	One poor quality youth 9v9 pitch at capacity and one poor quality mini soccer 7v7 pitch with spare capacity of 1 MES discounted due to poor quality. Poor quality ancillary provision provided on site.	Maintain for school use.	School	Low	Long	Low	Protect
		MUGA	Not available for community use	Unsecured	One poor quality 44m x 32m MUGA without sports lights.	Maintain for school use.	School	Low	Long	Low	Protect
Weavers Leisure Centre, NN8 3JQ (Area 4)	146	Football	Not available for community use	Unsecured	One standard quality adult football pitch with spare capacity of 1 MES discounted as not available for community use. One poor quality youth 9v9 pitch at capacity. Poor quality ancillary provision on site.	Maintain for school use.	School	Low	Long	Low	Protect

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Weekley and Warkton Cricket Club, NN16 9UW	147	Cricket	Available for community use and used	Secured	One good quality cricket pitch with 12 wickets that has spare capacity for Sunday and midweek cricket. Standard quality ancillary provision provided on site. Weekley and Warkton CC have 15 years left on their lease.	Maintain pitch quality and ensure use remains secured for Weekley and Warkton CC.	Club, NCCC, ECB	High	Long	Low	Protect

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Weekley Glebe Playing Fields, NN16 9NR (Area 3)	148	Football	Available for community use and used	Secured	Three standard quality adult football pitches with spare capacity of 0.5 MES. Two youth 11v11 pitches overplayed by 2 MES. Two youth 9v9 pitches with spare capacity of 1 MES. Ancillary provision at Kettering Buccleuch Academy used to support the pitches.	Improve pitch quality to alleviate overplay on the youth 11v11 pitches. Explore opportunities to provide a full size 3G AGP with sports lights on the site linked to the existing AGP at Kettering Buccleuch Academy. Ensure that the pitch is on the FA 3G Pitch register and that there is a pitch replacement fund in place. One additional pitch to be provided at this site or Kettering Buccleuch Academy.	Council, School, NFA, Football Foundation	High	Medium	High	Protect, Enhance, Provide
Weldon Church of England Primary School, NN17 3HP (Area 1)	149	Football	Not available for community use	Unsecured	Previously provided a mini soccer 7v7 pitch.	Consider remarking to meet school demand.	School	Low	Long	Low	Protect

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Weldon Country Park, NN17 3JG	184	MUGA	Available for community use and used	Secured	One poor quality 30m x 18m MUGA without sports lights. Marked for basketball.	Maintain for recreational use.	Council	Low	Long	Low	Protect
Weldon Cricket Club, NN17 3JL	150	Cricket	Available for community use and used	Secured	One standard quality cricket pitch with 8 wickets that also includes a good quality NTP and is overplayed by 25 MES. Weldon CC have 125 years remaining on their lease.	Improve pitch quality to alleviate overplay. Support the club to provide additional changing rooms for female cricket and also provide additional storage. Ensure that use for Weldon CC remains secured.	Club, NCCC, ECB	High	Medium	Medium	Protect, Enhance

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Wellingborough Old Grammarians Memorial Sports Field, NN8 6BS (Area 4)	151	Football	Available for community use and used	Secured	Three standard quality adult football pitches at capacity. Three standard quality youth 9v9 pitches with spare capacity of 1.5 MES. Four standard quality mini soccer 7v7 pitches at capacity. One mini soccer 5v5 pitch with spare capacity of 0.5 MES. Good quality ancillary provision on site.	Explore opportunities to improve drainage on site to reduce issues with waterlogging.	Operator, NFA, Football Foundation	Medium	Medium	High	Protect Enhance
		Cricket	Available for community use and used	Secured	One good quality cricket pitch with 13 wickets and one good quality cricket pitch with 14 wickets. Spare capacity for Sunday and midweek cricket. Site used by Wellingborough Indians CC and Wellingborough OG's CC	Maintain pitch quality and ensure use remains secured for Wellingborough Indians CC and Wellingborough OG's CC.	Clubs, NCCC, ECB	High	Long	Low	Protect

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		Rugby Union	Available for community use and used	Secured	One poor quality senior rugby union pitch, without sports lights, overplayed by 0.5 MES. Wellingborough Old Grammarians RFC own the freehold	Improve pitch quality to alleviate overplay and explore opportunities to provide sports lights on an additional pitch to meet training demand.	Club, RFU	High	Short	Medium	Protect, Enhance
		American Football	Available for community use and used	Secured	One standard quality American football pitch used by Northants Knights.	Explore opportunities to improve drainage on site to reduce issues with waterlogging.	Club	Medium	Medium	Low	Protect, Enhance

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Wellingborough Rugby Football Club, NN29 7TZ	152	Rugby Union	Available for community use and used	Secured	Three standard quality senior rugby union pitches, one with sports lights, overplayed by 3 MES. Standard quality ancillary provision provided on site. Wellingborough RFC own the freehold	Improve pitch quality to alleviate overplay and explore opportunities to provide sports lights on an additional pitch to meet training demand. Support Wellingborough RFC to refurbish their showers.	Club, RFU	High	Short	Medium	Protect, Enhance
Wellingborough School, NN8 2BX (Area 4)	153	Football	Not available for community use	Unsecured	Four good quality adult football pitches with spare capacity of 4 MES and six good quality youth 11v11 pitches with spare capacity of 6 MES. Spare capacity discounted as not available for community use. Good quality ancillary provision provided on site.	Maintain for school use.	School	Low	Long	Low	Protect

Site Name	PPS Site ID	Sport	Community use category	Security of community use	Current Status	Recommendations	Responsibility	Priority	Timescale	Cost	Aim(s)
		AGP	Not available for community use	Unsecured	Two standard quality 100m x 60m sand dress AGPs with sports lights.	Maintain for school use and ensure that there is a pitch replacement fund in place to resurface the pitches when required.	School	Low	Long	High	Protect
		Cricket	Not available for community use	Unsecured	One good quality cricket pitch with 11 wickets. One good quality cricket pitch with 8 wickets. One good quality cricket pitch with 10 wickets. Two good quality cricket pitches with 5 wickets. Spare capacity for Saturday, Sunday and mid-week cricket discounted as not available for community use.	Maintain for school use.	School	Low	Long	Low	Protect



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		Rugby Union	Not available for community use	Unsecured	Nine good quality senior rugby union pitches, one with sports lights. Spare capacity of 12 MES discounted as not available for community use.	Maintain for school use.	School	Low	Long	Low	Protect

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Wellingborough Town Cricket Club, NN8 5AZ	154	Cricket	Available for community use and used	Secured	One good quality cricket pitch with 13 wickets and spare capacity for Sunday and mid-week cricket. Good quality ancillary provision provided on site. Wellingborough Town CC own the freehold.	Maintain pitch quality.	Club	High	Long	Low	Protect
Well Lane Park, NN14 6DT	177	MUGA	Available for community use and used	Secured	One standard quality 26m x 15m MUGA without sports lights. Marked for basketball and football.	Maintain for recreational use.	Town Council	Low	Long	Low	Protect

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West Glebe Park, NN16 9NR (Area 1)	155	Football	Available for community use and used	Secured	Three standard quality adult football pitches overplayed by 0.5 MES. Two good quality youth 9v9 pitches with spare capacity of 1 MES. One good quality mini soccer 7v7 pitch with spare capacity of 1 MES. One good quality mini soccer 5v5 pitch with spare capacity of 1 MES. Good quality ancillary provision provided on site.	Improve quality of the adult pitches to alleviate overplay, maintain remaining pitches quality.	Council, NFA, Football Foundation	High	Short	Low	Protect, Enhance
		3G - AGP	Available for community use and used	Secured	One poor quality 45m x 34m 3G AGP with sports lights. Not currently on the FA 3G Pitch Register.	Explore opportunities to resurface the pitch to improve quality and have it tested for inclusion on the FA 3G Pitch Register to meet demand for mini soccer. Ensure that there is a pitch replacement fund in place.					

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Whitefriars Primary School, NN10 9HX (Area 2)	156	Football	Available for community use but unused	Unsecured	One poor quality youth 9v9 pitch at capacity. Standard quality ancillary provision provided.	Improve pitch quality for school use.	School	Low	Short	Low	Protect, Enhance
Whitworth FC (Victoria Mill Ground), NN82DP (Area 4)	157	Football	Available for community use and used	Adult stadia pitch is secured. Remaining pitch are unsecured.	One good quality stadia adult pitch with sports lights and one standard quality adult pitch with spare capacity of 0.5 MES discounted due to the level of football played at the site. One standard quality youth 11v11 pitch, over marked with a mini soccer 5v5 pitch, with spare capacity of 0.5 MES. One standard quality youth 9v9 pitch with spare capacity of 1 MES. Good quality ancillary provision provided on site.	Ensure that the first team pitch remains secured, and Wellingborough Whitworth FC are able to progress through the NLS if required. Secure use of the remaining pitches on site for Wellingborough Whitworth FC and maintain pitch quality.	Club, NFA, Football Foundation	High	Long	Low	Protect, Enhance

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Wilbarston Playing Field, LE16 8QD (Area 3)	158	Football	Available for community use and used	Secured	One standard quality youth 11v11 pitch with spare capacity of 1 MES. One standard quality youth 9v9 pitch with spare capacity of 1 MES. No ancillary provision provided on site.	Maintain pitch quality and explore opportunities to provide ancillary provision, subject to demand from users.	Parish Council, NFA, Football Foundation	Medium	Medium	Medium	Protect, Provide
Wilby Playing Field, NN8 2UL (Area 4)	159	Football	Available for community use and used	Secured	One standard quality adult football pitch with spare capacity of 1 MES. Standard quality ancillary provision provided on site.	Maintain pitch quality	Parish Council	Low	Long	Low	Protect

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Wollaston Playing Field, NN29 7LH (Area 4)	161	Football	Available for community use and used	Secured	One standard quality adult football pitch overplayed by 0.5 MES. One standard quality youth 11v11 pitch with spare capacity of 1 MES. Good quality ancillary provision provided on site.	Improve quality of the adult pitch to alleviate overplay and maintain quality of the youth 11v11 pitch.	Parish Council, NFA, Football Foundation	High	Short	Low	Protect, Enhance
		Cricket	Available for community use and used	Secured	One good quality cricket pitch with 12 wickets and one NTP. Spare capacity for Sunday and midweek cricket. Wollaston CC have 40 years remaining on their lease.	Maintain pitch quality and ensure that use remains secured for Wollaston CC.	Club, NCCC, ECB	High	Long	Low	Protect

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Wollaston School, NN29 7PH (Area 4)	162	Football	Available for community use and used	Unsecured	One good quality adult football pitch with spare capacity of 1 MES. Two good quality youth 11v11 pitches with spare capacity of 1.5 MES. Two good quality youth 9v9 pitches with spare capacity of 2 MES. One good quality mini soccer 7v7 pitch with spare capacity of 1 MES. All spare capacity discounted as unsecured. Standard quality ancillary provision provided on site.	Maintain pitch quality and work to secure use for local clubs by providing an appropriate agreement. School preparing to submit a funding application to the Football Foundation to provide a full size 3G AGP with sports lights. Ensure that the pitch is tested for inclusion on the FA 3G Pitch Register and that there is a pitch replacement fund provided to resurface the pitch when required.	School, NFA, Football Foundation	High	Short	High	Protect, Enhance, Provide
		Cricket	Not available for community use	Unsecured	One standard quality NTP with spare capacity discounted as not available for community use.	Maintain for school use.	School	Low	Long	Low	Protect

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		AGP	Available for community use and used	Unsecured	One standard quality 66m x 35m sand filled AGP with sports lights. One standard quality 56m x 33m sand filled AGP with sports lights.	Maintain pitch quality and ensure that there is a pitch replacement fund in place to resurface the pitches when required.	School, NFA, Football Foundation	High	Short	High	Protect, Provide
		Rugby Union	Not available for community use	Unsecured	One poor quality senior rugby union pitch, without sports lights, overplayed by 1 MES.	Maintain for school use	School	Low	Long	Low	Protect



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Woodford Community and Sports Club, NN14 4HD (Area 2)	163	Football	Available for community use and used	Secured	One standard quality adult football pitch at capacity. One standard quality youth 9v9 pitch with spare capacity of 1 MES. One standard quality mini soccer 7v7 pitch with spare capacity of 1 MES. One standard quality mini soccer 5v5 pitch with spare capacity of 1 MES. Standard quality ancillary provision provided on site.	Maintain pitch quality and explore how spare capacity on mini soccer 7v7 and mini soccer 5v5 pitches can be used to meet shortfalls identified.	Operator, NFA, Football Foundation	High	Medium	Low	Protect, Enhance
Woodsend Pavilion, NN18 0QF (Area 1)	164	Football	Available for community use and used	Secured	One good quality youth 11v11 pitch with spare capacity of 1 MES. No ancillary provision provided on site.	Maintain pitch quality and explore opportunities to provide ancillary provision, subject to demand from users.	Town Council, NFA, Football Foundation	Medium	Medium	Low	Protect

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Wrenn School (Doddington Road Site), NN8 2JJ (Area 4)	165	Cricket	Not available as disused		Previously provided a cricket pitch. Standard quality ancillary provision provided on site.	Consider remarking to meet school demand	School	Low	Long	Low	Protect
		Football	Not available for community use	Unsecured	Three standard quality mini soccer 7v7v pitches with spare capacity of 3 MES discounted as not available for community use.	Maintain pitch quality and explore opportunities to make the pitches available for community use to meet shortfalls identified.	School, NFA, Football Foundation	Medium	Medium	Low	Protect, Enhance
Wrenn School (London Road Site), NN8 2DQ	166	AGP	Available for community use and used	Unsecured	One standard quality 100m x 62m sand dressed AGP with sports lights. Standard quality ancillary provision provided on site.	Maintain pitch quality and ensure that there is a pitch replacement fund in place to resurface the pitch when required. Explore opportunities to replace the existing sports lights with LEDs. Work to secure use for Grammarians HC, Wellingborough HC and Earls Barton Ladies HC, with an appropriate agreement.	School, England Hockey	High	Short	Low	Protect, Enhance

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Wrenn School (Rose Acre Playing Fields), NN8 2JH (Area 4)	167	Football	Not available for community use	Unsecured	Two standard quality adult football pitches with spare capacity of 1 MES discounted as not available for community use. One standard quality youth 9v9 pitch with spare capacity of 1 MES discounted as not available for community use. No ancillary provision provided on site.	Maintain for school use.	School	Low	Long	Low	Protect
Yarwell Playing Field, PE8 6PT (Area 2)	168	Football	Not available for community use	N/A	Previously provided a mini soccer 7v7 pitch.	Explore opportunities to remark the pitch to meet shortfalls identified.	Parish Council, NFA, Football Foundation	Medium	Medium	Low	Protect, Provide

### **Keeping the strategy robust and up to date**

- 4.6 It is important that this document is used in a practical manner, is engaged with partners and encourages partnerships to be developed. The creation of this document should be regarded as part of the planning process. It provides a detailed evidence base and provides a framework for the future provision and maintenance of playing pitches within the study area.
- 4.7 The strategy has been developed in conjunction with the PPS steering group to assess the supply and demand of pitch provision within North Northamptonshire and identify where shortfalls exist and how these can be met. It is important that the steering group now remains in place beyond completion of this strategy, to ensure that it is kept up to date and helps to support the monitoring and implementation of the action plan.
- 4.8 It is recommended that the steering group meets at least once a year to update the supply and demand data, and review delivery of any projects identified within the action plan. 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 National Governing Bodies (NGBs) would consider the PPS and the information within it to be out of date. If the PPS is regularly reviewed and kept up to date it can remain valid for five years. It is recommended that the review process consider the following as a minimum:
- Recommendations that have been actioned since the strategy was signed off;
  - Any known changes in demand;
  - Any known changes to the supply of pitch provision;
  - Any known changes in pitch quality that can be benchmarked, i.e. through the PitchPower app; and
  - Any changes in circumstances or new issues that have come to light since the strategy was adopted. For example, new housing developments, S106 contributions or club ambitions.
- 4.9 It is the responsibility of the Council to coordinate the review meetings, with support from steering group members. If any members leave the steering group, it is that organisation's responsibility to ensure an adequate replacement is provided.
- 4.10 Outside of steering group meetings it is also recommended that individual meetings with NGBs are coordinated to support delivery of the recommendations identified and ensure that this PPS reflects priorities as they change.
- 4.11 A copy of the Stage E Checklist has been provided in Appendix B.

Appendix A – Funding Plan

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Appendix C – Glossary of Terms